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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome to Hillside where everyone is welcome. We call ourselves Hillside because we are a church sitting on a hill that cannot be hid. We are a loving community of believers in Jesus Christ. We "Love" one another, and there is no better way for us to show our love for everyone than to "Serve" our community. We believe that by serving others, we "Grow:" everything grows—our faith, hope, peace, love, and service. Jesus said to "Go" into the world spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, taking with you "Love" for one another, to "Serve" everyone, and "Grow" to in faith and good deeds. If you are looking for a place to Love, Serve, Grow, and Go, Hillside is the place for you.

Sundays @ Hillside

Traditional Worship @ 8:30 a.m. - Contemporary 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

Pastor Curtis Bond—pastorbond@hillsideprinceton.org

RIVER OAKS WORSHIP

Come join us on Sunday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the River Oaks Health Campus in Princeton for a time of worship & song with the residents. This takes place when there are 5 Sundays in a month.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Brenda Witt

Someone needs to take over the refreshment counter for Sunday mornings. This would include making coffee, cutting the donuts and serving between services. Timeline is approximately 8:50-10:50 a.m. Volunteers can be asked to man the counter in between services. If you are interested or have questions, please come see me in the church office or email me at bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org and I will be happy to explain further what would be expected. It's really not that hard. Thanks for your consideration.

THANK YOU

Hillside Church, I want to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers during Jim's illness. Many thanks to the bereavement committee for the delicious dinner. Thanks to Pastor Bond for the nice service. We are lucky to have such a great church family.

Donna Mason

HILLSIDE VISION TEAM

We want everyone who attends Hillside to know our "visioning team" is starting back up this month. Over the past few years our membership has grown, new ministries have begun, current programs have grown, and we want to start new programs and ministries. The visioning team wants to plan for our future needs and growth (including a new building). We need your help in planning; we have designed a survey that will help us identify future directions in ministry, how well we are doing as a church—and what we are not doing well. The surveys can be picked up as you enter the worship area. Please take them home and return them no later than Sunday September 16. If you want one sent to you, please call the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

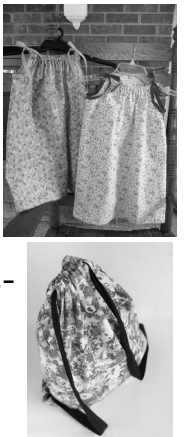
The month of September we will be collecting School Supplies. Remember we fill shoeboxes for children ages 2 to 14. Here is a list of items that will help fill our school supply tote: small coloring books, small adult coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, small pads of paper, pencils, erasers, and small sharpeners. You may place your donated items in the green tote in the lobby. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683 or Janelle Zeisler 812-483-0341.

DRESSES & BAGS

Can you sew? Are you interested in doing mission work? Do you have some spare time?

We are still making drawstring bags (300) and dresses (150 for girls) for the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Last year we made 200+ cloth drawstring bags for children to carry their supplies in. We are currently working on bags and pillowcase dresses (only using fabric and not pillowcases) for this year.

Jeannie Robbins will be at the church on Monday, Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. for a sewing day if anyone wishes to join. Please contact her at 812-779-6227 or church office.



YEARLY COMMUNITY SALAD BAR AGAIN?

We are considering restarting the Salad Bar next spring. This was a fundraiser where folks brought in their favorite salad and shared with the community. Thursday, October 4 will be a meeting to discuss the details. If you would like to share your ideas, but can't attend please drop of your thoughts on paper to Brenda at the office Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227 with questions/concerns. We will meet at church at 6 p.m. in Room 5.

HILLSIDE LITTLE LAMBS

Jenny White

Hillside Little Lambs is where the foundation of faith begins for the smallest among us in the Nursery and Toddler Room. In August in the toddler room, we started the unit *The Dreamer*. This unit will continue until the middle of September. We are learning about Joseph and his coat of many colors and how God had plans for Joseph. Our bible verse is *Jeremiah 29:11* "I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord. "They are plans for good". Through story, song, play, crafts, and fun snacks we have learned about Joseph and how God has big plans for us too. The children have so much fun when a favorite song is played. During story time about Joseph they can relate to him in sharing that also have brothers, and even tried a new snack where we used graham crackers, icing, and sprinkles to make Joseph's coat! We have made a craft together that is on display by the nursery and toddler room. I hope you stop by to check it out!

