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HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

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Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5, 2014

March 2014

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SUNDAYS AT HILLSIDE
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. | Worship Services
9:45 - 10:35 a.m. | Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS:
M - TH | 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

 **A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Don't forget to move your clocks back!
Saturday, March 8, 2014

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

March 5 Pizza, Bread Stick, Salad **(From 4:45-5:30pm)**

Time difference because Worship Service at 6:00pm

March 12 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad

March 19 Chicken/Rice, Broccoli, Salad

March 26 NO MEAL—SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts

\$3.50 each Preschool children and under: FREE

Tickets for 10 meals-\$30

2ND MONDAY MEAL ON MARCH 10 AT 4:00 P.M.

This is a great ministry of Hillside Church, helps so many people in our community. We are always in need of people to help make deliveries. We start packing the food containers around 3:30 p.m. and appreciate your help with this meal!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

In this newsletter you will find a sheet "Information on you and your family". I would appreciate it very much if could take a few minutes and fill this out and return it to the church office by March 15. It is amazing how things change throughout the years and your church would like to be able to keep updated on the changes within our Hillside Church family: members, visitors, young and old. You may drop it in the designated basket in the lobby.

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES—Susan J Carey

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4: 6-7)

I am not a fan of change. Change typically makes me feel uncomfortable, my stomach tying in knots, my heart fluttering, and my mind racing with possibilities. In fact, moments before Kendall, my second child was born, I sobbed on my dad's shoulder saying, "Everything is about to change forever." I was excited but terrified. Have you been there, too?

Although change and transition can be uncomfortable, they are a natural part of life and so necessary -- for growth, for progress. Seasons change, people change, circumstances change. You may wonder why someone like me would decide to change life paths 13 years into a successful teaching career. I look forward to sharing that answer with you in the coming months.

The solace I take in times of change is the truth that despite our circumstances, despite our discomfort, despite our questions, God does not change. He is, He was, and He will be. That's good news! I am reassured as I begin this new path that will serve our church and our community. God will lead me through this transition just as He has led me to it. I can trust in His guidance and in His provision. He has never left me before. I can't imagine Him doing it now!

Paul's instruction to the Philippians reminds me that God is in control so I don't have to be. I don't have to worry, I only have to trust. Change does not have to be frightening; it is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God. That is how I chose to look at my transition. And I find I'm not afraid, but instead I feel peace, fulfillment and joy. I want to thank every one of you, Hillside family, for the congratulatory handshakes, hugs, and introductions. I am so excited to know you better, to serve you and our community, to share the amazing work that God has done in my life, and to hear your stories as well.

Just as the church prayed for direction as to whom should fill this position, I ask that you now pray for me and my family as we come humbly into this life of ministry.

EASTER CELEBRATION—Jenny White

The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again. Luke 24:7

Come and celebrate with us an Easter Celebration on April 5, at 10 a.m. We will learn the story of Easter through crafts and games. We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt for children preschool through elementary and a Scavenger Hunt for Jr. and Sr. High youth.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

Easter Musical: Your Hillside choir is diligently working to prepare a new Easter musical! The musical is entitled *Upon This Rock*, written by Pepper Choplin. This musical leads us through Peter's experience with Christ: his call, his confession, his denial, his restoration, and his mission. As we experience the story through Peter's eyes, we are led to ask, "What is *our* passion? What is *our* call? Who do we live for?" We hope that you will enjoy this presentation very much!

The musical will be done as a part of the 8:30 worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13. Please plan to come and hear our musical message. And as always, please invite your friends and relatives to come with you!

Some surprises coming!! In March and April we have some musical surprises in store for you. You won't want to miss a single Sunday morning worship service lest you miss out on the surprises!

Why not join us? If you like to sing and would like to be part of a group which worships God through song, please come and join us. We would welcome additions to all our sections: alto, bass, soprano, and tenor. It isn't necessary to read music—we will teach you the music. Choir practices every Wednesday night at 7:00 on the stage in the worship center. We'd love to have you sing with us!

UPCOMING SERMONS

March 2 "Wow! Now Get Off the Mountain!" Matthew 17:1-13

Lenten Sermon Series- "Lead Me to The Cross"

March 5 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m.

