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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 2017

UPCOMING SERMONS

Nov. 5	"Imagine"
Nov. 12	"Marching Orders"
Nov. 19	"Useless Buried Treasure"
Nov. 26	"The Good King"

Hillside UMC Annual Charge Conference will be Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Hillside Church.


FAMILY PHOTOS SUPPORT FLOUR & OIL

It's not too late to reserve a sitting for this unique fundraiser!

On Sunday, November 12 from noon until 4 p.m., your Hillside Missions Committee and the talented Mindi Morris and Andrea Dyehouse will offer family photos perfect for Christmas cards or framed on your wall. For a minimum \$20 donation to the Flour & Oil fund, your family photo will be taken with a casual, country Christmas backdrop. The digital images are yours to keep and process however you choose. All donations will go directly to Hillside's Flour & Oil Fund, which provides assistance to local individuals and families in our community who are referred by Hillside members. In 2017 alone, the Flour & Oil Fund has dispersed \$3,477 to assist with basic needs like groceries, utility payments, housing, etc.

A limited number of sittings are available for this fundraiser, so reserving your session is a must. Contact Susan Carey to reserve your spot today: 812-385-2910 or s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org.

PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING

 **PSALM 69:30**
I will praise the name of God
with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

PSALM 100:4 
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

 **PSALM 106:1**
Praise the Lord!
Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

PSALM 75:1 
We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.

 **PSALM 44:8**
In God we have boasted
continually,
and we will give thanks to your
name forever.

PSALM 86:12 
I give thanks to you, O Lord my
God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

HILLSIDE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each year your Hillside Missions Committee selects a reputable charity to benefit from our special Christmas offering, giving that is designated specifically to empower others as a celebration of our Savior's birth.

Last year, we were able to provide a \$5,000 Gift Ark plus additional funds to be used where needed through Heifer International. This year, your Missions Committee has again selected Heifer International as the recipient of our Christmas giving. With a 73 year history of empowering impoverished families around the world, we believe this organization fits well with our mission to Love God, Serve others, Grow in Christ, and Go live out our faith. Heifer International follows the 'Passing on the Gift' model; when families receive livestock and education through our donations, they then pass the gift of offspring to help another family in need. Our donations not only impact one family, but often an entire community.

We believe so strongly in the mission that we challenge you, Hillside, to provide not one but **two** Gift Arks as our Christmas offering. That is a total of \$10,000 in Christmas offering. A Gift Ark donation includes two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. These gifts provide families with income, entire communities with milk, eggs, honey, and wool, and sustain farming communities by providing livestock. The impact is simply tremendous.

Hillside, this is a God-sized goal, but we can't think of a better way to honor our God in this season. **Did you know that if 100% of our Hillside families contribute just \$40 to this special offering, we will fill two Gift Arks?** Won't you be part of this fantastic mission to impact families around the world?

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL

The Thanksgiving Community Meal will be served on Thursday, Nov. 23 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.

2 FISH 5 LOAVES

This year 2 Fish 5 Loaves is serving 61 children in the North Gibson School Corporation. If you would like to sponsor a child, it is \$25 a month (October-May) or \$200 for the school year. You can drop your sponsorship off in the office or in the offering plate; make sure you mark it 2 Fish 5 Loaves. If you would like to participate in filling backpacks please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB (3-5) Amy Evans

We have been having so much fun in Little Friends Club. We have been singing "Jesus Loves Me", "In the Lord's Army", and "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy". On November 1 we will be learning all about Jesus being God's gift to us, and then on November 8, we will be filling Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Little Friends Club will be taking a winter break, but will return on February 7. If you have any question, contact Amy Evans at 812-664-1683.

FRIENDS CLUB (Grades K-2) Amanda Miskell

November is one of my and the kids' favorite months and for good reason! We will be filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Flyers will be sent home Nov. 1 with items noted that we are still in need of to help make this a success! Our Hillside 412 Youth will join us for this fun night as we put together shoeboxes to be sent all over the world to children who may not get anything for Christmas. Please note, this will also be our last Friends Club for 2017 BUT we will be starting back up on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Please keep an eye on our Friends Club facebook page for updated information! I do my best to keep everyone informed here!

