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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

Sermon Series: Practically Christian: What Matters?

May 7	"Loving God Matters"
May 14	Mother's Day; One Service at 9:30 a.m.
May 21	"Listening to God Matters"
May 28	"Sharing Your Story Matters"

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.

2ND MONDAY MEALS Gail Miller

The second Monday of every month, Hillside provides a free community meal. We will have meal on **May 8**. The menu is ham and potato casserole, green beans, rolls and dessert. This will be the last meal until September 2017.

We still need people to deliver & bring desserts. Deliveries begin at 3:30 p.m. and the dining room opens at 4:00 p.m.
Thank you to all who are part of feeding our community.

FROM BEREAVEMENT CHAIRPERSON Joyce Sharrett

I am looking for someone to take over the Bereavement Meals. I would be happy to let you know what this involves & what needs to be done. Please contact me at 812-677-6995 or jhs2222@aol.com.

HANG TIME ACTIVITIES DESIGNED AROUND FAMILY VALUES MAY 2017

FIGHT FOR THE HEART

Communicate in a style that gives the relationship value.

Eat popsicles on the porch. Celebrate the end of school and longer summer days with popsicles outside (for older kids make frozen iced coffees). Sit together and talk about what they enjoyed most about school this past year. Ask: What was hard? Who did you hang out with the most? What do you look forward to doing this summer? Make it a no-cell-phone zone, and practice being completely present with your kids.

WIDEN THE CIRCLE

Pursue strategic relationships for your kids.

Send kudos. As spring sports and the school year come to an end, make a point to say a big thank you to the teachers, church leaders, and coaches in your kid's life. Send a heartfelt note, text, or handwritten card to say thanks. Want to really brighten their day? Talk them up to their boss, principal or staff supervisor, too.

CREATE A RHYTHM

Increase the quantity of quality times you spend together.

Shiver me timbers. Arrrg! Dress up in pirate costumes, plan a treasure hunt, sword fight with pool noodles, read pirate books at the library, grab some cheesy pirate popcorn [called Pirate's Booty!] Got older kiddos? Catch a matinee of the new Pirates of the Caribbean movie, Dead Men Tell No Tales.

IMAGINE THE END

Focus your priorities on what matters most.

Form a babysitter's club. Call a family meeting and together think of a single mom who could use a girls night out or enjoy uninterrupted kid-free time to catch up on their favorite Netflix shows. Decide on a night your family can offer free babysitting. Or you can assemble a meal to take a meal prep off her busy plate.

JUST FOR YOU: MAKE IT PERSONAL

Put yourself first when it comes to personal growth

Savor the silence. After the kids head to school or are off to bed, try enjoying a bit of silence. Turn down the lights. Turn your phone off. All the way off. Power down any TVs or computer screens that might interrupt. Even if it's only for ten minutes, practice sitting in silence and soak in some peace.

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NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

The end of our school year is fast approaching; the staff and children are very excited about our Graduation Celebration. The children have had fun practicing their songs. Graduation is Thursday, May 11 and will begin at 6:30 p. m. Preschool will have a moving up program Wednesday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

The last week of school will be lots of science experiments and water activities. Pre-K class will have a class picnic the last day of school. Our families are starting to enroll for our Preschool Camp that will take place in July. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Chastity at cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org.

I want to thank all the families and preschool staff for a fantastic school year! The Staff and Children at the Hillside Preschool want to send a heartfelt Thank You to Hillside Church for the use of this wonderful facility and all your kindness that you have extended to us.

Dear Church Members, Thank you all for your prayers, kindness, visits, food and support during the illness and death of Paul Evans.

Sincerely, The family of Paul Evans & Mary

Hillside Family, We want you all to know how much we appreciate the as card and all the prayers for us during our difficult time that Waylon was in NICU. He is home and doing well. Please continue to pray for him and our family.

Eddie Melissa Hughes, John, Kasey, Kynleigh, Hadleigh & Waylon Hill

HILLSIDE JR/SR HIGH YOUTH Justin Dyehouse

The year is almost over but we still have the rest of May before the summer gets here and we have lots to look forward to in May. Over the month of April we studied the Pentecost and the New Church. We had the pleasure of hosting the incoming 5th graders to participate in youth on April 23 along with parents' night. It is always nice to be able to connect with the parents of our youth.

We are also getting ready for our 2017 youth mission trip to Puerto Rico. Another fundraiser is needed to fund the trip, so more info to follow soon.