"Led To Be Free: Cry Out to Jesus" Joel 2:1-2 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

March 9 "Led to the Desert: Tempted" Matthew 4:1-11

March 16 "Led by the Spirit: Born Again" John 3:1-17

March 23 "Lead to the Well: Living Water" John 4:5-15

March 30 "Led Out of the Darkness: I can See!" Ephesians 5:8-14

Friends Club brought some summer fun inside in February, THANK YOU Choir for moving to Thursday for our Summer Fun Party, giving us the opportunity to use the entire gym that night.

Friends Club schedule for March

3/5 – NO Friends Club – Ash Wed. Service

3/12 – Jesus wants us to help others

3/19 – Veggie Tales in Space (a lesson on sharing) – Movie Night

3/26 – NO Friends Club – Spring Break



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

Greetings Hillside family,

As the chairperson for your Staff Parish Relations Committee, I have some wonderful news to share with you. Last summer, your SPRC committee began praying for God to lead us in filling what had previously been the Associate Pastor's position. Our team decided that what Hillside needs is a full-time professional who will focus on a family-building ministry.

As our job description developed, there were two qualities that we felt were necessary, although we knew it would be a challenge to evaluate them. First – our new associate would have to have a huge heart for God. And second – this person would have to have a compassionate desire to serve and love God's people.

Your Staff Parish team trusted that God would make clear to us whether this person should fulfill a pastor-type role as a clergy, or whether this person would be a member of the laity, serving in a director's role. The team was amazed that we received more than 50 resumes from many well-qualified folks from all over the United States. After evaluating and interviewing some of these applicants over the past 3 months, I am pleased to let you know that we unanimously made a selection.

We are blessed that this individual already interacts with families in our community as a well-respected educator in our school system. We are confident that she is called by God to serve our church and we know that she already loves Hillside since she is one of us – she is a member of our congregation.

It is my pleasure to introduce our new Director of Family Ministries, Susan J. Carey. Because of her and our commitment to our community, we encouraged Susan to complete the current school year with her high school English students. So, Susan will initially begin serving in a part-time capacity until she transitions to full-time in June. On behalf of your SPRC team, thank you for your continued prayers and support as we continue to serve you, our Hillside family.

SPRC Chair, Mary Hollars

The **BETTY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND** was established in June of 1992 to honor Betty Smith's long-time service as choir director. The purpose of the Betty Smith Scholarship fund is to promote higher education by offering financial assistance to graduating high school seniors.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify as an applicant for the Betty Smith/Hillside United Methodist Church Scholarship, one must

1. be an active member of Hillside United Methodist Church for one year prior to graduation. Active participation is defined as being involved on a **regular** basis in at least one of the following activities:
 - Sunday morning worship
 - Sunday School class
 - Youth fellowship
 - A civic group sponsored by Hillside (i.e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)
 - Other (If you believe there is another area that would qualify your involvement other than the above mentioned, please list it.)
2. plan to continue his/her education after high school at either a 4-year or 2-year university/college or at a vocational school.
3. strive to exemplify a Christian life that reflects a Christ-like lifestyle at school, home, work, and at one's future institution of higher learning.
4. write an essay in answer to the following: Share your involvement with Hillside United Methodist Church. Are there particular experiences or special memories that you would like to share? Your essay should follow all formal conventions for writing: content, organization, and mechanics will all be considered in evaluating the essay.
5. Put your essay and application in a sealed envelope and drop it off in the Hillside Church office by **April 4, 2014**. Please indicate "Scholarship Committee" on the outside of the envelope.
You may pick up the forms in the church office.

UPDATE FROM FINANCE—Neil Eifert, chair

After review of the financial statements, a motion was approved to pay an additional \$35,000 toward the principal on the building mortgage. This payment comes from funds which remained in the operating balance at the end of December, while still leaving adequate resources in the church's operating account. Extra payments such as this have a huge savings impact, especially when applied early in the mortgage, by drastically reducing loan interest owed!

The committee also decided to meet every other month unless an interim meeting is needed. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. It was discussed that the leaders of church work areas need to submit proposed budget items no later than September of each year.

TRUSTEES—Leon Stone, chair

Hello, just a reminder from the trustees: If you see something that needs repaired or is unsafe, please let Brenda, Tony or Kent know, the Trustees may be unaware of it. Let's all work together to keep our building a safe & pleasant place for all.

