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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

September 2016

UPCOMING SERMONS

Hillside, A Church on a Mission

September 4	"Love God: Rest"
September 11	"Serve Others: Faith in Action"
September 18	"Grow In Christ: Babes No More"
September 25	"Go Live Out Your Faith: Works of Grace & Mercy"

HILLSIDE JR/SR HIGH YOUTH Andrea Dyehouse

Summer flew by so fast and now everyone is back in school. The leaders have been very busy planning and the youth room is under construction trying to get things ready for our kids. September 11 is youth group kick off this year. We will include great lessons, awesome activities and looking forward to the 2017 Youth Mission Trip. Come and join us starting Sunday, September 11 with open gym at 4 p.m. then meal & worship from 5-7 p.m.

We will also be providing the leaders and youth with dinner again this year and if anyone is interested in providing dinner for about 30-40 please contact Andrea Dyehouse at 812-215-0259 or adyehouse@twc.com.

FOLLOW YOUR ARROW

Documenting Your Faith Testimony

We all have a different path – and that is what is so beautiful about how God works in our lives so let's SHINE A LIGHT on that beauty shall we? It is important to document your testimony – not only to share with others but to remember the fine details of how God has worked in your life!

"Follow Your Arrow" will be a monthly Saturday class, meeting 1-4 pm Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 29, and Dec. 10 for video lessons, devotional, prayer, and discussion as we work through the process of documenting our testimony. Through video lessons you will learn different options and techniques in sharing this important part of your faith walk. The class fee is \$10, which will include: a color-printed journal with documenting prompts and a sheet of color cut-outs; the video lessons; access to a closed Facebook group; and fun with an awesome group of fellow believers!

The class is open to anyone wanting to explore and reflect on their personal journey to Jesus. You do not need to be artistic, crafty, or creative. There will be many ideas on how to go about this, but please know YOU are unique and therefore this process will be unique to you as well, the important thing is to enjoy the journey! For more information, or to register, please contact Dolli Neikirk, 812-449-5551 or email neikirkdk@gmail.com. Journals will be provided at the first class for those who register and pre-pay. For those not pre-paying, journals will be provided after payment is received.





Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

Attend the half-day safeTALK program and learn to: identify people who may have thoughts of suicide, ask them directly about the possibility of suicide, then connect them to live-saving resources.

safeTALK is open to anyone 15 or older, regardless of prior experience. Both professionals and members of the general public can benefit from safeTALK.

Why take safeTALK?

LIFE-SAVING: Anyone can experience thoughts of suicide. By connecting friends, family members, colleagues, and students with helping resources, safeTALK participants save lives in their communities.

SIMPLE YET EFFECTIVE: safeTALK uses the easy-to-follow TALK steps—Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe— and includes time to practice them so the knowledge is retained.

ENGAGING: safeTALK is a dynamic training that incorporates presentations and audiovisuals. It invites participants to become more alert to the possibility of suicide and how to prevent it.

TRUSTED: More than 50,000 people attend safeTALK each year. safeTALK is used in over 20 countries worldwide, and many communities, organizations, and agencies have made it a core training program.

PROVEN: Studies show that safeTALK participants feel more confident asking people about suicide, connecting them with life-saving resources, and keeping them safe until those resources can take over.^{1,2}

safeTALK Training, Princeton, IN September 18 12:30-3:30 CT
Must Pre-register – Address given upon registration
Register and additional information at AFSP.org/Indiana or
<https://afsp.wufoo.com/forms/s1m9qvp21v6lda/>
Davarna Rainbolt 812-779-6986

2ND MONDAY MEALS Gail Miller

2nd Monday starts up on September 12. We need people to help deliver meals and to work and clean up that day. We also need desserts. Usually we serve about 150-175 meals so that we need at least 10 cakes. We start serving the carry-outs and deliveries about 3:30pm and clean up is usually done by 6pm. September meal will be a pasta casserole and garlic bread.

