

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...

Ask Bud Whipple. . . . What is a Certified Lay Minister?

That is what God is calling Bud to be. You may or may not be aware that Bud has been a **volunteer staff member** at Hillcrest UMC for several years. He works with our senior adults through Coasters, he keeps worship attendance records, contacts visitors, follows up on absentees from worship, oversees the Hardship Fund, visits homebound and hospitalized persons and takes them communion. Bud has been approved by the Nashville District Committee on Ministry to begin the process to become a Certified Lay Minister. So, what is a Certified Lay Minister? A Certified Lay Minister is a qualified United Methodist layperson called to congregational leadership as part of a ministry team under the supervision of a clergyperson. Certified Lay Ministers are laypeople serving out their call as disciples of Jesus Christ. They are neither full-time nor part-time clergy.

In the United Methodist Church, every person who is baptized and has joined a United Methodist Church is a commissioned and empowered minister. That means if you are a member of Hillcrest UMC, you are a minister and you have a ministry to live out in the world. "The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment." (The Book of Discipline of the UMC, paragraph 126)

Though all United Methodists are called to Christian ministry, there are a variety of ways that ministry may be lived out – through the ministry of the laity, the ministry of ordained elders, ordained deacons, licensed local pastors, lay servants, lay speakers and certified lay ministers. All began their ministry as baptized members of Christ's body. Here at Hillcrest, Bud is in the process of being certified as a Lay Minister. Keri Cress, our Minister of Children and Youth is beginning the process that will eventually lead to her being ordained a deacon. I am an ordained elder. Mike Castellaw, our Minister of Music, is an ordained minister in the Anglican tradition. The ministry of the four of us is to equip, empower, and support the ministry of all members and constituents of Hillcrest UMC. We are not appointed or hired to **do** the ministry of the church. We are to enable the congregation to witness and serve in ministry, and we are to serve alongside the congregation. Hillcrest UMC is also blessed with several Lay Speakers and Lay Servants.

Most of the ministry carried out by our congregation is the work of our laity – by you who are reading this newsletter article. Thank you for the many ways you witness and serve our Lord. What a privilege it is to serve alongside you as we share the love of Christ with the community.

Blessings! *Cherie*

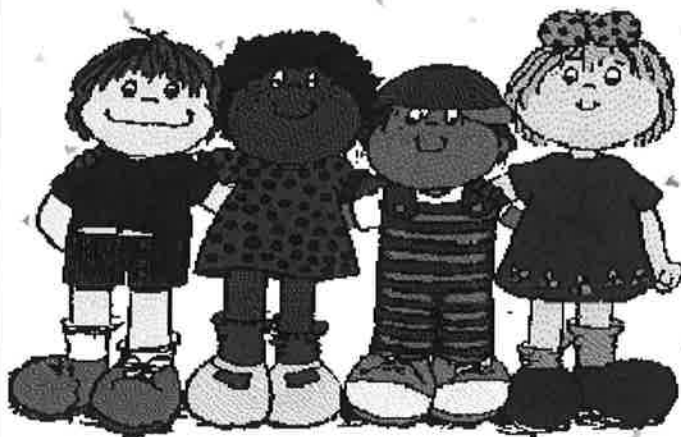
News from the Preschool Crew

Hillcrest UMC Preschool is proud to announce that we have received our annual star report card and that once again we were awarded the highest rating of 3 STARS, way to go teachers!!! We are very proud of our program and we are currently registering new students for the fall. If you know of families looking for a Christian, Early Childhood Program please tell them to contact the Preschool Office @ 831-1001 to schedule a tour.

We are busy preparing for our Annual Muffins with Mom day; where our children treat their mothers to a beautiful song, and then they have the opportunity to spend some time together eating muffins that the children bake. This is a special time set aside to honor all of the wonderful mothers and grandmothers of our preschool children.

On Friday, May 23rd we will have our Spring Program and Pre-K Graduation ceremony in the sanctuary at 9:00 am, followed by our family picnic at Cane Ridge Park. If you are free that morning we would love for you to come and be apart of this wonderful day.

We are also looking for a volunteer to help the Preschool; we are in need of a Treasurer. A knowledge of QuickBooks would be very helpful and the responsibilities would consist of signing checks for the preschool, helping with the budget and meeting with the Preschool Director (roughly 1-2 hrs. a week or every other week) and attending the Board meetings about once a quarter. If you are interested or you feel that God is leading you to be of assistance please contact Robin Dyer @ 831-1001.



Ladies and Gentlemen of Hillcrest:

You are invited to a baby shower in honor of Lilamani and Andrew Schleicher as they prepare to welcome Eva Grace.

Join us on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 11:30am directly after the worship service at Hillcrest UMC in the Fellowship Hall.

Lilamani and Andrew are registered at Target and Babies R Us.

Shower hosted by Sisters in Christ and the UMW.



