



# Hillcrest Highlights

A publication of Hillcrest United Methodist Church

*Hillcrest United Methodist Church is a family of diverse people, with a variety of gifts, called to discipleship, led by one spirit, and united in service and mission to God.*

## **A Message from your Pastor . . . Happy New Year!**

We have a challenging and exciting year before us in 2014 here at Hillcrest United Methodist Church. My prayer is that our community will continue to be blessed through the work that we will accomplish this year in the name of our Lord.

January is the time each year for those persons elected at Charge Conference in the Fall to assume their positions on the Church Council, committees and boards. (A copy of the 2014 Church Council is included in this newsletter or you may pick up a copy in the church office.) The entire congregation is asked to be in prayer for the church and all its leadership as we begin a new year of ministry together.

On **Sunday, January 5, 10:15 a.m.**, we will have the **Installation of all 2014 leaders, committee and board members** during the worship service. This will be an important time of recognizing and praying for our entire leadership team. Each of us in the congregation will be invited to commit to doing all in our power to support our leaders as they begin the task(s) for which they have been chosen. On **Sunday, January 12, 10:15 a.m.**, our worship service will include the **Congregational Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant**. As we remember the Baptism of our Lord during that service, we will also re-commit ourselves to the vows we have taken as baptized followers of Jesus Christ. Each person present will receive a small token as a reminder of our baptismal vows. I hope you will make every effort to be present.

On behalf of the congregation I want to express appreciation to all who were in leadership positions this past year at Hillcrest UMC. We had a wonderful year of reaching out to our community in the name of Christ under your leadership and guidance. Thank you!

In closing I offer you a quotation by Marianne Williamson for your consideration as we enter into a New Year and as we celebrate Epiphany on Jan. 6.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we subconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."\*

My friends, each of you is a beloved child of God. I invite you to let your light shine throughout 2014 so that in you others may see the light of Christ! Blessings!

*Cheri*

Continuing our journey through the days of Christmas, quickly fade the images of the manger, angels and shepherds, and the strains of *Away in a Manger* and *Silent Night*. Before we move too far from the familiar scenes, it is my prayer that we can hang on to another image: the visit of the Magi.

Much has been made about how many there were, from where they came, and when they actually arrived. They were kings? Astrologers or astronomers? Mystics from foreign lands? In my way of thinking, there is a more important thing to consider, and it is the very detail that transcends time and distance, and binds us to the wise men. I will leave it to the hands of the theologians to ponder the gifts, the significance of the visit, and the details of timing. My favorite part of the story is actually summed up in a few otherwise insignificant words at the end of Matt 2:12: *they went home by another way*.

As we return to the routines of our daily lives, let us be mindful that a true encounter with Christ means that we are changed by it: and as we turn to go about our normal activities that "maybe me and you can be wise guys, too, and go home by another way. Much love,



**The Nashville District TN  
Conference Training Event**  
**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

The Nashville District TN Conference Training Event is scheduled at Brentwood United Methodist Church.

There are workshops for

- *Healthy Congregations,*
- *Connecting With Our Neighbors,*
- *Financial Reporting, and*
- *Staff/Pastor Parish Committee Training.*

If you are interested in attending you will need to register. You may do so online at <http://www.tnumc.org/calendar/nashville-dist-training-event>

or by picking up a registration form at the church office.



**Hey Thanks...**

**Thank you all** for being so willing and diligent about signing the Green Attendance Pads each week. Y'all have made my job a whole lot easier and I appreciate your help. I try to keep track of y'all on a weekly basis and check in either by mail (e or snail) and/or a phone call. Your being here and letting us/me know is good in a couple of way, 1) we are blessed by your presence because we know you are well and can join us in worship and 2) I know you, like me, are listening to God's call to come and be a witness to others and to let others be a witness to us. The longer I am among the folks at Hillcrest U.M.C. I know I am blessed to be called here. Please keep up the good work in 2014 as we keep each other in our prayers. God Bless!

