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HILLSIDE

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

March 2018

UPCOMING SERMONS

Lenten Series "I Am"

March 4	"I Am the Vine"	
March 11	"I Am The Bread of Life"	
March 18	"I Am The Good Shepherd"	
March 25	"I Am The Way, The Truth, The Life"	
March 29	"I Am The Example"	Maundy Thursday Service
March 30	"I Am Thirsty & It Is Finished"	Good Friday Service

LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

As we explore safety measures to ensure that our church building is secure, we need your help in the meantime. Many of our Hillside kids are very comfortable with the church building, which is great! However, it is so important that kids are either signed in to their appropriate programs OR with their parent/guardian at all times both on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Please help us keep our kids safe; if you see an unaccompanied child, please redirect that child either to their parents or their program. Our kids' safety takes priority over our convenience.

Would you like to order an Easter Lily in memory of someone? 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 19, 2018.

In Memory of _____

By _____

Make checks payable to Hillside Church

THE BETTY SMITH/HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 **March 31, 2018**. Please indicate "Scholarship Committee" on the outside of the envelope.

PLEASE PICK UP APPLICATION FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

It's time to start the donation process again. This year our goal is 300 boxes. The month of March we will be collecting boy clothing. This is boy's underwear and socks, sizes toddler to teenager.

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

STORAGE ROOM UPSTAIRS BEHIND SCREEN

The storage area is now cleaned and organized. Our request from everyone (including the ones who cleaned it) is to please put items back where you got them from. Everything is marked and everything has its place. There should be nothing left out.

Since storage is not plentiful at Hillside we need to make sure we all work together in keeping it organized.

Thanks!!

HILLSIDE SAFE SITTER® CLASS

Hillside will offer Safe Sitter® classes to students in the community in grades 6-8 to prepare students to be safe when they are alone watching younger siblings or babysitting. Students will learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who is choking and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice choking rescue. Upon completion of Safe Sitter® course, students who attend Hillside will have the opportunity to serve in Hillside Little Lambs. For those students interested, save the dates April 8 & 15, 2018 at 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Attendance to both dates is necessary for completion of course. For more information or questions, please contact Jenny White @ jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.



A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR Sandy Nixon

Choir Musical: The adult and junior choirs will be singing the musical "Upon This Rock" on Palm Sunday, March 25 at the 8:30 service. This musical focuses on events in Christ's life during Holy Week but also looks at what those events mean to Christians as we go about our daily lives. We hope you will plan to attend. Please feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend with you. And please invite them to stay after the service ends and join the Hillside family in the morning refreshments which are provided every week.

Lenten Message Series: The choirs are working hard to find and sing songs which support the "I Am" messages planned by Chris and Susan. And we hope that you will remember to sing joyously on Sunday mornings in praise to God, as we have been commanded to do over 50 times in the Old and New Testaments!

Jr. Choir: The Jr. Choir members are learning the songs they will be singing on Palm Sunday and Easter. They will be joining the adult choir on some of the songs in the musical and on "Palm Sunday Hosannas," which will be the offertory on that day. And they will be singing a song of their own on Easter Sunday morning. They are a talented group of young people who work hard on their music and are a joy to work with! If you have a child who likes to sing and is beginning to learn to read, please bring them to Jr. Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. We would love to have them join in the singing!

From "Good News Music"

O Lord, you love us!
Why aren't we shouting?
We don't have to earn that love!
Why aren't we singing?
The stone's rolled away!
Why aren't we dancing to your good news music?

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

Do you ever struggle to find the right words to help your child understand what's happening in "big church"? We're here to help! In fact, we believe that kids can understand much more than when we give them credit for, and when we skip the parts of Jesus' story that aren't as pretty or don't feel so good, they get an incomplete story of God's love and Jesus' sacrifice for each of us. Use this guide to help you and your children understand what we celebrate during Holy Week.

Holy Week

This is the week before Easter Sunday. During this week, we remember Jesus' last days with his friends, the disciples, in Jerusalem. We also retell the stories of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday

One week before Easter, we remember the last time that Jesus traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, a festival that happened every year since Old Testament times. Crowds of people were excited to see Jesus and waved palms in his honor. They believed he was coming to be their king and rule the country.

Maundy Thursday

Some people call this The Last Supper. This is the day we remember Jesus' final meal with his friends. He knew he wouldn't see them again, so he shared everything he wanted them to know. He told them that the most important thing is to love others as he loved them and he modeled serving by washing their feet. We take communion on Maundy Thursday because this is when Jesus instructed his friends to remember him each time they broke bread and drank wine.

