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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

HAPPENING ON SUNDAYS

UPCOMING SERMONS

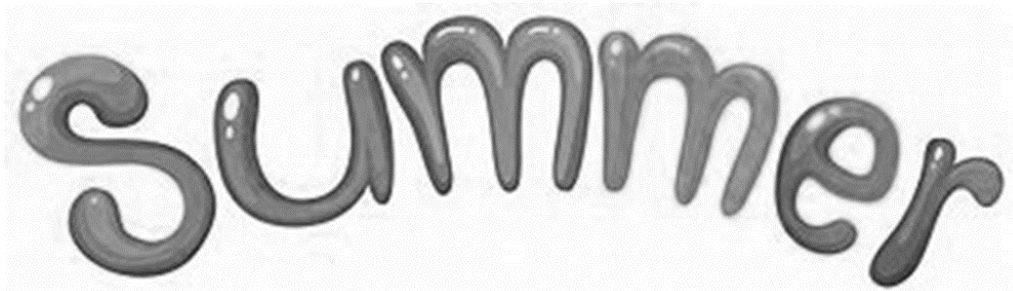
June 3 "I Am a New Creation"
June 10 "Fingerprints Remain"
June 17 **ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30 A.M. Father's Day**
June 24 Tommy Evans

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Pastor Curtis Bond

RIVER OAKS WORSHIP: Come join us on Sunday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the River Oaks Health Campus in Princeton for a time of worship & song with the residents. This takes place when there are 5 Sundays in a month.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE Brenda Witt

Starting with this newsletter we will no longer be printing a separate sheet for the calendar of events. I have tried to include everything I can think of within the newsletter. If I left something out, please be sure to contact me so I don't miss it again.



HANG TIME

ACTIVITIES DESIGNED AROUND 5 FAMILY VALUES

JULY 2018

FIGHT FOR THE HEART: Gotcha! Summer often means extra time in the car or hanging around the house. Remind yourself this month to keep an eye out for what your kid is doing right and then call it out. Use words like, 'I love how you helped your brother with that,' or, 'That was so thoughtful of you to clean that up.' Let them know you see them and you like what you see!

WIDEN THE CIRCLE: Sundae Funday. One of the best ways to cool off in the summer is by enjoying a cool treat with friends. Invite someone your family wants to get to know a little better to come enjoy some delicious ice cream with you and your family. Facilitate intentional conversation by playing a game. Choose a word—ice, for instance. Everyone has to go around the table and says their favorite and least favorite thing that starts with each letter of the word. For example, I - My favorite thing is ice cream, my least favorite things are iguanas.

JUST FOR YOU: MAKE IT PERSONAL. Practice What You Preach. One irony of parenting is that we often ask our kids to show more discipline than we do. For example, if you ask your high schooler to be patient, but then honk your horn at the car in front of you to hurry up already, are you demonstrating patience? Pay attention to your actions this month. Do you complain? Do you respect authority? Ask God to show you the areas of self-discipline that you can improve.

IMAGINE THE END: Summer Summary. Near the end of the month, take some time to celebrate your family's summer wins. Gather around the dinner table, go out for dessert, or have a picnic in the backyard. Have everyone go around and share their favorite trip or adventure from the last two months. Did anyone pick up a new skill or do something they've never done before? Acknowledge how both successes and failures help us learn and grow.

CREATE A RHYTHM: Go-Round the Go-Round. It doesn't matter how old you get, riding a Merry-Go-Round never loses its allure. July 25 is National Merry-Go-Round Day. Some time that week (that day is ideal), find a Merry-Go-Round nearby that you and your family can ride on together. Have the cameras on your phones ready to snap lots of pictures—bonus points if you bring a selfie stick!

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JUNE 2018

FIGHT FOR THE HEART: You Are >. Make sure your family knows that aside from your faith, they are the single most important thing in your life. Before bed a few times this week, stop by your kid's room and tell them: I love you more than _____. You can fill in the blank with something funny (ice cream, my favorite shirt, Pinterest), or something more serious (that rug you ruined, my cellphone, that hobby I love so much).

WIDEN THE CIRCLE: Doughnut Know What I'd Do Without You. Friday, June 1, is National Doughnut Day. Grab a dozen and a few individual bags. Encourage your kid to think of a couple of people they value. Then, have them write a quick note thanking them for their influence. Tuck the note and doughnut in a bag and let your child deliver them over the weekend. If your child can't write yet, have them draw a picture instead.