Also we would like to acknowledge our 2017 graduates: Seth Robbins, Riley McConnell, Ethan Flaningam, Katie Owens, Beau Zeisler & Jaiden Scott. We as youth leaders want to congratulate you on your graduation. It has been a pleasure watching you grow into your faith.

GRADUATION SUNDAY 2017

On Sunday, May 21 we will honor our graduates from high school. If you know students who are graduating, please contact the church office and share their name so that we may have them in the bulletin that morning and present them with a gift during our time of appreciation. We will also list in the bulletin any recent graduates from college. Please submit their names to the office no later than Monday, May 15.

YOUNG BELIEVERS Kali Lance

This has been such a fun year for Young Believers! We finished our series of Encounter with Jesus by taking a walk on the Road to Emmaus. Our last night of Young Believers we gathered up at the cross & had fun celebrating that Jesus is always with us, we just have to look for Him. We also recognized our 5th graders who will be moving up to Youth Group. All kids are special, but this group holds a special place in Jeremy & I's heart. Not only is our daughter a part of this group, but these 5th graders have been the 1st group to be with Young Believers from 3rd-5th grade. It has been a true blessing to see them grow and develop their faith & we can't thank their parents enough for letting them be a part of Young Believers. Jeremy & I, along with our awesome volunteers, Jennifer Heavrin, Gen Clay, & Steve White; our Youth Group volunteers, Scott Ruesch, Ali Medler, & Blair Jackson want to say how proud we are & wish Hayley Lee, Calie Evans, Crystal Lance, Eli Kruse, Taylor Turpin, Kevin Ralph, Isaiah Ralph, Colton Hill, Ethan McDaniel, & Trenton Froeschke a job well done and good luck in Youth Group and Middle School next school year!



REGISTER TODAY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



Grab your telescopes and look to the stars **June 12 through 16** for *Galactic Starveyors*, an out-of-this-world experience where children discover that the God of the universe is also our personal God who loves each of us immeasurably.

Kids will begin each day at Worship Rally. From Worship Rally, kids will gather at the Starveyors Clubhouse where they will explore God's Word. Each day kids will encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation, as well as make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks, sing cool songs, and learn about missions. Then use the part about volunteering as the third paragraph.

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



Join Us
this Summer

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

It's Time for Summer Music: With April 23 being the choir's last Sunday to sing for a while, the summer music schedule will begin on April 30. While it's still a work in progress, we can tell you that Mike Watkins will be providing music on April 30 and Dan Robbins will be singing on May 7. Mother's Day will be very special this year, led by the children. The Junior Choir will be singing along with their special guests, their moms! The Southern Hollow Dulcimers will be leading the music for worship at the 8:30 service on May 21. And Pam Robison will be singing on May 28.

You may remember a young man, Austin Glover, friend of Zeke and Margaret Beard, who has sung for us in the past. This talented young man will sing for both first and second services on June 11 and August 6 this year. What a treat, and we are glad that he will be able to come!

The choir will return for Pentecost Sunday on June 4, and Penny Mason will be singing on June 25. We are also excited that some of our young singers will be singing during the summer. And beginning in late July, plans are underway for a men's chorus to begin rehearsing to sing in late August. All men of Hillside are invited to participate—please contact Sandy Nixon to volunteer for this very special group! More information will follow.

FRIENDS CLUB Amanda Miskell

Where has the year gone! We celebrated our last Friends Club on April 19, spending time at the park, celebrating our 2nd graders (Abby Carter, Claire Kruse, Macey Evans, Jaylynn McDaniel, Macey Lee, Gabe Hill, Jayden Jerrell, Avery Fletcher and Emma Collins) who will be moving up to Young Believers next year and welcoming in our Preschoolers (Addison Robbins, Addison Sievers, Isaiah Medler, Kennedy Peterson, A.J. Lee, Leah Velthouse, Jovi Holden, Grayson Ellis, and Tori Heavrin) who will be joining us next year as Kindergarteners. We also celebrated those who had perfect attendance for the year. Congratulations to Clay Lance, Brylee Ellis and Susan Carey!

Friends Club is only successful because of our great kids that show up each week and their parents' dedication to bringing them, so THANK YOU, AND because of our AWESOME volunteers each week! So a HUGE THANK YOU to Janelle Zeisler, Amy Evans, Pat and Tiffany Dicus, John Hubbard, Susan Carey, and Abby Collins! We also had several youth leaders that helped out this year, so THANK YOU to Jaleigh White, Matthew Ruesch, Morgan Zeisler, Kayci Donnelly, Jacob Robbins, and Ali Medler!