Good Friday

This is the day when Jesus was hung on a cross and died. Although this makes us feel sad, we remember that Jesus willingly gave his life so that we would be free from sin. He allowed himself to be captured, tried, and crucified so he could take the punishment for our sin. Jesus died for the good of our souls because He loves us that much. Good Friday services are often quiet and somber.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2018!

Get ready for an electrifyingly fun week **June 18th through 24th** as we explore how God wants us to live our lives FULLY ALIVE for Him! It's time to get AMPED about the gospel!



Of course, VBS doesn't run itself; in fact, each year we need approximately 40 volunteers to decorate, provide snacks, lead games and crafts, serve as group leaders, etc. What talent can you contribute this year to this great event that not only serves our Hillside kids but community children as well?

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

Dear Hillside, It is with deep appreciation I write to thank you for your support in providing weekend nutrition bags to many of our students. Week in and week out like clockwork, your volunteers bring 40 student bags filled with food items to help get these students through the weekend. Your commitment to service is quiet but very visible to these families. Please thank your volunteers and congregation for all you do in serving our community.

Sincerely, David McClary, PCIS Principal

Dear Hillside UMC, We're extremely grateful for the big way you've helped us reach our goal for the annual needs of our ministry! Thank you for seeing the value in our efforts as we seek to help troubled teens see the value in themselves!

God Bless You Each & All, Travis Johnson
United Methodist Youth Home

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.

2ND MONDAY MEALS

Ron & Gail Miller & Lisa Naas are stepping down following the May 14 meal from the 2nd Monday Meals. So we are searching for volunteers to take on this task of providing meals to the community one time a month. If you are interested or have questions please contact the church office (812-385-2910).

Duties would be putting a menu together, purchasing groceries, then fixing the meal. Monday of the meal get deliveries ready for the people who will be delivering.

CARING FOR KIDS

This program will be May 29 through August 2. We provide a balanced lunch for all children up thru 18 years of age. The meals are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will have the required training in April. 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 812-385-2910 for further information or to add your name to our list. ***This institution is an equal opportunity provider.***

Easter Sunday

This is a day of celebration as we remember that when the disciples went to visit Jesus' tomb, it was empty! Jesus was resurrected just as he said he would be. The empty tomb is proof that our sins are forgiven. This means that even though our bodies will die one day, we, too, will spend eternity with God. This is the good news of the Gospel!



March 25	8:30 & 10:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
March 29	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
March 30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday
March 31	Noon	Community Easter Luncheon
April 1	6:30 a.m.	Communion at the Cross
	8:30 a.m.	(weather permitting)
	9:45 a.m.	Easter Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	Breakfast will be served
		Easter Worship Service

FAMILY BUILDERS MEAL TIME

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.

March's Menu

March 7th-***Meatloaf Night***

Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll

March 14th-***Potato Bar Night***

Baked Potato, Taco Meat, BBQ Chicken, Broccoli, Chips & Cheese.

March 21st-***Breakfast Night***

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Hashbrown, Yogurt/Fruit Bar

March 28th-No Family Builders-Spring Break

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.

WIRED WEDNESDAY

Justin Dyehouse

Well we are getting back into the swing of things. We have spent the last few weeks staying at the church in various classrooms. We been looking at our relationship with God. We invite any 6th through 12th graders that aren't involved in Wednesday night activities to meet at the welcome center at 6 p.m.

LITTLE LAMBS

Jenny White

Little Lambs is where the foundation of faith begins for the smallest among us in the Nursery and Toddler Room. In March in the toddler room, we will be doing a new unit: *Donkey and the King*. Through the story, song, and play, we will be learning the many ways we can praise God with our voice to sing, our hands to raise high, and our feet that take us anywhere to praise Him. Our bible verse is *Psalm 100:2 Worship the Lord with gladness, come before Him, singing with joy.*

In the Nursery, we will be exploring sound with musical instruments. Children learn best through their senses, which engages discovery and wonder.

Nursery and Toddler Room are a safe place for children to explore and learn. As we are in the height still of flu season, please keep in mind the following guidelines that we follow for the protection of your child and other children. Please do not bring your child if he or she is having any health issues such as fever, current or within previous 24 hours, contagious infections (flu, strep, pink eye, Staph), vomiting or diarrhea, significant persistent nasal drainage green or yellow in color, any skin infection or unexplained rash, cough, common cold, or unusual or unexplained loss of appetite.