In the Nursery, we have been discovering animals with lots of stuffed animals of different sizes and textures. Children learn best through their senses, which engages discovery and wonder. Nursery and Toddler Room are a safe place for children to explore and learn.

We have had several 1st time visits in the nursery in the past month, which means there are lots of little ones adjusting to the space, getting familiar with the people and sounds, and most of all being away from their parents. That is why our volunteers serve on a 6-weeks basis to be a familiar face which helps the babies and toddlers to feel secure and safe.

Little Lambs is available during both 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services each Sunday and also during Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. Starting September 12, our Wednesday night programming will start 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will begin learning about Joseph through, *Dreams Come True*. We begin check-in for children 15 minutes before service and programming time. If you have any questions or would like more information about Little Lambs, please contact Jenny White at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

HILLSIDE INVITATION TO PRAYER

And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Each Tuesday, a group of Hillside members join with Director of Family Ministries Susan Carey to lift the prayer concerns of the church. We believe in the power of prayer and are honored when individuals share specific requests. If you have a prayer request that you would like the team to lift in intercession, we encourage you to use the prayer wall at the back of the worship center, or contact Susan Carey prior to noon each Tuesday: 812-385-2591 or s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org.

The Prayer Team is an open group. Anyone who would like to pray with us is welcome to attend.



HILLSIDE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Trustees in Room 2 on Mon., Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Family Ministry Leaders in Room 4 on Mon., Sept. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Parish in Room 2 on Mon., Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Team in Room 2 on Mon., Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Outreach at Perkins' home on Friday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. More information in article on page 5.

Prime Time Plus will meet Wednesday, September 19 at 8:00 a.m. at The Palace.

Preschool Board will meet Wednesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- * **Monday Night Bible Study** in Room 5 at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays (we will not be meeting until fall) Contact Gail Miller at 812-779-6197 for more information
- * **Chronological Bible Study** in Room 6 at 6 p.m. on Mondays
- * **Invitation to Prayer** in Room 4 at Noon on Tuesdays
- * **Alcoholics Anonymous** in Room 6 at 7p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- * **Narcotics Anonymous** in Room 6 at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays
- * **Praise Team** in Worship Center at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays
- * **K'notters Quilting Ladies** in Room 6 at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays
- * **Connections Book Study** in Room 6 at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays
- * **Branches Book Study** in Room 5 at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays

calendars for September 23 when our young friend Austin Glover will be singing and worshipping with us at both services. We are talking to the Peyton Sisters and their parents about coming back to Hillside soon, too! And, of course, our own choirs will soon be practicing on our own Christmas musical, which will be on December 16 this year. The junior choir will also be participating in the special children's Christmas program on December 2.

It looks to be an exciting year at Hillside! We would love to have new members of both the adult and junior choir groups. If you are interested or have questions, please just see Steve and/or me at any time.

A WORD FROM JENNY WHITE Dir. of Early Childhood Ministry

A name is what gives something or someone identity. It is where our story begins. Name is defined by the dictionary as a word or set of words by which a person, animal, place, or thing is known, addressed, or referred to. My name is Jenny. I was named after my mother. Her name is Virginia and her nickname was Ginny, so growing up I was called Little Jenny. The most common misconception is my name is Jennifer. I have been called that several times in my life and still haven't found a polite way to correct someone. My husband one day asked why it bothers me so much. My reply was "it is not my name". Truly, what I desire is to be known and recognized. So whether I am called by my true name Jenny, the occasional misconception Jennifer or Jen, none of these names means I am not known. I have answered to all of them and suppose that is why I don't correct anyone. The bible has many verses about names but this is one that I like the most. *Proverbs 22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.* I hope you are like me and want to be known by others. Please wear your nametag, if you have one. Let's step out of the comfort zone and learn the name of someone new.