We have had a great year so far learning about the Life of Jesus with our new Dig In Curriculum!

A special "Thank You" to our Awesome Small Group Volunteers... Janelle Zeisler, Jayme Williams, Susan Carey, Pat and Tiffany Dicus, Carl and Leslie Harrison and Venus Guinto!

I hope everyone enjoys their holidays! I look forward to 2018 and all the fun it will bring us!

ANGEL TREE

We are grateful to have this opportunity to share the love of Jesus with others. We will be assisting some families during the holidays with a few gifts through our Angel Tree program.

The Angel Tree tags will be on the tree Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017

9:30 a.m. One Worship Service Only

11:00 a.m. Pot Luck Church Meal

Noon Decorating the Church for Christmas

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Gathering our food supplies for 70 food baskets is a great ministry opportunity. Below is a list of supplies we need.

- 140 cans of Corn**
- 140 cans of Green Beans**
- 140 cans of Pork n Beans**
- 420 packages of Ramen Noodles**
- 140 cans of Soup**
- 140 boxes of Cereal**
- 70 jars of Peanut Butter**
- 70 5# bags of Potatoes**
- 70 cans of fruit**
- 140 packets of gravy mix**
- 140 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 into the church by Monday, December 4.**

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 \$16. Only one size is available this year. Orders need to be in by Nov. 17.

PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR BRING TO OFFICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

I am purchasing # _____ poinsettia

In memory/honor of _____

FAMILY BUILDERS WINTER SCHEDULE

If you've joined us on any given Wednesday night since September, you know that Hillside is a bustling place. With 83 children registered for Little Friends Club, Friends Club, and Young Believers; 25 – 30 youth attending Wired Wednesday, two women's groups, and the choir, we are developing the community of believers. Volunteers pour a tremendous number of hours, effort, and love to serve those who attend on Wednesday nights.

Your Hillside staff recognizes leaders' need for rest and refueling, as well as the importance of family time during the holidays. In addition, winter weather is often a barrier to winter participation. Therefore, Family Builders (meals and programming) will wrap up the fall semester on Wednesday, November 8th (our Operation Christmas Child packing night) and begin the spring semester on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Children will receive a packet of family activities to do on Wednesday nights during the break and we sincerely hope that participants in our programming will continue to use Wednesday nights for a family meal around the table and time together. Small groups are encouraged to continue meeting in homes during that time.

In addition, our Wednesday night volunteers, most of whom are not able to join a class because of their volunteer work, will have the opportunity to participate in a bible study on 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, and 1/17 from 6-8pm. All Wednesday night volunteers will participate in a training on 1/31. The goal is to pour in to our volunteer leaders so they can begin the spring encouraged and refreshed.

It is exciting to see so many engaged in our Wednesday nights and the additional work that requires is a blessing. However, we are created for a balance of work and rest. As Jesus told the disciples after feeding the five thousand, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31). This winter, we will rest.

CELEBRATE!

Let's celebrate Hillside! Celebration was an ongoing part of Hebrew culture. God's people celebrated the Festival of Weeks, Passover, Harvest, Booths, Unleavened Bread, Jubilee, etc. Celebration was intended to be an integral part of our faith in God. I must admit to you that sometimes I am so focused on where we are going – the next task, the next sermon, the next event, the next program, or the next fiscal year – that I neglect to take time to celebrate. I think it is appropriate that during this season of Thanksgiving, we focus on our blessings. I'm not saying that we neglect our problems, struggles, or responsibilities, but let's just take the next 30 days to consciously choose to celebrate!

