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HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS



July 2014

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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



FROM YOUR PASTOR...

The small fishing boat rocked back and forth among the waves of the lake. The passengers had been here before. The skies grew darker and darker, the wind rushed through the canyon causing the water to become choppy and the waves to become rougher and rougher. The region was known for unexpected storms and you did not want to get caught out in the middle of the lake when one popped up. But, that is where the passengers found themselves, in the middle of the lake – too far out to turn back yet not close enough to make it to the other shore. Their only hope was to ride the storm out on the sea and pray that they didn't capsize. They clung to the sides of the boat as the storm raged.

Doesn't that scenario describe our lives at one point or another? We can see that the storm is coming and we anticipate its affects, yet all we can do is hold on and hope that we can ride it out. We have too much invested to back out, yet we are not quite sure we have the ability to make it to the other side. Some of these storms result from our own poor choices, while others just pop up unexpectedly and are beyond our control. So we grit our teeth and wait, praying the waves are not large enough to capsize our boat.

The first scenario describes a literal situation the disciples found themselves in, twice. The first time, Jesus was asleep in the bow of the boat. While they worried and fretted, Jesus slept. As a last resort, they woke Jesus up, perhaps just so he could worry with them. Jesus' response, "You of little faith. Why do you worry?" And he commanded the wind and waves to stop. The storm ceased and they were dumbfounded. "Even the wind and water listen to him!"

The second time, they peered off in the distance and saw a blurry figure like a ghost coming toward them. They were really scared now. One of them adjusted his eyes and believed it was Jesus. Peter shouted, "Master, if it's you, command me to come to you." Then Peter got out of the boat and began walking on the water toward Jesus.

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

News from the Finance committee is that we are continuing with bi-monthly payments and that the loan balance is inching toward \$800,000. Details were summarized by Pastor Chris this past Sunday and in the previous bulletin.

The weekly statement of the giving to date vs the budget required is a good summary of the yearly giving. Even though the actual giving to date is a bit less than the budgeted numbers, the spending is less than the actual giving. Note that some major items such as the lobby carpeting have been entered into the expenses already.

Thanks to the fund raisers, the Horn of Plenty has applied those dollars toward the debt. This and the fact that a Sunday service was cancelled due to the weather and summer attendance tends to be lower, we are looking for good things for the rest of the year. There is always room for catch-up.

The finance committee is beginning the process of setting the budget for 2015.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We would like to thank everyone who prayed or made a donation to the Jr./Sr. high youth mission trip. We had a great time at Topsail NC. Our project was to help an elderly woman who has cancer. We built a wheelchair ramp in the front of the house and a deck on the back to help her get around easier. We also worked along side a youth group from Florida that we grew really close to and hope to continue that relationship in the future. Again, thank you so much for the support and prayers.

Be sure to check out www.hillsideprinceton.org for pictures of our trip.

Justin, Janelle, Hannah, Chandler, Kali, Ashleigh,
Seth, Connor, Riley, and Drake

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR

Thanks to all who helped with music in June! And we have music scheduled for July that we hope you will enjoy! Here is what you can expect at the 8:30 service:

- July 6: Pam Robison. Pam will be helping us celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with some special patriotic songs. Steve Nixon will also be on hand as a song leader.
- July 13: Debbie Seaton. Debbie has visited us before. She is the mother of Ryan Seaton, who leads a gospel group called Union Street. His talent must come from his mother! And our own Penny and Greg Mason will be serving as song leaders for the day.
- July 20: Roseann and Darby Smith. The Smiths are a husband and wife duo from Vincennes who sing for a lot of churches and have been highly recommended!
- July 27: Toni Kohlmeyer. We have an abundance of Hillside talent for today. In addition to Toni with her beautiful voice, Rhonda Bozikis will be accompanying her, and Susan Woods and Mike Watkins will also be assisting as song leaders for the day!

You won't want to miss any of these Sundays for sure!! Hope that you will plan to worship every Sunday at Hillside!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE WILL BE HAVING A FALL FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1. IT WILL BE A FUN TIME FOR ALL AGES!

FROM YOUR PASTOR... (CONTINUED)

The wind and waves echoed, Peter lost his focus, took his eyes off Jesus, began to sink, and cried out to Jesus. Jesus reached down, lifted Peter back up and they made their way back into the boat.