A NOTE FROM SANDY NIXON Choir Director/Treasurer

Well, here it is—another summer drawing to an end! Steve and I have spent much time mowing, watering plants, sitting on the front porch enjoying sunsets, and spending time with family and friends, with a few road trips thrown in. We hope that you have shared some of the same experiences! This fall is the beginning of “another life” for our two grandchildren, Zach and Ava, and our great-nephew, Riley. All three have begun classes at college, Zach and Ava at Mizzou (University of Missouri) and Riley at Vincennes University. Ava and Riley are freshmen, while Zach is a junior. We hope to follow their experiences as they navigate the trials and errors of higher education this year! This fall is also the beginning of “another life” for our son and daughter-in-law, as they experience being empty nesters for the first time. We hope to follow their experiences also, as they adjust to the changes in their lives!

As for Steve and me, we began “another life” with retirement and continue to enjoy it greatly! Being involved with things going on at Hillside is such an important part of our life. We enjoy participating in worship services, working with various mission activities, and, of course, being involved with both the junior and adult choirs and the acolytes. When I volunteered to be the church treasurer (nine years ago now—how time flies!!), Steve took over as music librarian and all things needed for the choirs. So, we keep busy!!

And even though Pastor Curtis requested that we make our newsletter comments a little more personal, sharing something of our lives, as I have done, I still want to keep the church family informed about what goes on with the choirs! To begin with, the adult choir will return to early service on September 9 with the first choir rehearsal being on Wednesday, September 5 at our usual 6:30 p.m. time period. The junior choir will not begin until late September, and we will contact parents with those dates and times. But one thing is for sure: I am looking forward to being with our choir families in the near future!!

Hillside is blessed with so many wonderful vocalists and musicians who are willing to share their talents with us, and we thank them for providing special music during the summer. And please mark your

WOMEN’S OUTREACH GROUP

The **Women’s Outreach** is for women of the church and community. We will meet on Sept. 28 this month because of Heritage Days and apple pies. We will do our card ministry, enjoy fellowship and have a short devotion. Patty Perkins (1112 N Main St) has graciously invited us to her and Jarmon’s home for our meeting and a carry in lunch. She will provide the meat and if you could, please bring a covered dish to share. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and car pool to their house.

CARING FOR KIDS

We served 1,594 children’s meals and 160 adult meals (grandparents or volunteers) for 20 days. We were at 4 locations this summer and had a great group of volunteers not only from our church but the community at large. They were awesome. This program is a blessing to our community, our church and the children that are benefiting from the meals. God has provided just the right mix of volunteers, supporters and children. Diana Estrada and Jeff Reneer made this summer possible as I was recuperating from shoulder surgery and the brunt of the work fell on them. They were truly 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. Please prayerfully consider this mission field. You can contact Brenda at the office or Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227.

2ND MONDAY MEALS

2nd Monday Meal is a mission organized to serve the community. Each month people from the Princeton area call the church and request a meal. The meal is then prepared, packaged, and delivered to the person. Each month there are over 150 meals that need to be delivered. This is a great mission to be able to serve the community and kids are always welcomed to serve alongside you. Hillside, this mission is your mission; let's be the hands and feet of Christ.

On September 10 we will be serving pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

How can you help?

- ◆ Desserts: If you would like to provide a dessert you may bring it to church with you on Sunday, Sept. 9, place it in the kitchen and mark it 2nd Monday Meal. You may also bring it to the church on Monday by 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Kitchen Help: On Monday, Sept. 10, between 1-6:00 p.m., the kitchen will be open for help.
- ◆ Deliveries: If you would like to deliver meals please be at the church by 4:30 p.m. We will start filling the to-go-containers at this time. The great thing about the deliveries is you create relationships with people outside of the church. Each month, we can give you the same people to deliver so that you can become familiar with that person and your route of deliveries.

If you and your family would like a free meal on September 10, please join us at 5:00 p.m. or you may call Brenda in the office 812-385-2910 for a meal delivered. If you have any questions on how you can help or more information on this mission please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

You might recall the Sermon on the Mount. It is a call to spirituality and lessons on God's way of judging matters. Jesus tells us, Paul reminds us, that there is the letter of the Law and the Spirit of the Law. The men accusing the woman thought they had the woman condemned and Jesus trapped. They stood there in their sanctimonial pharisaical and hypocritical piety demanding Jesus to "drop the hammer" on this ill-fated woman while entrapping Jesus. In response to their demand Jesus gave them their answer by the Letter and Spirit of the Law: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

Jesus was writing in the dirt. Unfortunately, we do not know what he was writing. We do know whatever he was writing the woman's accusers knew what it was. Perhaps it was a teaching from the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus said: "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart (Mt 5:28)." The Law of Moses required the accusers (when death is the penalty) to be the, "first to throw a stone," in judgment (DE 17:6-7). Perhaps Jesus was reminding them of their past secret indiscretions?

