

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**November 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



**A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

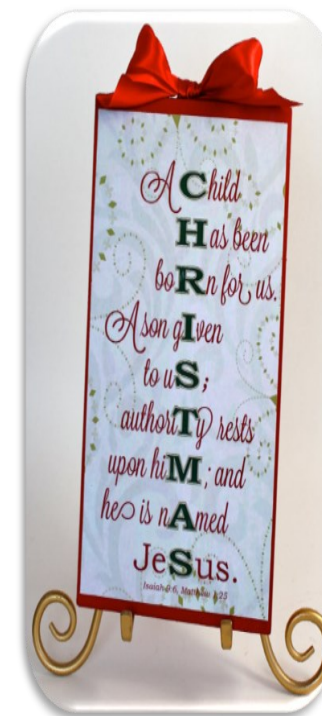
**HILLSIDE**  
— NOW SERVING —

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS**

**Saturday, Nov. 29 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.**

All are invited to help decorate the church. Preparing the church building for Advent is an event that helps us to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. This year, we are decorating on Saturday so that on Sunday, Nov. 2 (1st Day of Advent) we can all enjoy the holidays. We will start unloading the barn and bringing everything down & items from the upstairs at 8:00 a.m. Let the whole family help adorn the Christmas tree in the lobby, put out the nativity, and deck the halls and worship center. The more the merrier for this festive occasion! Come and enjoy the music of Christmas & possibly a few Christmas treats! If you have an extra ladder or two, a truck or two and could bring it to church that Saturday, that would be great.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda in the church office at 385-2910.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

- Nov. 5 Meatloaf, Smashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad
- Nov. 12 Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad
- Nov. 19 Taco/Potato Bar, Salad
- Nov. 26 No Meal Thanksgiving Break

**Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts**  
**\$3.50 each    Preschool children and under: FREE**  
**Tickets for 10 meals-\$30**

**2ND MONDAY MEAL IS BACK ON NOVEMBER 10 AT 4:00 P.M.**

This is a great ministry of Hillside Church, and we help so many people in our community. If you would like to help, we are always in need of people to make deliveries & make desserts (total of 15-20 cakes). Please drop off your cake no later than Monday, Nov. 10 at noon. We start packing the food containers around 3:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at Hillside from 4:00—5:30 p.m. We appreciate your help with this meal! Thanks Gail for taking on this ministry! Questions? Contact Gail Miller at (812) 779-6197 or 385-5117.

**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL**

The Thanksgiving Community Meal will be served on Thursday, Nov. 27 at noon. For those who do not have family close enough to share in this holiday or who just want to celebrate with your church family, please join us for the meal. We also encourage the community to come and share with us. We will pack carry outs starting at 10:15 a.m. and then start serving our guests at noon. We are preparing for 300 guests. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked for the Thanksgiving dinner. Desserts will also be needed. The final and most important need will be helping hands. Help will be needed in the kitchen, serving, delivering and cleaning. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby for all of these areas. We also need families to come in and eat.

Thanks for answering God’s call to serve the body of Christ.

**“WHY WE GIVE” | BISHOP MIKE COYNER (CONTINUED)**

We give when we see needs and want to help. This is where all of those appeals are effective – we look over the requests and appeals that we receive, and when we see a need we can help, then we give to it.

Now, I have to confess that for many years as a pastor I worked hard to get people to give for the wrong reasons. I appealed for support of our church budget. I asked people to give to grow our ministries. I probably even used a little bit of guilt to encourage people to give, rather than allowing them to be selfish. Most of the time that worked – I did fund-raising for the churches and ministries I served, and it was effective because people saw the value in those churches and ministries.

But eventually I began to mature in my own giving and in my understanding of stewardship. I began to ask people to give out of gratitude to God and as a witness to their faith. And that freed me from any sense of being a “salesman” for our church to being one who proclaimed the spiritual truth about stewardship. I moved from fund-raising to stewardship-proclaiming. I focused less upon the need to balance our church budget, and more upon the need to balance our lifestyles. And the results were even more effective in terms of dollars but also in terms of joyful satisfaction.

You are welcome to give for almost any good reason. Whatever appeals to you is great, because I believe that any person of faith must be a giver. That’s the secret to living – it is all about giving. And it is all about gratitude to God.

So, please give.