There are many lessons to be learned from these stories. Life is full of storms, both literal and theoretical. As disciples of Jesus, we must remember that he is with us and our first response should be to turn to Jesus rather than wait until all hope seems lost. Also, it is imperative that we keep our eyes affixed on Jesus even as the wind whips and the waves soar lest we sink. Jesus is our refuge and savior in the midst of life's storms. Praise God we are not alone.

Be blessed, Pastor Chris

Summer Series "Heroes of Old"

- July 6** "Joshua: Ankle Deep"
Joshua 3:5-8, 14-17
- July 13** "Mephibosheth: The Master's Table"
2 Samuel 9:3-11
- July 20** "Gideon: You Talkin' to Me?"
Judges 6:1-6, 12-16
- July 27** Guest Speaker



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL 2014

Greetings, Hillside Family!

You've heard those words come from my mouth a few times over the past 2½ years, as your Staff Parish Relations Chairperson. There have been positive announcements, like the ones I made when we welcomed Pastor Chris & his family and more recently when we welcomed Susan Carey and her family into our loving Hillside family. And then there was the announcement that I made regarding Pastor Lisa's move from Princeton to Muncie – bittersweet, since she was moving to be closer to her husband, Colin.

This time it is with a heavy heart that I share with you that Mike and I will be moving from Princeton and heading to Bloomington in mid-July. We are in the process of selling our house here in Princeton – we built it 30 years ago - and we will build our new home in Bloomington, while we rent an apartment there for a few months. Mike and I met at IU, and much of his family still lives there, so it's like going home. As a matter of fact, we'll be able to spend more time with his 93-year-old Mother, Eva, who lives in assisted living. And our children (Autumn & Shawn) and their families live in Indianapolis, so we'll be able to visit and see our grandchildren more often.

As for the Staff Parish Committee, Susan Woods will assume the Chair responsibilities with assistance from the rest of the team members, and Steve Nixon has agreed to take my place at least through the rest of this year. These folks will do a wonderful job of continuing to care for our pastor, our staff, and our congregation.

I have a special place in my heart for Hillside Church and for all of you, and I'll carry some very special memories with me as we move into the next phase of our life. As you know, the choir has been a huge part of my life, and I'll miss singing and fellowshiping under the direction of my dear friend, Sandy Nixon. If any of you have been hesitant to join this wonderful choir, DON'T BE! You will love and be loved by these very special folks the moment you walk onto the stage.

I hope to see you before I leave so I can give you a big hug. Thank you for your prayers for our safe journey, and may God be with each and every one of you. Mary Hollars

RELAY FOR LIFE THANK-YOU AND UPDATE

The Hillside Relay for Life team would like to thank everyone for supporting our efforts to raise money to find a cure for cancer. So far our team has raised \$3,568 which put us in 5th place among the 34 Gibson County Relay Teams. Relay for Life fundraising is a year-round effort peaking with the Relay event in early June. For the 2014 season, which ends in August, Gibson County has raised \$77,018 toward their goal of \$105,500. Some teams are continuing fundraisers toward this goal. The Hillside Team can still accept 2014 contributions.

We are also making plans to recruit the 2015 team starting this September and possible fall fundraisers. This year in addition to supporting our team, Hillside members have helped with the County Relay Committee and several other teams such as The Beelievers, Kohlmeyer Farms, The Basket Cases, Team-Tigers, and others.

To make a 2014 contribution or to express an interest in or suggestion for the 2015 Hillside Team please contact Co-Captains Jenny White at (812) 604-3649 jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org or Ron Miller at (812) 779-6174 rgmiller@twc.com. Thanks again for everything Hillside Members have done to help find a cure for cancer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

This is a reminder to please let the church office know if someone has been or is currently in the hospital, rehab or has any illness or injury situation. Repeated reminders can't hurt either! We want each person to know they are appreciated, cared for, and prayed for, and the only way we can reach out to them is if we know there is a need.

THANK YOU

Dear Hillside UMC, I very much appreciate your hosting the Cover Indiana Habitat for Humanity bike riders on Sunday, May 11. What a beautiful and hospitable facility you have, and you are so gracious to open it up for us. Michael

Hillside Church Family,
Thank you so much for the picture frame and all of the support! Also thank you very much for awarding me one of the Betty Smith/Hillside Church scholarships. It's great to have the support of my church family, as I begin my education at Ball State. Evan Thomas

Hillside Family, Thank you for contributing to my education. I will be attending V.U. for 2 years for multi-media broadcasting. This donation will be extremely helpful as I am about to move out and start college. Dillon Hoke

It means so much to me to be awarded this scholarship, especially since I've grown up in this church. It's comforting to know that Hillside will still be with me & supporting me in the next chapters of my life. Thank you so much! Hannah Sollars

Summer Fun is in full swing. We went on our first field trip to Pump it Up and had a great time. We keep the children busy with crafts, games, water fun, and so much more. Swimming days are ahead and a field trip to Swonder Ice Arena have the children very excited.

