

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

HILLSIDE
— NOW SERVING —

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS



Palm Sunday Easter Musical
Sunday, Mar. 20 at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
Mar. 24 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday
Mar. 25 at 7 p.m.

Easter Community Meal
Saturday, Mar. 26 at Noon

Sunrise Service
Sunday, Mar. 27 at 6:15 a.m.

Worship Services
Sunday, Mar. 27 at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
with **Breakfast** at 9:45 a.m.

March 2016

hillsideprinceton.org

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

812-385-2910



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

March 2 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
March 9 Lasagna, Garlic Toast
March 16 BBQ Shredded Chicken, Potatoes, Corn
March 23 Spring Break
March 30 Chicken Pot Pie, Rolls

Salad, Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts
\$3.50 each Preschool children and under: FREE
Tickets for 10 meals-\$30

If you would like to help with desserts please be sure to sign-up at the dessert table.

2ND MONDAY MEAL MARCH 14 AT 4:00 P.M.

Menu for 2nd Monday Meal will be chili mac & cheese, fruit, rolls and dessert. The meal will be available at the church or for pick up as well as delivery. We are in need of desserts and drivers for deliveries. If you would like to help with the meals by providing delivery, kitchen service, desserts or donations, please contact Gail Miller 812-779-6197 or Brenda Witt at the church office.

In Christ's Service, Gail Miller and Lisa Naas

Just wanted to share the news that Bonnie Beasley (member of Hillside) of the Good Samaritan Home in Oakland City has won the "Valentine Queen" for the 3rd year in a row.
What a privilege for a wonderful lady!

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Grab your scuba gear **June 20th through 24th** for *Submerged*, an underwater exploration where kids dive into God's word and discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. Of course, VBS doesn't run itself; in fact, each year we need approximately 40 volunteers to decorate, provide snacks, lead bible stories, serve as group leaders, etc. What talent can you contribute this year to this great event that not only serves our Hillside kids but local un-churched children as well?

For more information or to learn how you can support VBS, contact Susan Carey (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org) or Sarah Deputy (812-779-7790).



ATTENTION GROUPS WHO USE THE KITCHEN

The board of health inspects our kitchen 2 times a year. The last inspection found outdated items in the refrigerator plus prepared food without a label indicating what it was, the date prepared and the use by date.

ALL FOOD MUST BE MARKED WITH PREPARED DATE AND USE BY DATE IF IT'S NOT IN ITS ORIGINAL PACKAGE.

THIS INCLUDES REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER.

ALL MUST BE LABELED WITH GROUP'S NAME.

Food not labeled can/will be used by others.

EGGS MUST BE PLACED ON THE FLOOR OF REFRIGERATOR.

Food in the pantry area should also be labeled and dated if not in its original package. Please keep expired food off shelves.

For you convenience there are labels & markers available for use on the refrigerator door.

Would you like to order an Easter Lily in memory of someone? If you would please fill in the bottom section and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or make sure it gets to the church office. Each lily is \$15.00. Deadline to order is Monday, March 7, 2016.

In Memory of _____

By _____

Bill to _____

Make checks payable to Hillside Church

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB | Sarah Kruse

This month we will be focusing on the Ten Commandments. We will talk about worshipping only God, loving each other, and following the rules God gave us. We are also preparing for Easter and our Mother's Day service. Our little friends will be working on a special project for that special Mother's Day service. We will be asking for parents' help to prepare them for this. Thanks again for sharing your special little people with us on Wednesday evenings!!

FRIENDS CLUB | Amanda Miskell

We love the Easter season! In March we will be learning from the "Why Do We Celebrate Easter?" curriculum with these lessons: A Savior is Here, A Savior Worth Following, A Savior Who Suffers, and A Savior Who Lives! We will be having an Easter party with an egg hunt on Mar. 16 joined by Little Friends Club and Young Believers. And there will be NO FRIENDS CLUB on Mar. 23. Just a reminder to parents, there is usually no one upstairs supervising the kids until 5:50p.m. Please don't sign your children in and allow them upstairs until 5:50p.m.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your kids' lives each week!

UPCOMING SERMONS

LENTEN SERIES: "Beyond the Cross is Resurrection to Life"

March 6 "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

March 13 "The Bread of Life"

March 20 "Can They Hear Us Shouting?"

March 24 "Wash, Rinse, Repeat"

March 25 "Beyond the Cross"

March 27 "He Came Not to Die, But to Live"

HILLSIDE MEN | Matt Robbins

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet again for a nutritious breakfast on March 12 @ 7:30 a.m. We will have a short program, lots of laughter and a great time. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! Questions: Matt Robbins at 812-664-0268.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH | Jeannie Robbins

The Women's Outreach welcomes all ladies who are free on Friday mornings for a time of fellowship & devotions. Invite all of your lady friends to join us on March 18 at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227 or Jane Armes at 812-779-8337.