HILLSIDE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM will be helping the American Cancer Society raise money to fight cancer through fundraising and accepting donations starting now until the actual Relay event on June 6 at the Fairgrounds. We also are recruiting team members. The registration fee is \$10.00 and you can register on-line at www.relayforlife.org/gibsoncountyin. On-line donations can also be made through the Hillside Relay Team on-line at this site. For more information contact Ron Miller at 779-6174 or at rgmiller@twc.com.

NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL

February was a month filled with lots of snow, ice, cold temperatures, and love. The children had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day with parties and activities that centered on friendship. In March we are looking forward to the coming of spring. We have a little rumor that we might have a very tiny visitor on Saint Patrick's Day. Both classes will be taking a long trip out into space, to learn all about our solar system.



Our bible verses are:
Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1
We should love one another. 1 John 3:11
God is love. 1 John 4:8
Jesus said. "Let the little children come to me."
" Mark 10:14

I am very excited to announce that we will have our Summer Fun Program, with lower rates and one week free. I am planning some wonderful field trips and activities for the children to do. Summer Fun will run from May 27 – August 7. I am opening enrollment now to church members until Monday, March 10th. Then I will start advertising to the public. We have flyers available in the front office or, for any questions please call the office 385-2910 or, email me at: cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org.

FRIENDS CLUB

March 5 **NO FRIENDS CLUB – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
March 12 Jesus wants us to be help others Mark 2:1-12
March 19 Veggies in Space (a lesson on sharing) – **Movie Night**
March 26 **NO FRIENDS CLUB – SPRING BREAK**

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Exciting things are happening at Hillside! In February, I shared with you a vision for a Flour & Oil Fund based on scripture from 1 Kings 17:14 -- *For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'* Through a very unlikely source, a depressed and hopeless widow, God provided not only for the needs of Elijah, but also for the needs of the widow and her son. The provision did not come from the excess or extravagance, but out of the widow's need – from her scarcity. It was only through the supernatural, miraculous power of God, that the widow discovered an endless supply of flour and oil. God multiplied what little she had because she was willing to bake the bread.

If we, as a congregation commit to supporting this vision, this purpose, this fund, then we must be willing to trust that God will multiply what is given faithfully out of our scarcity. We must also be willing to open our eyes, ears and hearts to the needs of those around us – our friends, our neighbors, our coworkers, and our fellow church members. Lastly, we must be willing to roll up our sleeves, bake a little bread and serve it to others first.

Practically, how do you participate? Start by beginning to bring an extra nickel or quarter or dollar or twenty and put into our Flour & Oil Box in our worship center. You can share the dollar you were going to spend on a cup of coffee or soft drink. You can share the change you got back at lunch. If we all sacrifice just a little and pool our small amount of resources together, each month we may have as much as \$500 to \$1000 to \$1500 to give away and bless the lives of those around us.

We will share with you the "how to" part in the very near future as we figure out all the details of exactly how we will select individuals to bless. But one thing is clear, the individuals will be identified by and connected to our Hillside Church family. Remember, confidentiality is key as we identify needs. After a few months of quietly giving and quietly blessing, we will anonymously share how our Flour & Oil Fund is making an impact!

Pray that God will bless our giving, our living and our serving!

Be blessed,
Pastor Chris

CONNECTIONS WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Connections prayer group is an open group for anyone that would like to join us. We meet during Family Builders Wednesday nights at 6-7:30 pm in Room 6.

For more information on the book study, or Connections prayer group, please call or text Debbie Hubbard at 812-779-8422. Or message on Facebook Debbie Bury Hubbard.

HILLSIDE MEN'S GROUP

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, March 8. We will have breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by a program by Derek McGraw on dealing with drugs. All men of the church community are invited. Matt Robbins, President

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 232 currently does service with the charter organization and with others in the surrounding community. We put up tables and chairs after meals and for funerals when asked. The boys have spread mulch outside around the trees and shrubs, cleaned up around the barn. During Christmas time we physically fill the food baskets. Look for more information on what we do in future newsletters. Wayne Halbig, Scoutmaster Troop 232

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME 18TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

The outing will be at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Newburgh, Indiana on Monday, May 19, 2014. If anyone is interested in participating or would like to be sponsor please check with Brenda in the church office for brochures.