CREATE A RHYTHM: Summer Lovin'. Sit down with your family and ask each person to share one fun thing they want to do together as a family this summer. Post the list in a common area, and check off each activity as you accomplish it. Challenge yourself to make as many happen as you can, creating summer memories your kid will look back on forever.

IMAGINE THE END: Technology Time Out. It's so easy to get distracted by technology—social media, email, online shopping, Netflix, texting. Sometimes, it's good for us to put our technology in time out. Make June a month when technology isn't allowed during certain hours of the day. Maybe it's dinnertime. Maybe it's dinnertime until bedtime. Maybe it's just bedtime. Use the time out to be together. Play a board game, take a walk. Simply connect with one another—face to face.

JUST FOR YOU: Pity Party Pooper. Negative self-talk is one of the most challenging habits to drop. No one is harder on themselves than parents—but we all need to give ourselves a break. This month, every time you have a negative thought about yourself, say one positive thing out loud—even if you're in the grocery aisle by yourself!

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You are invited to a farewell reception

For Rev. Chris Neikirk & family

Sunday, June 10, 2018

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Hillside UMC lobby

Refreshments will be cake, coffee, milk & juice.

There will be a basket for cards/notes to the family.

*We will also have a photo book with blank pages to sign
and write notes.*

Join us on Sunday, July 1, 2018

as we welcome Pastor Curtis Bond.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Hillside UMC lobby

Refreshments will be cookies, coffee, milk & juice

Please remember to wear your name badges!

We will have a pot luck meal sometime in the future.

HILLSIDE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Trustees in Room 3 at 5:30 p.m. on Mon., June 4

Women's Outreach group had lunch at the Feed Mill in Morganfield, KY. We enjoyed a great meal and fellowship with Marilou Goodson and Sharee Goodloe. Our meetings will start again September 28. All women of the church are invited to join us for fellowship, card ministry and short devotion.

Prime Time Plus meet third Wednesday of every month (starting back in September) at 8:00 a.m. at The Palace.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

We are excited to report that our church family donated \$32,000 during the Easter season as a match for Bob & Ruth Shaw's donation of \$75,000 for the church mortgage. Because of the generosity of the Shaws and the Hillside congregation, we were able to make an additional payment of \$109,000 on the principal of the mortgage. Therefore, we are pleased to tell you that the mortgage will drop below \$200,000 by the end of June! This means that our church building should finally be paid for by the end of 2019. Through a refinance of the mortgage when Pastor Chris came and the faithful support of the Hillside family which has allowed us to increase the number and amount of payments made monthly, we have reduced the mortgage by over \$800,000 in five years. Thanks be to God.



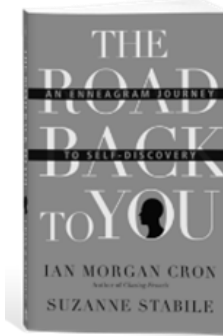
Hillside Church Pre-K class of 2012.
Look at them now. They are graduating the 5th grade and heading to 6th next year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FAMILY MINISTRY



While summer often indicates a break in the schedule, the Family Ministry at Hillside continues to work towards developing great 2018-2019 programming. In the month of June, children and youth ministry leaders will work through the book *Creating a Lead Small Culture: Make Your Church a Place Where Kids Belong* to refine the vision for our Wednesday night and Sunday night programs, and to better equip small group leaders to work with your children. In addition, we'll be developing the 2018-2019 program calendar and looking at how we can best serve families both at Hillside and in the community.

In the month of July, children and youth ministry leaders will work through the book *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*. This will be important work as we unify the children and youth ministries but also as we each individually grow in self-awareness and our relationship with Christ. We will also develop an annual training strategy for small group leaders and begin planning a 'back to school' training.