**Bud Whipple**

**Home Meetings Continue**

If you are interested in getting involved in one of the home/small groups, contact:

- Carla Richards ([carlarichards@comcast.net](mailto:carlarichards@comcast.net)),
- Charlene Eubank ([scrappingnana@comcast.net](mailto:scrappingnana@comcast.net)),
- Jennifer Hurst ([jenden62@comcast.net](mailto:jenden62@comcast.net)),
- Brian Jackson ([bjax2911@msn.com](mailto:bjax2911@msn.com)), or
- Vern Denney ([vern.denney@gmail.com](mailto:vern.denney@gmail.com)).

**Upcoming meeting dates are:**

- **Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 at Bud and Myrtle Ruth Whipple's home. (Vern Denney's group)**

**English as a Second Language classes at Hillcrest will resume January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our last endeavor provided us the opportunity to meet neighbors from 14 different countries around the world! This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the neighbors that surround us and share the love of Christ with the gift of English, a gift that will help them navigate in their new home country.

If you are available at all on Wednesday evenings from 6 -7:30 pm come on out and join us as we show some radical hospitality!

There are opportunities to help with greeting folks, registration, testing, or assisting in a classroom. January 8th-Volunteer Orientation

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### January Birthdays

Jan 1 Christian Guerrero  
 Jan 1 Rolland Puckett  
 Jan 1 Nycholas Woolsey  
 Jan 2 Nicole Johnson  
 Jan 4 Joseph McCormick  
 Jan 5 Reba Brown  
 Jan 5 Bethany Barnett  
 Jan 5 Carolyn Dyce  
 Jan 5 Barrett Willis  
 Jan 6 Debra Lynne Williamson  
 Jan 7 Franklin Williams  
 Jan 8 Kelsey Chandler  
 Jan 8 Tony Lane  
 Jan 8 Matt Roberts  
 Jan 9 Michael Dauberman  
 Jan 10 Mary Mitchell  
 Jan 14 Terry Linehan  
 Jan 15 Doug Brown  
 Jan 18 Paige Simms  
 Jan 19 Gayle Adkins  
 Jan 23 Janice Baker  
 Jan 23 Janet Keys  
 Jan 23 Taylor Pyburn  
 Jan 23 Hadley Rhoads  
 Jan 24 Benjamin Doezema  
 Jan 24 Will Ryan  
 Jan 24 Gigi Stills  
 Jan 24 H.D. Stills  
 Jan 25 Elaine Piper  
 Jan 26 Maurice Rowland  
 Jan 27 Houston Vaughn  
 Jan 29 Michelle Parker  
 Jan 30 Caroline Dyer

### January Anniversaries

Jan 1 Leslie and Dot Bass  
 Jan 2 Neil and Cheryl Letson  
 Jan 5 Don and Jayme Palmer  
 Jan 8 Ken and Debra Dillard  
 Jan 30 Jane Burton  
 Jan 31 Kamron Elder



Coasters and Honey's will not meet in January. Please mark your calendars to meet again in February.

Coasters—February 12th  
 Honeys—February 18th

January 11th—  
 TN Conference Training  
 (Brentwood UMC)

## Prayer Concerns

Our Christian love and sympathy are with Bishop Bill & Lynn McAlilly and their family in the death of Bishop McAlilly's nephew, Kevin Gale Stauffer III. Gale was killed in the line of duty on December 23, responding to a bank robbery in Tupelo MS. He is survived by his wife, Beth; daughter Dixie (6) and son Skip (2). A candlelight vigil was held on Christmas Day at Fairpark at the Christmas tree in front of city hall. Burial with military and law enforcement honors was held on December 27 at First United Methodist Church in Tupelo.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the McAlilly's at:  
**Nashville Area Episcopal Office**  
**520 Commerce Street Suite 201**  
**Nashville, TN 37203**

The following requests were received from our Hillcrest family. You may add a concern to this list by filling out a Prayer Concern form located in the pew and placing it in the offering plate or in the prayer box at the front of the church. **In order to keep our Prayer List current, please contact the church office when it is time to remove a name from the list.**