What do we have to celebrate? Volunteers – meals served, food delivered, bags stuffed, babies rocked, toddlers toddled, kids loved, youth led, chairs set-up, doughnuts served, songs sung, computer monitored, soundboard engineered, ceiling hung, LED lights installed, classes taught, shut-ins visited, communion served – we have a dedicated group of volunteers. Children – poke your head into a classroom (or the lobby) on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings and you will witness firsthand the passion our kids have for God. Youth – whether on Wednesday night, Sunday morning, or Sunday night – drop by a youth meeting and you will see Christ is alive in the hearts of our teens. Adult Studies – Sunday school classes and small groups are growing the faith of all who attend. Worship – we show up, God shows up -- we are blessed with an awesome choir, great special music and musicians, a dedicated praise team, faithful ushers, and energetic acolytes. Visitors and guests – it seems every Sunday I meet someone new attending one of our worship services for the first time. Generosity – we continue to fund our programs, keep the lights on, pay our staff, cool and heat the building, support mission projects both at home and abroad, assist those in need with food and shelter. Lastly, Mortgage reduction – this is probably the most unglamorous of all our things to celebrate, but our mortgage has dipped below \$400,000.00 meaning we have paid off over \$1,000,000.00! At this rate, our mortgage will be eliminated in less than three years! Well done, church! Well done!

Acolytes Continue to Serve: Hillside is also blessed to have young people who serve in the important role of lighting the altar candles on Sundays. They carry the symbolic light of Christ to the altar at the beginning of the 8:30 a.m. service and then carry His light into the world at the end of the service. Acolytes generally start in 2nd grade, and there is no ending age for them. In fact, we think it is awesome to see younger acolytes paired with older siblings or parents in this important role—what a wonderful example of families participating in worship together!

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS SHEPHERD SPOTLIGHT

Karla and Ryan Scott have been the shepherds in toddler room during second service for October. They have done great! Whether they have 2 kids or 6 kids at a time, these kids had their undivided attention. They are having fun cooking in the kitchen, building with blocks, reading stories, or singing songs about Jesus!. This was Ryan's first time but you would have never known it! Thank you Karla and Ryan for influencing and making a difference in the next generation and saying "yes!" to Little Lambs.



Calie Evans has been the youth volunteer on Wednesday nights. She was so willing to help each week with getting the room ready, snacks for the kids and cuing up the music and videos. She was so excited for the kids that she made each one a card to "welcome them to Wednesday nights". Well done Calie! You did a great job in serving like Jesus!

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIRS:

Christmas is coming! Yes, believe it or not, the choirs are already working hard on music for Christmas here in late October. They will be singing a new Christmas musical entitled "Joy!" this year. You will hear familiar Christmas songs in this new musical, but they may not sound quite like you remember them! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 17 at 8:30 a.m.** and find out what we're talking about!

Also, you will want to mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 3** for the Children's Christmas program. This, too, will be quite different this year, so you won't want to miss it. The Junior Choir is working hard on learning music for this presentation. Stay tuned for more details from program directors Shelby Anderson and Amy Evans and be sure to watch for information on a special time and other activities for December 3!

Coming in November: There are some important Sundays coming up in November, too. Sunday, **November 5 is All Saints Day**, and the choir is working on a new song and bringing back an older favorite for that Sunday.

And, of course, we will celebrate Thanksgiving on **Sunday, November 19**. The two choirs will be joining on a special song for that morning, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" with "This Is My Father's World." And the Junior Choir also will be singing a new song entitled "Sing, Sing, Sing!" for Thanksgiving Sunday!

We also will be treated to some special music from our young singers in late October and November. On October 29 Addy Anderson and Grace Morris will sing "Mighty to Save." And on November 12 Jaylen White will sing "As the Deer." Our young singers work very hard to learn new music to sing for us—it is a new experience for most of them. These girls are 5th graders who are only 10-11 years old!!! And we are looking forward to hearing again soon from our young pianists—Hillside is truly blessed to have a music program with singers and instrumentalists of all ages involved!