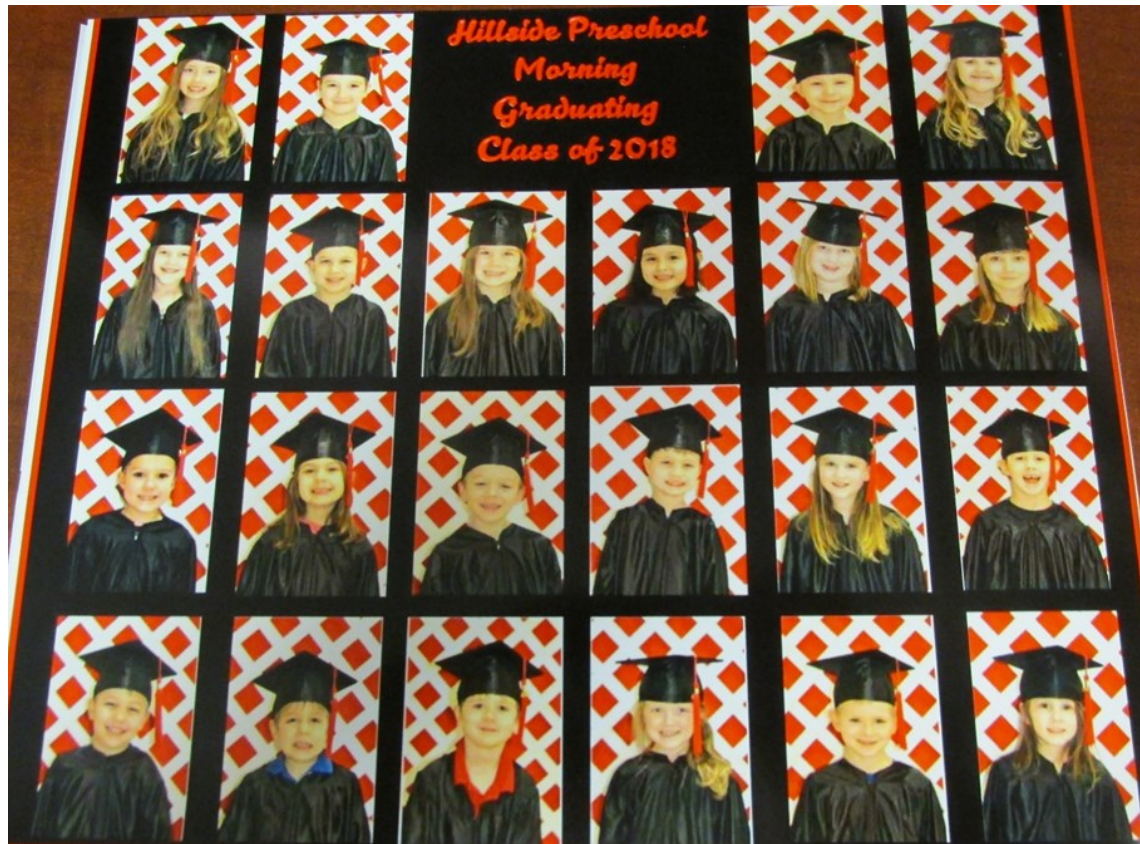


If you'd like to know more about family ministry, the Orange strategy, or volunteering with our children or youth, contact Susan Carey, Director of Family Ministries (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org).

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- * **Monday Night Bible Study** in Room 5 at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays
- * **Chronological Bible Study** in Room 6 at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays
- * **Alcoholics Anonymous** in Room 6 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- * **Narcotics Anonymous** in Room 6 at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays
- * **Praise Team** in Worship Center at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
- * **412 Youth Praise Team** in Youth Room at 5:00 p.m. on Monday June 4 & 11, July 9 & 23 and Thursday June 7 & 14.
- * **K'notters Quilting Ladies** in Room 6 on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
- * **Jr. Choir Practice** on stage on Wednesday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m.
- * **Men's Choir Practice** on stage on Wednesday, June 6 & 13 at 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018



KINDERGARTEN KICK OFF CAMP will be July 23-August 3, 2018. We have 20 children currently enrolled to attend camp. During camp, the children will be refreshing their minds and bodies to start kindergarten. We will work on writing names, letters, numbers and so much more. The last week of camp we will have a kindergarten teacher come to visit with the children and tell them all about their first week of school. We are looking forward to the extra time with our children.

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
- ⇒ 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.

Many thanks to all who prayed for me, visited me and sent cards to me. You will never know how much this all means to me & Patty. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. God Bless each and everyone of you!

Jarmon Perkins

I want to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers during my recent back surgery. I am doing well thanks to your prayers and God's hand on me and my family.