Thanks,
Gail and Lisa

CARING FOR KIDS finished their last meal August 4. We served 22 days for a total of 1,353 children with 43 children coming back for a 2nd meal. We served at four locations this summer: Head Start, St Joseph School, Princeton Creek Apartments and Lafayette Park. We also served several parents and program/staff adults. We are serving in areas of need and are pleased at the response. We have a great group of volunteers not only from our church but the community at large. They are awesome. This program is a blessing to our community, our church and the children that are benefitting from the meals. God has provided just the right mix of volunteers, supporters and children. We had great help in the kitchen this summer; that truly was a blessing.

Thank you Mission Committee for your continued support and also thanks to the prayer warriors who have held this program in prayer. We hope to continue again next summer. We would love to have more volunteers next year as we plan to increase the park to two days a week. Please prayerfully consider this mission field. You can contact Brenda or Susan at the office, or Jeannie 812-779-6227.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK AT HILLSIDE!

Wednesday night activities are back! Join us Wednesday, September 7 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm as we kick-off our Wednesday night programming. After a delicious meatloaf dinner provided by our Family Builders, register the kids for Wednesday night group and enjoy an evening of family activities:

- giant slip 'n slide
- dunking booth
 - cake walk
- corn hole boards
- ice cream sundae bar
 - music

Lawn chairs, swimsuits, and towels are encouraged. Let's celebrate the return of family night, and then join us every Wednesday for the Family Builders Meal and Wednesday night programs.

Wednesday Night Menu

Sept. 7 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans
Sept. 14 Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread
Sept. 21 Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli
Sept. 28 Baked Potato Bar & Fixings

For just \$3.50 per person (preschool children are free), meals include iced tea, fruit drink, and dessert. You may also purchase a 10-meal card 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 Robbins or Terri Mans for information.

MISSION GUATEMALA

CHURCH YARD SALE

We will be having a BIG yard sale at Hillside United Methodist Church on September 9 & 10 and WE NEED YOUR TREASURES! We are asking for donations of items such as clothing, shoes, household items, knick knacks, kitchenware, etc. All proceeds from the sale will go toward expenses for the Mission Trip in November. You can bring your items in the week of September 5-9, 2016. If you need help getting your items to the church or have any questions, please contact Kali Lance at 812-664-7582 or Beth Robbins at 812-304-0078.

2016 HILLSIDE HARVEST HUSTLE 5K

October 15, 2016 at 9am will be here before we know it! The 1st online registration is in the books for this year's race! We are looking forward to another great race this year. This year's proceeds are going towards the expenses for the 2016 Guatemala Mission trip in November. I will be looking for some volunteers to help at a water table at 1.5 miles and a couple of people with a golf cart or 4 wheeler who would like to lead and follow to ensure a safe running course. Please see or call Kali Lance at 812-664-7582 if you would like to help, sign up for the race, or have any question. Online registration can be done easy at www.runsignup.com and search for the Hillside Harvest Hustle 5K.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The month of September will be Toys. Here is a list of items that will help fill our toy tote: Small stuffed animals, Jump Ropes, Girls Dress Up Jewelry, Girls Dress Up, Hair Items, Small Puzzles, Small Dolls, Small Cars, Small Trucks, Small Balls, Yo-Yos, Small Etch e Sketch, Tennis Balls, Harmonicas, Whistles, Duct Tape, Travel Size Games, Deck of Cards, Hacky Sack, Post it Notes, Highlighters, Small Measuring Tapes, Small Screwdrivers, Small Hammers, Nails, Rope or Bungee Cords, Scarves, Clothes line and Pins, Yarn, Glow sticks, Clip on Earrings, Bracelets, Coin Purse, Wrench, Pliers, Binoculars, Kaleidoscopes, Plastic Magnifying Glass, Watch, Handkerchief, Collapsible Water Bottles, Small Flashlights with batteries, Small Fishing Kits-Fishing lines with hooks, Small Sewing Kits-Needles, safety pins, thread, buttons, ribbon, material. We will be collecting these items all month long. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

Sewing projects for shoebox ministry: If you are interested in helping the ladies make drawstring bags please contact the church office or Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227. We have the fabric available. We would love to have approximately 200 made and as of August 8 we have 70.

