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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION

Hillside is called to Love God, Serve others, Grow in Christ & Go live out our faith.

OUR VISION

Hillside is a center of hope in our community as we reflect the love of Jesus.

Sundays @ Hillside

Traditional Worship @ 8:30 a.m. - Casual Worship @ 10:45 a.m.
Conversation & Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.

Weekly Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Rev. Chris Neikirk - cneikirk@hillsideprinceton.org

UPCOMING SERMONS

“Practically Christian: What Matters?”

June 4	“Speaking Truth Matters”
June 11	“Community Matters”
June 18	“Leadership Matters”
June 25	“Sharing Your Story Matters”
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July 2	“Obedience Matters”
July 9	“Surrender Matters”
July 16	“Prayer Matters”
July 23	“Generosity Matters”
July 30	“Sharing Your Story Matters”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is almost here!

It's not too late to grab your star-gazing gear **June 12 through 16** and prepare for Galactic Starveyors! Come join us from **6:00 - 8:15 p.m.** as we discover that the God of all creation is over the moon for us!



VBS is open to all children from 3 years-old (with a year of preschool completed) through the 6th grade. Each night leaders will use bible stories, crafts, games, missions, and music to teach kids about a loving God who is bigger than all the universe yet wants a relationship with us. On the final night, June 16th, families will gather for a free meal, mission project, and program.

Registration forms are available in the church office and will also be available at the registration table each night.

Thank you for your support of the Relay for Life program of the American Cancer Society. We will have the Luminaria up at the Rely for Life Event from noon to midnight Saturday, June 3 at the Fair Grounds Pavilion. The Luminaria ceremony is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. There are all kinds of activity's starting at noon. Feel free to contact Ron Miller at rgmiller@twc.com or at 812-385-5117 for more information.

HANG TIME ACTIVITIES DESIGNED AROUND FAMILY VALUES JULY 2017

FIGHT FOR THE HEART

Communicate in a style that gives the relationship value.

Take me out to the ball game. Take one kid at a time to a summer ball game. (So each kid gets a little one-on-one time with you.) Share a box of cracker jacks and root root root for the home team. Don't want to spend a lot of money?. Minor League games are cheaper and tend to focus on crowd entertainment. Or go cheer on your local recreational league for free!

WIDEN THE CIRCLE

Pursue strategic relationships for your kids.

Make a house call. Leave the car at home, if you can, and take an after dinner-bike ride to visit a pastor, small group leader, or close family friend. Be intentional about investing in the influential relationships in proximity to where you live. Just make sure to plan enough time to get home before it gets dark!

CREATE A RHYTHM

Increase the quantity of quality times you spend together.

Take a road trip. All you need is a full tank of gas and an adventurous spirit. Hop in the car for a spontaneous summer road trip. Play your favorite car games and talk about fun things on the way (something funny your neighbor said, what's the crazies dream you've ever had). Getting road weary? First one to spot a place for ice cream wins a prize!

IMAGINE THE END

Focus your priorities on what matters most.

Say hello with sweets. Notice someone moving into the neighborhood this summer? Show your kids what it looks like to be a good neighbor and welcome them with a batch of brownies. Preschoolers can help make a welcome card while older kids can whip up a plate sweet treats. Bonus: Ask if you can haul away their cardboard boxes to make cardboard forts in your own backyard.

JUST FOR YOU: MAKE IT PERSONAL

Put yourself first when it comes to personal growth.

Let freedom ring- If brewing a K-Cup is too much of a time commitment, use this month to evaluate your own schedule and work rhythms. Prayerfully consider what you need to say no to that will help add margin [and sanity] to your crazy busy life. Free up your schedule before the craziness of fall hits. Figure out your NO's so you can say YES to the things [people] that truly matter most.

HANG TIME ACTIVITIES DESIGNED AROUND FAMILY VALUES JUNE 2017

FIGHT FOR THE HEART

Communicate in a style that gives the relationship value.