**"WHY WE GIVE" | BISHOP MIKE COYNER**

This is the season of stewardship and pledge drives and other financial efforts in many of our churches and institutions. Every day it seems our mailbox is filled with appeals from groups and ministries and missions requesting that we give to support their good work. All of that is good and helpful, but most of their requests do not speak to the reason why my wife, Marsha, and I give. So perhaps this list of "why we give" might be helpful to others who are contemplating their giving for the rest of 2014 and into 2015.

1. We give out of gratitude to God. We are not really that motivated by giving to institutions (although we do) or by giving to special needs (although we do) or by giving to missional efforts (although we do). No, our primary motivation for giving is to express our gratitude to God. We believe that everything we have is a gift from God, so we give because we are grateful.
2. We tithe as a witness to our faith. We tithe to the church where Marsha has her membership (we bishops do not have membership in a local church or even in an Annual Conference, we are members of the Council of Bishops), and then we give additional to each church where we visit or I preach, and finally we give to support various appeals and mission efforts. Our primary giving is our tithe, because we believe that tithing is obedience to God and a witness to our faith in God.
3. We give because we believe that the secret to living is giving. Giving is what life is about – giving our love, our prayers, our support, our material gifts, our efforts, etc. Life is meant to be lived, shared and generously multiplied. God has designed life in such a way that when try to hold onto life, we lose it but when we give life away, we receive life in more abundance.
4. We give because it is fun, and joyful, and fulfilling. There is nothing quite like giving to someone or to some cause and seeing the joy that our gifts can create. That is most obvious when we give to our children and grandchildren, but it is true in other situations, too. Giving is fun. I know that might sound a little selfish, but it is true. We give because we enjoy it.

**UPCOMING SERMONS**

- Nov. 2** "Oh What a Glorious Day! Why Wait?" Revelation 7:9-17
- Nov. 9** "The Way, Now Go!" John 14:1-14
- Nov. 16** "Once Upon a Time" Romans 5:1-11 Rev. Jarmon Perkins
- Nov. 23** Drew Robbins

**Advent Series "ONE"**

- Nov. 30** "One Prepares the Way" Mark 1:1-8

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**DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES**

I recently returned from the D6 conference in Louisville, a family ministry conference with prominent Christian authors, speakers who are passionate about the biblical model of family discipleship. Although I am still processing much of what I learned, author Sarah Cunningham's focus on family ritual continues to speak to me as we prepare for the Advent season. During her main stage talk, she said, "The best way to help our kids to God's story is through the gift of ritual," and she's not just talking about the rituals we engage in during a Sunday service, but also the rituals we can engage in at home to share our faith with our children and grandchildren.

This Advent season I want to help you engage in ritual in your own home as we eagerly await the arrival of our savior Jesus Christ. On Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, the children and I will be making Advent wreaths during children's church. Each Sunday of Advent, you'll find a devotional in the bulletin to use as you light your own Advent wreath at home, as well as discussion points to help the children in your life understand the significance behind the ritual.

My prayer is that you will feel God's presence and power as you worship together in your home, sharing in faith as a family.

Susan Carey  
scarey@hillsideprinceton.org

**NEWS FROM THE FINANCE TEAM**

The Finance Team has completed the budget for 2015. Normal increases for utilities, etc., are part of the budget increases. Some increases to replace aging equipment and property maintenance have been included. These increases will require regular attention to determine if these items are supported by the giving before they are approved expenditures.

Copies of the new budget will be available upon request from the church office.



You are invited to purchase a **beautiful poinsettia** in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to just donate a poinsettia, you may do so. The cost of the poinsettias are \$15. Only one size is available this year.

Orders need to be in by Nov. 17.

**PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR BRING TO CHURCH OFFICE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am purchasing # \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_.

**HILLSIDE MEN | MATT ROBBINS-PRESIDENT**

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet again for a nutritious breakfast on Nov. 8 @7:30 a.m. We will have a short program, lots of laughter and a great time. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! This year the Methodist Men will be helping out the Youth program by providing some meals for their Sunday night meetings as well as helping provide food for their 5th Quarter event.

We are collecting dress shirts as a mission for Hearts for Haiti. We are trying to collect 60 men’s dress shirts in sizes small and medium, new or slightly used. They are wanting long sleeve, lightweight, button down dress shirts to help give their pastors in the community some nicer clothes. Please drop off in the basket in the lobby under the bulletin boards. Thanks!