Rose Wall	David Kulp
Wayne Back	Pat Davis
Diana Hanvy	Maud Quartey
Barbara Barton	Dot King
Mary Margaret Lovell	Betty Williams
Jennifer Lynn DeCerbo	Dwayne & Mildred Stahler
Lindsay Adams	Rev. David Streets
Teresa Chandler	George Dauberman
Mitch Shelton	
Bobby Harper	

**Church Council**

Co-Chairs	Jennifer Hurst
Recording Secretary	Marylee Foster
Lay Leader	Chip Parsons
Lay Member to AC	Bud Whipple
Alt. Member to AC	Robert Brown
Stewardship Chair	Bob Powell
Trustees	Elected by Trustees 1/14
Finance Committee	Kim Joyce
SPRC	Felicia Simms
Financial Secretary	Bob Powell
Treasurer	Sandra Strickland/ Richard Spry
Membership Secretary	Sharon Steeley

**Ministry Areas - Chair or representative of ministry areas can serve on Church Council**

Missions Co-Chairs	Patty Wilson/ Zach Richards
Welcome and Witness	Dimple McClurg
Worship	Kim Joyce
Discipleship	Charlene Eubank
Children	Kendall Crosslin
Adult Coord. With Youth	Carol Doezema
Communications	Harold Joyce
Congregational Care	Myrtle Ruth Whipple
UMM President	Don Mitchell
UMW President	Barbara Barton
Youth President	Connor Worden

**Members at Large**

2014	2015	2016
Grady Robinson	Robin Stewart	Allison Carter
Debbie Rhoads	Kaitlynn Vaughn	Neil Letson
Jacob Vaughn	Gayla Loewen	

**Staff Paris Relations Committee**

Chair	Felicia Simms
Vice-Chair	
Secretary	

**Committee Members**

<u>2014 Class</u>	<u>2015 Class</u>	<u>2016 Class</u>
Morgan Jumbi	Marcus Stuart	Felicia Simms Lilamani Schlei- cher
Scott Condor	Elaine Piper	Neil Letson
Dot Crawford	Janet Keys	

**Members by Office:**

Lay Member to AC	Bud Whipple
Lay Leader	Chip Parsons
Staff Liaison	Rev. Cherie Parker

**Finance Committee**

Chair	Kim Joyce
Vice Chair	Will split AP/Payroll with Richard Spry
Treasurer	Sandra Strickland/ Richard Spry
Assistant Treasurer	Richard Spry

2nd Asst. Treasurer	Lilamani Schleicher
Financial Secretary	Bob Powell
Stewardship Chair	Bob Powell

<u>2014 Class</u>	<u>2015 Class</u>	<u>2016 Class</u>
Carla Richards	Doc Barton	Alan Foster
Kim Joyce	Jack Wheeler	Randall Chandler
Jerry Strickland		

**Members by Office:**

Senior Pastor	Rev. Cherie Parker
Church Council Chair	Jennifer Hurst
SPRC Chair	Felicia Simms
Trustee Chair	Curtis Piper
Lay Leader	Chip Parsons
Lay Member to AC	Bud Whipple

**Members without vote:**

**Trustees**

Chair	Curtis Piper
Vice-Chair	Kevin Parker
Secretary	
Staff Liaisons	Rev. Cherie Parker

**Committee Members**

<u>2014 Class</u>	<u>2015 Class</u>	<u>2016 Class</u>
Kevin Parker	Jimmy Wilson	Kathy Seibel
Jerry Moseley	Don Mitchell	Richard Spry
Curtis Piper	T.C. Cross	Teresa Parsons

**Committee on Lay Leadership**

Chair	Rev. Cherie Parker
Lay Leader	Chip Parsons

**Committee Members**

<u>2014 Class</u>	<u>2015 Class</u>	<u>2016 Class</u>
Harold Joyce	Kaitlyn Vaughn	Betty Worden
Neal Buchanan	Sharon Steeley	Alan Foster
Patty Wilson	Robin Dyer	Ed Pyles

**Missions**

Zachary Richards/ Patty Wilson, CoChairs  
 Jimmy Wilson  
 Kathryn Spry  
 Michelle Parker

**Welcome and Witness**

Dimple McClurg, Chair  
 Sharon Steeley  
 Grady Robinson  
 Terry Linehan  
 Re Humeny (name tags)  
 Mary Jane Pinson (name tags)

