

Hillcrest Highlights

A Publication of Hillcrest United Methodist Church

September 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 . . .

The last weekend of August and the first weekend of September mark the beginning of what for many people is the most important season of the year -- college football season. Pre-season in the NFL (National Football League) has been going on for a couple of weeks now. From now until early February the activities and plans of many people will be determined by and built around the playing schedule of their favorite team.

I learned to watch, understand and enjoy football when I was in college. Many of the friends I hung out with were avid fans. . . . maybe even fanatics! My alma mater, Mercer University, did not have a football team at that time, but that didn't stop us from keeping up with the SEC (Southeastern Conference Sports) games every weekend. I even played on an intramural football team. I grew to appreciate football even more after marrying Jack Keller (my husband) who was a high school and college quarterback (Ballard HS in Seattle and University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA). All of that is to say is that I am a football fan. I enjoy a good game; I even keep up with certain teams and players -- not enough to play Fantasy Football, but enough to watch an occasional game on a Saturday and to nap in front of a game on Sunday afternoon. I am guessing some of you are football fans as well. That's a good thing.

What I wonder is if we are fans of Jesus as well. It's worth thinking about. The word "fan" comes from the word "fanatic" which is a very enthusiastic supporter or admirer; one who is marked by excessive enthusiasm and often intense uncritical devotion. That is not a bad description of most football enthusiasts. But it's not such a good definition of a disciple of Christ.

Christ is interested in followers, not fans. He called his disciples to "follow him," not cheer for him. He wanted people who were willing to get in the game with him, to help him move the Kingdom of God forward on earth and change the world.

Following Jesus involves more than "watching from the sidelines, more than sitting in worship on Sunday mornings. It involves living faithfully according to his commandments - loving God, loving our neighbor and loving ourselves -- every day at all times. What are you? A fan or a follower of Jesus Christ? I hope a follower. Be a fan of football but follow Jesus.

Blessings and peace!

Cherie

Soul-Care

Allison LeBrun ignored.

As I write this I am about to start my second year at Vanderbilt Divinity School. One might think that someone who devotes almost all of her time to the reading, studying, and learning of theology and the Church has a well-fed, cared for soul. Ask any Divinity student if their classes help to form them spiritually and there is a good chance they'll laugh in your face. Whether you spend all day reading and talking about theology or are a pastor or a choir member or whatever vocation you may find yourself in, it's easy to let your soul slip through the cracks.

One of the things that feeds my soul is reading books on faith written by women whose voices I can resonate with. These women include Barbara Brown Taylor, Anne Lamott, Rachel Held Evans, and Nadia Bolz Weber. This summer I had the chance to read some of those books. In her book "Leaving Church," Barbara Brown Taylor asks the question: What is saving you right now? When I read this question I stopped mid-thought. What is saving me right now? What saves me during the anxiety of the school year? How, after more than one full-year away from home, rigorously questioning what I believe and hold to be true, am I practicing self-care? How am I feeding my soul?

Often time the answer is that I am failing. I, at least, have any idea of what feeds my soul: Long hikes in nature, the countryside, listening to and singing favorite hymns, reading books on faith written by women, meditating by myself and laughing with friends and family. Even though my soul often quietly cries for these things, my mind's response is something along the lines of: I'm so tired, I live in the inner-city, Top 40 is so much fun!, I have no time to read for fun, and I have way too much to do and so does everyone else. And so that's how I can end up feeling so empty, so hungry while my body is well-nourished and my soul

As the school year starts and my workload and anxiety rise, I am telling myself and God that I am going to listen to the cries of my soul. Will I always succeed? Probably not. I can tell you right now that I will often fail - but thank God for God's abundant grace and mercy. As you see me at Hillcrest throughout this semester feel free to ask me "How are you caring for your soul?" Hopefully I will have an answer for you - and I might even ask you the same. So, what is saving you right now? How are you caring for your soul?



Preschool is back in full swing now and we are busy, busy. On Friday, August 21st we held our annual Ice cream social under the pavilion. We had a pretty nice turn out and the weather cooperated with

us. Before we know it fall will be here and so will the MUMS. The preschool will once again be selling the gorgeous mums in Red, Yellow, White and Purple. We will begin taking orders on August 31st and you can order until Sept. 14th, they are \$10. each and they will be delivered to the preschool on Sept. 21st or 22nd. Look for the order forms in the welcome area or you can call the preschool office and speak to Robin Dyer 615-831-1001.

We have two new teachers on our team this year and we are so excited; but I want to give a big shout out to our returning teachers this year: **Ms. Heather** has been here since 2012, **Mr. Brett Parsons** has been here since 2012, **Ms. Jennifer** has been teaching here since 2006, and **Ms. Teresa Parsons (Reesie)** has been teaching here since 2002. If you are feeling the call to help take care of these precious children please contact the preschool office. We are still looking for a floater and an aftercare teacher. What a wonderful way to follow Jesus.

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Matthew 18:5

Happy Birthday!