That teaching by Jesus is a game changer—whether someone witnessed our transgression or not we stand accused by our own heart! Our heart testifies against us! St. John wrote: "for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything" (1Jo 3:20). How many times have you gotten away with doing something wrong? Your mom or dad, siblings, spouse, friend, co-worker, police and so on may not know what you did but your heart knows, and God knows. The remedy for our heartache is simple: "If we confess our sins [to Jesus], he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1Jo 1:9)." It appears that "No One" is getting away with anything.

FROM PASTOR CURTIS

Driving in Princeton the other day I ran a stop sign! Being a newcomer and not knowing the streets one could say it was understandable. Who knows how long that stop sign has been there, a silent sentinel directing traffic at this busy intersection? Startled by my traffic infraction I thought, I just ran a stop sign! I was thankful no one was coming hence no accident—which would have been my fault. Most thankfully, I was delighted no police witnessed my transgression—hence no ticket!

Many of you may recall the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery. I need not go into all the verbiage of what this meant. Needless to say she must have felt humiliated being caught in such a compromising condition. Her accusers forcibly ushered her to Jesus and publicized her transgression: "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women (LE 20:10). So what do you say (John 8:4-5)?"

Knowing that I transgressed a traffic law I could locate the nearest police officer and turn myself in. However, it would seem to me that the officer would say they hadn't witness the transgression hence no ticket, no fine and no traffic record. I would be told to enjoy the freebie! As I continued on my travels I thought, I got away with that one! I told myself to be more diligent and assured myself that I would ever be on the lookout for stop signs that pop up suddenly out of nowhere.

The woman caught in the act of adultery was in a fix: publicly accused, publicly humiliated, and publicly condemned. Would she be killed by the mob for her transgression? The woman's accusers thought they had Jesus behind the 8-ball! They appointed themselves prosecutor and judge and expected Jesus to be the executioner. The woman transgressed the Law (you will not commit adultery EX 20:14), the penalty is cut and dry (death LE 20:10), what are you waiting for Jesus?

I concluded there was no point in me locating the nearest police officer and confessing my offence. The officer might ask me where I reside, take note of what I looked like, write down the description of my vehicle and be on the lookout for me while on patrol. Next time I might not be as fortunate. I best be still. I got away with it—or did I?

2 FISH 5 LOAVES

School is back in session and this means it is time for 2 Fish 5 Loaves (backpack program) to begin. 2 Fish 5 Loaves is a mission program that fills weekend food bags for Kindergarten to 5th grade students at North Gibson School. To kick off the school year, we are going to have a backpack filling party on Sunday, Sept. 16 during the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. service. If you would like to help with this program, a team of volunteers fill bags every Sunday after the 10:45 a.m. service. If you would like to help financially, you can sponsor a child for \$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 have any questions, please contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

SAFE SITTER CLASS

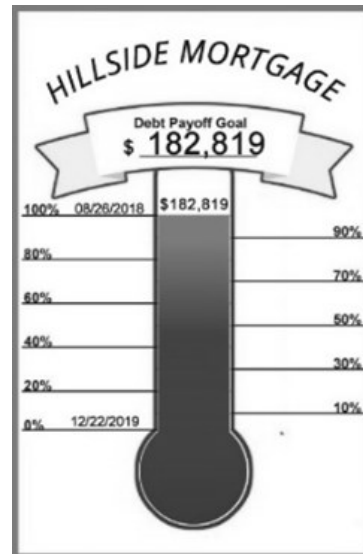
August was the one year anniversary when Hillside became a certified Safe Sitter® teaching site. In the last year, we have held 2 classes putting 12 students in the community that are now safe sitters. This class is designed for students in grades 6-8. The Safe Sitter® class prepares students to be safe when they are alone watching younger siblings or babysitting. They will learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who is choking and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. They get to use manikins to practice choking rescue. Students who attend Hillside will then have the opportunity to serve in Hillside Little Lambs upon completion of the Safe Sitter® course. For those students interested, save the dates October 21 and October 28, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Registration will start in October. Attendance to both dates is necessary for completion of course. For more information or questions, please contact Jenny White @ jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hillside's Finance Committee wants to make you aware of an easy way to contribute financially to Hillside. We offer electronic giving. You can go to our website (<http://www.hillsideprinceton.org>), click on the "give" tab, and it will direct you to our 100% secure giving page. You can direct where your giving goes such as the general fund, missions, building, and so on. You can also set up recurring giving so that your contribution is made weekly, bi-weekly, monthly and so on. Your gift is greatly appreciated as Hillside is 100% dependent upon your giving to make ministry happen in your church. Without your generous giving, ministry would grind to a halt. Thank you for supporting God's work!