Little Lambs will be available during Holy week services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter during both 8:30 and 10:45 services. We begin check-in for children 15 minutes before service time. If you have any questions or would like more information about Little Lambs, please contact Jenny White jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

The 9th annual Valentine's Banquet took place on February 10th. We had a total of 155 people that came out to be our guests. We had 23 youth serving and 8 fifth graders in the kitchen. We had 42 kids in childcare with 10 college students that volunteered to watch them and 10 youth leaders. This was the first year we moved the K-5th graders across the street to the school gym. We can't thank everybody enough for their support with making this an amazing night. If you bought a dessert, you know that Hillside has some of the best bakers in town. We appreciate all the desserts and silent auction items donated. We have already started working on next year and have some surprises in store for our big tenth year. This year the profits, which totaled over \$5,000, go for sending not only our youth but also our elementary kids to church camp. Thank you, Hillside.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Chastity Braswell

February was a month filled with 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 celebrating reading around the world with Dr. Seuss. Then hold on to your seats! We will have lift off into space! The children will learn all about God's universe that he created. We have heard a little rumor that we might have a very tiny visitor on Saint Patricks' 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).

Our Open House Registration Night is March 15th, from 5:30-7:00. Your child must be 3 years of age to start preschool or 4 years to start pre-k. There are flyers in the church office if you are interested, or you can call Preschool Director Chastity Braswell at (812)-677-2462 or email cbraswell@hillsideprinceton.org.

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. We are looking forward to warm and sunshine days ahead but for now we are making the best of times inside. We have enjoyed festival games, Pictionary, songs and dance led by 412 Youth Praise Team, musical chairs, and creative drawing. 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 table in the back of the Worship Center at 5:20 p.m.; then at 5:50 p.m. the children will be signed in by leaders to their respective programs for the evening. If you have any questions about Kids In Motion or would like more information, please contact Jenny White jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (4-PreK)

Amy Evans

Little Friends Club is back at it and we are learning all about Jesus. The month of March will be learning that Jesus is wise, Jesus can change our lives, and Jesus is our savior. We will be taking off on March 28th for Spring Break.

FRIENDS CLUB (K-2nd Grade)

Amanda Miskell

February was a great month back from our Holiday/Winter Break! We will be continuing our Lent Journey through March in preparation of Easter.

March 7 ~ Jesus Speaks with Religious Teachers
March 14 ~ Jesus Calls Disciples
March 21 ~ Easter Lesson
March 28 ~ No Friends Club, Spring Break

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

We are so glad to be back in our Wednesday night routine at Young Believers! We all enjoyed a much-needed rest, but for the last two weeks have enjoyed digging into the Bible and the life of Jesus Christ. We are continuing to study what Jesus did while he was here on earth and what the purpose of his life was. We are making connections to how we are supposed to live our lives as Jesus did and applying that to what we are doing each day. The kids that come to Young Believers each week have such a great understanding of the Bible and I enjoy listening to them in the discussions with their small group leaders. It is an honor and a joy to be able to serve in this leadership position.

In the month of March, we are going to begin a coin collecting challenge to benefit the Flour and Oil fund. Each week we will collect a different coin beginning with pennies. At the end of the month, we will see how much we have collected and celebrate! Ms. Lori has also challenged each child to bring five different friends to Young Believers during the month of March. She has a surprise in store for those who rise to the challenge.

Important Dates:

March 26-30 Spring Break: No Young Believers
April 18 Last Young Believers for the School Year
May 13 Children's Service at 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH CAMP

This year the Valentine's Banquet proceeds will go to sending our kids to church camp. It has been a few years since the church has promoted and encouraged church camp, but we have had several that have continued to go each year. It's our belief that church camp can change and shape the lives of our young people. We will have information on signing up and the dates and cost very soon.

412 HILLSIDE YOUTH GROUP Justin Dyehouse

It is hard to believe that it's March! Hillside 412 youth have so many things to be thankful for. We have continued to have around 25-30 youth each week. We have been diving into God's word about having a relationship with Him. We just recently finished our series called "Close" and are looking forward to continuing what God has in store for us.

Since we had to cancel the winter retreat back in January, we re-schedule to March 9-11. The excitement is building; we can wait to get to Shakamak State Park. Our theme for the weekend is "Paused"; we want the youth and adults to pause our lives to grow our personal relationship with Christ. Please pray for hearts to soften, minds to open, and lives ready to be changed.

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

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, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5 for card signing, devotions and fellowship.

HILLSIDE MEN'S GROUP

All men are invited Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast & fellowship.