



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 Cherie

As April begins we are more than half way through the season of Lent. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which is April 13 this year. On that day in our worship service, we will remember Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem along with the turn of events that resulted in his Passion and death. There will be several opportunities to worship as we remember these events of Jesus' last week. On Thursday, April 17, we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for the Maundy Thursday service. We will remember the Last Supper, share in Holy Communion and then strip the sanctuary of all symbols and paraments as we remember Jesus' arrest. At noon on Friday, April 18, you are invited to Glencliff United Methodist Church, 2901 Glencliff Road, for the South Nashville United Methodist Good Friday Service at which we will remember The Last Seven Words of Christ on the cross. I will be preaching on one of the words. There will be a light lunch served following the service. On the evening of Good Friday, we will gather again at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest UMC for a Service of Tenebrae or Shadows, during which we will hear the Gospel account of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial, with candles being extinguished throughout the reading. The climax of the week will come on Easter morning, April 20, when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at our 10:15 worship service. I hope you will include these worship opportunities in your Holy Week experience.

Also on Palm Sunday we will have the first of four major community outreach opportunities with the Easter Egg Hunt and Open House. You are invited along with members of the surrounding community into the sanctuary for a devotional at 4:00 p.m. followed by a giant Easter Egg Hunt in the church yard, weather permitting. This will be followed by a Cake Walk, a light supper, games and playtime on giant inflatables in the gym. This year we will have booths showing the ongoing ministries and opportunities we offer here at Hillcrest UMC. We need your help that day as well as in preparation for the day. Please bring small individually wrapped pieces of candy to put into the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. (We will need your help stuffing the eggs prior to that day. Keri will let us know when we'll gather to do this.) We will also need guides to direct the groups of children and their parents to the appropriate areas to hunt eggs. Our Ministry Teams are working on what will be displayed in the booths and on how they will be involved in welcoming members of the community to this event. I hope you will join in the fun, fellowship and hospitality as we welcome our neighbors.

There will be other opportunities later in the year to connect with our community by reaching out in fellowship and friendship to share the love of Christ with those living in the area surrounding our church. Our calling as a United Methodist congregation is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" in the mission field within which our church is located. I invite you to join me in these and other opportunities to serve our Lord and share his love with those around us.

Blessings, *Cherie*



A Message from Mike

Last month, I wrote about being overly concerned about things to **give up** during Lent, and to think more about things that might be an improvement if we were to simply **take up** new or healthier habits. If you are still thinking about something to give up (it's never too late), consider giving up one or more of the following...

Guilt – *I am loved by Jesus and he has forgiven my sins. Today is a new day and the past is behind.*

Fear – *God is on my side. In him I am more than a conqueror. (see Romans 8)*

The need to please everyone – *I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.*

Envy – *I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.*

Impatience – *God's timing is the perfect timing.*

Sense of entitlement – *The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.*

Bitterness and Resentment – *The only person I am hurting by holding on to these is myself.*

Blame – *I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.*

Gossip and Negativity – *I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic bringing other people down.*

Comparison – *I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.*

Fear of failure – *You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fail forward.*

A spirit of poverty – *Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.*

Feelings of unworthiness – *You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)*

Doubt – *Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.*

Self-pity – *God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.*

Retirement – *As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.*

Excuses – *A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.*

Lack of counsel – *Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.*

Pride – *Blessed are the humble.*

Worry – *God is in control and worrying will not help.*

In simple and important ways, we draw closer to God by the choices we make. Choose this day to draw closer by removing distractions, frustrations, or concerns that would keep us from seeing God's face or hearing God's voice during this time of year.

Mike

FAITHLINK COMING

Connecting Faith and Life

Sessions on social issues and everyday life, and how as Christians we deal and cope.

Sunday evening 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. Room 201

May 4 – Mental Illness and Christian Faith – Several recent violent events have brought national attention to mental health issues. How can churches offer support to those who suffer from mental illness and to communities who experience such violent tragedies?

May 18 – End of Life Medical Treatment – The tragic case of Jahi McMath has renewed public attention to complicated questions about the end of life. What defines death? What measures should medical science take to sustain life? How does Christian Faith guide us as we face these issues?

May 25 – Water Crises – The recent report of chemical contamination of the water supply in West Virginia raises issues about water in the United States and all over the world. What are these issues? What can we do to make sure that access to safe water is available for everyone?

