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# April 2013

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| <b>7th</b>  | <b>“Give Us a King!”</b>       | <b>1 Samuel 12: 19-25</b>   |
| <b>14th</b> | <b>“The Drama of David”</b>    | <b>David Westfall</b>       |
| <b>21st</b> | <b>“Chosen, Fallen, Loved”</b> | <b>2 Samuel 12: 7-9, 13</b> |
| <b>28th</b> | <b>“The Big Reveal”</b>        | <b>Mark 10: 35-45</b>       |

# Hillside Happenings

Hillside Church  
A R.E.A.L. Place  
of Discovery



Greetings, Hillside family. As I told you a few short weeks ago, a new pastor has been appointed to our church. He is Pastor Chris Neikirk, and he is currently serving as an Associate Pastor at Methodist Temple in Evansville, just across the street from the University of Evansville. I've asked Pastor Chris to share a little about himself and his family with you.

Originally from Somerset, Kentucky, Chris is the youngest of three children. He received his BA from Western Kentucky University and MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary. Dolli is an only child and has lived her entire life in Evansville. Chris and Dolli will celebrate 7 years of marriage in May. Their blended family consists of five daughters: Amanda is 20, Chandler is 17, Alex is 16, Berkeley is 10, and Briley is 9. Because life with five kids is always moving, they love to travel as a family and recharge from life's hectic pace. Chris is a second-career pastor who believes that Jesus Christ is the Hope of the World! Chris, Dolli and the their girls are excited to begin this new chapter in their lives as they join the community of faith at Hillside UMC and participate in ministry to Princeton and the surrounding area. They covet your prayers as their family navigates this time of transition.

Pastor Chris and his family will be here in July and will attend his first worship service in our church on July 7. Pastor Kaitlin's last day is June 2, and Pastor Lisa's last day is June 23. You will be reading/hearing more about celebrating these comings/goings in the next few weeks, so keep your ears and eyes sharp.

I ask that you hold these families in your heart: pray for Pastor Chris and his family, and continue to pray fervently for Pastors Lisa and Kaitlin as they all work through this transition period. Please continue to show your full support for our church family by attending Sunday services and by asking if there is anything you can do to serve our Hillside community. Our strength is in our unity.

**Mary Hollars, SPRC Chair**



## An Update from The Finance Committee

\*Mortgage balance as of March 1 is \$1,053,774.

\*Since March has five Sundays, it isn't possible at this time to give a final giving report for March. However, we can say that with the five Sundays, we will have donated enough to make the April payment of \$10,660 without having to dip into our reserve. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

\*Giving to the general fund to date in March is \$27,960. Over the first 12 Sundays in 2013, giving is below what is needed to fund the budget by an average weekly shortfall of \$214. If we project for the year, we will be \$11,127 short of being able to fund our budget needs. Please help out as much as you can in your giving to the general fund. It would really be helpful if each of us would "make up" our giving for Sundays we can't be at church—just a thought!!

As always, thanks to everyone for your financial support, as well as your prayers for, your presence at, and your service to Hillside. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact Neil Eifert, finance chairperson, or Sandy Nixon, treasurer.

Who:	Finance Committee
What:	IPL Energy Audit Fundraiser
Why:	Church receives \$25 per submitted audit request
Details:	No cost to participants, only savings if recommendations are done by homeowner.
Needed:	Completed application to IPL (available from Neil Eifert)
For further information and home requirements, contact:	
	Neil Eifert, 386-6393 (home)      812-480-1493 (cell)
	neifert839@gmail.com

## 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?
5. Put your essay and application in a sealed envelope and drop it off in the Hillside Church office by April 15, 2013. Please indicate "Scholarship Committee" on the outside of the envelope.

**Please stop by the church office for a scholarship application.**

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 9 through June 12 2013 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Ages 3-11 (Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**VBS Kick-Off Family Meal**

**5 p.m. on June 9, 2013**

**Closing Ceremony on June 12, 2013**



***Tell it on the Mountain VBS*** will take us on an expedition to the top of four mountains and teach us more about God’s grace and Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Get excited to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, and *more*. Plus, you’ll learn all about Jesus, so that you can go TELL everyone about him!

**Here are areas we will need help in:**

Site Leaders for:

- ☺Crafts, Games      ☺Snacks              ☺Bible Challenge
- ☺Storytelling      ☺Worship              ☺Music              ☺Preschool

Expedition Leaders for Elementary and Preschool age children.

