

# Hillcrest Highlights

A Publication of Hillcrest United Methodist Church

October 2015

*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. . . .

What do you love about Hillcrest Church . . . . . That was the question we addressed on Sunday. You responded overwhelmingly:

I love that we are able to be free to be who we are without judgment or pressure to be something we are not. . . . that we don't have to agree on everything. . . . that we still deeply care for each other . . . that we share what we have. . . . The way that everyone takes care of each other; we pray for one another, adults parent each other's children, and financial support is given if needed. We're a family. . . . the smiling faces, the warm hugs and the welcome-ness you feel every time you walk through the doors. I love the emotional support they give, the helping hands they lend. . . . that my church welcomes all who come through the door, and the church family is as loving as my own, the family has become an integral and indispensable part of my life and I feel like I belong. . . . the hearts of love that press out from our doors to a hurting world that needs the love of Christ. . . . that through studies, worship and Sunday School I am challenged to be more Christ-like and that I grow spiritually. . . . that it has so many hands and feet in our community both local and worldwide. . . . openness to ideas, people of all ages. Races and all kinds of diversity; support of missions, and serves our church family and our community and our world. . . . generosity . . . .

These next several weeks we will consider: What is your greatest hope for Hillcrest Church? Who at Hillcrest Church has helped you grow in your faith?

Come to worship early next week and check out what our congregation loves about Hillcrest Church. Your responses are posted in the narthex.

Blessings! *Cherie*

## Means of Grace - Communion

Allison LeBrun

One of the things I love about my Christian faith and religion is the practice of the sacraments. The Catholic Church has seven sacraments and many Baptists only recognize one sacrament. The United Methodist Church on the other hand has two sacraments: baptism and Holy Communion. Baptism gives birth to the church while Communion, or the Eucharist, is at the center of the Christian life. It's often referred to as "the meal of the Baptized." We church folk like to throw around words like "Eucharist," "transubstantiation," "charge conference," and "sacrament" but they are so often not explained to us or other people. A straightforward definition of a sacrament is "a visible sign of an inward grace." I love that definition. As human beings we need two things 1.) visible signs and 2.) grace. A professor once told me that humans only communicate through symbols. We are meaning-making creatures. We take sounds and form languages, letters and form writing, a sideways glance and make any one of a thousand possible implications and meanings. Humans have an innate need for symbols and the meanings they convey. This is why we gather as a community and worship, practice the sacraments, pray and sing, and be together. Our very coming together as the assembly of God's people is a symbol that conveys endless meaning to us and the world. The sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist are ways in which we make-meaning of God's grace in our lives as well as rituals in which God makes meaning and makes grace and conveys it to us as the people of God. Grace is not confined to the sacraments. John Wesley talked about "means of grace." These are any way we experience God in our lives. His list included things like prayer, worship, singing, visiting the sick, seeking justice, and many others including baptism and holy communion.

I strongly believe that we could all use a little more grace in our lives. This is one of the many reasons I endeavor to participate in a faithful taking of communion. The United Methodist Church's official statement on communion includes this description of the Eucharist:

"We receive spiritual nourishment through Holy Communion. The Christian life is a journey, one that is challenging and arduous. To continue living faithfully and growing in holiness requires constant sustenance. Wesley wrote that, "This is the food of our souls: This gives strength to perform our duty, and leads us on to perfection" ("The Duty of Constant Communion," I.3). God makes such sustenance available through the sacrament

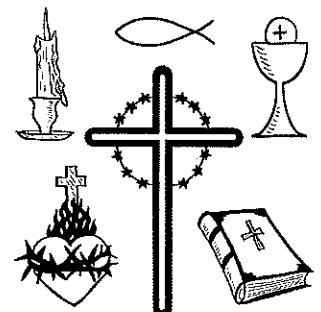
of Eucharist. In John 6:35, Jesus tells the crowd: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." As we return to the Table again and again, we are strengthened repeatedly. We go out empowered to live as disciples, reconcilers, and witnesses. In the words of the prayer after Communion, "Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others . . ."

Try as I may, I cannot fully explain the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is a bodily remembrance, it a re-representation of Christ's sacrifice. It is an act of thanksgiving and an opportunity for confession. It is an act that looks both to the past and the future of the Kingdom of God. It offers to us grace and healing and so much more than any of us could ever describe. It's simply a divine mystery.