Speaking of the building fund, we are excited to announce that our building mortgage is now below \$183,000! This facility was built in 2003 at a cost of 1.4 million dollars! By faith the members took out a mortgage and began the tedious task of repaying the loan. It has been a long 15 years paying off this mortgage, but the end is in sight. We have approximately 18 months of payments left. Wouldn't it be exciting if we could retire this debt sooner? As your pastor I am excited to be here and be a part of the great move of God in our midst. I would like to challenge everyone to pray and ask God, "What can I do to help retire this debt?" I am aware people often get tired of hearing about giving. Hopefully you are not one of them—as you see the spiritual and everyday blessing of contributing to something bigger than yourself. You also know that Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. We are a blessed people and if you want a blessing you cannot contain becoming a cheerful giver. How about starting soon? As your pastor I covenant with you to give extra (beyond my regular giving) to help retire this debt. I have already given a sizable contribution to retire this debt. Will you join with me to help move our church forward? Finally, I am very thankful for every financial gift our members give to Hillside regardless of amount. Remember the widow and her coin?



FAMILY BUILDERS KICK-OFF

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

4:45 PM MEAL

6:00 PM CHILDREN'S PROGRAM REGISTRATION

& FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Join Us!

delicious cook-out meal & ice cream

giant slip 'n slide

cake walk

4-square

baseketball

balloon animals

praise team performance

fellowship

KIDS IN MOTION

On Family Builder Wednesdays, children ages 4-11 are invited to participate in fun energetic activities led by adults and youth volunteers. Parents, please keep in mind that our church has a Safe Sanctuary policy and our goal is to keep your kids safe. After your child is finished with their meal, please either keep them with you or sign them in for the fun activities in the interim of programs beginning. As long as weather permits, we will be going outside. A sign-in table will be located in the back of the Worship Center and sign in will begin at 5:20 p.m. and end at 5:35 p.m. Children must be signed in by an adult. At 5:50 p.m. the children will be signed in by leaders to their respective programs for the evening. If you have any questions about Kids In Motion or would like more information, please contact Jenny White at jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY BUILDERS

Wednesday nights are back and we are excited for a new season! Join us Wednesday, September 5 for our Kick-Off Event. We will be serving from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Menu

September 5th -*Kick Off Night* (FREE MEAL)
Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Mac and Cheese, Chips and Ice Cream

September 12th -*Casserole Night*
Chicken or Tuna Noodle Casserole, Carrots, Buttered Bread
Salad bar includes salad and fruit.

September 19th -*Italian Night*
Lasagna, Garlic Bread
Salad bar includes salad and fruit.

September 26th -*Breakfast Night*
Biscuits and Gravy, Hashbrown, Scrambled Eggs
Salad bar includes yogurt and fruit parfait.

Hot Meal with Salad Bar cost \$4.00 per person.
(Preschool and under free).

Salad Bar cost \$3.00 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.



A WORD FROM SUSAN CAREY Dir. Of Family Ministries

There are very few sounds as engaging and life-giving as children laughing, and with the return of Family Builders and our children's programming on Wednesdays this month, this building is soon to be full of life. We provide incredible discipleship to children both on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings; I am humbled by the powerful ways God has moved to transform quality programming into excellent programming and I continue to pray for His hand in the lives of our children.

Do you know that the reason we go into ministry is often not what keeps us in ministry? When I accepted this job 4 ½ years ago, it was because I felt a desire to teach children a different story, one that is more meaningful than anything I could teach them from a literature book. But that call has shifted. God has placed incredible leaders to do the teaching and the burden on my heart has changed...to a burden for their parents.