- ▶ Runners/Floaters                      ▶ Purchasing/organizing supplies
- ▶ Decorating, Running Errands      ▶ Greeters/guides
- ▶ Scheduler                                  ▶ Registration
- ▶ Audio/Visual tasks, Photography    ▶ Volunteer Leader

**Can’t wait to see you there!**

For more information contact Jenny White at 604-3469 or [jenewhite27@aol.com](mailto:jenewhite27@aol.com)

**News for the Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups—Kaitlin Moore**

**30 Hour Famine** will begin Saturday, April 13 at 8 a.m. We will have games & tribes with service lessons. Everything except food!

We will break our fast on April 14 at 9:30 a.m. with a church-wide pancake breakfast. Friends of the youth group can give a free-will offering for a pancake breakfast served by our youth. This is a great way to celebrate together!

For more information and sign up see Wendi Tingley or contact her at [wltingley@gmail.com](mailto:wltingley@gmail.com).

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**Mission trip** weekend this year will be to Kokomo, Indiana. Jr. and Sr. High will work with the same ministry on different weekends. Cost is \$75. Stay tuned for more information.

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**Orange Toilet Bowl**

We have orange spray painted toilets and aren't afraid to use them. People can pay \$10 to have this toilet placed in a fellow congregant’s yard. Once it's placed the congregant has to pay \$5 to have it removed or \$10 to send it along to someone else. You can buy toilet insurance for \$50 to avoid the atrocity in your front lawn.

Sign up will be April 7 & 14 in the church lobby. We will be delivering toilets starting April 15.

## **Sunday, April 14 we welcome David Westfall as King David**

From the greatest faithfulness to the worst failures, King David clung to God's mercy no matter what. The drama of King David is an incredibly story. We're excited David Westfall will return to worship with us as he captures the mood and music of King David with a dramatic presentation. If you heard David present "Tall Paul" last fall, you know we're in for a treat. Invite your friends and neighbors to be part of this powerful worship experience!

## **Hillside Rummage Sale**

Our second annual Rummage Sale is planned for Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please start sorting through your "stuff" so it can become another's "treasure."

We plan to try three features that we didn't offer last year:

- \* Hillside families can rent tables for \$8 each if they would prefer to sell their own "stuff." (Tables based on availability.)
- \* Sell sandwiches, chips, drinks, coffee and pastries.
- \* Open for "Early-bird" shoppers from 7-8 a.m. entry per shopper.

We plan to have a Bake Sale and may ask for your favorite bake sale item!

Anyone willing to help mark prices, arrange items on tables, assist at cashier tables, set up and take down tables, etc., is asked to contact Pam Robison at 677-1124.

Thank you for your steadfast love and willingness to participate!  
Pam Robison, Nancy Griffith, Brenda Witt and Jeannie Robbins.

## **Caring for Kids**

Hillside has become the sponsor for the Summer Food Service Program, along with the generous support of many churches and organizations in the Gibson County Area. This a federal program run by the state. Formally known as Mission Nutrition, the "Caring for Kids" will run May 28 through August 8. We will provide a balanced lunch for all children up to 18 years old.

We have secured the following locations: Princeton Head Start, Princeton Creek Apts. and Patoka United Methodist Church. The meal will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at each location.

We are recruiting volunteers to help prepare the meals on Monday and Wednesday evenings and to deliver and serve the meals on Tuesday and Thursdays. We would like to have enough volunteers to rotate teams. All churches in the area are being asked to join with us.

It is a state requirement that all the volunteers attend a training. We have scheduled Tuesday, April 9 or Monday, May 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. Hillside requires we do the background check if you will be directly involved with the children. There is a \$21 fee for this.

Please prayerfully consider where you can help with this project. We are accepting donations to help purchase food and supplies. We will be reimbursed for meals served, but not until after the middle of July. Please contact Jeannie Robbins at 779-6227 for further information or to add your name to our list.

**This is a government program from the USDA which is an equal opportunity provider and employer.**

**From Your Pastor—Rev. Lisa Schubert Nowling**  
**“Lookin’ Good!”**

Hillside Church is getting a new look, and we couldn’t be more excited. On April 28, we will unveil our new logo and design with a time of celebration in worship and between services.

Almost a year ago, a team from Hillside applied for a matching communications grant from the Center for Congregations. The grant allowed us to team up with Fishhook, a design firm specializing in church marketing. The tagline for Fishhook is “catch more,” meaning they empower churches to attract more people by proclaiming the good news in their communities. The Hillside team, led by Margaret Hughes, has worked closely with Fishhook on a new logo, bulletin and newsletter design, worship slides, and website. We can’t wait to share them with you!

In many ways, this process has been like getting a new hair cut. When you get a new hairdo, it doesn’t fundamentally alter who you are as a person. Neither will this new look change who we are as Hillside Church. A new haircut can, however, make you look more attractive and boost your confidence with those around you. Likewise, we’re hoping this new design causes more people to notice Hillside and the great ministries of this congregation. We want our new look to proclaim to the community who we already are and who we aspire to be.