It has been a pleasure getting to love on these kids each week and teach them from His Word! It always amazes me how much a child can grow in their faith in just a year and I am so thankful that I get to be a part of it!

DON'T FORGET about our Mother's Day service on May 14 at 9:30a.m. Any Friends Clubber wanting to participate needs to come to our practices on May 5 and May 10 @ 6:00 p.m. We will meet up by the stage in the worship center.

THE AFTERGLOW OF EASTER Pastor Chris

An afterglow is defined as the light or radiance in the sky remaining after the sun has set, or good feelings remaining after a pleasurable or successful experience. As a church, the build-up to Easter can be both difficult and powerful. The range of emotions we experience is broad and deep – joy, pain, suffering, sacrifice, betrayal, anguish, doubt, fear, relief, anxiousness, hopefulness, optimism, etc. We are an Easter people, which means we should live in the afterglow of the Son because the Son did not just set, the Son arose. The Light of the World shines for all to see.

As I reflect on the Easter season, I am in awe of the journey we have taken together these past few weeks. Numerous programs, worship experiences, baptisms, reaffirmations, new members received, and joyous celebrations with song and praise. We have walked together and served with one another.

I am grateful for the numerous volunteers who give generously of their time to help make all of our activities, programs, and experiences possible. I'm going to attempt to list all of the areas in which people served this Lenten season: nursery, toddlers, children's church, Sunday school, Little Friends Club, Friends Club, Young Believers, adult small groups, 412 Youth Group, youth meals, Family Builders, Second Monday meal, Easter meal, Easter brunch, Sunday refreshments, choir, junior choir, praise team, sound techs, worship computer, video, drama readers, liturgists, acolytes, pianists, flute, set-up, tear-down, baptismal preparation, mowing, trimming, cleaning, children's moments, worship planning, Lenten studies, communion, and I'm sure there is even more. Approximately 200 volunteers engaged in ministry and mission. Wow! Does that number overwhelm you as well?

"Thank you" seems like such a small thing to say in the midst of such commitment and service. You are the afterglow of Easter! You are the light that continues to shine as you continue to walk with Jesus daily. You are the living expression of the risen body of Christ. Thank you for your commitment to our church and to our God. Thank you for putting into practice our mission to Love God, Serve others, Grow in Christ, and Go live out our faith as we grow into our vision to become a center of hope in our community as we reflect the love of Christ. That reflection is the afterglow! While we cannot do everything individually, together we can accomplish great things for the Kingdom.
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CAN YOU SEW? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DOING MISSION WORK? DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME?

Join us on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. as we come together for an information meeting about this project.

We are working on the Christmas Shoebox Ministry throughout this year. Last year we made 200+ cloth drawstring bags for children to carry their supplies in.

We are currently working on bags and pillowcase dresses (only using fabric and not pillowcases) for this year. We are also looking at making a couple of other items. We still have a small amount of fabric left and a lot of thread and patterns to work off of. We thought it would be fun to have a sewing day at church maybe once a month. Or you might prefer doing your sewing at home.

If you have fabric you would like to donate that would be usable for our project, please let the office know before you bring it to the church. We are using fabric suitable for clothing and some light weight canvases, also towels that might be worn in areas that we can cut into pieces for another project we are working on. Any questions either contact church office or Jeannie Robbins 812 779-6227.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

For the month of May, we will be collecting girls' clothing. Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14. Here is a list of items that will help fill our girl clothing tote: girls' underwear and girls' socks. We will be collecting these items all month long. Place your items in the green tub at the entrance in the lobby. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

FYI: Didn't do too good on the boys' underwear & socks. You can still donate these also.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY

Jenny White

April was a fun and busy month in Little Lambs. We had fun making treats for Easter, baptism and celebrating children that will be moving up in our programs at Hillside.

In the nursery, on Easter morning, we celebrated the baptism of Deacon Jennings, son of Clara McConnell and Zach Cowling. We are so honored at Hillside to be a part of these sacred events in a child's life. Kasey and Jon Hill brought their son Waylon for his first visit to the nursery. Waylon's big sister, Hadleigh, transitioned to the toddler room. Thank you for sharing your children with us and letting us be a part of their circle of influence.