Flip bottles Enjoy the warmer weather and spend one-on-one time taking a walk or going on a short drive to a local convenience store. Let your kids pick out their favorite bottled beverage. Didn't guzzle down the whole 16oz of cherry soda? Humor your kids and have some fun with probability, and show them you can bottle flip too. Surprise your kids by clueing them in that the shape of a Deer Park water bottle makes it the best brand for flipping.

WIDEN THE CIRCLE

Pursue strategic relationships for your kids.

Host a backyard campfire. Invite people from your neighborhood or small group. Roast hot dogs on sticks, try a pudgy pie [google it, it's fun!] and finish off with s'mores. Spend time deepening and relationships with people you want investing in your kids' lives.

CREATE A RHYTHM

Increase the quantity of quality times you spend together.

Go picking. Take your family to a "pick your own" farm that offers seasonal fruits unique to your neck of the woods such as strawberries, cherries, peaches or blueberries (sampling totally allowed, right?). Together, plan a menu that uses your pickings as a main ingredient. Or let the older kids surprise you with their creativity.

IMAGINE THE END

Focus your priorities on what matters most.

Pen some cards. Sumer is a great time to talk about gratitude. Take time as a family to come up with a few people who need some notes of encouragement, like someone who is serving in the military and let them know how much you appreciate them.

JUST FOR YOU: MAKE IT PERSONAL

Put yourself first when it comes to personal growth.

List 100 things.. Write in a journal, or a note in your phone, 100 things that bring you joy. Focus on things big or small. After you've made your list of 100, look at it and see if you notice any recurring themes. When you take time to notice joy in everyday life, you just might find more of it.

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Each year your missions committee is charged with distributing budgeted funds to organizations that exemplify the mission of the church and the goals of the mission committee. Your mission committee selected the following organizations to receive funds:

- Holly's House (\$250)
- Honor Dogs (\$250)
- Lighthouse Recovery Center (\$500)
- 2017 Indiana Miracle Offering for Global Health (\$500)

We believe that these organizations demonstrate our commitment to honor the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

If you would like more information about these organizations, feel free to contact any of your mission committee members: Greg Mason, Bob & Victoria Heavrin, Tommy Evans, Brooke Young, Janelle Zeisler, Justin Dyehouse, Scott Ruesch, and Jakob Robbins. We will select additional non-profit groups to receive funds in September; if you have an organization that is near and dear to your heart, we'd love to hear about it!

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

Where did the year go? We have had an amazing time this year with the youth. We just finished up with a pool party at Brad and Mindi Morris' and celebrated our seniors. As we look ahead for the summer there will be some activities that will be announced later, as well as Vacation Bible School and then the Mission Trip to Puerto Rico in June. It won't be long before August will be here and we get to do it all over again.

We'd like to thank everyone that provided meals this year and thanks for all the encouragement and support the youth and leaders received from our church family.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB

Sarah Kruse

Wow! What an awesome year we had in Little Friends Club this past school year! The children never cease to amaze me with their thoughts and their heartfelt prayers. It has been an honor and privilege to work with my preschool friends. This summer, the awesome team who works with all of our children every week will be meeting to plan our curriculum for the next year. We will also work on choosing how to celebrate important milestones within our church. It is a huge undertaking, but I know that everyone involved has a heart for our children and for God. I would like to invite any parents who are interested in the development of curriculum or who want to add to the conversation of milestones to contact me (Sarah Kruse 812-887-4971) or Susan Carey at the church. Thank you again for sharing your little people with us on Wednesday nights!

YOUNG BELIEVERS Jeremy & Kali Lance

Great job to all the kids who participated in the Mother's Day service! It was a great one filled with lots of "Awwww" moments, joyful laughter, and maybe a couple of proud tears. Also, congrats to Eric & Matthew Ruesch on their baptism! Jeremy & I want to congratulate our 5th graders again & wish them well on their journey through middle school & Youth Group. You all hold a special place in our hearts, so make sure to come visit us some next year! We hope everybody has a great summer break & we look forward to seeing you back in class this fall.



Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

HILLSIDE PRAISE TEAM

Hillside Praise Team is currently looking for drummers, piano/keyboard players, bass, lead electric and acoustic guitar players and background & lead vocals. If interested please call/text Carl Harrison at 812-881-5000 if you have any questions. The music we play is KLove genre. If you are interested or know someone who might be please spread the word.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The month of June & July we will be collecting toys. Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14. Here is a list of items that will help fill our toy tote:

- ⇒ Small stuffed animals
- ⇒ Jump Ropes
- ⇒ Girls Dress Up Jewelry, Clip on Earrings, Bracelets, Coin Purse
- ⇒ Girls Dress Up Hair Items
- ⇒ Small Puzzles
- ⇒ Small Dolls,
- ⇒ Small Cars, Small Trucks
- ⇒ Small Balls, Yo-yos, Tennis Balls, Marbles
- ⇒ Small Etch e Sketch,
- ⇒ Harmonicas, Whistles
- ⇒ Travel Size Games, Deck of Cards, Hacky Sack
- ⇒ Duct Tape, Small Measuring Tapes, Small Screwdrivers, Small Hammers
- ⇒ Nails, Rope or Bungee Cords, Wrench, Pliers
- ⇒ Clothes line and Pins, Yarn,
- ⇒ Glow sticks, Binoculars, Kaleidoscopes, Plastic Magnifying Glass, Watch
- ⇒ Small Flashlights with batteries
- ⇒ Small Fishing Kits (Fishing lines with hooks)
- ⇒ Small Sewing Kits (Needles, safety pins, thread, buttons, ribbon, material)

We will be collecting these items for the next two months. If you would like to make a donation, we have folks who can do your shopping for you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Hillside UMC will again provide crayons for local students to North Gibson Summer 2 School Backpack Bash. The NGSC and City Parks Board are working to centralize Back to School donations, and will be hold the event July 29th at the Princeton Aquatic Center and Lafayette Park.

Our goal is to collect 500 boxes of crayons; the various grade levels need 8-count, 24-count, and 48-count Crayola crayons. All donations will be accepted thru Wednesday, July 27, and any extras will be donated to Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you for your support as we seek to give NGSC kids a great start to the new school year.

Hi Friends of Hillside Church,
I sincerely hope all is well with you! I have some great news! Below is the official completion report for the water project you so kindly and generously supported in 2015. Thank you so much for allowing us to the privilege to bring so many people in Mali clean water. If you would like to have a hard copy of this report, please let me know and we'll be happy to mail you one!
Sarah and the charity: water team

DEAR FRIENDS AT HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,

Congratulations,

The water project you funded in Mali has been completed. Because of your generous gift, 140 people of Diangani Marka Jardin F3 now have access to clean and safe drinking water. During the last 21 months, our local implementing partners obtained permits, worked with community leaders to form Water Committees and purchased hardware materials like cement, PVC piping and hand pumps. They involved ordinary men and women in the construction process, and people began to dream of change. It's so hard to convey through a letter the significance of what you've done. This gift will bring life, health, hope and dignity to people you've never met. Since starting charity: water, I've had the honor of meeting those we're helping in the field while traveling to hundreds of our completed projects around the world. The power behind our mission is in the stories. They're real accounts of how clean water changes everything. Each and every story has its place in my memory, and I would love for you to hear one: In Mali, a woman named Umu used to wake up at 5:00 am each day and stand in line to collect water from an 800-year-old open well three hours outside her community. But all of that changed thanks to generous supporters like you. Umu's village received solar-powered pumps, a water tower, and taps that now bring clean water to families right outside their homes. Today, instead of spending her time collecting water, Umu has more time to focus on her hair braiding business and earning an income to help provide for her family. For many people, your gift was an answer to years -- sometimes decades -- of prayer. For others, it was a sudden realized and unexplained hope in a forgotten place where dreams of a better future had died long ago. Your commitment to improving the lives of these people has set up a promising future for the entire Diangani Marka Jardin F3 community. This is an amazing thing, and I'm so truly grateful.