We’ll be offering a small give-away on April 28, and we’ll be encouraging the congregation to purchase new Hillside T-shirts for \$8. We hope you’ll wear them at the gym, the ballpark, the county fair, and simply around town as a way to promote who we are. Most of all, we hope you’ll be proud to share the good word about Hillside Church with everyone you meet.



*Spring Salad Bar*

**Hillside UMC Annual Salad Bar**

- ◆ May 3, 2013
- ◆ 11a.m. – 1 p.m.
- ◆ Cost is \$7 each

It is time to prepare for the ‘world renowned’ salad bar. (Well maybe not world but at least the Princeton area!!)

We have served over 500 people in the past years, using over 100 salads, 20+ boxes of crackers, 40+ desserts and at least 25 workers. With that in mind, please offer your services in some way to assure that this year’s fundraiser will be as successful as in years past. The money raised will go toward any special needs of the church or toward the principal of the mortgage.

The sign-up sheets will be at the back of the worship center. We will need a variety of salads, deviled eggs, ingredients to make chicken, taco and tuna salad, along with desserts and crackers (not the Saltine kind). Also Conway ham salad and cheese spread sheets will be there.

Please share your gifts towards this church-wide fundraiser. For those who would like to help but work during the day, we will make several salads on Thursday, May 2 at the church. We would love to have you helping.

Contact the office at 385-2910 or Jeannie Robbins at 779-6227.

**Landscaping Team**

The Trustees are in need of some help. The Landscaping Team could use a few good people. Experience with yard work is not necessary. Twice a year they could use help and occasionally throughout the summer. Let the church office know so the church can continue to look its very best: 385-2910. Leon Stone, Chair of Trustees

Thank you to the ladies who cleaned all the chairs in the worship center!

## April Menu for Wednesday

### Family Night Meals

**3rd** Ham/Pineapple casserole, Rice, Bread, Salad

**10th** BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Corn, Salad

**17th** Chicken Pot Pie, Bread, Salad

**24th** Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad

(Last Meal until Fall)

Tea, Fruit Drink,

Desserts

\$3.50 each

Preschool children  
and under: FREE

Tickets for 10  
meals-\$30

The Family Builder's Wednesday night meals will finish at the end of April for this school year. We want to thank you for your support and fellowship the past 9 months. We have enjoyed this opportunity to serve and hope you will come back in the fall. Terri and I enjoy the fellowship of those who volunteered weekly: Joyce, Carrie, Aaron, and Craig and those that fill in when needed. Thanks to everyone who has helped in anyway. We are also thankful for the SAS class who has provided desserts one Wednesday each month and for the others who have brought in desserts. (this seems to be the favorite part of the meal!!!!)

The weekly meals have continued to break even most of the time. We have added a lettuce salad with some fixings every week. We are trying to respond to the surveys that were turned in last year and watching which meals bring in the crowds. Please feel free to make any other suggestions or comments on how we can make the meal better or healthier.

Hope you have a good summer and plan to see you in September.

**Thank you, Terri and Jeannie**

### 2nd Monday Meal on Monday, April 8 at 4 p.m.

This is a great ministry of Hillside Church, and we help so many people for our community.

**We are in need of people to help make deliveries.** We appreciate your help with this meal! Please contact Penny Mason at 779-7322.

## News from the Child Care Center—Karen McDonald

The month of March was a very exciting one for the Preschool. We had a surprise visit from a leprechaun and Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny! The children had a lot of fun at their Easter parties and egg hunts. The staff also enjoyed a week of Spring Break.

April will be a busy month for us as we plan for our closing/graduation program. The teachers will also be holding Parent /Teacher conferences and the staff will be attending an Early Childhood Education Conference in Indianapolis. On Friday, April 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hillside Church, the Preschool will be hosting a children's art show/ basket auction as our spring fundraiser. The admission is \$1.00 per adult plus a canned good. We will be donating the canned goods to the Salvation Army. We will be serving cookies, tea and lemonade. Everyone is invited to come out and see the children's art work and enjoy a time of fellowship.

We are taking enrollment for our Summer Fun program. We still have a few spots left. Our theme for this year is "Around the World in 10 Weeks." We are planning activities that center around learning about different cultures, customs and food from around the world. Summer Fun starts Tuesday, May 28 and ends Friday, August 2. The Summer Fun program accepts children ages 3 thru 12 and is open 5 days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The children and staff are eager and ready for spring weather. We are hoping we have seen the last of the snow until next winter.



Look at the reactions of some of the kids when Ms. Karen was upset with them about their messy room! They found out the leprechauns were there on St. Patty's Day and they made the mess!