Paul Cloin

I would like to say thank you for the prayers, visits, the phone calls, and the food during the time I was recuperating from my surgery. It was very much appreciated.

Jeannie Robbins



Save the Date!!!
The time to make those delicious
apple pies;
September 19-21, 2018

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each year Hillside United Methodist Church awards Betty Smith Memorial Scholarships to graduating seniors to promote higher education by providing some financial assistance. To qualify for consideration for these scholarships, a graduating senior must be an active member of Hillside Church by being involved on a regular basis in Sunday worship, Sunday School class, Youth Fellowship, or a civic group (i.e., Scouts) sponsored by Hillside; plan to continue his/her education after high school at either a 4-year or a 2-year school; and strive to exemplify a Christ-like lifestyle.

This year two graduating seniors from Princeton Community High School received this scholarship: Riley Slinker, son of Jamie and Jason Slinker and Drew Willis, son of Becky and George Willis

Each recipient was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Hillside Church is blessed to be able to award these scholarships. If you happen to see either of the Betty Smith Scholarship recipients, please let them know how proud we are of them.

UPDATE FROM THE SPRC

With the recent growth and development in our Little Lambs Ministry overseen by Jenny White, your Staff Parish Relations Committee voted to approve a job title more accurately reflecting the duties and responsibilities required. Formerly the Nursery Coordinator, Jenny now fills the position Director of Early Childhood Ministry. While her duties continue to include coordinating volunteers for the nursery and toddler rooms and ensuring a safe environment, Jenny is also responsible for ongoing volunteer training, resourcing toddler room curriculum, coordinating Safe Sitter training, working with parents to help children transition from Little Lambs to our Children's Ministry, coordinating Wednesday night Kids In Motion, and leading a monthly Bible lesson in the Hillside preschool. We appreciate Jenny's faithful service; she is passionate about building a solid foundation for our Hillside kids as well as serving families. Her new job title is well-earned and we hope an accurate reflection that our nursery and toddler rooms are true ministry.

Greetings Hillside family,

Dolli, our girls, and I count ourselves blessed to have been part of the Hillside Church family for the past five years. I still remember that first Sunday and the way you graciously opened your arms and your hearts to receive us. We are thankful to have had the privilege of walking through life's moments with you – births, baptisms, weddings, funerals, surgeries, treatments, etc. I assure you, our ministry was definitely a mutual relationship of care and compassion.

Our family will be eternally grateful for your care for all of us during my battle with cancer. Your prayers, cards, meals, and encouragement helped carry us through a period of great uncertainty. You truly were the hands and feet of Christ to us during that time.

I know that over the past five years I have grown as a pastor. Please forgive me for the times I fell short of your expectations, spoke words of discouragement rather than encouragement, behaved in such a way that was displeasing, or just flat out missed the mark. I too, am a work in progress and I am thankful that God is not finished with me yet.

I am confident that Hillside will continue to be a center of hope in this community as you endeavor to Love God, Serve others, Grow in Christ, and Go live out your faith. I know this because Hillside is blessed with faith-filled leadership who seek to follow God's leading.

We hope that you will be present on June 10th for our last Sunday among you. It will certainly be a bittersweet day as we are excited to follow where God is leading, but will greatly miss a church family whom we've come to love. Even though, as of July 1, I will no longer be your pastor and we will no longer be present at Hillside, we will remain friends. We will carry you in our hearts and your fingerprints of faith will remain on our lives.

I have shared with Pastor Curtis and his wife, Kay, that they are fortunate to serve at Hillside. We know that you will make room in your hearts to receive them and welcome them with open arms. I recognize that pastoral changes are difficult and relationships are built over time on trust and mutual respect. I hope that you will work diligently to forge that relationship with your new pastor allowing him to participate in the Holy moments of your lives – births, baptisms, weddings, funerals, surgeries, treatments, etc. I know you will be a blessing to them as you have been to us!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris, Dolli & girls

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR Sandy Nixon

Some upcoming highlights:

For Pastor Chris and Dolli's last Sunday with us on June 10, the adult choir is preparing a new version of "Down By the Riverside," and the Jr. choir is learning a new song "Everyday Miracles," which will have flute accompaniment by Judi Tate. We hope you will be there to say farewell to Chris and Dolli and also to celebrate their new ministry in New Albany.