World Communion Sunday is October 4th. This is a day in which the Church recognizes that we are in connection with all Christians. Communion not only creates a link between us as individuals to God but as as a community, as an individual church, and as a much larger Church as we all strive to be the Body of Christ in communion with each other.

Also on October 4th, Hillcrest UMC is starting to offer the opportunity for those who wish to engage in a more regular practice of Communion. Starting on Sunday Oct. 4 at 8:30AM all are invited to join us in the sanctuary for the receiving of the sacrament. This will be a weekly occurrence. It will be a time for prayer, Scripture, sacrament, and grace. Communion will conclude by 9AM so that it will not interfere with the rest of Sunday's activities and participants are able to join their respective Sunday school classes.

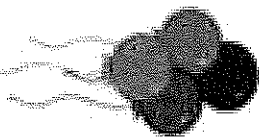
Whether you participate in weekly communion, monthly communion, or whenever-you-make-it-to-church communion, what does communion mean and represent to you? How do you experience communion as an individual in need of grace and as a whole community in communion with each other? As World Communion Sunday approaches, I'd like us all to give consideration to our thoughts, experiences, and notions of the sacraments. What draws you to the table?



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Larry McCormick	10/2
Rose Gailah	10/2
Sarah Hawkins	10/2
Johnnie Lou Felker	10/3
Zachary Richards	10/3
Dot Robinson	10/4
Dave Deckard	10/4
Lilamani Schleicher	10/5
Latyia Moody	10/5
Emily Ryan	10/6
Carlos Arias Jr.	10/6
Hilary Mohsenzadeh	10/7
Laura Buchanan	10/8
Wesley Conder	10/9
Nancy Cotton	10/12
Frederick Junard	10/12
Randi McCorkle	10/12
Charlene Eubank	10/13
Jamie Mulvey	10/13
Gayle Coleman	10/14
Susan Allison	10/14
Fred Baird	10/15
Robin Dyer	10/15
Kristin Kihm	10/15
Emily Dillon	10/15
Judy Ferguson	10/18
Eric Hawkins	10/18
Alexis Ramos	10/19
Trenton Dillard	10/19
Joshua Quiroz	10/20
Jerry Reeves	10/21
Pat Davis	10/21
Hannah Guidry	10/23
Mitchell Johnson	10/23
Rick Murphree	10/24
James Millsaps	10/24
Madeline Schleicher- Braden	10/24
Sophia Woolsey	10/25
Marie Kephart	10/26
Debra Ryan	10/26
Christopher Baldwin	10/26
Donna Whitmore	10/27
Helen Lopez	10/28
Kim Nixon	10/30
Paula Martinez	10/30
Elizabeth Arnold	10/30




*Happy Birthday!*



Randy & Julie Austin	10/01
Claude & Barbara Barton	10/04
Steve & Joan Reese	10/06
Bryan & Kristen Keene	10/06
Jerry & Melody Krogman	10/12
Charles & Teresa Parsons	10/13
Jim & Susan Gebhardt	10/19
Rick & Gracie Murphree	10/19
Jim & Donna Barker	10/20
Alan & Kristie Ryan	10/22
Gary & Susan Maynard	10/26

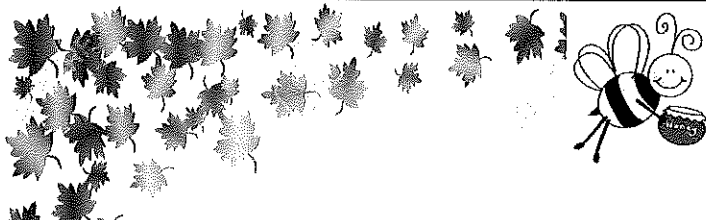
10/2-3 Lay Speaker School  
 10/04 - Communion at 8:30 am  
 10/04 - Blessing of the Animals  
 10/10 - Church Work Day  
 10/25 - Trunk or Treat  
 11/01 - All Saints Day  
 11/20 - Church wide retreat



