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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

October 2016

UPCOMING SERMONS

What's Next Hillside?

October 9	"Selective Memory...The Good Ole Days"
October 16	"Mission Impossible"
October 23	"Living Stones Speak"
October 30	"Sound the Trumpet & Charge"

HILLSIDE JR/SR HIGH YOUTH Andrea Dyehouse

We are getting into the swing of things for the year. We are enjoying our newly remodeled space upstairs with much more still happening up there. In September, we had a recap of last year's lessons, lessons about The Prophets and The Destruction of Israel and Judah.

In October, we plan on doing a soup supper with Friends Club and Young Believers as well as the Trunk or Treat festivities. Also on Oct. 29 we will be taking a trip to a haunted house (look for more info to come). Look for more updates to the calendar located in the first hallway next to the stairs.

We would like to thank the Witt/Dicus family, Jenny White and Bloebaum/Gladish family for the delicious dinners they provided. If anyone would like to provide a dinner for the youth and leaders please contact Andrea Dyehouse 812-215-0259.

We have been shrewd managers of our resources offering financial assistance to about 50 families plus feeding 110 kids lunch in the summer and 70 kids on the weekends during the school year. During this time of growth, we have also cut our mortgage in half and by year's end, we will approach a balance of approximately \$500,000.

As your pastor, I am amazed at what God is doing through you! Your faithful leadership, participation, generosity, and service is evidenced by the fruit Hillside is producing. How will we address the challenges associated with this growth? Is it time to take a break, step-back, coast, and simply maintain what we are already doing? Or is it time to step-up, lean-in, take some risks, dig deeper, and do the hard work necessary to produce an even greater harvest for the kingdom? Will you be an asset offering your time, talent and treasure as a tool to be used in the hands of God? Will you allow the grace and love of God to flow through you? Or, will you merely be a consumer allowing God's grace and blessings to flow into you but not out of you?

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WHAT'S NEXT HILLSIDE? Pastor Chris Neikirk

The month of October is marked by change: The temperature changes from hot to cold, leaves change from green to brown and orange, wardrobes change from t-shirts to sweaters, and thermostats change from A/C to heat. In the church, our focus changes as we begin making plans for the next year by identifying new leaders, developing new programs, setting new goals and establishing a new budget.

In September, our sermons focused on the mission of Hillside and we were challenged to claim our part of the mission: LOVE God, SERVE others, GROW in Christ and GO live out our faith. Our message focus for October will ask the question: "What's Next Hillside?"

The Vision Team has spent the last 18 months pondering that question as we plan for the future. While the Vision Team represents the membership of the church, it cannot accurately plan without input from the membership. The Vision Team cannot effectively shape the vision without the support and "buy-in" from the majority of our members. You help determine the direction of Hillside by living out your membership vows to support the local church with your prayers, presence, gifts, resources and witness. In October, please get ready as we offer opportunities for your feedback to be given, your ideas to be shared, and your voice to be heard.

During the past three years at Hillside, we have been blessed with tremendous growth, increased participation in programs and activities, and vast improvement in our financial stability. Average worship attendance is hovering around 320 with the number of individuals impacted by or participating in our weekly ministries exceeding 500. Participation by our families has grown and our mid-week children's programs have increased from one class to four with age-specific programs for toddlers, pre-schoolers, grades K-2 and 3-5. Our youth group has expanded to accommodate approximately 30 teenagers with a dozen or more regular adult volunteers investing in the lives of these adolescents. An adult Sunday school class has been added and adult small groups and Bible studies are in high demand. We've taken four mission trips with 2 more currently being planned.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY JENNY WHITE

The nursery and toddler room are full of joy. Our volunteers enjoy spending time rocking the babies and making them smile. While in the toddler room, all are enjoying the sunshine with time spent outside. The toddlers love seeing God's creation all around, feeling the wind as they slide and swing, and watching bubbles float in the air. This is the place that will just melt your heart and is a reminder that every child is created in the image of God. It is such a blessing to share in children's spiritual growth as they form a foundation of faith. If you have any questions or concerns or would like more information about nursery and toddler room, please contact Jenny White at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org

2ND MONDAY MEALS Gail Miller

2nd Monday Meals will be October 10. Lisa and I will be out of town so Becky McDaniel will be doing the honors! Menu will be Chicken Noodle Soup Casserole, Peas and Rolls. We had a great start to our season serving 137 meals. Thank you to all who helped deliver and who provided desserts. Please remember to bring your desserts in before noon on the day of the meal so that we will know if we have enough for all who have requested meals. We start serving the carry-outs and deliveries about 3:30 p.m. and clean up is usually done by 6 p.m.

