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HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT HILLSIDE!

- 5:00 p.m. **Come and enjoy a meal with us**
Cost is \$3.50, Preschool and under are free
- 6:00 p.m. **Friends Club** (Kindergarten through 5th grade)
- Jr. High Youth Group** (6th through 8th grades)
- Sr. High Youth Group** (9th through 12th grades)
- Connections Women's Group** All ladies are invited
- 7:00 p.m. **Choir practice**
All who would like to be part of the Hillside Choir

September 2013

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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



STILL THE NEW PASTOR | CHRIS NEIKIRK

Although not “brand” new, I’m still feeling like the new kid as I struggle to learn and remember names; then connect them with the appropriate faces. More boxes have gotten unpacked at the parsonage and most of our pictures are hung on the walls. My office at the church is not yet organized... I must make that a priority over the next two weeks.

I am beginning to feel at home during worship, but I’m sure that will soon change as I experience my first couple of services with the choir on stage. I’ve been warned that as 30 to 40 people move from the “front” to the “choir loft” during the 8:30 service, our worship space does not look quite as full. However, I am confident, perhaps naively, that our people will continue to reach out to their neighbors, friends, families and coworkers inviting them to join us as we experience God at Hillside.

We just completed our final “get-to-know-you” meeting and I am anxious to share with you what Dolli and I have learned about Hillside United Methodist Church. Our church is very proud of the fact that everyone is welcome to attend worship and participate in ministry at Hillside Church. We enjoy two distinct worship services with different styles of music and even different seating arrangements but we wish that there were more opportunities to interact with individuals who normally attend the “other” service. Our church serves wholeheartedly – cooking, baking, cleaning, carrying, mowing, trimming, singing, playing, teaching, meeting, etc. – we value hard work and Christian service. We value children and families and we like to eat – perhaps the emphasis is not the food, but rather the fellowship that occurs when people sit around a table. Our church loves this community and wants to continue to find ways to reach out to our neighbors and meet the needs of those among us who could use a helping hand. Our church loves hosting various community groups and events, even if it requires a bit of extra work or a little wear-and-tear on our facility.

Who does our church want to become? Our church hopes to pay off its current debt quickly so that we can explore the possibility of additional space – perhaps worship space, educational space, office space, etc. – because sharing an area that is used for such a wide variety of uses has its challenges – we want to grow! Our church desires to care for the “least of these” among us including our aging members who have faithfully served their Lord throughout their lives ensuring that no one is forgotten. Our church seeks to be more intentional about reaching out to families and involving them in the ministries of Hillside. Our church hopes to make an even greater impact on our community with the primary focus being living out our faith and pointing people toward Christ.

CONNECTIONS WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP

James 3:10 says : “And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this not right!”

Words are one of the most powerful forces in the universe, and they can be used for good or evil. Our words have the power to build courage into a husband's life, instill confidence into a child's heart, fan into flames the dying embers of a friend's smoldering dreams, and draw the lost to Christ.

If you desire to be a woman who uses her words to build up rather than tear down, to encourage rather than discourage, to cheer rather than jeer, please join Connections prayer group this fall as we study “The Power of a Woman’s Words” by Sharon Jaynes. This study is for all who desire to have more control over that mighty force called the tongue.

Connections prayer group is an open group for anyone that would like to join us. We meet during Family Builders Wednesday nights at 6-7:30 p.m. in Room 6.

For more information on the book study, or Connections prayer group, please call or text Debbie Hubbard at 812-779-8422. Or message on Facebook Debbie Bury Hubbard.

HILLSIDE PRAYER TEAM IS NEW!

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

Hillside will have a Prayer Team meeting every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. starting September 11, 2013, led by Jenny White. The ultimate power of prayer is found when people of one mind unite in a church. We will join together to pray over the needs of the church, congregation, and community, and share praises of His works in our lives and the lives of others. The body of Christ is a living body that serves a living God and it is a place of power only when we are united in one accord seeking and moving together in His will.

For more information contact Jenny White 812-604-3649 or at jenewhite27@aol.com.

HILLSIDE MEN'S GROUP

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, Sept. 14. Breakfast served at 7:30 a.m., followed by a program given by Larry Krohn. All men of the church community are invited. Matt Robbins, President.

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, Sept. 27 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.

NURSERY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

I would like to thank the Hillside Men for donating the money for the new TV in the nursery. The children have a bigger screen to see and have the opportunity to watch DVDs.

Volunteers don't have the time, they have the heart. I would like to thank all of the volunteers in the nursery that make it possible for the little children to have a safe and fun place to be:

Aaron Land, Jennifer Dunlap, Mike May, Kallie Miller, Allison Jackson, Jennifer Smith, Minda Morris, Rachael Stoll, Penny Mason, Tara Robbins, Vanna Harris, Bob Shaw, Judy Carpenter, Sarah Kruse, Brenda Witt, Kayla Easton, Shelby Anderson, Brian St. Clair, Kim Gogel, Susan Carey, Brooke Bane, Larry Jackson, Susan Carey, Craig Brittingham, Marcy Iunghuhn & Tiffany Payne.