**Worship**

Kim Joyce, Chair  
 Dot Robinson  
 Janet Keys  
 Mike Castellaw  
 Gayla Loewen  
 Lisa Merritt

**Discipleship**

Charlene Eubank, Chair  
 Vern Denney  
 Andrew Schleicher

**Communications**

Harold Joyce, Chair  
 Jacob Vaughn  
 Christine Perkins  
 Mike Castellaw  
 Connor Worden  
 Marylee Foster

**How To Submit Information for the Newsletter**

Information for the newsletter may be submitted by e-mail or by completing an Activity/Event information form and leaving the completed form in Administrative Assistant's mailbox. Please note that the deadline to submit information is firm. Any submission received after the deadline will be published in the following month's edition. If the submission is time sensitive, it will be published in the daily e-mails and bulletin. Activity/Event forms are located in the outer office on the book shelf to the right of the copy machine, and on the church website ([www.hillcrestumc.org](http://www.hillcrestumc.org)).

**Congregational Care**

Myrtle Ruth Whipple, Chair  
 Barbara Barton

**Stewardship**

Bob Powell, Chair  
 Kim Joyce, Finance Chair  
 Jack Wheeler  
 Anita Wheeler

**New Member Team**

Neil Letson  
 Cheryl Letson  
 Lorrie Young

**Youth Council**

President	Connor Worden
Senior High Rep	Kaitlynn Vaughn
Junior High Rep	Sophie Richards
Secretary	Anna Grace Smith
Welcome/Witness	Emma Richards

**Committee Meetings**

Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> - Pre School Board Meeting 11:30 am  
 Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> - Trustees 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> - SPRC 6:30 pm

<b>Newsletter Publication Schedule</b>	
<b>Time Period Covered</b>	<b>Deadline for Information/</b>
<b>For the period covering February 1st—28</b>	<b>Articles need to be submitted by February 24th at Noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on February 27th</b>
<b>For the period covering March 1st—March 31st</b>	<b>Articles need to be submitted by March 25th at Noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on March 28th</b>
<b>Please email articles to: <a href="mailto:martie@hillcrestumc.org">martie@hillcrestumc.org</a></b>	

## Youth Ministry

We usually associate January with new beginnings, a fresh New Year, a new opportunity to accomplish goals. As we enter 2014, our focus will shift to mission and preparing to serve at Mountain T.O.P. this summer. We will need to raise about \$5,000 to cover our expenses. We will have training, and we will be challenged to become a servant, not only in preparation for our one week on the mountain, but to make servant hood a part of who we are in our hearts and with our actions. So, in the next few months we will be studying those in scripture who were true servants to help as we seek to better serve God and the world around us.

'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.' -Matthew 25:40, the Message

Upcoming Events:

January 15 Bible Study Resumes

January 17 Youth RIT

Jan 31-Feb 2 Warmth in Winter

## Children's Ministry

The children did a beautiful job proclaiming the gospel as they presented the story of Jesus coming in the Come as You Are Christmas Pageant! Thank you to all those who made that happen!! And a special thanks to Robin Dyer, who has been sharing her many gifts as the chair of the Children's Ministry Team this past year! Her gifts and love for children is inspiring and such a blessing.

We are excited that Kendall Crosslin has agreed to bless our committee with her leadership in the 2014 year! Kendall is a faithful Children's Ministry volunteer, a gifted teacher, and a joy to serve with.

Children's Ministry@Hillcrest; Sunday School; PreK-K; 1st-2nd Grade

These groups are using Spark, a hands on and active learning experience with teachers who bring such great energy into their lessons as they teach the stories of faith that follow the lectionary, connecting our children to what is happening in worship each week.

### **3rd-6th Grade**

This group is doing a study called Connect, which looks at the themes of the Bible and how they connect through the old and New Testament. There are video and hands on elements as they get familiar with the Bible.

Sunday PM-Rock the House

Active Activities that teach our faith stories to build the foundation for a life of faith.