In Christ's Name,
Gail and Lisa

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- 5 Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans
- 12 Lasagna and Garlic Toast
- 19 Seasoned Chicken Breast, Corn, Rice
- 26 Vegetable Soup and Sandwiches

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.

The kitchen crew is looking forward to seeing all our friends every week. Come on out and join the fellowship and fun.

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 Robbins or Terri Mans for information.

JUNIOR CHOIR: The junior choir has begun rehearsals and will be singing with the adult choir at 8:30 service on October 2. It is very exciting to have several new young people participating this year, and we are looking forward to participating in the music program of Hillside! In addition to singing for worship during the fall, the choir will be singing during the Children's Program on December 4 and will also be singing as part of the adult choir musical on December 11. We are going to be very busy!! All young people in grades 2 and up are invited to be a part of junior choir. We practice at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Room 7 prior to the Family Night meal. Please join us! For more information, please talk to Steve or Sandy Nixon.

2016 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY



It may be October but we're already gearing up 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 beginning October 29 thru November 19th 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 @ 812-455-6955.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR Sandy Nixon

ADULT CHOIR: The adult choir will be working on the Christmas musical *What Child Is This?* for the December 11 presentation. With the youth choir joining in, we should have over 50 singers for the musical, which will be presented during 8:30 worship on December 11. Please mark your calendars and invite friends and relatives to attend church with you on the 11th!

We would love to have new singers for the adult choir also! We can use voices at all four parts. Sopranos have higher voices and usually (but not always!!) sing the melody. Altos have lower voices and usually sing their own part (which we teach as we learn new songs). Tenors are the higher male voices—but not too high!!—which can often be heard soaring above the sound of the ladies in the choir. Basses are the low-note guys who serve as the foundation of the choir sound. Like altos and tenors, they usually have their own part, which we will teach and they learn during rehearsals. So, you don't need to "read" music notes to sing in the choir. You will quickly learn how to do it!! You just need to love God's music and enjoy singing it! Please come and join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the worship center. We'd love to welcome you to our ministry of music!

ACOLYTES: All young people in grades 2 and up are invited to serve as acolytes for Hillside's 8:30 service. This is a very important traditional service to the church, as it symbolizes bringing Jesus as the Light of the World into the worship service. Many parents remember being acolytes when they were younger, and if you are one of them, please encourage your children to become a part of this important ministry! See Sandy Nixon or Sharon Eifert for a brief training session for the kids and scheduling them to serve on Sunday mornings. Generally, no one needs to serve more than once every six weeks.

FRIENDS CLUB (Grades K-2) Amanda Miskell

Friends Club is off to a great start and the kids seem to enjoy the new curriculum we are trying this year! Through Veggie Tales' Rack, Shack and Benny, we have learned to honor, worship and stand strong for God. We will finish up with Rack, Shack and Benny mid-October and start Josh and the Big Wall and learn how to do things God's way.

October 26 there will be a soup supper for the community, provided by our children/youth and will be followed by Trunk or Treating in the parking lot. Anyone interested in helping by decorating their vehicle and passing out candy to our kids, please let me know!

September did not come without its challenges when it came to space and procedures. I hope everyone knows that we are trying our best to make Wednesday nights as safe and fun as possible for our kids and we appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to improve this process. We've settled in nicely to our new space in the lobby and look forward to what opportunities can come from having such a big open space available to us!

We have great leaders helping again this year! If you see Janelle Zeisler, Pat and Tiffany Dicus, Susan Carey, John Hubbard, Amy Evans, Abby Collins or Mathew Ruesch (our junior volunteer), please thank them for the time they spend with our kids each week! These programs wouldn't be possible without great volunteers!

Amanda Miskell 812-550-2790

YOUNG BELIEVERS (Grades 2-5) Kali & Jeremy Lance

We are having a great start to the new season of Young Believers! All the kids are enjoying the class being held upstairs this year. We kicked off the year with a series called Summer Olympic Games, fitting since there was an actual Summer Olympics held this summer. Some areas we are learning about for our Christian lives are self-discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and focus. All these points are good and needed for any team, whether it's sports, family, a team of co-workers, or members of a church. For any race, you always must warm up and do a walk through, physically & mentally, to prepare yourself for the finish line. You might also encounter obstacles that try to detour you or make you want to give up. However, we are learning that when we are on Team God, nothing is impossible! And the prize for the end of our faith race is the best prize one could ever receive: to live FOREVER in ETERNITY with GOD!!