We need more regular volunteers in the nursery! Please contact Jenny White at 812-604-3649 or at jenewhite27@aol.com. The little children of the nursery need people with heart!

So where do we go from here? How do we continue to celebrate who we are while at the same time moving toward who we want to become? I'm not sure that I have a clear vision yet, but I know that we will figure it out together, and I do trust that God will bless faithful efforts made by obedient disciples. I have shared that I have a Biblical world view, so I can share this wisdom: God is clear in 2 Samuel 2, "Those who honor me, I will honor" And in 2 Chronicles 7, "if my people will humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from Heaven, forgive them, and heal their land." Please join me in humbly seeking the face of God as we live out our faith and seek to become who God intends us to be.

UPCOMING SERMONS

<u>Sept. 1</u>	"Jesus, Son of God: What About You?"	Matthew 16:13-20
<u>Sept. 8</u>	"New Beginnings: More Than Expected"	Acts 3:1-10
<u>Sept. 15</u>	"Paul's Mission: The Chains Fell Off?"	Acts 16:25-30
<u>Sept. 22</u>	"Paul's Final Days: In Chains Once Again"	Acts 26:24-32
<u>Sept. 29</u>	"The End of Time: We Know How It Ends"	Revelation 1:4-8

SUNDAY MORNING ADDITIONS

Sunday School will be adding back a preschool class for 3-5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten. We will have several moving from the nursery into this class. It's exciting to start this class back up!

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

The young adult Sunday School Class (college to 50 years old) will begin to meet again on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room upstairs. The class will last until 10:30 a.m. We will pick up where we left off at the beginning of the summer. We have many Rob Bell videos to still watch and discuss and welcome all young adults to the class. There are no requirements but a desire to learn and discuss how religion affects the world around us and how we can use that to impact our worlds. Please plan on joining us.



Excitement is . . . refinancing the mortgage on our church building! As of August 8, papers were signed and we are moving forward. The church is now financed through the Indiana Conference UMC Savings and Loan Group. The new interest rate is 4.1% (the previous rate was 6.5%), and while the new monthly payment is about \$3,500 less, we want to continue to make the same mortgage payment--\$11,000 a month. We plan to make 26 payments of \$5,500 each year plus any extra we can. For the first time the amortization schedule shows more of our money going to the principal than to the interest!! However, we will need your continued support through your prayers and generous giving so we can pay it off quickly.

The first payment is due on Sept. 8. We will need to get the check in the mail by Wednesday, Sept. 4 to be on time. If you want to contribute an "over and above" amount toward that first payment, please be sure to have your check turned in by Tuesday, Sept. 3. A large first payment will begin to reduce the mortgage even quicker!! Folks, this is exciting! Working together, we **will** be able to pay the remaining mortgage much sooner than we had thought possible! God is good!

HILLSIDE YOUTH GROUP

We are so excited for Youth Group to start! Regular meetings are from 6-7:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 11. We have lots of stuff planned for the fall! We plan on studying scripture and stories that inspired Max Lucado to create a Bible study about how to Outlive Your Life. It explores ways for us to learn through the Book of Acts practical ways to serve our God and to change the world! We have an incredible group and we can't wait to see where this study takes us!

Plan to attend the Back to School Event on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 5-7 p.m. There will be a free meal and plenty of activities. Make sure you pick-up your calendar of events for the fall while you are there!

We would love to attend your extracurricular activities. Make sure you share the dates of your games, competitions, concerts, etc. on the Hillside Youth facebook page so that we can try to attend as many as possible. Wendi Tingley. wtingley@gmail.com or 812-215-0168.

HERITAGE DAYS YOUTH BOOTH

We will have a Youth sponsored booth at the annual Golden Heritage Days. We will sell ham and beans with a corn muffin, sodas, bottle water and several different coffees and hot beverages. We will need help with setting up the booth Thursday evening, Sept. 19 and then we will need youth and parents to work in the booth from 8 a.m. -10 p.m. Friday, September 20 & 21. Please sign up for a shift to work with Wendi Tingley. wtingley@gmail.com or 812-215-0168.

CONNECTING WITH HILLSIDE

Pastor Chris will be offering a class for those interested in more information about the Christian faith, the UMC Denomination & Hillside Church. Classes are Sundays, Sept. 15, 22 & 29 during Sunday school: 9:45-10:30 a.m. If you are interested please contact the church office at bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org or 812-385-2910.

STARTING EARLY!

We invite you to help fill shoeboxes for the "Operation Christmas Child" project. The final collection date for the filled shoe boxes is Nov.10. Filling a box is easy! Please put your filled boxes on the table in the lobby.



There will be a display in the lobby of the "Shoebox Ministry" on Sept. 29 with all the information you will need. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda in the church office at 812-385-2910 or bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org.