## 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.**

Barbara Barton	Jamie Powell
Reba Brown	Gradie Darter
Charlie Tate	Julie Campbell
Christina Smith	Stanley Lile
Village Church	Janice Elliott
Emma Richards	Sue Conder's family
Betty Poirier	Christy Worden
Norma Tekell	MacKenzie Carson
Maurice and Rita Rowland	Diana Hanvy
Trish and Martin Collier	Dot King
Cathy Brashears	John Burke
Stephen Webster	
Helen Davis	

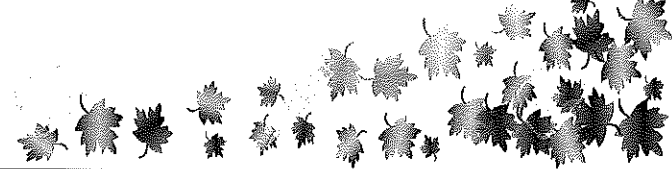


# HONEYS OCTOBER 20TH 10:30 AM

The Honeys are going to drive thru the country side and look for God at work painting the leaves and foliage.

Somewhere along the way they will stop for lunch.

Please sign up in the Welcome Area.



Please, add to your prayer list our

### Active Duty Veterans:

**P. Connor Worden**, (USAF) Son of Mike Worden & Grandson of Betty Worden,

**Joseph Strickland**, (USAF) Son of Sandra & Jerry Strickland,

**Brad Pyburn**, (Colonel - USAF) Jackie's husband & Son in law of Anita & Jack Wheeler

**Mike Howard**, (Brigadier General – US Army) Son in law of Reba & the late Robert Brown and husband of Robert's daughter Ester.

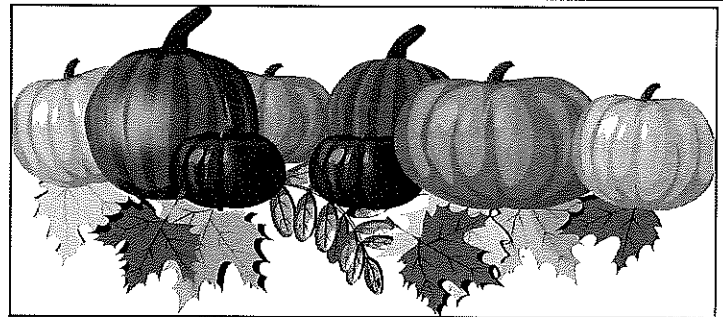
If you know of other Active Duty Veterans, please let us know so we can put them on our prayer lists. These are the folks and ones like them that make sure we can continue to enjoy the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. Please pray that God will keep them safe wherever they might be.



Fall has arrived so I am making our schedule for Room in the Inn for the Winter. These are dates we need to be filled by Sunday school classes.

- Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Michelle Parker at:  
615-516-9521  
[parkerpoodlelover@comcast.net](mailto:parkerpoodlelover@comcast.net)



## COASTERS



### **OCTOBER-FEST!!**

*October 14  
10:30 am*

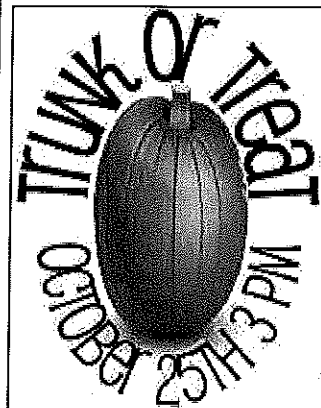
*Be Sure to Sign Up in the  
Welcome Area*



## United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Hillcrest United Methodist Men will have their regular monthly breakfast and meeting on October 24, 2015 at 8:00

AM in the fellowship hall. All men are invited for good food and fellowship.



Trunk or Treat is coming up! We had over 100 friends attend last year. We hope our church family will come out and share in the joy of this ministry opportunity. We will meet in the back parking lot for Trunk or Treating at 3 pm, come inside for a meal, and end the evening with a family movie!

## Come One, Come All!



### October 10, 2015

The Trustees are having a work day and many hands make light work. We need people to help in 4 areas:

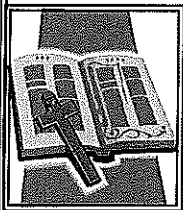
- Weather stripping with Jimmy Wilson.
- Window film( 22 windows) with Jerry Strickland.
- Shrub trimming, etc. with Neil Letson.
- Riparian Buffer Maintenance with Richard Spry.