At our bible story time the children are learning all about Creation in seven days. They have stories, crafts, games, and sometimes special snack to go along with their Bible story. The month of July we are going to have Bible verse challenge. Each child can memorize a verse a day and whoever memorizes the most will get a surprise.

It is that time of the year to gear up for our 2014/2015 Preschool Year. If you know of anybody looking for a great preschool have them call us. We have Preschool for 3-4 year olds Monday-Wednesday and Pre-K for 4-5 year olds Monday-Thursday. We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe 4th of July. God Bless America!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A BLAST!

Vacation Bible School was enjoyable for all, the children who attended and all who volunteer. A big thank you to the congregation for your support of Vacation Bible School. It was a huge success! God was working during this week with the children and caregivers that came through our doors with a top night of 72 kids and approximately 60-64 kids the other nights, the lessons learned, songs sang, Scriptures recited, new friends made, and with our mission project of collecting money for Flour and Oil Fund with total amount raised of \$905.31. Thank you to all that donated your time, talents, and treasures to make this event happen and your prayers over this event. We serve an awesome God and what a blessing it is to serve at Hillside Church.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

Newsflash - parenting is really hard. When I am having a particularly difficult moment with one of my girls, I turn to this 'Parenting Love Audit' created by Jill Savage, mother of five, author, and founder of Hearts at Home. Based on 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, this activity reminds me that God wants my love for my children to reflect His love.

- ◆ *Love is patient.* Am I patient with my child who is so different than I am?
- ◆ *Love is kind.* Am I kind when it takes my child twice the amount of time to do something than I think it should?
- ◆ *Love does not envy.* Do I wish my child were more like someone else's child?
- ◆ *Love does not boast.* Am I quick to share what my child does well or hide areas when my child doesn't seem to measure up?
- ◆ *Love is not proud.* Am I hesitant to share how I'm really doing or how my child is really doing out of a fear of what people will think?
- ◆ *Love does not dishonor others.* Do I ever dishonor my child, demanding that he be someone other than the unique person God has made him to be?
- ◆ *Love is not self-seeking.* Am I ever selfish in my interactions with my child?
- ◆ *Love is not easily angered.* How much energy do I waste being angry at my child?
- ◆ *Love keeps no record of wrongs.* Do I have an ongoing list in my head about everything my child has done wrong?
- ◆ *Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth.* Do I keep my mind focused on God's truth about my child?
- ◆ *Love protects.* Do I protect this unique human being God entrusted to me even when he challenges my authority?

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES—Cont.

- ◆ *Love trusts.* Do I trust that God has a bigger picture in mind for this child's life?
- ◆ *Love hopes.* Do I hope and believe the best for this child, or do I dread what tomorrow might bring?
- ◆ *Love perseveres.* Do I keep my mind on the future possibilities rather than focusing on the difficulties and challenges I'm dealing with today?

I want to love my children as God's word instructs. Checking my own attitudes and behaviors in light of 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 is a good place to start.

Susan J Carey s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org

FROM YOUR MISSION TEAM

The mission team has picked 10 organizations to donate money to from our 2014 mission budget (\$6,000), and they are in no particular order. Hearts For Haiti, Hillside youth, Habitat For Humanity, Salvation Army, Doulous Ministries, Nothingbutnets.net, Mission Guatemala, United Methodist youth home, One Mission, and World Vision.

Our mission team is looking for input for flour and oil fund for individuals or families. All inquiries need to be confidential and will be kept confidential also! Please contact Greg Mason at gregmason@twc.com or Brenda in the church office.

Speaking of flour and oil fund our VBS just ended this week and they collected money \$905.31, now that is AWESOME!!. God is working in our church even through our children.

BAPTISMAL

We ask that you please do not toss coins in the baptismal. The coins create a reaction to the chemical used to keep it clean. Also we have to drain it just to remove the coins and that takes lots of water. If you have extra coins, a good place for them would be the Flour and Oil Fund box!