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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

05/01 Thomas Tate
 05/03 Johnny Franks
 05/03 Sadie Brassell
 05/04 Hilly Hicks
 05/04 Daniel Quartey
 05/04 Steve Reese
 05/04 Linda Rogers
 05/04 Makenna Carter
 05/06 Susan Baldwin
 05/06 Joel Little
 05/06 Madison Billings
 05/09 Kirk Freeman
 05/10 Rachel Bush
 05/12 Ralph Smith
 05/13 Austin Cooper
 05/15 Felicia Simms
 05/15 Becky Hanover
 05/15 Blake Austin
 05/17 Annabel Settle
 05/18 Louise Ryan
 05/18 Arlo Moody
 05/19 Amanda Deckard
 05/20 Mary Brown
 05/20 Jennifer Hurst
 05/20 Tiffany Baird
 05/21 Autum Ramos
 05/22 Kim Joyce
 05/23 Lance Quartey
 05/23 Justin Bush
 05/24 Kim Sanderson
 05/25 Billie Redman
 05/25 Jerry Moseley
 05/25 Patricia Zonger
 05/25 Holly Mulvey
 05/25 Keyaira Elder
 05/25 Austin Potter
 05/26 Jonathan Arnold
 05/28 Kathryn Spry
 05/28 Sheila Harrison
 05/30 Barbara Barton
 05/30 Marcus James
 05/30 Serena Nelson
 05/30 Megan Parker
 05/31 Christy Worden
 05/31 Jeremy Henkel

May Anniversaries

05/02 Maurice and Rita Rowland
 05/12 Robert and Amber Moseley
 05/21 Barry and Michelle Willis
 05/23 Charles and Joanne Tate
 05/24 Craig and Holly Mulvey
 05/25 Pat and Greg Massey
 05/26 Steven and Patricia Zonger
 05/27 Michael and Janet Lawrence
 05/30 Charles and Twila Russell



Save The Date

May 4 - Alleluia Auction
 May 9 - Muffins with Mom
 (Preschool)
 May 19 - UMW
 May 20 - Coasters
 May 20 - Honeys
 May 23 - Preschool Graduation



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.**

Robert and Reba Brown	Diana Hanvy
Ann Haley	Lindsay Adams
George Dauberman	Teresa Chandler
Jim and Helen Bowers	Mitch Shelton
Rocio Martinez	Bobby Harper
Dwight Helle	Pat Davis
Stephen Webster	Maud Quartey
Martha Williams	Dot King
MacKenzie Carson	Betty Williams
Jean Blankenship	
Linda Graham	

Survey for Fall Bible Studies

Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense: Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions ...more »Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the mystery of who God is and what he wants from us. For two thousand years Christianity has claimed to answer these mysteries and this renowned biblical scholar and Anglican bishop shows that it still does today. (12 weeks)

Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study - This in-depth Bible study, divided between Old and New Testaments, takes participants from Genesis through Revelation prompting them along their way to consider their human condition and become disciples. (34 Weeks)

Disciple II: Into the Word Into the World - Move deeper into the world in this study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Study themes of pride, hospitality, patience and humility as we consider how we are called into ministry in the world around us. (32 Weeks)

Disciple III: Remember Who You Are - Remember your roots, consider your past, and renew your vision for the future. This study confronts persistent questions like “What are my priorities?” and “How can I be a part of the obedient community?” Come and study with Paul and the Prophets. (32 Weeks)

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life - The word ‘under’ in the title is meant to convey a welcoming invitation to shelter, security, and rest in God’s love. Come and rest in the words of John, The Writings, and Revelation while we study the mystery and wonder these books have to offer. (32 Weeks)

Jesus in the Gospels (Disciple Bible Study): Study the name, the place, and the people and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control – an attractive, commanding, morally compelling figure as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. (30 weeks)

Please complete the section below and either mail or bring it to church.

Place it in the offering plate; hand it to Charlene Eubank or turn it in to the office (weekdays) .

Yes, I am interested in taking a Bible Study

Disciple I ___ **Disciple II** ___ **Disciple III** ___ **Disciple IV** ___

Jesus in the Gospels (Disciple Bible Study) ___ **Simply Christian** ___

Sunday afternoon ___ **Sunday evening** ___

Weeknight ___ **Daytime** ___ **Other** _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Coasters



PLEASE mark your calendars for **TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014.**

I know this is not our regular meeting day but we wanted to get a speaker and this is the day she could come. We will have Renee Bates from Nashville Green Ways come and speak about existing and planned areas.