All are welcome to attend these discussions. Nursery care (PreK and younger) will be available.

A "Thank You" from Amazima Ministries

www.amazima.org

Dear Hillcrest and UMW,

Thank you for your recent gift to Amazima

Ministries. Your gift of \$300 allows us to

partner with you to be the hands and feet of Jesus to many vulnerable children and families in Uganda.

We wish you could be in our offices each day as we open our mail and celebrate God's faithful provision for Amazima Ministries. While we trust God completely to meet all of our needs, we do so with a heart of thanksgiving and celebration. Literally.

As envelopes are opened containing letters of encouragement, stories of changed lives and generous donations from our donor family, we STOP, we celebrate, and we pray.

Each staff member has their own, unique noise-

maker. From duck calls, to air horns, to bicycles bells...we celebrate...loudly! While I'm not sure the tenants on the other side of our office walls enjoy the "sounds of worship and celebration", I am confident our Savior and King, Jesus does. He delights in the prayer and praises of His people! We praise our God for His faithfulness through your generosity.

You are making a difference.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

April 02 - Will Mailhiot
 April 04 - Robby Hicks
 April 06 - Cynthia Arnold
 April 06 - Christian Pugh
 April 06 - Robert Mosely
 April 06 - Drew Sanderson
 April 07 - Susan Gebhardt
 April 07 - Debbie Rhoads
 April 08 - Betty Williams
 April 08 - Randy Austin
 April 10 - Jan Kinsman
 April 10 - Brett Hicks
 April 11 - Mark Wilson
 April 13 - William Mulvey
 April 15 - Don Mitchell
 April 15 - Grace Gailah
 April 17 - Laura Williams
 April 17 - Sam Moseley
 April 18 - Debbie Reeves
 April 18 - Marc Brassell
 April 19 - George Dauberman
 April 19 - Rachel Krogman
 April 19 - Emily Krogman
 April 20 - Dwayne Stahler
 April 20 - Courtney Baker
 April 21 - Carol Doezema
 April 22 - Madge Yoke
 April 22 - Michael Lawrence
 April 22 - Sophie Richards
 April 22 - Eric Wall-Brown
 April 23 - Lois Spence
 April 23 - Elissa Pyburn
 April 24 - Conner Worden
 April 24 - Kyle Allman
 April 25 - April Dugger
 April 26 - Emma Richards
 April 27 - Charles Seagruff
 April 27 - Carol Ruckman
 April 28 - Sue Burke
 April 28 - Margaret Bash
 April 28 - Brook Leasure
 April 29 - Kristy Brassell
 April 30 - C'Sarah Lucas

April Anniversaries

April 02 - Kevin and Michelle Parker
 April 03 - Kirk and Martha Freeman
 April 04 - Don and Virginia Stephens
 April 05 - Roland and Norman Tekell
 April 06 - Jerry & Sandra Strickland
 April 10 - Cody and Sarah Wright
 April 16 - Tom and Janet Keys
 April 17 - Neil and Laura Buchanan
 April 18 - Frederick and Remi Junard
 April 19 - Marc and Kristy Brassell
 April 26 - Terrence and Debra Linehan
 April 27 - Mike and Carol Greiner



Save The Date

April 9 - Coasters
 April 13 - Palm Sunday
 April 13 - Easter Egg Hunt
 April 15 - Honeys
 April 20 - Easter Sunday
 April 21 - UMW

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The
Date



Christ
is
Risen!

Prayer Concerns

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.**

Stephen Webster
 The family of Carleen Diggs
 The family of Linda Dove
 Martha Williams
 Jane Dixon
 MacKenzie Carson
 Jean Blankenship
 Linda Graham
 Diana Hanvy
 Lindsay Adams
 Teresa Chandler

Mitch Shelton
 Bobby Harper
 David Kulp
 Pat Davis
 Maud Quartey
 Dot King
 Betty Williams
 George Dauberman

It's Getting GREEN at Hillcrest!

Once again this year Hillcrest has filled their organic garden spots. Headed up by Richard and Kathryn Spry, garden spots have been organically enriched and are ready to start planting. It will be a pesticide free garden. The spots are being used this year by church members, staff members, preschool families and even families that are currently homeless. Some eager gardeners have already begun to plan and plant their spring gardens. Organic gardening is conducive to healthy foods like kale, spinach, cabbage, tomatoes, radishes, onions, carrots and more. Hillcrest continues to be one of the most "green" churches in the area!