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB Sarah Kruse

Welcome back to all of our little friends!! We are so excited to begin a new year with you learning about the Bible! Wednesday, Sept. 14 begins our weekly meetings from 6-7:30 p.m. for Little Friends Club.

This year there are some changes to Little Friends Club, but they are positive changes. First, children need to be 3 years of age by January 1, 2016 to begin participating in Little Friends Club. Second, we will now be located in a special section of the lobby area in the church. We will have the sign-in sheet and information located in this area just like we did when we were in a classroom. We are also bringing in some new faces to Little Friends Club. We are so happy that they have said yes to working with our little friends. We are also going to do several mission projects throughout the year. So far, we have a soup supper, Operation Christmas Child, and a birthday party for Jesus planned.

This year, our little friends will be participating in a new curriculum called Kid Spring. The first semester will focus on a plan called "Game Changer". In this series we will see that God wants us all to play on His team! Since God is our coach, we will huddle up with Him and our teammates every week to learn different plays (stories) from His play-book that will help us take turns, listen and not give up as we play on and off the field. As teammates on God's Team, we will discover how we can have fun and get more work done when we work together! "When two people work together, they get more done."

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (ERV)

I just know that it is going to be a fantastic year!!!!

FRIENDS CLUB (Grades K-2) Amanda Miskell

It's that time again and I am so excited for the new year! Starting September 14, Friends Club will be from 6-7:30 and sign-ins for Friends Club will start at 5:50 p.m. Every child must be signed in and out each week.

We are introducing a new Veggie Tales curriculum this year that I think the kids will love! This month we will focus on Rack, Shack and Benny and learn how to honor God and stand strong for Him!

Friends Club will be moving downstairs this year! We will be meeting in the K-2 classroom (just down a few doors from where they were signed in last year)

I am looking forward to another great year!

Amanda Miskell 812-550-2790

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

Children in grades 3 through 5 are invited to join Young Believers on Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We spend time learning about God's plan for our lives and how we can trust in Him through our tween years. Each session includes an opening game, an engaging lesson, and then small group activities to uncover how each lesson applies to our lives at school, at home, and in our world today. For more information, contact Jeremy or Kali Lance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our church purchases food from Gordon Food Service (GFS) in Evansville. They offer a program based on points. If you shop there please tell them you are from Hillside UMC in Princeton. These points help us purchase the paper goods/cups we use for church meals, bereavement meals, meetings and for Sunday mornings. This helps our budget. Thanks

The kitchen pantry has been rearranged. Please notice that all the church paper goods/supplies are on the shelves you see as you walk into the pantry. If there are food items available for anyone's usage please place in this area. There are signs showing the shelves.

Remember that if you use items off of other shelves you are taking out of someone else's budget. Other groups that have food/supplies are Pre-School, bereavement meals, youth group, apple pie supplies, backpack ministry, 2nd Monday meals, community meals, family builders, and Caring for Kids. If you have to use from one of their shelves please let them know and replace whatever you use.

Refreshment Table: I still need help to clean up & put away following 2nd worship service. What is needed is someone to take coffee pots and dirty items back to the kitchen, rinse out coffee pots and place them back in the pantry where it is labeled.

Items are stored in the cabinets below on the refreshment table. A canister of Lysol wipes are located in the cabinets so the top can be cleaned off. Please contact Brenda in the church office if you would like to help in this area and she will show you what needs to be done weekly.

WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WRONGED: MOVING FROM BITTERNESS TO FORGIVENESS

Do you have the COURAGE to turn to Jesus and break free??? **You've been wronged.**

Have lies been told about you? Have you been rejected? Maybe you've been the victim of abuse. Perhaps it's a broken promise. Or someone betrayed your confidence. It's only natural that you would be angry. These wounds cry out for justice! But what if justice isn't possible this side of heaven? What if the damage can't be undone? What then?

You have a decision to make.