PreK-2 meets in room 8

PTY(3-6) meets in the Upper Elementary Room

## HUMC Calendar of Events

*Our nursery is open for Sunday School and Sunday Worship with no reservations needed. Additionally, we seek to provide childcare for parents attending Bible studies or meetings. Leaders, please reserve your event two weeks in advance. Highlighted (\*) events have childcare provided. For other events, parents must call the church office at 832-0157 to reserve a space for your child. Although we always try to accommodate last minute situations, we need your reservation 48 hours in advance.*

### Wednesday, Jan 1 Church Office closed

### Thursday, January 2

6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

### Friday, January 3

6:00 pm Room In The Inn

### Saturday, January 4

8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Sunday January 5

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15am \*Worship  
3:00 pm Disciple I  
5:00 pm \*Fellowship Supper  
5:30 pm Youth PUSH  
5:45 pm Rock the House (Children)  
6:00 pm Adult Short Studies

### Monday, January 6

9:30 am Refugee Agricultural Program  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, January 7

3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Wednesday, January 8

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Afterschool  
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
5:30 pm ESL Orientation  
6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Prayer

### Thursday, January 9

9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
5:00 pm Mtn. Top Board Mtg.  
7:00 pm Dan Beard District Mtg.  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troup Committee Mtg.

### Friday, January 10

6:00 pm Open Table

### Saturday January 11

9:30 District Leadership Training  
(Brentwood UMC)  
8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Sunday, January 12

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
11:30 am Church Council  
11:30 am PreSchool Board Mtg.  
3:00 pm Disciple I  
3:00 pm Scout Pack 1161 (201)

5:00 pm \*Fellowship Supper  
5:30 pm Youth PUSH  
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)  
6:00 pm Adult Short Studies

### Monday, January 13

9:00 am Refugee Agricultural Training  
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, January 14

3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
6:30 pm SPRC  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm Tusculum Rd. Neighborhood Watch  
8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Wednesday, January 15

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Afterschool  
6:00 pm \*Wednesday Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Hillcrest ESL classes  
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 16

7:00 am Recycling  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

### Friday, January 17

6:00 pm Room In the Inn

### Saturday, January 18

8:00 am - JFON  
8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Sunday January 19

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
5:00 pm \*Fellowship Supper  
5:30 pm Youth PUSH  
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)  
6:00 pm Adult Short Studies

### Monday, January 20

Church Office closed for MLK day  
Preschool Closed for MLK day

### Tuesday, January 21

3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Wednesday, January 22

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
6:00 pm \*Wednesday Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Hillcrest ESL Classes

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 23

9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Afterschool  
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

### Friday, January 24

4:00 pm Open Table

### Saturday, January 25

8:00 pm AA/Alanon

### Sunday, January 26

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
3:00 pm Disciple I  
5:00 pm \*Fellowship Supper  
5:30 pm Youth PUSH  
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)  
6:00 pm Adult Short Studies

### Monday, January 27

9:30 am Refugee ESL classes  
10:00 am Refugee Agriculture Training  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, January 28

3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
6:30 pm NAFCN  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
8:00 pm AA & AI Anon

### Wednesday, January 29

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Afterschool  
6:00 pm \*Wednesday Evening Prayer  
6:00 pm Hillcrest ESL Classes  
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 30

9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

### Friday, January 31

6:00 pm Room In The Inn

**\*\*Coasters will not meet in January**

**\*\*Honeys will not meet in January**



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**Hillcrest Worship**

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**10:15 A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.**

**Church Staff**

**Senior Pastor:** Cherie Parker

**Minister of Music:** Mike Castellaw

**Minister of Children & Youth:** Keri Cress

**Organist:** Carl Hester

**Pianist:** Sarah Williams

**Nursery:** Susan Gebhardt, Leah Watkins,  
Debbie Rhoads

**Administrative Assistant:** Martie Rader

**Pre-school Staff**

**Preschool Director:** Robin Dyer

**Teachers:** Teresa Parsons

Jennifer Allman

Kellie Gifford

Heather Hobbs

**For information about the preschool call 831-1001.**

*Our building is maintained by BMCS. If you find any area of the building in need of attention please let us know by calling the church office.*