**WOMEN’S OUTREACH**

The Women’s Outreach welcomes all ladies who are free on Friday mornings for a time of fellowship, devotion and interesting programs. Invite all of your lady friends to join us. We will meet on Friday, Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Please come join us and bring a friend with you. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-2694 or Jane Armes at 812-779-5159.



## **HILLSIDE NURSERY | JENNY WHITE**

Fall is here and with fall comes new opportunities for fun. Fun is important in all of our lives. It gives a break to the hustle and bustle of life and also creates times for family fun, which creates everlasting memories. Sometimes it is back to basics of raking leaves and jumping in the pile or baking cookies, which are both fun for all ages. Even babies can watch and participate in these activities. Maybe you want new family fun ideas like making a fall fabric banner. I do not have all the solutions, but I do have resources available to share with families. In the nursery, *Parents* magazine, *Family Fun*, and *Homefront* magazines are available to borrow. These not only include fun ideas but have recipes and helpful tips that as parents we search for any we can get.

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### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

#### **Nursery**

Contact Person: Jenny White

⇒ volunteers to be in nursery during 1st or second service

#### **PreSchool**

Contact Person: Chastity Braswell

⇒ volunteers to read to the children or share a special skill

#### **Sunday School Volunteer**

Contact Person: Amanda Miskell

⇒ volunteer to teach a class rotating every other month

#### **Children's Church Volunteer**

Contact Person: Amanda Miskell

⇒ volunteer for 2nd service as the number of children continues to grow.

## **NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL**

The preschool has been very busy learning and enjoying this beautiful fall season that God has given us. It always amazes me when I take the time to see the world through a child's eyes. The month of November is going to be filled with activities that will help the children learn all about the blessing in our lives.

During the month of November the teachers will be teaching the children about being thankful for the things we have such as our families and homes, food, clothing, pets, and toys. This will lead up to the story of stone soup and how a village was going hungry until a young man came in and taught them that if we all can just give a little then everyone can share in the blessing that God has given us. We will end our month with a Thanksgiving feast with our families sharing our Stone Soup and homemade corn muffins.

Bible Verses: Ephesians 5:20 and Psalm 136: 3,7

It is our prayer that everyone have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving.



### A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR | SANDY NIXON

**Christmas is coming!** It's hard to believe that Christmas is less than two months away, but your Hillside choir has been working on the Christmas musical for several weeks now. We will be presenting *The Heart of Christmas* by Pepper Choplin at the 8:30 am worship service on Sunday, December 14. And we are working on plans with the Friends Club leaders which will make it possible for the children to participate with us again this year!

Please plan to attend our presentation and invite friends and neighbors to come with you. There will be refreshments in the lobby following the service, and everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

**Changes for the choir!** If you have been to the 8:30 service this fall, you already know that the choir is singing from a different location. We have moved down from the stage to the floor of the worship center and have been tweaking this arrangement to make it as comfortable as possible for everyone. We know that change is hard—for everybody! But this change for the choir means that for the first time in 12 years, we will be able to fully participate in worship. For 12 years, we have heard our pastors from behind them, not being able to see their faces as they ministered to the congregation. We had not been able to participate in Holy Communion with the fellowship of the church congregants—we have had to have our communion separately from the rest of you. For 12 years, we have not easily been able to (or not able to at all) participate in the passing of the peace, to kneel at the prayer kneelers, to light candles at the candle tables, or to make use of the prayer wall, among other things. Usually, we are not able to see the children during children's moments, and we are isolated from our families during the entire worship service. Change **is** hard for everyone, but we wanted you to know what this particular change means to us, and we are praying for your understanding and support of what we are doing. It's just really important for everyone to be able to fully participate as part of the Body of Christ in worship and all its elements.

**An invitation!** We are always open to new choir members! As we get older, have sick spells, move away, empty spaces are created. Please be open to sharing your talent of the love of music and singing with us. We are a fully volunteer group and do not hold auditions!! (Can you imagine the early Christians holding auditions to sing praises to their Savior????) You do not need to read music—we will teach you what you need to know! Please come and try us out: Wednesday evenings at **6:30 (beginning on November 5)** in the worship center in our new location! We'd love to have you!