Do you know one of the best ways you can serve parents in this church, Hillside? You can step in to disciple their kids on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings so parents can have that 90 minutes to worship and pursue their own discipleship. What would happen if our baby boomers and our grandparents covered Little Lambs ministry, Children's Church, Sunday School, and Wednesday night small groups? How would the young parents in this church be able to grow and develop as Christ followers? What opportunities could we provide for them?

Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. If you peek into the children's ministries, you will see that the majority of those who are serving are the very ones we are supposed to serve. How can you support the faith development of the young parents in our midst during their season of parenthood?

My prayer is that each of you will search your hearts, seek God's direction, and remember the seasons of parenthood. Will you be who you needed when you were raising your children?

A WORD FROM AMY EVANS

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14.

When I first starting coming to Hillside in 2012, I remember reading my first newsletter and thinking of all the amazing things Hillside did. I would read the entries and think, "How can I help? Where do I belong in this church? God, do you really need me to help? Do I have the time to serve? Do I really need to be serving anyone?" With all the questions I would ask, God would always remind me of Galatians 5:13-14. I would think Oh Jesus you saved me, you rescued me from my sins, how can I return the love you have given me? Again, I would be reminded of Galatians 5:13-14. I have often been asked why I serve. I serve because God loves me so much and His son died for me. I can't even begin to wrap my brain around the love that Jesus has for me and so the least I can do is say "Yes" to Him when I feel called to serve. God sees the big plan; when God is nudging you to be His hands and feet, you might be the blessing someone has been praying for. Maybe you're the smile that a tired mother needs to see in the nursery on a Sunday, or maybe you're the delivery driver bringing a hot meal, or maybe you're providing food in a backpack for a child that has no food at home or maybe you're providing toys that will go overseas to a child that will hear about Jesus, or maybe you will be the greeter at the door that someone scared of church will first see, or maybe you will be the small group leader that a teenager needs in his life, or maybe you will sing just the right song that moves someone closer to Jesus. God knows where He needs you , what is holding you back from saying "YES"? Hillside has given me so many opportunities to live out my life serving others. If there is one thing I have learned over these last 6 years it is that there is always someplace I belong. God really does need me to help, and even when I'm a hot mess, He still needs me to be His hands and feet. Don't let fear keep you from saying yes, fear is a liar. There is always somewhere for you to belong at Hillside. What is He asking you to say "YES" to?

FRIENDS CLUB

Amanda Miskell

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and is ready for the 2018-19 Friends Club year to start... I know I am!

We are welcoming back our great Small Group Leaders: Kindergarten: Carl and Leslie Harrison; 1st Grade: Janelle Zeisler and Jayme Williams; and 2nd grade: Pat and Tiffany Dicus. Also coming back is Susan Carey who assists the leaders and kids as needed! I am so excited to go through another year with this group of volunteers!

This year we will continue using the Dig In curriculum learning about The Life of Jesus! Sign-Ins (drop off) will start at 5:50 p.m. with Friends Club starting at 6 p.m. and sign-out (pick up) is at 7:30 p.m. We will be making a few great changes this year giving parents an opportunity to communicate with their kids' small group leaders! Once your kids are signed-in/signed-out, you will physically go in to get your child from their small group leaders. This is also a great way for us to keep our kids safe during this time!

Looking Ahead:

Sept. 12 "Jesus Describes his True Family"

Sept. 19 "Parable - Farmers / Seed"

Also, Meet the Parents night (more information to come)

Sept. 26 "Parable - Good Samaritan"

Proverbs 17:17 - "A Friend Loves At All Time"

LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB Amy Evans
Preschool & Pre-K (Must be 4 by Jan 1, 2019)

I can't believe it is almost time to start Wednesday nights back up. I am super excited to get this year started. I am excited to say that we have Jon Williams, Jackie Gooch, Shannon Kohlmeyer and Mike May joining us as Small Group Leaders. On September 12 we will have Little Friends Club parent night. We are asking that all parents stay for a meet and greet with small group leaders, to discuss the year, and a tutorial of the new Parent Cue App we will be using this year. During the month of September our focus will be getting to know the kids and to learn that Jesus wants us in His family. We will also talk about Jesus growing us and that His followers care for others. If you have any questions, contact Amy Evans 812-664-1683.

