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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

Series	"Who Am I?"
May 6	"I Am God's Workmanship"
May 13	"I Am a Child of God"
	ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30 A.M. Mother's Day
May 20	"I Am an Ambassador"
May 27	"I Am a Citizen of Heaven"

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.



Mark your calendars!

Father's Day Service

Sunday, June 17, 2018

9:30 a.m.

One Service Only

Followed by Pot Luck Meal

Church will provide BBQ

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The month of May we will be collecting toys for younger children. Here is a list of items that will help fill our toy tote: small stuffed animals, jump ropes, girls' dress up jewelry, girls dress up hair items, small puzzles, small dolls, small cars, small trucks, small balls, yo-yos, small Etch e Sketch, marbles, tennis balls. We will be collecting these items all month long. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.



NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

HILLSIDE SINGING MEN: Brought back by popular demand, the Hillside Singing Men will regroup and work on music for the joint service on Father's Day, June 17! All Hillside men and their sons, grandsons, nephews, and the rest of the men in the family are invited and encouraged to participate. We will have three Wednesday night practices at 7:00 pm on May 30, June 6, and June 13. The songs we will work on will be at least somewhat familiar to almost everybody, and if they are not, we will help you to learn them! Gentlemen, believe me when I say that there is nothing as awesome and worship-inspiring than a large group of you singing praises in the worship of our Holy God! And we promise, it will also be fun and you will enjoy it! Please plan to participate. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Nixon at 812-677-0493.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Hillside's wonderful Junior Choir will be singing with their mothers during the special Mother's Day joint service on May 13 and also on the Neikirks' last Sunday on June 10. And in addition, there are several of the junior choir members who are working on special songs to sing for us during worship services in the coming months. For example, Addy Anderson and Grace Morris will sing for both services on May 6 and Jaylen White will sing a special as part of the Mother's Day service on May 13. And others of the choir are working toward specials during the summer months. You will want to be sure and hear them!

AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: And, of course, Hillside's Adult Choir will continue to lead the 8:30 service in worship during the next several weeks. We are sad that Dolli Neikirk will be leaving us to go with Chris to New Albany in June. Dolli has been a wonderful part of our choir, and she will be greatly missed! In her honor and at her request, the choir will sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water" on May 20. The choir will also sing on June 10 for the Neikirks' last Sunday with us.

Rhonda Bozakis will be leading music at 8:30 service on May 29, Memorial Sunday. This will be a Sunday off for the adult choir. Not only is it Memorial Day weekend, but there are also several graduations scheduled for the weekend which will affect choir members' availability to sing! But, as you all know, you will hear wonderful music by Rhonda on that day---perhaps she will even sing some of her original compositions!

GRADUATION SUNDAY 2018

On Sunday, May 20 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 14.

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 daughters? Don't miss the Mother/Daughter Sleepover at Hillside UMC on Friday, May 11. 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 a.m. prepared by Hillside Men. For more information, contact Amy Evans at 812-664-1683.



FAMILY BUILDERS

Tommy & Amy Evans

I can't believe the season is over. When God asked us to take this on, we were unsure about our decision, but everyone was so welcoming and we loved every minute of it. We want to thank Nick and Becky Medler, Lesa Stott, Scott and Janet Grable, Tammy Harbison, Roy Stewart and Brenda Witt. If it wasn't for you all and your servants' hearts, we wouldn't have been able to get through the nights. We will see you all in the Fall!

HILLSIDE YOUNG BELIEVERS 3RD-5TH GRADE Sarah Kruse

Well, another year of Young Believers has passed and I can't believe we are done already. I had so much fun with the kids this year, singing, dancing and learning about the life of Jesus! I am proud of the conversations and questions that the kids asked and the knowledge that they brought to our gatherings each week. I wish you all the best time this summer with lots of exciting adventures and time to just be kids. This group collected \$165.18 for the Flour & Oil Fund. Way to go kids! Thank you to our awesome small group leaders, who without you this year wouldn't have been successful. Thanks Alizah Cannon, Lori Frederick, Dusty Wilhite, Heather Ota, Abby Collins, Steve White, and Gen Clay. You are all amazing people.

