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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

Series "Worship 101"

January 7 "What's Up With the Water?"
January 14 "Why Do We Have An Altar?"
January 21 Youth Sunday
January 28 "Why Do We Gather as a Community?"

February 4 "Why Do We Sing & Praise?"
February 11 "What's the Offering All About?"

Lenten Series "I Am"

February 18 "I Am the Resurrection and The Life"
February 25 "I Am the Light of the World"

The family of Larry Vaughn would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness they shared during the illness and death of our father. A special thanks to Rev. Chris for the nice sermon. Thanks to the church choir for the lovely music and to bereavement committee for the delicious meal. It was much appreciated.

Michelle French & family
Melissa Vaughn & family

To My Friends at Hillside, Thank you for your prayers and caring. I am mending well and going to be alright. Thank you is so little to say for all I've been given through prayer and faith.

Your Friend in Christ,
Joan Turpin

412 HILLSIDE YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 24 and 31 –NO YOUTH GROUP
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

January 7—Youth Group 4-7 p.m.

January 12 -14 – Winter Treat

Leave Friday around 4-5 p.m. Spend the weekend at Shakamak State Park. Leave Sunday after lunch. **Permission slips and \$30 DUE JANUARY 7.** If financial assistance is needed please see Andrea or Justin

January 14- NO YOUTH GROUP

January 21 – Youth Service 9:30am (one service)

Youth will be in charge of service with the help of the leaders. Practice will be Saturday before TBD

January 28- Youth Group 4-7 p.m.

February 4- Beach Party

Beach party with friends club, and have the football game on upstairs.

February 10—Valentine's Banquet

More information will come later

February 11 – NO YOUTH GROUP

412 HILLSIDE YOUTH GROUP

Justin Dyehouse

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The first semester has been great. With around 30 youth per week and almost 60 youth registered, we couldn't be happier to spread the Word of God with all these kids.

We have a lot coming up. Winter Retreat is January 12-14 this year; we are headed to Shakamak to spend the weekend learning more about God. We will also be getting things together for Youth Sunday which is scheduled for January 21. The retreat cost is \$30 per youth. If financial assistance is needed, please see Justin or Andrea. Permission slips and money are due NO LATER THAN January 7.

No youth group on January 14 because we will be headed home from Winter Retreat that day.

On Sunday February 4 we will be hosting a beach party for the Friends Club and Young Believers along with Youth group this night. Come out and spend some times doing activities with the younger ones.

Our 10th annual Valentines banquet is approaching and we will start selling tickets in January. On Saturday, February 10, come out for a dinner and entertainment hosted by 412 youth. This year the money will go towards church camp. We hope to have a great turnout.

Any youth grades 6-12th are invited to attend youth group on Sunday nights with open gym at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m., followed by worship and lesson ending at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Justin Dyehouse at jdyehouse@gmail.com

Andrea Dyehouse at adyehouse@twc.com

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

Sandy Nixon

Gratitude:

We have much to be thankful for at Hillside, and here are a few of our "unsung heroes":

*to all the adult and jr. choir members who work so hard to learn music to uplift worship every Sunday throughout the year and for other special services: anthems, hymns, Christmas and Easter musicals, instrumental and vocal specials

*to all those who support the choirs and musicians on a weekly basis at rehearsals and Sunday mornings and other special services: Matt Robbins, Bob Townsend, Jeannie Robbins, Alex Carey

*to our musicians who play every Sunday morning without fail: Nelda Chestnut, Judi Tate, Steve Nixon, Mike Watkins, Ruth Dyer, and to those who are learning: Haley Lee, Grace Morris, Drew Willis, Drew Morris

*to parents of the jr. choir: for encouraging their kids to share of themselves and be a part of something larger than themselves; for making sure the kids get to practices and to early Sunday morning worship services, who help them memorize the words to their songs, and generally provide support; to Jaleigh White who helps with all jr. choir practices; to Amy Evans who is always there to help with robes and logistics when the kids sing

*to those who help with the acolyte program: parents who support and get their kids to where they need to be on any given Sunday; to Sharon Eifert who helps the kids with robes and candlelighters on Sunday mornings (and to Kenzie Reneer who is there when Sharon can't be), and also to Sharon who helps keep the robes clean and in good condition

*to all of the Hillside family for supporting our efforts throughout the year

It's a New Year! As 2018 begins, the **Jr. choir** will take a break until February 7, when rehearsals will resume at 4:15 p.m. Also January-February 1, the **adult choir** will rehearse on Thursdays, except for January 11, when there is no rehearsal. If you'd like to try choir and Wednesdays don't work for you, then try us out on Thursdays in January! Come on January 4 at 6:30 p.m. to the worship center.

Jr. choir kids will be learning new music, as will the adults. And we are planning to present an Easter musical on Palm Sunday, which is March 25 in 2018—more details to follow!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

It's time to start the donation process again. This year our goal is 300 boxes. The month of January & February we will be collecting boy and girl health items.

Here is a list of items we will be collecting:

- Ivory soap-because it floats
- Washcloths
- Small packages of Kleenexes
- Toothbrushes (variety of sizes, toddler to teenager)
- Floss
- Hairbrushes
- Hair ties
- Barretts
- Headbands.