You can hold on to your anger until your anguish builds a prison of bitterness. In this cage you will live a diminished and pain-filled life. Or you can choose to forgive. Erwin Lutzer discusses dealing with difficult people such as "spear throwers" and "destroyers," as well as handling conflict among family members and Christians in the courtroom. In this concise, quickly readable volume, you'll learn how to move from bitterness to blessing.

By choosing forgiveness you are choosing abundant life. It's a decision you can make today!

Please join Connections prayer group beginning Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in Room 6 as we delve into this exciting study. The book and 8 week study guide can be purchased from Amazon and is available as a Kindle book. Everyone is welcome. Call or text for more information: Marcie Armes 812-779-7958 or Debbie Hubbard 812-779-8422.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY Jenny White

A foundation begins in Hillside Little Lambs Ministry, a foundation of spiritual growth to the smallest among us. Infants and toddlers whose physical and emotional needs are met develop a relationship and gain a sense of trust with those who care for them.

According to the psychologist Erik Erikson, infants who successfully learn to trust develop hope. Faith is being introduced also when children hear stories and songs of Jesus and his love for us while in the nursery and toddler rooms. Parents are talking about God in daily conversations with their children nurturing the spiritual growth of their child. It is only one hour, one day a week but a bridge of hope and faith is being built through the relationships gained and facilitated with consistency of volunteers and parents.

If you will be participating in any activities that begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14, and have a little one from infants up to 3 years of age, please come by the nursery and toddler room to get your child registered and say hello to the volunteers on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6-6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like more information about nursery and toddler rooms, please contact Jenny White at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR Sandy Nixon

Thank you to everyone who helped with music for 8:30 service in August, including Don Kays and Gail Miller, Dolli Neikirk and Mike Watkins, Judi Tate and Riley Slinker, and the Women's Ensemble, who graciously agreed to sing the medley from "Sister Act" for us on August 28. And as always, our faithful accompanists, Nelda Chestnut, Ruth Dyer, Mike Watkins, and Steve Nixon, made sure we had music to worship by all month. What would we do without them?

The choir will be returning to 8:30 service on September 11. We will begin rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31 in the worship center. We are looking forward to the return of all members and are hoping that others of you would like to be a part of the choir. Remember, you don't have to read music—we will teach you. A love of music and a desire to serve God through music are the only requirements! Please talk to any choir member or to Sandy Nixon with questions or for information. We welcome all who would like to participate with the choir family. We work hard, but we also gain a lot of enjoyment from our contribution to worship.

I want to thank Joyce Sharrett and all who helped with the bereavement dinner for Dr. Hasselbrinck's family & friends. We are looking for a home for an outdoor 4 year old part Lab dog. He was adopted. If you have a home for him please contact Nancy Griffith at 812-385-5012.

Are you missing a dish or pan you helped prepare food in? Please check the kitchen counter. If items have not been picked up by Monday, Sept. 5 they will be put into the rummage sale.

APPLE PIE TIME!

It is apple pie making time at Hillside Church. This is a fundraiser for the whole church and will be used on the mortgage and/or other programs as deemed necessary at that time. We have been making apple pies since the 3 churches merged and had been a primary fundraiser for one of the churches prior to that. It started back in the early 80's.

We invite everyone to help in whatever way they can. We need a lot of supplies, apple pickers, peelers, slicers, dough makers, assemblers for baking, workers at the booth and general cleanup every night at the church.

Here is a list of items we will be needing. Please bring to the church by **Sunday, Sept. 4.** They should be placed in the tub in the lobby.

- ◆ 113- 4lb bags of sugar (not fine)
- ◆ 115 - 5lb bags of Pillsbury or Gold Medal (not self-rising) The flour recall has caused confusion on which flour to buy. We can use Gold Medal if the use by date is one on our list. Otherwise we are switching to include Pillsbury flour.
- ◆ 47- Crisco 3lb cans

Here is a list of item we also will be needing, but should not be brought in by/before **Sunday, Sept. 11.**

100 lbs Lard 50 dozen Jumbo eggs 56 lbs Parkay margarine

We also need monetary donations for the apples, pans, baggies, paper plates and spices. Apples cost over \$1,500. If you would like to donate money please mark your check for apple pies and put in the offering plate, or bring to the office.