There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Area. Looking forward to seeing many of you working around the building.

### Robert Brown Memorial Bible Study

The Robert Brown Memorial Bible Study is currently meeting on Monday evenings in Room #14 from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

All men are invited!



### Our Tithes and Offerings as of September 27, 2015

Weekly Offering	\$5,525.00
YTD Offering	\$292,034.74
Weekly Wattie Fund Offering	\$315.00
YTD Wattie Fund Offering	\$26,997.85

### How To Submit Information for the Newsletter

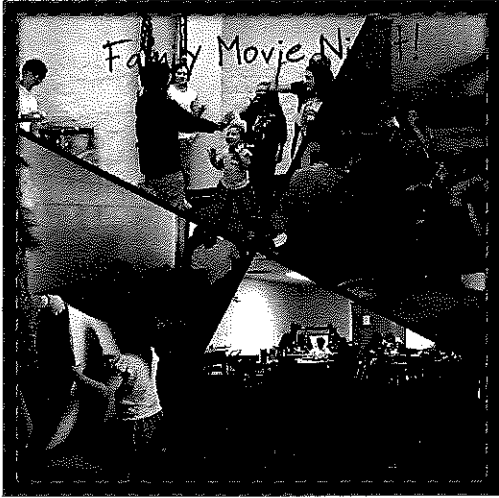
Information for the newsletter may be submitted by e-mail or by completing an Activity/Event information form and leaving the completed form in Administrative Assistant's mailbox. Please note that the deadline to submit information is firm. Any submission received after the deadline will be published 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)).

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### Newsletter Publication Schedule

Time Period Covered	Deadline for Information/Articles
For the period covering November 1-30	Articles need to be submitted by October 23, 2015 at noon. Newsletters will be mailed on October 30th
For the period covering December 1-31	Articles need to be submitted by November 23, 2015 at noon. Newsletters will be mailed on November 30th.

Please email articles to: [martie@hillcrestumc.org](mailto:martie@hillcrestumc.org)



What a joy it was to see so many of you out for Family Movie Night on September 13<sup>th</sup>! We plan on doing more of these in the future and hope that it can become a great opportunity to invite friends and welcome our neighbors to watch a movie and maybe find a place to call home. Special thanks to Robin Dyer and Kendall Crosslin for handling our food and our youth who allowed us to use their furniture and then set up and took down! It was an intergenerational experience and one I hope we can repeat. We need aunts and uncles and moms and grandmas and grandpas of faith!

We are looking for more of those faith family members to help out during Children's Church. We have a sign up list on the bulletin board near the children's classrooms. We have noticed that Children's Church is growing and we hope to continue pouring into this ministry of planting seeds of faith. In Children's Church, we begin our time together with music, after which the younger ones head to Wee Worship for their own lesson activities while the older children pause to share and pray with one another and continue with a game or activity that helps reinforce our lesson for the day!

Please consider becoming a part of this ministry at Hillcrest!

October 11<sup>th</sup> is Children's Sabbath. We would like our children to lead in worship on this day. There will be opportunities for reading scripture, praying, and acolyting. We have begun preparing for this special day in worship during Children's Church. If your child would like to participate in some way, please let me know. It will be important for them to attend Children's Church in the coming weeks as well!

October 25<sup>th</sup> is Trunk or Treat. This will be a great time to come out, wear a costume, invite friends and enjoy the fellowship with one another. We will get started around 3 pm on that day and begin with trunk or treat

ing, we will then move inside for food, fellowship and a family movie! This is one of our outreach events and a great opportunity to meet and greet our neighbors as we open our candy filled trunks and our hearts to the people of our church and our community. *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Trunks.*

### Youth Newsletter October 2015

This fall we are taking a look at the life of the prophet Samuel during PUSH/Rock the House on Sunday evenings. We will spend some time listening for the voice of God, looking for the idols that distract us, and seeking how live out the message we want our lives to send to the world around us.

#### *Listen.*

In the middle of our routines, busy schedules, and of course, all of the homework, we will be spending our time together this fall considering what it would mean if we could carve out some moments of quiet in the midst of chaos. And if in these moments we were able to turn our attention to the still small voice of God, where would our attention be turned? What might we be called to be doing or doing differently, or not doing at all?