Scott Harrison

Founder, charity: water

2ND MONDAY MEAL

The last 2nd Monday Meal for 2016-2017 was served in May. Hillside has provided approximately 1,485 meals to the people of Princeton since last September. This ministry is only available with the help of all those who provide aid in the kitchen, who deliver the meals, those who provide the desserts each month, and the financial support through Hillside Missions. Lisa and I wish to thank each of you for your support and prayers. Without you and the church this ministry would not be possible. We wish you all a happy summer and look forward in joining with you in this ministry next September.

Gail Miller and Lisa Naas

FAMILY BUILDERS

The Evans' are very excited for this new adventure God has lead them to. We can't do this alone, so they are having a Family Builders Volunteer Meeting on July 27 at 6 p.m. at the church. Supper will be provided, so please RSVP. We will discuss menu ideas, roles that people want to take part in, and discuss the calendar for the meals. If you would like to be a part of Family Builders, please come to the meeting. If you are unavailable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact and RSVP Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

Planning for summer special music is continuing. Thanks to everyone who helped in May, including Dan Robbins, Toni Kohlmeyer and Rhonda Bozikis, the Junior Choir, and Southern Hollow Dulcimers. We appreciate their willingness to share their music with us! While July is still a work in progress, you can expect to hear the choir back on June 4 for Pentecost, Austin Glover on June 11, the VBS kids on June 18, and Penny Mason on June 25. The July line-up includes Pam Robison, Jaleigh White, the Evans Sisters, and others still in progress, including our young pianists! We hope to see you in worship during the summer. We miss you when you're not there, and you will miss out on great worship opportunities! See you in church!

GOD SEES YOU, GOD SENT YOU

Hillside, you have blown me away. I never imagined the movement that would begin when I shared Trina's story in my April 30th message. Many of you accepted the challenge to ask those who serve you, "Is there anything I can pray for you?" and I have so enjoyed hearing the responses and stories you have to share.

If you accepted the challenge, I anticipate you are learning the same things that I am. I am learning that all people carry hidden burdens and need someone to help carry the load, even a stranger. I am learning that people in our community feel both great joy for their blessings and great pain for their sufferings. I'm learning that one simple question creates a relationship with people in the community that I would otherwise never know. There is so much value in each of those lessons.

Do my prayers change their immediate situation? No. But maybe, just maybe, they bring hope to that person even for a moment. And when I have the opportunity to follow up, it sends the message that I see the person serving me and I care about who they are and what's happening in their life.

It takes courage to ask a stranger how you can pray for them, and I'll admit that there are days I intentionally choose the self-checkout at Walmart because my emotional reserves are depleted for the day. But I believe in the mission of this church – to Love God, to Serve Others, to Grow in Christ, and to Go Live Out Our Faith – and praying for the true needs in our community is part of fulfilling that mission. If we don't know the people in our community, how can we pray for them in a way that matters?

If you accepted the challenge, kudos to you. Keep asking that single, simple question and then let your heart sing for the praises and bleed for the needs around us. If you've not accepted the challenge, that's ok, too. I hope you'll at least remember what we learned from our encounter with Trina...God sees you, and God sent you. How will you honor that?

Susan Carey, Director of Family Ministries

I can't believe the 2016/2017 school year has come to a close. We ended the school year with a wonderful graduation ceremony. The children did the pledges to the American and Christian flags and the Bible. They also sang songs and did the Lord's Prayer, and each child had a bible verse to share. We ended the night with cake, punch and wonderful fellowship.

I would like to thank Hillside United Methodist Church for the use of this wonderful facility. I would also like to thank all the staff and parents for a wonderful school year. I can't wait to see the Preschoolers back in the fall and I want to wish all the Pre-K children the best of luck in Kindergarten.

We still have open enrollment for our fall preschool and pre-k class. If you have a child that you would like to enroll, please send me an email at cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org or call me at 812-677-2462. We start back to school August 14, 2017. I pray everyone has a safe and great summer!

