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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

November 2016

UPCOMING SERMONS

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| November 6 | "Legacy of Faith" |
| November 13 | "Carry On, Weary Soldier" |
| November 20 | Len Devaisher |
| November 27 | "Photo Bomber in the Family Picture" |

HILLSIDE JR/SR HIGH YOUTH Andrea Dyehouse

The youth have been having a great time studying The Thread. We've moved more than halfway through our big picture story of the Bible. October has been a busy month. They attended Fields of Faith at the high school, as it was a time to hear other teen testimonies and share faith with students and leaders of Gibson County. We also joined with the Children's Ministry to provide a Soup Supper.

Coming in November we will be starting to study the New Testament. Parent's Night is Nov. 27. All parents are invited to a youth pot luck dinner and share in worship with us.

Plans have started for our Youth Mission Trip 2017 to Puerto Rico. Dates are June 18-24, 2017. Commitment letters and a \$100 deposit are due on Nov. 20. If you are interested please see Justin or Andrea Dyehouse for more information.

We would like to thank the Men's Group, Jeannie & Terri, Morris family & Tingley family for providing dinner for us on Sunday nights. It is greatly appreciated.

Please continue to pray for youth and adult leaders throughout the year.

Questions please contact Justin Dyehouse or Alex Carey.

70 CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Hillside Church assists the Salvation Army by providing food baskets during the Christmas season. 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 |
| 70 Cans of Pork n Beans | 140 boxes of Mac & Cheese |
| 70 boxes of Saltines | 420 pkgs of Ramen Noodles |
| 140 cans of Soup | 70 boxes of Cereal |
| 70 jars of Peanut Butter | 70 5# bags of Potatoes |
| 70 cans of fruit | 140 Packets of gravy mix |
| 70 boxes of spaghetti | 70 cans of spaghetti sauce |

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. 5.

CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS OF HILLSIDE CHURCH

The newly formed Cub Scout group is for boys K -5th grade and the leaders are Nick & Becky Medler. They meet the 1st & 3rd Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the scout room upstairs above the stage. The Boy Scout Troop 232 is for boys 6-12th grades and is led by Brian St. Clair. They meet every Monday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Brian, Nick, Becky or the church office.



ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree program has grown. We are now connected with the Prison Fellowship Ministries where we will help by providing gifts to children of prisoners in the Gibson County area. We are grateful to have this opportunity to share the love of Jesus with others during the holiday season.

We will still be assisting as we have in the past with other families. The need is there and I am so pleased to know that I am part of a church whose mission is to help others.

The Angel Tree tags will be on the tree Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016. Please be sure to follow the instructions as to picking your tag(s) off the tree, then sign the sheet on the table next to the tree beside your number. This helps when it's time to check and make sure all of the gifts are here and ready to go.

2 FISH 5 LOAVES MINISTRY (Former Backpack)

Thanks to your generosity, 15 elementary students have been sponsored for the 2016-2017 school year for weekend meals through our 2 Fish 5 Loaves ministry. Each Friday afternoon, students are sent home with breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and drinks for the weekend, all provided through our missions dollars. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, pick up a sponsorship form outside the church office. Complete the form and turn it in with either a \$25 monthly donation or a one-time \$200 donation to cover the entire school year. We would love to have all 70 children sponsored!

If you'd like more information about the 2 Fish 5 Loaves ministry, contact Amy Evans at 812-664-1683.

2ND MONDAY MEALS Gail Miller

Nov. 14 menu: Pulled pork BBQ, pickle, onion and bread, dessert.

Several of our regular delivery people will be going to Guatemala. We will need more assistance with delivery for the November meal. The deliveries start at 3:30 p.m. If you would like to deliver or for more information, call Ron Miller at 812-385-5117. If no answer, please leave a message. Ron will be coordinating the deliveries.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL

The Thanksgiving Community Meal will be served on Thursday, Nov. 24 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. 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 would like for families to come in and eat. Thanks for answering God's call to serve the body of Christ.

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- 2 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans
- 9 Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Toast
- 16 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn
- 30 Baked Potato Bar

Sign up sheet for desserts is located on the dessert table. If you sign up and bring a dessert you get your meal free.

The cost is \$3.50 per person and free for preschool children. We also have tickets for 10 meals to purchase for \$30.