From recycling to organic gardens; we take care of God's "green" earth.

Tennessee Annual Conference Merit Award Scholarship

The Conference Merit Award comes from a rebate of 10% of the funds collected by the Tennessee Annual Conference on United Methodist Student Day. The applicant must: be a full, active member of The United Methodist Church for at least 1 year prior to application; have a 3.0 or above grade point average or equivalent; be an undergraduate student currently or enrolling in the Fall at a United Methodist related college or university.

Application at <http://tnac2014.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/merit2014.pdf>

Martin Methodist Minority Student Scholarship

The Tennessee Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry announces the Martin Methodist Minority Student Scholarship. This scholarship will be given annually to a minority student pursuing an undergraduate degree from Martin Methodist College. This award will be a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

Application at <http://tnac2014.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/mmscholarship2014.pdf>

Laity Listening Sessions

What dreams do you have for your church and the Nashville District? What can the District office do to help you in your ministry? You are invited to be a part of a Listening Session, a time for you, the laity, to meet with your District Superintendent, Harriet Bryan. This is your opportunity to share your dreams and challenges, wishes and goals for the Nashville district and your local churches and how the district office can be a support to you and your church.

Listening Sessions will be held at the following locations and times. Childcare is available by reservation. To make a reservation for childcare contact Carol Ruckman by email at carol.ruckman@tnumc.org or by phone at 327-3582.

- ◆ **Thursday, April 10, 6:30-8:30pm at Donelson Heights
(Nursery with Reservation made by: Thursday, April 3)**
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 29, 5:30-7:00pm at Clark Memorial
(Nursery with Reservation made by: Tuesday, April 22)**

ZUMBA GOLD® - GET GROOVIN AT YOUR OWN PACE

The easy-to-follow program that lets you move to the beat at your own speed. It's an invigorating, community-oriented dance-fitness class that feels fresh, and most of all, exhilarating! Zumba Gold® classes provide modified, low-impact moves for active older adults and people who are just starting out at Zumba. It's for male and female, young (at least 18 please) and older. The deal is - the music makes you move and you just have to enjoy yourself! You'll be working up a sweat after about 10 minutes. Even people that have been to a Zumba class before....can join us and do it at their own pace! Try it out for \$2 per class. Wear comfortable clothes & rubber bottom no-skid soles (sneakers)

When: Wed night 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Hillcrest United Methodist Church - gymnasium 5112 Raywood Lane Nashville, TN 37211

Any questions - call Reine 615 454 2651



The **Children's Ministry Team** is asking for donations of candy and plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 4:00 pm. We need lots and lots of candy! We will always take new plastic eggs as well. Please remember when buying candy, that the candy will fit into the plastic eggs. We will have a basket out in the welcome area starting this Sunday until Palm Sunday.

Coasters



The Coasters will be meeting on April 9th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for lunch!

Honeys

Tuesday April 15, 2014



Come join us as we tour the **Croft House** at Grassmere. The land for the zoo at Grassmere was donate by the Croft family. We will find out about the family as we tour their original 1810 home .

Be at the church at 10:00 am on Tuesday April 15. Give Dot Crawford a call for additional info.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Homes, the Croft Home, built in 1810, is the centerpiece of the Grassmere Historic Farm and is open seasonally for guided tours. Interpreters will take you on a walking tour through the home, telling you the history of the property, stories from the five generations who lived there, and how the Zoo came to be located on the land. During the tour, you will see many original pieces of furniture, a portion of the extensive book collection, and several family portraits. Be sure to look for the name that was etched on a pane of glass over 100 years ago. After touring the home, you can explore the rest of the farm grounds, including the three-tier heirloom garden and the family cemetery, which is the final resting place for several family members.



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Hillcrest United Methodist Men will meet for a county ham breakfast and business meeting on April 26 at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

All men are invited.

Our Tithes and Offerings as of March 23, 2014

Weekly Offering	\$4,045.00
YTD Offering	\$86,915.17
Weekly Wattie Fund Offering	\$195.00
YTD Wattie Fund Offering	\$5,420.00

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).