In the toddler room, we enjoyed making resurrection rolls on Wednesday night with our kids and again on Easter morning. The kids enjoyed engaging their senses with making the rolls which entailed rolling marshmallows in butter, cinnamon and sugar and rolling it up in a crescent roll. It was then baked and then they discovered that the marshmallow was gone and the crescent roll was empty just as the tomb on Easter morning. The best part was eating the fun treat.

On April 19, our last Wednesday night until the fall, we celebrated with fun play outside and a favorite snack of Jell-O.

We had five children that will be going to Little Friends Club next year. We are so excited for them. Congratulations to Callen Bloebaum, Addi Collins, Rylee Collins, Graeme Velthouse, and Charlotte Williams. These children were presented with a gift and went to visit Little Friends Club to meet their new friends and leaders.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like more information about nursery and toddler room, please contact Jenny White at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org

Well done, Hillside! May your faith and commitment strengthen others as their faith and commitment strengthens you. Well done!

MOTHER DAUGHTER SLEEPOVER

Moms, our days are busy and our children grow quickly. Wouldn't you love an opportunity to spend an evening with your daughter pampering, laughing, and celebrating the special bond that God created between moms and their girls? Don't miss the Mother/Daughter Sleepover at Hillside UMC on Friday, May 12. Arrive at 7 p.m. for a time of devotion, baking, pampering, games, and more. Bring your sleeping bag/blow-up mattress and wake up Saturday morning to a delicious breakfast at 7:00 a.m prepared by some Men of Hillside. For more information, contact Amy Evans at 812-664-1683.

To all those who participated in the celebration of OmaDale Halwes' last days and the funeral service, my brother Larry and I wish to give our sincere thanks for everything. To those who spent hours visiting with her; the nurses who provided wonderful care during her hospital stay at Gibson General and at Gateway Hospital were all wonderful. Thanks to Dr. Brink and Dr. Jordan for their comforting words to her, the staff of River Oaks Nursing home for their care during the 4½ years. The funeral service led by Pastor Chris and her long time Pastor Jarmon Perkins was very meaningful and blessed by God on a clear sunny day. Finally the meal after the funeral at the church was excellent. OmaDale was aware of her condition. She appreciated all those mentioned above and, as always, was very grateful for her care.

Thank you all very much, Sharon Eifert and Larry Halwes

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

The Women's Outreach will meet May 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. We will enjoy fellowship, have a devotion and prepare cards to be mailed. Then we will enjoy a lunch at The Broadway House Bistro, leaving the church about 11:15 a.m. Please join us. Our next meeting will be September 22 at 9:30 a.m.

HILLSIDE MEN Matt Robbins

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet for a delicious breakfast on May 13 at 7:30 a.m. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! Questions: Matt Robbins at 812-664-0268.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY BUILDERS

Terri and I would like to thank everyone for their support and fellowship during the past 16 years. We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you and getting to know you. We are hanging our aprons up, this is our last year. We have had lots of helpers through the years: Joyce Sharrett, Lesa Stott, Tammy Harbison, Carrie Koch, Maddy Mitchem, Roy Stewart, and others. We also will miss all the fun we have had working together in the kitchen.

We are excited to announce that Amy and Tommy Evans will be taking over in September. There will be more information in a later newsletter.

Hope you have a good summer.

Good bye and thank you,
Kitchen Crew

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

"CARING FOR KIDS" will start May 30 and end on August 3. We provide a balanced lunch for all children up thru 18 years of age. We will continue with the locations from last summer (Lafayette Park, Head Start on Ford St, Princeton Creek Apts. and St Joseph School). The meals are served on Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30-12:30 p.m. at each location. Meals are prepared in our kitchen and delivered to the 4 sites.

Hillside is making it our mission to reach out beyond ourselves. This is a great opportunity to serve others. We need 10-12 people each Tuesday and Thursday. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour plus time to drive to location. If you enjoy children and can hand out food items we have a spot for you. It isn't required to be there each meal. We can use you as often as you can work. We have some volunteers from other churches. Last year Hillside had 4+ volunteers. Some of the community volunteers will not be available this year due to family needs.

It is a state requirement that all the volunteers attend a training. It will be held at Hillside UMC on Thursday, May 4, 6-7 p.m. Also, Hillside requires a current child safety check if you will be directly involved with the children. The charge for this is \$21.

Please prayerfully consider if this might be one way you can reach out and share God's love. Please contact Jeannie Robbins 812-779-6227, Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Susan Carey at church for further information or to add your name to our list.

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