FRIENDS CLUB K-2ND GRADE

Amanda Miskell

Another year of Friends Club has come and gone! We had a great year learning about the life of Jesus through song/dance/crafts/games/scripture and small group time! A HUGE thank you to our wonderful small group leaders: Janelle Zeisler and Jayme Williams (Kindergarten), Pat and Tiffany Dicus (First Grade), Carl and Leslie Harrison (Second Grade), Venus Guinto and Susan Carey.

**Don't forget May 2 & 9 Mother's Day practice
5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary.**

**Mark your calendars!
Mother's Day Service
Sunday, May 13, 2018
9:30 a.m.
One Service Only**

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 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).



MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Each year your missions committee is charged with distributing budgeted funds to organizations that exemplify the mission of the church and the goals of the mission committee. Your mission committee selected the following organizations to receive funds:

Evansville Youth Home (\$500)
North Gibson Education Foundation (\$500)
Lighthouse Recovery Center (\$500)
Kairos Ministry (\$500)
Charity: Water (\$500)
Ronald McDonald House (national organization) (\$500)

We will also begin collecting soda can tabs to support the local Ronald McDonald House in Evansville.

We believe that these organizations demonstrate our commitment to honor the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

If you would like more information about these organizations, feel free to contact any of your mission committee members: Janelle Zeisler, Bob & Victoria Heavrin, Tommy Evans, Brooke Young, Sarah Kruse, Scott Ruesch, and Jakob Robbins.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

We will be travelling to Morganfield, Ky to enjoy lunch at the Feed Mill Restaurant on Friday, May 18, 2018. We will have the pleasure of joining Marilou Goodson and her daughter Sharee Goodloe. Please inform the church office or Jeannie Robbins so we can set up car pooling. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., sign a few cards and then leave about 10:15a.m.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

The end of our school year is fast approaching and the staff and children are very excited about our Graduation Celebration. Graduation is Thursday, May 17 and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Preschool will have a moving up program Wednesday, May 16 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.

CARING FOR KIDS

"CARING FOR KIDS" will start May 29 and end on August 2. We provide a balanced lunch for all children up through 18 years of age. This year we will be serving at the following locations: Lafayette Park, Princeton Creek Apts., St Joseph School, and Princeton Fire Dept. Station 2 located on White Church Rd. The meals are served on Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30-12:30 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 Monday, May 7 from 6-7pm. We will schedule one additional training. Please contact us if you want to help, but cannot attend on May 7.

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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NEWS FROM STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

Hillside's Staff Parish committee announced Sunday, March 11 who our new pastor would be. His name is Curtis Bond. Curtis comes to us from Brookville United Methodist Church in Brookville, Indiana. Curtis and his wife Kay will be with us on July 1st. Please make an effort to attend the service on July 1st to meet and greet Curtis and Kay that morning. Prayers are requested for both Chris and Dolli and for Curtis and Kay for their new assignments.

For anyone who would like to send a greeting card to the new Pastor & his wife:

**Pastor Curtis Bond
156 E 8th St
Brookville, IN 47012
Email: Curtis.bond@inumc.org**

THANK YOU

Thank you to my family and friends who gave me a verbal wish, a text, card or attended my Open House for my 90th birthday celebration. You made my birthday special. Also, a special thank you to my son & daughter for hosting my celebration.

Wilma Easley-Richardson

Myself and my family would like to Thank everyone at Hillside for the prayers, cards and love during the difficult time of the passing of my Granny, Mary Lee. A special Thank You to those who helped prepare and deliver the bereavement dinner. I can't begin to tell you what a blessing (and how delicious) it was.

In Christ's Love, Amanda Miskell