#### *Look.*

Even with all the options jumping out of screens all around us in this world where we spend our days, it is pretty clear what is expected of us. It is clear how we *should* spend our time, how we *should* set our goals, and what we *should* want and have. Maybe, in our list of *shoulds*, just maybe we have been misdirected, or missing the point. Maybe we have made an idol in our pursuit of what should be or maybe that one thing is an idol itself. Maybe it is not, we will only know if we make a practice of leaning in and listening closely to the voice of God and also take a close look at the motivations of our hearts in the midst of our pursuits.

#### *Live.*

What is it that we are living towards? Have we considered what is the message of our lives? How do our actions or inactions affect others? Is it important to think before we act? How do we slow down enough to be careful with our words? These are questions we will be considering when we think about how we live and how we want to live.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

##### **October**

3 WnW Design Team

25 Trunk or Treat

##### **November**

15 PUSH/RTH Party of Thanks

20-22 Church wide Retreat

*Peace, Keri*

# 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.*



## Saturday October 10 All Church Work Day

6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Sunday October 11 Children's Sabbath

8:30 am Communion  
9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
5:45 pm PUSH (Youth)

## Monday October 12

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

## Tuesday October 13

9:30 am ESL to Go  
10:30 am Honeys  
7:00 pm E. Tusculum Neighborhood  
Watch Mtg.  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Wednesday October 14

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
10:30 am Coasters  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday October 15

9:30 am ESL to Go  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball  
6:45 pm ASK Study Group

## Friday October 16

## Saturday October 17

8:00 am Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)  
9:00 am United Methodist for  
Inclusion Mtg.  
6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Sunday October 18

8:30 am Communion  
9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
5:00 pm PUSH (youth)

## Monday October 19

10:30 am United Methodist Women Mtg.  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

## Tuesday October 20

9:30 am ESL to Go  
6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

8:00 pm AA/AlAnon  
10:30 am Honeys

## Wednesday October 21

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
10:30 am Staff meeting  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday October 22

9:30 am ESL to Go  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball  
6:45 pm ASK Study Group

## Friday October 23

5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

## Saturday October 24

8:00 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast  
6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Sunday October 25

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
11:30 am Sisters in Christ  
3:00 pm Trunk or Treat

## Monday October 26

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

## Tuesday October 27

9:30 am ESL to Go  
6:30 pm NAFCN (Nashville Area Family  
Childcare Network)  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Wednesday October 28

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday October 29

9:30 am ESL to Go  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

## Friday October 30

## Saturday October 31

6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Thursday October 1

9:30 am ESL to Go  
10:30 am Living Fully, Dying Well class  
6:45 pm ASK Study Group  
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

## Friday October 2

4:00 pm Lay Servant Ministry School

## Saturday October 3

7:30 am Lay Servant Ministry School  
6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Sunday October 4

8:30 am Communion  
9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
11:30 am Welcome and Witness meeting  
5:00 pm PUSH (youth)

## Monday October 5

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

## Tuesday October 6

9:30 am ESL to Go  
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting  
8:00 pm AA/AlAnon

## Wednesday October 7

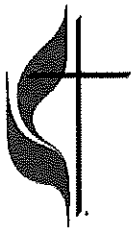
10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday October 8

9:30 am ESL to Go  
10:30 am Living Fully, Dying Well class  
6:00 pm Dan Beard District Meeting  
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball (Piper)  
6:45 pm ASK - Study Group

## Friday October 9

5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center



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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  
**Director of Lay Ministries & Outreach:** Bud Whipple  
**Organist:** Carl Hester  
**Pianist:** Sarah Williams Andrews  
**Director of Nursery Ministries:** Debbie Rhoads  
**Nursery Workers:** Leah Watkins and Lu Rhoads  
**Administrative Assistant:** Martie Rader  
**Turner Leadership Scholar:** Allison LeBrun

### Pre-school Staff

**Preschool Director:** Robin Dyer  
**Teachers:** Teresa Parsons  
Jennifer Allman  
Brett Parsons  
Heather Hobbs  
Christi Fidler  
Ashlee Jesse

For information about the preschool call 831-1001.

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