If you are looking for an area to volunteer, we can always use help in the kitchen, as well as with set-up and clean-up. See Jeannie Robins or Terri Mans for information.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (3-5) Sarah Kruse

It's hard to believe that it's November already! We have been having such a good time in Little Friends Club that time has just flown by! In November, we will be learning about Moses and Jethro, Jesus and his disciples and the birth of John. We are finishing our Game Changer lessons and heading right into the Christmas season with the Goody Gumdrops Game. Our mission focuses for the month of November are Operation Christmas Child and a birthday party for Jesus. With each of these missions, we are collecting items to send to children. We will pack boxes as a group for Operation Christmas Child and will have a birthday party for Jesus. We will also begin working on Christmas cards to send to our friends at the nursing home. It is going to be a fun and educational time in November!

2016 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY



We have been getting ready for Christmas at Hillside UMC with plans in the works for a good old-fashioned children's play. All children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to be part of this special presentation taking place at both services on Sunday, December 4.

Manger Tales shares the story of Christmas through the eyes of the animals present at the nativity. Our junior choir will provide special music and both speaking and non-speaking roles are available.

Children will practice from 9-10 a.m. each Saturday thru November 19 and do a full run-through from 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3.

For more information or to help with costumes, contact Shelby Anderson at 812-455-6955.

HILLSIDE SENIOR MINISTRIES

We will be taking a day trip to Evansville to the Philharmonic Orchestra presentation of "Peppermint Pops" at the Victory Theatre.

- Sunday, December 4, 2016
- Leaving Church at 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch at Stoll's at 11:45 a.m.
- Peppermint Pops at 2:00 p. m.
- Cost is \$31.00 per person not including lunch.

Reservations must be made & paid by Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 with checks made out to Hillside UMC.

For more information or reservations please contact Nancy Griffith at 812-385-5012 or Patty Perkins at 812-385-0931.

FRIENDS CLUB (Grades K-2) Amanda Miskell

October ended with a BANG! For the first year, our youth joined forces during our Halloween Party and with the help of all the children and parents, provided a great Soup Supper to the congregation and community! We followed that up with Trunk or Treat where again, the youth as well as several parents and members of the church pitched in and decorated their vehicles in the parking lot for our kids to safely go around and trick or treat! It was a great night! Thank you so much to everyone who participated!!!

We finished our Rack, Shack and Benny curriculum in October where we learned to Stand Strong for God and started Josh and the Big Wall where we are learning to Follow God even in difficult situations!

In November, we will continue to Follow God through Josh and the Big Wall by discussing how to talk to God, follow his directions and learning that His way IS the best way!

November 9th is Operation Christmas Child, where we will fill shoeboxes for Christmas to send to children all over the world who may not otherwise get anything! These boxes will be filled with personal hygiene necessities, school supplies, toys and candy and most importantly God's love! Please keep an eye out for the flyer to be coming home soon to ask for some help in collecting items to fill these boxes! We have been doing this mission for years and it is definitely one of the kid's favorites!

There will be NO Friends Club on Nov. 23. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

Thank you for allowing us every week to be a part of your child's life!

Proverbs 17:17 "A Friend Loves at All Times"

Amanda Miskell 812-550-2790

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

Wouldn't it be helpful and convenient to have information about your child's or teen's physical, mental, and spiritual development sent straight to your inbox each week? What if you had access to videos, articles, and podcasts to help you intentionally focus on faith-building at home?



Subscribe to the Family Ministry Weekly Cue and you'll be taking an important step in partnering with your church to influence your child's faith development. Each week you'll receive information about the various ages and stages that all kids go through, as well as tools you can use at home to lead important conversations and guide your kids – from preschool through graduation.