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 15, 2016**. Please indicate "Scholarship Committee" on the outside of the envelope.

You may pick up the forms in the church office.

LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY | Jenny White

Hillside Little Lambs Ministry is about growth, expecting the unexpected, and transitions. Transition is the pause between phases which always comes with unexpected moments. Growth, transition, and the unexpected can be exciting but also intimidating.

In the nursery there are babies progressing to being separated from parents during worship service and getting to know some new familiar faces. For some families, this requires no change at all and for others this takes time. We have welcomed new families and celebrated baptisms. We have had visitors that have come once and felt so loved that they joined the church family. One baby has developed and moved into the toddler room. One toddler has leaped ahead and is now ready for worship in children's church. From week to week, it is uncertain if the nursery will have four exploring babies or one baby that is just ready to be rocked to sleep. In the toddler room, there is the unexpected of whether this Sunday will be a day filled with six busy toddlers singing and dancing or if the room will be quiet with one toddler ready for story-time. The nursery and toddler teams are ready for the unexpected and the transitions when they come through the doors. For our families and little ones, we are here to partner with you in those moments and to be a small part of God's bigger plan of the foundation that you are preparing for your little one. If you would like to be a part of this ministry at Hillside Church, contact Jenny White, nursery and toddler coordinator, at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

NOTE FROM PASTOR CHRIS NEIKIRK

I hope that you are enjoying your Lenten journey beyond the cross to embrace resurrection to life. As I reflect and evaluate the first few weeks in our Lenten season, I feel the need to clarify my purpose for this title and this line of thinking. In no way do I want to diminish the power of the cross. The cross is a long-standing symbol of our Christian faith. The cross represents sacrifice – Jesus Christ was the willing sacrifice and willingly endured the pain of the cross for you and me. The only way that we can understand the value of eternal life offered to us through the resurrection is to grasp the magnitude of the sacrifice of the cross.

The cross was an instrument of death utilized by the Roman government designed to strike terror in the hearts of those under Roman rule. It was a long, shameful, painful, and public death for those sentenced to die in this cruel fashion. Do not minimize the magnitude of the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ and do not discount its place in our faith story. We must accept that Jesus bore the pain of our sins as he hung on that tree. Jesus Christ was the blameless Son of God. Jesus Christ was and is God himself. Therefore, because of this hard-to-comprehend truth, we believe that our God sacrificed himself for us.

In the Protestant Church, we display an empty cross and we often wear empty crosses on our person as a symbol of our appreciation of this divine sacrifice. The empty cross signifies that Jesus Christ was the ultimate sacrifice and never again would we have to pay the price for our own sins. This is the power of the cross and it is empty because it was a one-time event – Jesus is not still paying for our sins and he is no longer there. The sacrifice has been made and it is done! The cross could not conquer him.

Not only do we believe in an empty cross, but we also believe in an empty tomb. The grave could not contain him. Dying Christ destroyed our death and rising Christ restored our life. My invitation to Hillside this Lenten season is to take the journey to the cross, but do not stop there. We must move beyond the cross and beyond the tomb to claim the power of the resurrection. He lives! Our savior lives! And because Jesus Christ is alive, we too are gifted with life – not just an eternal life with God in heaven, but an abundant life with Jesus Christ now. Beyond the cross is resurrection to life! Believe and receive this new life now!

NEW SENIOR MINISTRY

We are starting a "Senior Ministry" at Hillside. This group is for those who are ages **you fill in the blank**. Our first luncheon will be Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. The meal will be catered by The Bauerhaus. Cost for the luncheon will be \$7.00 each. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby on Sunday, April 3 & 10. Our guest speaker will be Jackie Young and the Tiger Girls Basketball Coach Mair.

We will meet the 2nd Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in June, August, October & December.

MISSIONS UPDATE

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.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2015

The trustees had a busy year. I should have done this report last December but time escaped me. Following is a list of projects finished in 2015:

AT CHURCH:

Cross finished	Welcome center finished
Large kick-plates installed on back doors	
Van has been purchased	Furnace for youth area split
Old clock repaired in lobby	Reflective tape on light
Partitions for men's room installed	
Lock on door between nursery and kindergarten	
East hall to choir loft	
Parking lot light done	Light post markers
Chair rounds	Light for canopy
Toilets in both restrooms	Wash out on Embree St fixed
Lights in storage area above choir loft replaced	
Yellow light pole guards installed	Light pole replaced
Separate sign for preschool	Vinyl railing in front of church
Siding on church repaired	Stage has been painted
Basketball goals repaired	Old van repaired
TV's and DVD players purchased	New pantry shelves installed

AT PARSONAGE: Parsonage hall bathroom fan, door for parsonage den, whirly birds installed in garage and vents at parsonage.