### FRIENDS CLUB 3-5th JEREMY & KALI LANCE

Our 3rd-5th grade Friends Club has started off strong! The kids have been working on memorizing bible verses and writing in their Bible journals. We have an awesome group of kids who are hungry to learn about God & Jesus! Some topics we have been discussing are Choosing Godly Friends, Jesus Heals, & Spreading God's Love & Word. We also learned about The Belt of Truth through a fantastic chalk talk given by Rev. Rick Lance of Francisco UMC. We look forward to the continual growth of our faith & group.



### **FRIENDS CLUB K-2ND | AMANDA MISKELL & CREW**

Being upstairs has been such a blessing, allowing us more opportunities as we worship and plenty of room as we currently have over 30 kids weekly for the K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders and are hoping to continue to add to that number. Thank you parents/guardians for your continued patience with us as we figure out the best way to smoothly and safely have your children dropped off and picked up. Please make sure you sign your child in and out. We will have a volunteer at the bottom of the west hall stairs (across from the preschool classroom) to help accommodate everyone with this.

In November we will be transitioning from Obedience into Working For God. We will also be filling Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. (A favorite for the kids/leaders)

Here is our schedule:

11/5 – Esther Goes to the King (Being Brave with Gods Help)  
11/12 – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – filling and blessing the shoeboxes  
11/19 – Nehemiah rebuilds the Wall (Honor God with Work)  
11/26 – NO FRIENDS CLUB – Thanksgiving Holiday

If you would like any information or have any questions/concerns, please contact Amanda Miskell @ (812)550-2790.

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### **HILLSIDE PRAYER TEAM | JENNY WHITE**

Hillside Prayer Team meets at 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon in Room 6. We pray for the prayer requests of the church and community needs. If you would like to be a part of this team, you are always welcome to pray with us. *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20.* For more information or to share a prayer request, contact Jenny White (812) 604-3649 or [jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org).



Thank you to all that supported the Gibson Co Out of the Darkness walk. This first year was a huge success with 224 walkers and our goal of \$8000 was exceeded. The most important accomplishment was the feeling of mutual support and healing the walk gave to fellow survivors and the much needed suicide prevention /awareness that has been brought to our community that we hope will continue to grow.

Davarna Rainbolt and Angie Branham

My family and I are so moved by the lovely memorial to Dayna. The cross and the fire pit area is absolutely stunning. A huge heartfelt thank you to Justin Dyehouse, the youth group, and everyone that worked so hard on the project. I am told it was Dayna's favorite place here at Hillside and now it is a beautiful peaceful place where all will be drawn towards to enjoy. Thank you to everyone that made Dayna's birthday dedication special. It means so much to a mom to see how much her child was and still is loved and remembered. I am blessed to call Hillside family.

Davarna Rainbolt

Thank you for the wonderful meal. We really appreciated it.

Family of Craig Brittingham



**HELPING OTHERS**

Hillside Church assists the Salvation Army by providing food baskets during the Christmas season. Folks sign up at the Salvation Army and we help by filling 70 food baskets. This is a great ministry opportunity we have provided for many years. Below is a list of supplies we need. Items will be placed just inside the front doors to the left.

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| 140 boxes of Jiffy Cornbread  | 140 boxes of Pudding         |
| 140 cans of Corn              | 140 cans of Green Beans      |
| 140 Cans of Pork n Beans      | 140 boxes of Mac & Cheese    |
| 70 boxes of Saltines          | 70 boxes of Hamburger Helper |
| 420 packages of Ramen Noodles | 140 cans of Soup             |
| 70 boxes of Cereal            | 70 jars of Peanut Butter     |
| 70 5# bags of Potatoes        |                              |

If you or your class would like to donate a large quantity, please let the church office know as soon as possible. All items need to be in to the church by Monday, Dec. 15.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TIME**

We invite you to help fill shoeboxes for the “Operation Christmas Child” projects. The final collection date for the filled shoe boxes is Nov.12. It is easy to fill a box to help out. If you have time, we would love for you to bring your boxes in and add to the table in the lobby.

Each box also needs \$7 for shipping costs. This is a project through the Samaritan's Purse organization that tries to give gifts each Christmas to millions of children around the world.

There is a display in the lobby for the “Shoebox Ministry.” You will find all the information you will need at this display. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda in the church office at 385-2910 or [Brenda@hillsideemail.com](mailto:Brenda@hillsideemail.com).

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark on your check in the memo area “Shoebox.” You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

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The **Mitten Basket** will be located in the front lobby next to the office. Please start collecting hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, and socks for children of the community. We give them out frequently to members of the community as they have need.