To subscribe, simply visit the following link <http://eepurl.com/cjO1O5>, check out the Hillside UMC Family Ministry Facebook page, or scan the QR code with your smart phone to access the sign up form.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We will be filling Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes on Wednesday, Nov. 9 during our Wednesday night activities. Please have all donations turned in by Friday, Nov. 4. You may still pack your own shoeboxes and deliver them to church no later than Nov. 9. Each box has a \$7 shipping fee; if you would like to pay for the shipping, please turn money into the office. Consider donating these items: wash cloths, tennis balls, coloring books, crayons, small fork/spoon, deflated beach balls, whistles/harmonica, Ivory soap, hair brushes & combs, collapsible cup & bowl set, colored pencils & sharpener, small individual packages of tissue, pencils, eraser tops, pencil holders, socks & underwear for children/youth, small toys for boys such as cars, trucks, balls, small items for girls such as dress-up jewelry/hair items. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

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 is \$15. Only one size is available this year. Orders need to be in by Nov. 13.

PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR BRING TO OFFICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

I am purchasing # _____ poinsettia

In memory/honor of _____

CHRISTMAS TIME

Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016
Following 2nd worship service till done!

First: Let's all enjoy a light lunch of soup & sandwiches following 2nd worship service.

Then let's all 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. We will start bringing the items from the barn and upstairs first. 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!

I remember the year we were able to do it on Sunday and it was amazing! We unloaded decorations, put them all up and then took all the containers back to the barn. It was such a great feeling to have everything done and nothing just stashed for later.

If you have an extra ladder or two, a truck or two and could bring it to church that Sunday, that would be great.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda in the church office at 812-385-2910.



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL 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 eye.

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.



THE STRUGGLE IS REAL! Pastor Chris

Like most of you “normal people,” pastors have their struggles... we have our ups and downs. Balancing work, family, home, play, finances, budgets, etc. is as hard for pastors as it is for everyone else. Perhaps there is a misconception – pastors are supposed to have it all together because they are supposed to be closer to God. Can I let you in on a little secret? There are times that we don’t feel that close to God... and yet we still have to be “on” and lead anyway. The struggle is real!

I hope that it doesn’t burst your bubble, or lessen your picture of me, but there are days that I wrestle with my faith and I wonder why God ever called me to be a pastor. Why me? I don’t have it all together and even sometimes when I do feel like I’ve finally almost got it all together, I forget where I put it. There are days I pat myself on the back and say, “Good job, Chris!” And, there are others that I kick myself in the pants and say, “You really messed that up!” There are days that I think I could qualify for the “parent of the year award” and other days that I’m left wondering if I have scarred my kids for life... I ask myself, “Why couldn’t you just smile and keep your big mouth shut?” Sometimes I am certain that I am the “world’s greatest husband” and other times I fail miserably! All of these ups and downs can happen in the same week and sometimes even in the same day. The struggle is real!

I find myself wondering how can I preach, lead, love, and serve this church effectively and efficiently while at the same time wrestling with all my internal junk too? My prayer is often that God moves and God works in spite of this pastor. I often hang up from an important phone call wondering if I said too much or not enough, or did I say the wrong thing altogether? I have given my life in service to Christ and yet, like many of you, I still struggle with my shortcomings wondering if God will really make up the difference where I fall short.

The only way that I know to “recalibrate,” “refocus,” “renew,” and deal with my junk is to take time away here or there... to check-out and detach myself from my normal routine to spend time alone with my wife or invest in some quality family time. Sometimes I

come back “refreshed” and other times I return overwhelmed by all the work that piled up while I was away.

It is during my moments, or seasons, of insecurity that God reminds me that I am valuable because I am his child and God loves me because of who He is and not because of what I do or how I perform. Maybe you need that reminder too? If you haven’t taken time for yourself or time with your family lately, maybe a break is long past due?

One of the things I love most about the local church is that when we get it right, we provide a place where all of us imperfect people can gather in the midst of our struggles. As your pastor, I covet your patience and forgiveness when I fall short or when I get it completely wrong. I covet your prayers as I attempt to be faithful to the One who called me. As we begin this season of thanksgiving, I am thankful for your love, support and compassion. I am thankful for a church that welcomes broken people like me.

WOMEN’S OUTREACH Jeannie Robbins

The Women’s Outreach is for women of the church and community. We enjoy fellowship and have a short devotion. We enjoy refreshments at some meetings and sometimes we go out and eat lunch. Please join us Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

HILLSIDE MEN Matt Robbins

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet for a delicious breakfast on Nov. 12 at 7:30 a.m. We will have a program by Eric Carter on coal mining, lots of laughter and a great time. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! Questions: Matt Robbins at 812-664-0268.