Again many others have had a hand in helping the trustees and we appreciate it very much.

The trustees look forward to next year (this year). If you see anything you think needs repaired, please tell us because we may not know about it. Better yet, just tell Brenda.

BACKPACK MINISTRY | Amy Evans

Thank you to those who have already donated toward this project!! Did you know that Hillside UMC currently provides weekend meals for 54 underprivileged students in the North Gibson School Corporation? Each Friday afternoon, students are sent home with breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and drinks for the weekend, all provided through our missions dollars.

Did you know that just \$6 per week or \$25 per month would sponsor a student's weekend meals from September through May? It's as easy as designating missions giving to the backpack ministry.

If you'd like more information about the Hillside backpack ministry, contact Amy Evans at 812-664-1683.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL | Chastity Braswell

February was a month filled with lots of snow, 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 heard a little rumor that we might have a very tiny visitor on Saint Patrick's Day.

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

It is that time of year when we start enrollment for 2016/2017 pre-school year. Your child must be 3 years of age to start preschool.

There are flyers in the church office if you are interested or you can call Chastity Braswell at (812)-385-2910 or email cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH GROUP | Andrea Dyehouse

On behalf of the Hillside Youth group we would like to thank everyone who attended, donated, or participated in the 7th annual Valentine's banquet. With 23 youth & 11 leaders we were able to serve 154 people and had 35 kids in childcare. Over \$5,500 was raised, which is AWESOME, and will be put toward the youth mission trip this year when 13 youth and 5 adults travel to Crownpoint, New Mexico. Congratulations to Jeff and Christian Bruce on their victory in the newlywed game.

If anyone or any group is interested in providing dinner for the youth and leaders on Sunday nights, please contact Andrea Dyehouse @ 812-215-0259 or adyehouse@twc.com.

MEET HILLSIDE'S COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

My name is Cathlene Warren. I am a sophomore at Vincennes University majoring in Public Relations. I grew up in Vincennes and attended Lincoln High School. I was on a competitive dance team for 13 years and I competed in art shows all through high school. Next year, I plan to transfer to USI in Evansville, IN and earn my Bachelor's degree. I am so excited to be a part of Hillside and see what the future holds.

Cathlene will be working on a variety of special communications projects in the coming months: updating our website, improving our social media presence, redesigning many of our printed materials and documenting special events and activities.

ARE YOU INTERESED IN MISSION WORK?

Can you sew? Do you have some spare time?

We are planning ahead and will be working on the Christmas Shoe-box Ministry throughout the year. Last year we sent almost 100 cloth drawstring bags in the shoe boxes for children to carry their supplies in. This year we plan to make 150+ bags and pillowcase dresses (only using fabric and not pillowcases). We are also looking at making a couple of other items. We've had fabric donated to the church and we also have the thread & patterns.

It would be fun to have a "sewing day" at church maybe once a month. If you have fabric you would like to donate that would be usable for our projects, please let the office know before you bring it to the church. We are using fabric suitable for clothing and some light weight canvases, as well as towels that might be worn in areas that we can cut into pieces for another project we are working on.

Or you might prefer doing your sewing at home.

If you are interested in any part of this process please contact Jeanie Robbins at 812-779-6227 or Brenda in the church office for any questions: 812-385-2910.

"DISCOVERING THE BIBLE | Jarmon Perkins

Stop and think. Long before the world knew anything about television, radio, CD's, airplanes, vehicles, electricity and long before you heard of IBM, computers or Coca Cola, there was a book that would be like no other. Come join us for a 4-week study of this great adventure titled "Discovering the Bible." We will meet on Sunday afternoons from 2-3 p.m. in Room 5 starting Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016.

NEWS FROM THE CHOIR | Sandy Nixon

It seems Christmas has just ended, and here it is time already to be thinking about Easter! The choir is working on music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

There will be a special program on Palm Sunday at 8:30 worship, and both the children and adult choirs will be involved. Susan Carey is leading this special program. You won't want to miss it, and invite your friends and neighbors, too!

Children's choir continues to practice regularly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm in Room 7. All children in grades 2-5 are invited to participate. This group of young singers is doing a great job learning songs of all kinds to sing at worship. We hope you are enjoying them!

Likewise, adult choir continues to practice regularly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the worship center. If you like to sing, we'd love to have you join us. We sing a lot of four-parts music, and we welcome singers for all four parts: alto, soprano, tenor, and bass. Don't read music?? That's okay. We will help you learn it!