There is a new way to participate. Each Sunday, bring in different items. There will be containers in the lobby. You may still pack your own shoeboxes deliver them to church no later than Sunday, Nov. 3.

- September 29: Small writing pads, small picture or color books, pens, Solar calculators
- October 6: Small cars, balls, small etch a sketch, kazoos, flashlights with batteries, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes
- October 13: Hair clips, ball caps, toy jewelry, sunglasses, dolls, stuffed animals
- October 20: Crayons or markers, hard candy in wrappers including suckers, combs, brushes, socks
- October 27: Toothbrushes, wash clothes, mild bar soap (in plastic bag)

NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL

Our 2013-2014 Preschool year is off to a great start! The children and staff are adjusting very well. We hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

We are gearing up for a busy September. The first thing on our calendar is our very first Book Fair, which will be open Monday, Sept. 9 through Friday, Sept. 13. During our Book Fair, the children will celebrate Grandparents Day with a program on Sept. 11. All Grandparents are welcome to join us. AM Classes will start at 10:15; PM Classes at 1:45.

It's time to put on your boots and cowboy hats; we are going to get Down on the Farm, with the letter "B" for barn. Everybody here at Hillside knows what happens in September, we get to enjoy the wonderful smell of Apple Pies. The children will also learn all about Apples. Our first field trip will be to the Apple House Orchard in Bruceville. We get to enjoy the day exploring how apples get to our supermarkets.

Something else new this year is a weekly Bible verse. This month our Bible verses are Psalm 55:17, Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 33:4, Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 27:11.

I want to give a big thank to all the wonderful church members who gave of their time to help get our Preschool up and ready for a great year!

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR | SANDY NIXON

Choir returns to the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, Sept. 8. While it has been nice to have a break during the summer, we are excited about singing together again for worship. Music has been planned through September and we hope you will find that our songs contribute to your worship experience. If you enjoy singing, we encourage you to check our group out! Following the church wide celebration from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4 (which includes an old-fashioned hymn sing beginning about 6:00 p.m.), why don't you plan to stay for the 7:00 p.m. choir rehearsal? Just come to the stage in the worship center. We'd love to have you become a part of our choir family!

2ND MONDAY MEAL ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 4:00 P.M.

September is here and we are ready to start this ministry. 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 help make deliveries. We start packing the food containers around 3:30 p.m. We appreciate your help with this meal! Penny Mason & Pam Sands

HERITAGE DAYS BOOTHS

Heritage days are fast approaching and that means APPLE PIES for Hillside Church!

Thanks to all who have brought in ingredients! The flour mixture is half -made and the rest will be done the first week of September. The sugar packets will be completed by Sept 4. Also thanks for your generous monetary contributions. We have enough money to purchase the apples and additional supplies needed.

Now you can bring the remaining ingredients in: Crisco, Parkay and Jumbo Eggs. Make sure the eggs have good dates on them.

Sign-up sheets for workers for both weeks, including apple pickers, peelers, slicers, rollers, preparers and booth workers are in the back of the worship center. We have several regular rollers who cannot help this year, so we are hoping to see new faces to help out.

Pray for good weather and a good Heritage Days festival! We will be providing childcare if needed. If you would like to help and need childcare, please call Brenda in the church office and she will make arrangements: 812-385-2910.

We will have a Youth-sponsored booth at the annual Golden Heritage Days selling ham and beans with a corn muffin, sodas, bottle water and several different coffees and other hot beverages. We need help with setting up the booth on Thursday evening, Sept. 19 and then we will need youth and parents to work in the booth from 8 a.m. -10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 & 21. Please sign up for a shift to work with Wendi Tingley. wlingley@gmail.com or 812-215-0168.

FAMILY BUILDERS WELCOME BACK MEAL!

We are starting back with a big bang for the whole church! The UM Men are going to fire up the grill and cook hot dogs and hamburgers. We will have Kool-Aid, tea (both sweet and un-sweeten) plus chips. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Serving begins at 5 p.m. There is no charge for this meal. This is a kick off to our fall/winter programs. So come, enjoy the meal, stay around for some music and singing, and see what is available to participate in.

Our first meal will then start on the Sept. 11. Because we will be using the kitchen for preparing our apple pies, our favorite meal of Meatloaf won't happen until the Sept. 25.

We begin cooking the meal early afternoon and always enjoy having help with set up and clean up. Please contact the office or see Terri Mans or Jeannie Robbins.

We also serve sweet and un-sweeten tea, fruit drink and the favorite part: 'home baked' desserts. If you would like to help. If you want to donate a dessert and haven't been asked please let one of us know or call the office.

The cost is \$3.50 per person and free for preschool children. We also have tickets for 10 meals for \$30 if purchased in advance.

Terri and I are looking forward to starting and seeing all our friends each week. So come along and join the fun. Terri 812-386-7187 or Jeannie 812-779-6227.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

September 4	Party time! Free Meal!
September 11	Lazagna, Bread, Salad
September 18	Taco & Potato Bar
September 25	Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad

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