And you won't want to miss Father's Day! There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a BBQ dinner to celebrate dads & the men in your lives! You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Hillside's Singing Men either! All men—fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, nephews. . . well, you get the picture!!—are invited and encouraged to participate. We hope to have at least three generations of some families! This will be a fun experience for all who participate, and those of you who will be in the congregation won't want to miss it! In my opinion (and that of many of others) there is nothing as wonderful and inspiring as witnessing a group of men of faith singing together in praise of their God!

Men, we will practice at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 6 & 13. If you can't make both, or if you have to be late or leave early, that's fine. These three practices will give us enough time to learn the songs and be prepared to sing for the congregation. And, men, don't forget to bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, and neighbors' kids with you to sing!!

The choir will also be singing on Pastor Curtis' first Sunday, July 1. And who knows what other treats are in store for you this summer? Stay tuned for more details!

LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY NEWS Jenny White

Three years ago, God gave me a vision for Hillside Little Lambs Ministry. The vision is based on the scripture of *Isaiah 40:11 He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.* The volunteers that serve in Little Lambs are the shepherds tending the flock of the nursery and toddler room. Those shepherds are the first experience of Jesus to babies and toddlers by creating a bond that gives them trust in their early experiences of church.

Here are updates on the original vision God gave me for Little Lambs:

- Teach bible basics and song as a beginning of a child's learning experience at church--Update: Children in the toddler room are now learning (through stories, song, crafts, and play) that God made them, we can praise God, and God loves them.
- Build relationships with children and families of Hillside Church--Update: Relationships are being built each time a shepherd serves for six weeks. A child and their family gets to know them and that carries when out in community. We send developmental brochures to encourage faith building at home and celebration of milestones.
- Support and celebrate with family and child during the sacred moment of baptism --Update: When a baby or toddler is baptized, we reserve seating for the family, take a picture of the event and frame it for a keepsake for them.
- Build the youth volunteer program where youth, age 11-and older, can volunteer in the nursery after completing safe sitter class and be a source of babysitters for families in the congregation--Update: We are a Safe Sitter® teaching site. We have had 2 classes and have another one scheduled in October of this year. We currently have 9 youth volunteers serving.
- Support for expecting parents during pregnancy. Support new parents by providing meals for the first 5 days after they bring their newborn home from the hospital--Update: A family in our church just welcomed baby #2 in May with much help of the congregation; the family was provided meals for 14 days after baby came home.

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

Caring for Kids (Summer Food Program) starts Tuesday May 29. We serve at 4 locations on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is our 6th year serving the children of North Gibson. We serve an average of 150 every week.

This year we are shorthanded and may need to discontinue one of the sites where we serve. We need volunteers willing to donate 1½ hours one day a week during the lunch hour. The church requires a background check and we have a short training the state requires volunteers to take.

We can use high school youth if they can provide their own transportation. We also need fill-in volunteers when our regulars are off for a vacation. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Contact Jeannie Robbins at 812 779-6227.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

Your missions team continues to be amazed by your generous contributions to the Flour and Oil Fund. This ministry is intended to be a way in which the congregation gives not out of our excess but out of our own need in order to bless others who are somehow connected to the Hillside family. Recipients do not need to be Hillside UMC members; they merely must be connected to a Hillside member. The congregation member then completes an application, available from Brenda in the church office, for the one in need.

We encourage you to keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open to those around you who may have a need that the Flour and Oil Fund can meet. If you have any questions about the fund or would like to request an application, see any missions team or church staff member.

HILLSIDE EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Get ready for an electrifyingly fun week **June 18th through 22nd** from 6:00 – 8:30 pm as we explore how God wants us to live our lives FULLY ALIVE for Him! It's time to get AMPED about the gospel!



All children in pre-school through 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of worship, bible study, games, crafts, music and more! Online registration is easy! Simply visit this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/LnzcKgBnBOyQ90tW2>, scan the QR code below, or visit www.hillsideprinceton.org to register today.

All students registered by June 11th are guaranteed an awesome VBS t-shirt and music CD.

For more information or to learn how you can support VBS, contact Susan Carey (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org).



Father's Day Service
Sunday, June 17, 2018
9:30 a.m. One Service Only
Followed by Pot Luck Meal
Church will provide BBQ
Sign-ups are in lobby