Newsletter Publication Schedule

Time Period Covered Deadline for Information/	Articles
For the period covering May1st—May 31st	Articles need to be submitted by April 25th at Noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on April 29th.
For the period covering June 1 - June 30th	Articles need to be submitted by May 26th at Noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on May 30th.

Please email articles to: martie@hillcrestumc.org

Youth Ministry

Thank you for all of you who so selflessly gave of their time and gifts and snack items to make iD Weekend a great success! It is such a blessing to have a church that so strongly supports the spiritual formation of their young people!! This is an investment in the lifelong faith journeys of our 24 youth who went through the weekend!

The rest of this spring, our youth will take the truth of being a child of God they explored over iD Weekend and live it out by preparing to go out and use their God created gifts in service on the Cumberland Plateau at Mountain TOP this summer. Our first step will be to raise the money for the trip. We will hold our annual *Alleluia Auction* and lunch on *May 4th*! Please mark your calendars and bring your checkbooks! We need to raise about \$5,000 more dollars to cover our camper fees, rental vans, and supplies. If you or your Sunday School class would like to donate an item for the auction or if you would like to lend us a mini-van for the week contact Kerl!

Upcoming Youth Events

May 4th	Alleluia Auction
June 8th-12th	Vacation Bible School
June 22nd-28th	Mountain TOP



Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is busy preparing for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We hope this will be a true church wide outreach to our community at such a great time to share with our neighbors about the love of Christ in word and in action. There is a sign-up sheet in the welcome area for ways you can help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Please go and take a look at the list to see if there is a way you could serve our children and our neighbors. If there isn't we hope you would come out anyway and fellowship with your church members and greet our neighbors!



is coming!!!!

Our Olympic themed VBS will help us learn about what it means to be a disciplined disciple, training spiritually the way an athlete trains for a big event. We are collecting Olympic themed decorations and activities. If you happen to come across any, we would love to use them this summer for VBS. VBS will be June 8th-12th for children 3 years old and potty trained-rising 5th graders. We will need age level shepherds, sound and screen tech, actors, decorators, supply coordinators, and workshop leaders! We will have a sign-up sheet in the welcome area or you can contact Kendall if you are interested in getting involved in VBS!!!

HUMC Calendar of Events

Our nursery (for Pre-K and younger) 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.

Tuesday April 1

10:00 am Who's Meeting
10:30 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Wednesday April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

1:00 pm CEF
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg.

Friday, April 4

Nothing scheduled

Saturday, April 5

8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, April 6

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
3:00 pm Disciple I
5:15 pm *Esther Class
5:30 pm Youth PUSH
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)

Monday, April 7

9:00 am Refugee Agricultural Training
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Church Council
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Coasters
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Afterschool
6:00 pm Zumba Dance
6:00 pm Lenten Study
6:00 pm Hillcrest ESL classes*
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School

6:00 pm Men's Volleyball
6:30 pm Laity Listening Session at Donelson Heights UMC
7:00 pm Dan Beard District Roundtable

Friday, April 11

5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday, April 12

8:00 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
11:30 am Palm Sunday
3:00 pm Disciple I
4:00-6:00 pm Devotional followed by Community Easter Egg Hunt
5:15 pm *Esther Class

Monday, April 14

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 1161

Tuesday, April 15

10:00 am Honeys
10:30 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Finance Meeting
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball
6:30 pm Laity Listening Session at Donelson Heights UMC
6:30 pm Maunday Thursday Service
7:00 pm Dan Beard District Roundtable

Friday, April 18

12:00 pm Good Friday Community Service (Glencliff)
6:30 pm Hillcrest Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19

8:00 am JFON
8:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
11:30 am Children's Council Meeting
3:00 pm Disciple I

Monday, April 21

Easter Holiday - Offices closed

9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
10:00 am UMW
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Afterschool
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 am Honey's Meeting
10:30 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

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

Friday, April 25

5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday, April 26

8:00 am UMM Breakfast
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, April 27

9:00 am *Sunday School
9:00 am Graduation Breakfast
10:15 am *Worship
3:00 pm Disciple I
5:30 pm Youth PUSH
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)

Monday, April 28

9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday, April 29

10:30 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
5:30 pm Laity Listening Session at Clark Memorial UMC

Friday, April 30

6:30 pm NAFCN
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Wednesday, April 30

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



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Hillcrest Worship
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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.