For those of you present at worship on Sunday, October 29th, you witnessed something that you probably have never seen, nor ever thought you would see at church on a Sunday morning. If you missed it, you'll have to ask around to find out. If you were present, you now have something in your hand with which to bless others. We want to celebrate with you by hearing your stories. We don't need to know names and specific details, but rather what you did, how the person blessed reacted, and how it glorified God. This is not bragging, this is sharing so we can celebrate!

God is definitely at work within the hearts and through the hands of Hillsiders. That is a cause for celebration... not just today or tomorrow, but all month long. Who knows, our celebration might turn in to an everyday occurrence?

Blessings, Pastor Chris

You're Invited – PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR – Sunday, November 5, noon til 2:00 pm

Do you have questions about your faith that you are having trouble answering? Do you know what you believe and why you believe it? Do you know what is meant by the word Gospel and why it should be good news to you?

Have you been baptized? Should you? Should you have your children baptized? Have you officially joined Hillside Church? Should you? How is Hillside Church organized? Who's in charge? How is it funded? Where does the money go?

What does it mean to be a United Methodist Church? Is it different from other churches? Do I even want to be considered a United Methodist? What do other churches believe?

If you have questions like these, whether you are a member or not, you need to attend Pizza with the Pastor from noon until 2 pm on Sunday, November 5! If you have been attending Hillside for more than a few weeks, then you need to attend... and we'll feed you lunch! Please RSVP to the church office by November 2 so that we can order an appropriate number of pizzas.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

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 blessings in our lives.

Preschool Sunday is on Nov. 12 and the children are working very hard to learn new songs to share with you. We are looking forward to worshipping during the first service.

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.

Bible verses this month are Ephesians 5:20 and Psalm 136: 3,7. It is our prayer that everyone have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Hillside Preschool's 1st Trike a Thon!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

On November 8th we will be filling the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you would like to volunteer this evening, we would greatly appreciate it. It takes a team of volunteers to have this night go smoothly.

Here is a list of items we still need to meet our goal:

95 Hairbrushes/Combs
21 boys (2-4 year old) underwear
20 boys (5-9 year old) underwear
20 boys (10-14 year old) underwear
7 boys (2-4 year old) socks
28 boys (10-14 year old) socks
23 girls (2-4 year old) underwear
40 girls (10-14 year old) socks
39 girls (2-4 year old) toys
8 girls (5-9 year old) toys
26 girls (10-14 year old) toys
32 boys (2-4 year old) toys
26 boys (10-14 year old) toys
138 thin coloring books
147 thin adult coloring books
1028 pencils (every child receives 5 pencils)
181 pencil sharpeners

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

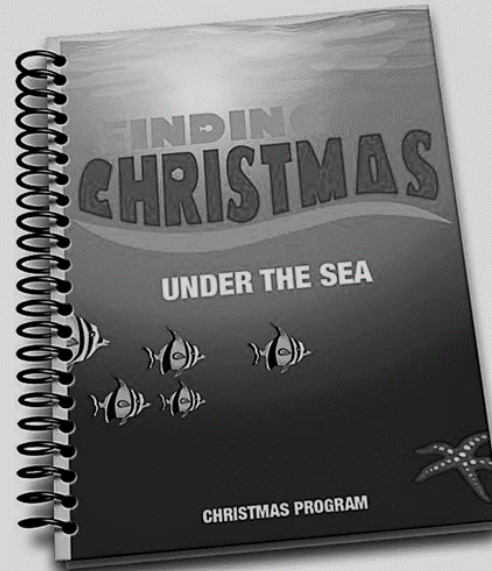
Sewing Projects: Anyone who has been helping by making bags or dresses, please bring them in by Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017.

HEY KIDS!

We need **YOU** to help us tell the story of Christmas!

Performance Date:
Sunday, December 3rd @
9:45 am

Practice Dates:
Sat., Nov 4 9 - 10am
Sat., Nov 11 9 - 10am
Wed., Nov 15 6 - 7 pm
Wed., Nov 29 6 - 7 pm
Sat., Dec 2 9 - 11 am



Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in this fun telling of the first Christmas. Both speaking and non-speaking parts are available. For more information or to sign up, contact Shelby Anderson @ (812)455-6955.