So mark your calendars and come and join us.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

Honeys



Come to the Spring Fling and Senior Health Fair at Life Care Center of Hickory Woods, on May 20th from 11:00 am- 2:00pm. We've been invited back to the Health Care Fair at Hickory Woods. There will be health screenings, more than 35 vendors, live entertainment, door prize drawing, and progressive bingo. We will enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad and pasta salad and of course, desserts. Meet at church at 10:00. After announcements we will drive to Hickory Woods. Join us for a fun day. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER - OTHERS BANQUET

Our annual Mother-Daughter - Others Banquet will be held Saturday evening may 10th at 6:00 pm. In the CLC. The price is \$10.00 for adults 5:00 for ages 4 - 12 and 3 and younger are free. Our theme this year is **SPRINGTIME ON THE HILL**. If you need a mother or daughter, invite someone else to accompany you to the banquet. All ladies in the church are invited. Make your reservations by May 5th. See you there!



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Hillcrest United Methodist Men will meet for a county ham breakfast and business meeting on May 24 at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

All men are invited.

Our Tithes and Offerings as of April 27, 2014

Weekly Offering	\$6,978.00
YTD Offering	\$124,399.17
Weekly Wattie Fund Offering	\$1,200.00
YTD Wattie Fund Offering	\$9,665.00

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).

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Newsletter Publication Schedule

Time Period Covered	Deadline for Information/Articles
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.
For the period covering July 1 - July 31	Articles need to be submitted by June 25th at noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on June 27th

Please email articles to: martie@hillcrestumc.org

Youth Ministry

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live worthy of the call you received from God.-Paul, Ephesians 4:1

Our youth have been on a journey this school year; we have been exploring what it means to live a life of worship, to live as a servant, and to live the life for which God created us. We continue this journey as we see our 2014 graduates making their way into the next places that God is calling them to be.

We continue to explore all of these things through our preparation for Mountain TOP and then putting it all into practice as we serve the Cumberland Mountain People in Grundy County, Tennessee through the Service Project and Day Camp ministries.

Please be in prayer for our youth as we seek to raise the funds to cover our trip and as we prepare our hearts and minds to be in mission. Please also be in prayer for our 2014 High School Graduates as they start down exciting new paths. We pray that they will carry their faith with them in each step!

Youth Calendar:

May 14th 6 pm	Mountain TOP Training
June 8-12th	Vacation Bible School
June 15th	Mountain TOP Commissioning in Worship
June 21st	Mountain TOP Van Packing 5 pm
June 22nd-28th	Mountain TOP
June 29th	Mountain TOP Sunday in Worship
July 25th-27th	Summer Sizzler

Children's Ministry



We had a wonderful turn out at the Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you for all of you who donated candy, helped with set up, clean up, and came out to greet our neighbors!!



It is now time for Vacation Bible School! Registration Forms will be in the Welcome area shortly! Be on the lookout for ways you can get involved. We are looking for folks who would be interested in being an age level leader (with help of youth volunteers), Recreation Leaders, Crafts Leaders, VBS Photographer, and Sound and Screen Technicians. A sign-up sheet will be in the Welcome Area of you can talk to Kendall Crosslin about signing up!

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.*

Thursday May 1

9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball
7:00 pm Dan Beard District Roundtable

Friday May 2

Saturday, May 3

9:00 am - Set up for Alleluia Auction
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

Sunday, May 4

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
11:30 am Alleluia Auction
3:00 pm Disciple I
5:30 pm Youth PUSH
5:45 pm *FaithLink
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)

Monday, May 5

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:00 am Staff Retreat (offsite)
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday, May 6

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
10:00 am Who's
6:30 pm Trustee's Meeting
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, May 7

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm *Hillcrest ESL Classes
6:00 pm Zumba Dance
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday May 8

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
1:00 pm CEF
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball
7:00 pm Dan Beard District Roundtable

Friday, May 9

10:00 am Muffins with Mom
5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday, May 10

6:00 pm Mother /Daughter Banquet
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day)

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
3:00 pm Disciple I

Monday, May 12

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)

3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
8:00 pm AA/Al-Anon

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugcc ESL classes
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm SPRC meeting
7:00 pm Tusculum Rd. Neighborhood
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, May 14

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Coasters
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Zumba Class
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
7:00 am Recycling
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17
8:00 am JFON
8:00 am Ride for Kids (pediatric brain tumor foundation)
2:00 pm Foster's birthday party
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, May 18

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
11:30 am Baby Shower for Lilamani
3:00 pm Disciple I
5:45 pm *FaithLink
5:30 pm Youth PUSH
5:45 pm Rock The House (Children)

Monday, May 19

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
10:00 am UMW
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
10:00 am Honeys
10:30 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Zumba Class
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 22

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday, May 23

9:00 am Pre-K Program and Picnic at Cane Ridge Park
5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
3:00 pm Disciple I

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day office closed

Tuesday, May 27

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
10:30 am Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:30 pm NAFCN
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm *Hillcrest ESL Classes
6:00 pm Zumba Dance
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

9:00 am Center for Refugee Ag (elders)
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
3:30 pm Catholic Charities After School
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday, May 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

Saturday, May 31

8:00 pm AA/Alanon



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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.