YOUNG BELIEVERS Sarah Kruse

It's that time of year again when we will begin our Wednesday night activities. September 12 we will begin our evenings upstairs from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please continue to follow Hillside's safe sanctuary policy and sign in and sign out your child each week. We will only allow an adult to sign in and out the children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in that endeavor.

We will continue to use the Dig In curriculum that we used last year, which includes a large group lesson, worship music, small group activities including a talk-about video and discussion, games, and a deeper look into our lesson for the week. We have big things planned for this year with missions projects, theme nights, and just plain FUN!!! If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Important dates to remember:

- Sept. 5 Family Kick-Off
- Sept. 12 Wednesday Night Ministry Begins
- Sept. 26 Parent Night at Young Believers (more information to come) Theme Night- Crazy Socks

HILLSIDE EVENTS

IT'S HERITAGE DAYS & APPLE PIE TIME!

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 three churches came together and has been a primary fundraiser for one of the churches prior to that. It started back in the early 80's.

We still need lots of help! 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.

We will start collecting the following ingredients. We will need them by September 9. Please place dry ingredients in the tote in the lobby, and eggs and butter in the refrigerator.

- ⇒ **20 - 4lb bags of sugar (not fine)**
- ⇒ **9 - 5lb bags of Gold Medal (not self-rising)**
- ⇒ **3 - Crisco 3lb cans**
- ⇒ **5 lbs salt**
- ⇒ **10 dozen Jumbo eggs**
(please make sure the expiration date isn't before Sept 21)

Cash donations to help defray miscellaneous costs.

We will start apple peeling Wednesday, September 19. We will begin rolling and making the unbaked pies on Wednesday 8 a.m.-3 p.m., then making and baking on Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. until finished.

Please volunteer to help by stopping by the table in the lobby. 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.

Thanks for all your support.

HILLSIDE 412 YOUTH

Wow! Can you believe that the school year has already started? We can't wait to get things started. We would like to invite any 6th-12th grader to come and join us in growing in our faith at 412 Youth. Lots of things are going on. Youth group officially starts Sept. 9 with Parent's Night. We invite any and all youth parents to eat dinner, worship and discuss the upcoming year with your youth. Open gym starts at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and dismissal at 7 p.m. The first series we will discuss is "The Greatest"; it will talk about the greatest commandment: "Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

There will be more info to come on upcoming events. Please make sure to follow us on FB Hillside 412 Youth Group. Also we have a mass text message service that if you are not on and would like to be please contact Justin or Andrea Dyehouse. It's going to be a great year and we can't wait to see you all there!

SUNDAY MEAL FOR YOUTH GROUP

Meals are also provided for the youth and leaders every Sunday at 5 p.m. If you are interested in providing a meal this year please contact Andrea Dyehouse @ 812-215-0259.

CONFIRMATION

September kicks off the 9-month confirmation process for youth to officially affirm their faith and join Hillside as church members. All interested parents and youth are asked to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. in the Youth Room. We'll discuss the purpose of and plans for confirmation, as well as discuss mentors, service opportunities, and covenants.

Church, please continue praying for the students, families, and leaders who will be part of this special time. May their ears, minds, and hearts be open to the leading of Holy Spirit and may they grow deeper in their faith with God through Jesus Christ.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Chastity Braswell

We are off to a great start to our 2018-19 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. 26. All grandparents are welcome to join us. A.M. classes will start at 10:15 a.m.; the P.M. classes will start at 1:45 p.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 bible verses are 1 John 3:11, Ephesians 6:1, Psalm 119:160, and Psalm 31:14.

We want to welcome Ms. Jessica Chamberlain. 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!

A WORD FROM BRENDA WITT Administrative Assistant

Well September is just around the corner and Hillside will be coming alive with children & adults from Preschool and Wednesday Night Family Builders. I love to hear all the kids as they hurry around to have fun with friends and learn a little during our Wednesday Night programs. I have the pleasure of seeing faces while I serve in the meal line. I am sorry but sometimes I actually don't have time to look up and greet each one of you. My fault. I am going to try my best to greet each and every one of you who comes through the line for the delicious meal.

So to all of you I wish everyone a blessed fall and just remember that God is Good, All The Time, All The Time, God is Good!