WIRED WEDNESDAY

What started out as a program on Wednesday night for the few youth that had nothing to do has quickly grown into a big group devotion study. We have been to the fire pit twice, DQ, and Drew and Beth Robbins basement. There have been 24 -30 youth each evening. We have discussed how to connect with God and being able to see the invisible. We have had s'mores and coffee, cookies, and soda. But most importantly we have had a time of fun and fellowship. Any youth 6th to 12th grades meet at the welcome center at 6 p.m. on Wednesday night. Wednesday nights will be taking a break after Nov. 8 but will return on February 7 as the rest of Wednesday night programs.

FAMILY BUILDERS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Each night we begin at 4:45 p.m. with prayer and family devotionals arel be on the table. We stop serving at 5:45 p.m.

Menu

November 1-*Meatloaf Night*****

Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn, Roll

November 8-*Thanksgiving Meal*****

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans

November 8 will be our last meal for this semester. Family Builders will return on February 7.

Hot Meal with Salad Bar cost \$3.00 per person (Preschool and under free). Salad Bar cost \$2.00 per person (Preschool and under free). Meals include drink and desserts.

If you are looking for an area to volunteer, we can always use help in the kitchen, cooking and cleaning, or dessert sign ups. If you volunteer with Family Builders, your meal is free that night. If you have any questions, contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

FAMILY MINISTRIES UPDATE

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

In the Great Commission, Jesus clearly outlines our purpose as Christ-followers: we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In order for that to happen well, it requires vision and intention.

One of my 2018 goals as Director of Family Ministries is to assess how well we leverage our existing programs to that purpose and vision; as well as explore how we can most effectively support and move individuals forward in the never-ending journey toward becoming fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. After several stages, the end result will be an intentional spiritual growth path that meets the core values, mission and vision of Hillside and ensures that we effectively meet the needs of the unchurched, the de-churched, and our current congregation.

Please join me in prayer over this process. I have spent several months seeking God's direction as to how to begin this process, as well as whom to invite along. Would you pray for direction as well? Is God calling you to join me on this journey of continuing growth in our people? If so, I'd love to talk with you about joining the Adult Discipleship team. We'll meet quarterly in 2018 to brainstorm, assess, and work through several resources for direction.

If you would like more information about family ministry or are interested in being a part of the Adult Discipleship team, contact Susan Carey – 812-385-2910 or s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org.

412 HILLSIDE YOUTH Andrea Dyehouse

We are having a great time this year. The last 3 weeks we have studied the best seller: The Bible. The next 3 weeks we will be studying about praying: how to pray, when to pray, what to pray about. It is going to be a great series and we hope everyone can join us in praying for our youth.

We will start collecting items for 10-14 year olds for Operation Christmas Child and the list will be going out soon. We will pack our (youth group) boxes on Sunday, Nov. 5 and then assisting Friends Clubs as they pack on Wednesday, Nov. 8. We would love to have as many youth to help the younger children here as possible. It is a fun time for all.

Christmas Food Baskets: The youth will provide the Jiffy cornbread mix. This will be an individual competition this year and the youth who brings the most will get a prize. These items need to be in the church by Monday, Dec. 4.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS Jenny White

In toddler room on Wednesday nights, the Little Lambs just started the new series *Stones, Slings, and Giant Things*. Through this series they are learning to be ready to do what is good like David, which includes having a heart to match God's. We must get to know Him through the Bible, singing, and talking to Him. That is pretty cool to think we can start to teach our children this at such a young age.

Children's fastest brain growth is birth through 3 years old. Floor time with child play is the best way to stimulate development. When you walk by the nursery or toddler room and see someone playing on the floor with the child, just know more than child's play is going on. It is the shaping and molding of the next generation.