Jeremy & I would love to have your 3rd-5th grader on our team, Young Believers on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 p.m.

Looking into October, we will start a new series called Epic Journeys. We will also be doing a Fun & Spooktacular Trunk or Treat and Introduction to Bible Journaling with Dolli Neikirk on October 26 (more information will be provided) and we hope you will join us!

2016 HILLSIDE HARVEST HUSTLE 5K

Grab those running/walking shoes and mark your calendars to be at Hillside UMC on 10/15/2016 at 9 a.m. for a fun morning of running or walking! There will be a shoe chipped timed 5K run or walk, a 1 Mile fun run or walk and a Free Kid's dash! Awards will be given to the top 2 finishers in each age category. All proceeds from the race will be going towards the 2016 Guatemala Mission trip in November. This will be the last fundraiser held for our trip and I hope it's a HUGE success!! Anybody who registers by October 1st is guaranteed an awesome race t-shirt. Registration can be done online at www.runsignup.com and search Hillside Harvest Hustle or you can pick up a paper form at the church. If you have any questions, feel free to call Kali Lance @ [812-664-7582](tel:812-664-7582).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The month of October will be monetary donations for shipping. It costs \$7 to ship one shoebox. Please place \$7 (or more) in an envelope and mark it "Christmas Shoeboxes postage". You can turn it into the church office or drop it in the offering basket.

We will also have a tub in the lobby for items you would still like to bring. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

LAITY DAY WITH THE Bishop

You are invited to join us at Laity Day with the Bishop on October 15, 2016 for a Call to Hope. We want to make sure you have this special opportunity on your calendar now so you don't miss

it! It will be a meaningful day of learning and listening with our new Bishop.

For more information and to register, please visit www.inumc.org/laityday16.



On September 11, 2016, the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church welcomed Julius C. Trimble as our new Bishop. Bishop Trimble was appointed to serve Indiana at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in July. Bishop Trimble and First Lady Racelder Grandberry-Trimble come to Indiana after serving the Iowa Conference faithfully for the past eight years. For additional information, please visit the Conference website, inumc.org.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

The weather is changing, fall is in the air. The children at Hillside are ready for a season change. October is national Fire Safety Month and the Princeton Fire Dept. will visit us on Oct. 5.

We will be taking our first field trip to Knepps's to learn all about pumpkins. The children will get to go through a corn maze and take a hay ride to the pumpkin patch.

You will be seeing change to our classrooms as we add fall items. The children will be exploring leaves, watching the color change, doing leaf rubbings, and so much more. We plan to study everyone's favorite eight legged animal. It might even get a little scary around the preschool when we talk about monsters, counting eye balls, painting with monster finger tips, and our sensory table might even see monster brains.

We will end our month Trick-or-Treating around town with a party day.

Our bible verses this month are Psalm 104:33, Luke 11:1, Mark 10:14, Matthew 22:39, & Matthew 28:20.

We pray that everyone here at Hillside has a wonderful fall season.

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 October 21 at 9:30am.

HILLSIDE MEN Matt Robbins

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet for a delicious breakfast on Oct. 8 at 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! Questions: Matt Robbins at 812-664-0268.

SENIOR MINISTRIES

Our group will be taking a Van Tour Day Trip to Vincennes, Indiana to visit the George Rogers Clark Historical Park, Indiana Military Museum, lunch at Dogwood BBQ, Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy & Grouseland. If you are interested please contact any of the following: Bob Heavrin at 812-236-9194, Nancy Griffith at 812-385-5012 or Patty Perkins at 812-385-0931.

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016

DEPARTURE: from church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

COST: \$50 per person Checks payable to Hillside UM Church

RSVP: Reservations & payment by October 13, 2016

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AND SMALL GROUP

The Monday Night Bible Study group will be resuming classes October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 6. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in Bible study to join our group. In addition to study we also are a small group that shares our joys, concerns and faith journey with each other. We will be returning to our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Please join us in our search for deeper knowledge of the Bible and in fellowship and friendship as we support and uphold each other in growing faith. If you have any questions feel free to contact Paul McDaniel at 812-677-3613 or Nancy Whyms at 812-779-8556. Hope to see you October 24.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that more than half of NGSC students are on free or reduced lunch? Did you know that Hillside provides weekend meals for 70 elementary school kids in our school district? You can be part of this much-needed programming by sponsoring a child during the school year. Just \$25 each month will provide breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks for a student during the weekend. A one-time gift of \$200 covers the cost for one child for the entire school year. See Amy Evans or Susan Carey for more information about this important mission.