We will be peeling apples on Wednesday & Thursday, Sept. 14 & 15. We will also be making and rolling the dough Wednesday, Sept. 14, Thursday, Sept.15, and Friday, Sept. 16.

We will be doing all the unbaked and baked pies in one week. Please see the schedule on the table in the lobby. Also we have the sign-up sheet in the lobby to order the unbaked pies. We will pick apples on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Thanks for all your support.

MISSION UPDATE

Your Hillside missions committee recently designated eight organizations to receive funds from the 2016 missions budget. Each organization was selected for its alignment with the mission and vision of Hillside UMC.

- Charity: Water (\$500)
- Deaconess VNA (\$1,000)
- Evansville Rescue Mission (\$1,000)
 - Micah Project (\$500)
- Mission Guatemala (\$500 to replace water filters in schools)
 - Nothing but Nets (\$500)
 - Soles for Souls (\$1,000)

We have also had the privilege to distribute \$9,359.90 in Flour & Oil Funds since January; every penny of that comes from your personal sacrifice to provided for others. Thank you, Hillside, for entrusting us to represent you and your desire to help those in need. We encourage you to continue those small sacrifices to meet the larger needs in our community.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL Chastity Braswell

We are off to a great start to our 2016/2017 Preschool year. 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 children will celebrate Grandparent Day with a program on Sept. 14. All grandparents are welcome to join us. A.M. classes will start at 10:15a.m.; the P.M. classes will start at 1:45p.m.

It is that time of the year again when we start to smell those wonderful apple pies. The children will also be learning all about apples. We will paint, graph, taste, and so much more in coming weeks.

This month's bible verses are 1 John 3:11, Ephesians 6:1, Psalm 119:160, and Psalm 31:14.

We want to welcome Mrs. Tara Glomski. She will be teaching in our pre-k classroom so if you see a new face around, please give her a big welcome to our Hillside family!

BOOK REVIEW-SOUL DETOX by Craig Groeschel

New York Times bestselling author and founder of LifeChurch.tv shares biblical guidance to guard against the cultural, relational, emotional, and spiritual toxins that can invade our lives. In his traditionally personal and humorous tone, Groeschel challenges us to open our eyes to our toxic emotions, thoughts, and behaviors, which likely allow us to live comfortably but ignore the radical life that Jesus calls us to.

If you are ready to examine your heart and make changes to live a life worthy of your calling, *Soul Detox* is a great place to begin. For access to this and other books like it, contact Susan Carey (s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org).

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. Due to the apple pie baking our meeting for September will be Sept. 23 at 9:30am. The rest of the year we meet on the 3rd Friday.

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.

We will not have one in September due to the Rummage Sale on Sept. 9 & 10.

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES Susan Carey

As I walk around our church on a Sunday morning, I have to tell you that I am so proud of all that we provide for our children. I see babies sleeping contentedly in a nursery volunteer's arms. I see toddlers happily playing with play-dough and learning to interact with each other as volunteers guide their behavior. I see young children dancing and singing in children's church worship that is designed just for them. And one thing we have noticed as leaders is that those children who have gone through the continuum of care, from nursery to toddler room to children's church, are better prepared for each new step and eventually to participate full time in adult worship.

Hillside, we have amazing volunteers and leaders who love our kids, who are committed to their growth and development, and are showing our kids how much God loves them by how much our volunteers love them. Our volunteers and leaders know that every child at every age can learn about God, especially if they are in an environment specially designed to meet their developmental and cognitive needs.

I encourage you, parents and grandparents, if you don't already use our children's services on Sunday morning, visit between services. Talk to our leaders and volunteers. Discover how our kids learn that they are made in the image of God, can trust his character, can own their faith, and discover his plan for their lives. What are you waiting for?

If you have questions or would like more information about our Sunday morning services, see Susan Carey, Jenny White, or Amanda Miskell.