We do not need any toothpaste as Samaritan's Purse provides it.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

HILLSIDE YOUNG BELIEVERS (3-5th Grades) Sarah Kruse

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year! Young Believers is currently on break until February 4. We will resume our weekly meetings with a party on February 4 and then meet for our regular Wednesday nights beginning February 7. We will be ready to dive into our small groups and have a ton of fun singing and learning about the life of Jesus. I would like to invite all of our students who attended in the fall, and those who weren't able, to come and spend time in fellowship with the best group of kids I know. Please contact me, Sarah Kruse, if you have any questions about Young Believers.

KIDS IN MOTION

On Family Builder Wednesdays, children ages 4-11 are invited to participate in fun, energetic activities led by adults and youth volunteers. Parents, please keep in mind that our church has a Safe Sanctuary policy and our goal is to keep your kids safe. After your child is finished with their meal, please either keep them with you or sign them in for the fun and entertainment in the interim of programs beginning. Parents will sign children in at the welcome desk at 5:20 p.m. At 5:50 p.m., the children will be signed in by leaders to their respective programs for the evening.

WIRED WEDNESDAY Justin Dyehouse

We will meet at 6 p.m. starting Feb. 7 at the welcome center in the lobby and leave the church building to go to different sites around town to study. The main focus of the study is to see how we are wired to connect to God, to Church, and to each other. This is open to all youth from 6-12th grades. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Justin Dyehouse @ 812-215-0193
Thank you Hillside for your continued prayers and support.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (4-PreK) Amy Evans

Little Friends Club will be joining the youth group on February 4 for a Beach Party. Party starts at 5 p.m. We will then start the winter semester of Little Friends Club on February 7. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season and can't wait to see you all back!!!!

FRIENDS CLUB (K-2nd Grade) Amanda Miskell

We hope you all enjoyed your holidays! Taking a few months off from Friends Club to enjoy the holidays with family was great but I've missed seeing everyone and am excited and ready to start back up!

Friends Club will start back up on Wednesday, Feb. 7th at 6 p.m. Sign-ins begin at 5:50 p. m. and sign-out is at 7:30 p.m. We will continue Digging Into the Life of Jesus! I will have a calendar to hand out to parents with dates for Friends Club taking us through April.

Come and enjoy dinner with your family starting at 4:45 p.m. before Friends Club! Meals are \$3 (\$2 if you just want salad bar) per person!

Hillside Youth Group will be hosting our Beach Party this year on Sunday, February 4 at 5 p.m. Pizza will be served and the beach party will end at 7 p.m. I hope all our Friends Club kids will come and enjoy all the fun planned for that evening!

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

The Women's Outreach meets monthly and is for women of the church and community. We enjoy fellowship and have a short devotion. We send cards to shut-ins and others who are sick. We enjoy refreshments at most meetings and occasionally eat lunch at a restaurant close by. All ladies are welcome to join us. This month we will meet Friday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. for card signing, devotions and fellowship. Our February meeting will be Friday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m.

DANIEL PLAN GROUP

It's the New Year and are you ready for new start on a health journey? You may have heard several of the church members talk about the Daniel Plan. This plan is a lifestyle that will guide you in faith, food, fitness, focus and friends. We will be having 2 informational meetings: one on January 7 at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor Chris' Office (Room 2) and on January 10 at 6 p.m. in Susan's Office (Room 4). You only need to attend one meeting. If you have any questions or cannot attend a meeting please contact Dolli Neikirk at 812-449-5551 neikirkdk@gmail.com or Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

2 FISH 5 LOAVES

This year 2 Fish 5 Loaves is serving 64 children in the North Gibson School Corporation. If you would like to sponsor a child, it is \$25 a month (October-May) or \$200 for the school year. You can drop your sponsorship off in the office or in the offering plate; make sure you mark it 2 Fish 5 Loaves. If you would like to participate in filling backpacks please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

FAMILY BUILDERS MEAL TIME

We will start the winter season of Family Builders on February 7. Each night we will begin at 4:45 p.m. with prayer and family devotionals will be on the table. We will stop serving at 5:45 p.m.

February's Menu

- February 7th-***Meatloaf Night***
Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn, Roll
- February 14th-***Soup Night***
Ham and Beans, Vegetable Soup, Cornbread
- February 21st-***Casserole Night***
Chicken or Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas/Carrots, Bread
- February 28th-***Italian Night***
Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Breadstick

Hot Meal with Salad Bar costs \$3.00 per person (Preschool and under free). Salad Bar costs \$2.00 per person (Preschool and under free). Meals include drink and desserts.

If you are looking for an area to volunteer we can always use help in the kitchen, cooking and cleaning, or dessert sign ups. If you volunteer with Family Builders, your meal is free that night. If you have any questions, contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

Hillside Preschool had a float in the Christmas Parade. The children had a great time throwing candy and waving to everyone that they knew. A big thank you to our Advisory Board for all their work and time that they put into our float.

We ended 2017 with a wonderful Christmas program. The children had a wonderful time sharing the true meaning of Christmas. We want to give a big thank you for all the church members that helped with our program. Your time is very much appreciated!

Now to start 2018, the children are going to start learning all about snow and what winter is about. Our monthly bible verses are Psalm 139:14, Galatians 5:14, Ecclesiastes 3:11 and John 1:3. We are looking forward to a great new year here at Hillside Preschool. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2018.