Martha Freeman	09/01	Janet Lawrence	09/26
Anne McWhirter (Ford)	09/03	Dan Bush	09/26
Andy Piper	09/03	Aaron Leasure	09/26
Emily Lewis	09/03	Matthew Junard	09/26
Rob Baldwin	09/04	Gracie Murphree	09/28
Barbara Bridges	09/05/	David Marlow	09/30
Joyce Mitchell	09/05		
Kirsten Bush	09/05		
Nate Mailhiot	09/05		
Maud Quartey	09/06		
Alan Foster	09/07		
Olubukola Ogu	09/07		
Colleen Jenkins	09/08		
Rachel Johnson	09/08		
Gary Rizer	09/09		
Oluremi Junard	09/09		
Van Bates	09/09		
Rachael McClosky	09/09		
John Williamson	09/11		
Jason Campbell	09/12		
Anne Marie Stills	09/12		
Miranda Gaunder	09/12		
John Doezema	09/13		
David Dillon	09/13		
Callie Worden	09/13		
Charles McKiness	09/14		
Ann Murphy	09/14		
(TC) Thomas Cross	09/14		
Kirby Stewart	09/15		
Caleb Vaughn	09/15		
Jacob Vaughn	09/16		
Laura Coleman	09/17		
Colt Kittrell	09/17		
Rita Rowland	09/18		
Kristen Keene	09/18		
Melissa King	09/18		
Arthur Bachus	09/18		
Julissa Corea-Martinez	09/18		
Natalie Pyburn	09/18		
Scott Tate	09/19		
Ann Haley	09/20		
Leeanne Lane	09/20		
Barbara Gordon	09/21/		
Anita Wheeler	09/22		
Priscilla Kjorlaug	09/23		
Sally Clayton	09/24		
Donna Barker	09/24		
Margaret White	09/25		
Sherron Burton	09/25		
Jean Scott	09/26		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Jesse & Monica Jones	09/14
Richard & Betty Poirier	09/21
Cliff & Robin Dyer	09/21
Tony & Leeanne Lane	09/29
Brian & Sandy Jackson	09/29

9/09 - Coasters
 9/12 - All You Can Eat
 Fish Fry



9/12 - Habitat Build
 9/20 - Charge Conference
 9/21 - United Methodist Women
 9/22 - Honey's *
 9/27 - Sisters In Christ
 10/25 - Trunk or Treat
 11/20 - Church wide Retreat

* Honeys will meet a week later in September for special event. See page 6 for information.

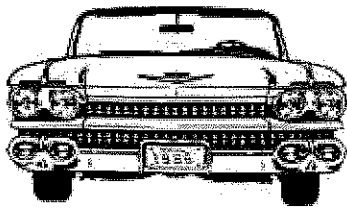
Prayer Concerns

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.**

Reba Brown	Helen Davis
Charlie Tate	Jamie Powell
The Ferguson Family	Gradie Darter
The Worden Family	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	

HONEYS

** See Date Change Below **



CLASSIC CAR SHOW! SEPTEMBER 22ND

For this month only the Honeys will meet a week later on September 22, at 10:30 am so that they can go and enjoy the classic cars being shown at Tri-une, TN. Cost is FREE! And lunch will be before the show! Please be sure to sign up in the Welcome Center to reserve your seat on the bus.

Please, add to your prayer list our

Active Duty Veterans:

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

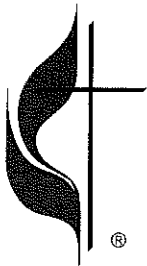
Joseph Strickland, (USAF) Son of Sandra & Jerry Strickland,

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.

Charge Conference date set for September 20, 2015, 4:30 pm. The conference will be held at Crieveewood UMC 451 Hogan Rd Nashville, TN 37211



Charge Conference 2015

Please see the list to the right of people who are on the membership roll of Hillcrest UMC as Professing Members. We have lost touch with and have no current address for them. If you know anything about these persons, have a current address for them or know how we might contact them, please contact Pastor Cherie, Martie Rader or Sharon Steeley at 615.832.0157 or info@hillcrestumc.org

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| Andrea Bachus | Kenneth Long |
| Arthur Bachus | Trey Long III |
| Bethany Barnett | Lois McClanahan |
| Tracy Bateman | Anne McWhirter (Ford) |
| Van Bates | Arlo Moody |
| Crystal Brown | Latyia Moody |
| Jim Brown | Charlie Nichols |
| Stephanie Clark | Peyton O'Kain |
| Carolyn Dyce | Chris Owensby |
| Henry Garcia | Jeannie Powell |
| Judy George | Justin Powell |
| Carol Holly | Kim Settle |
| Richard Lewis | Richard Settle |
| Brittany Long | Carol Shealy |
| Elizabeth Long | Aaron Stockton |

United Methodist Men's Breakfast



The United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast on September 26, 8:00 a.m. followed by a business meeting. All men are invited

COASTERS

We are privileged to have Miss Keri Cress, our Minister of Children/Youth to come and play for us on September 9th. As always, Keri will bring a variety of music for us to listen to, sing along with and just enjoy. So come and fellowship with us. Remember we gather at 10:30am, we'll enjoy the music and we'll eat lunch around 11:30am. As always, lunch is \$3.00 each. So mark your calendars and make plans to attend on the 9th. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area around August 27th.

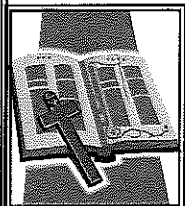


Fish Fry

"The Hillcrest United Methodist Men will have their annual fish fry on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the CLC gym. Come, bring the whole family and enjoy all you can eat catfish and fixin's." Tickets are on sale. Please see any United Methodist Men's member for tickets.

Adults - \$10
 Children 6 - 12 years old - \$5
 Children under 6 years old - Free

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 August 27, 2015

Weekly Offering	\$4,284.00
YTD Offering	\$259,809.74
Weekly Wattie Fund Offering	\$210.00
YTD Wattie Fund Offering	\$23,229.85

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).

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Newsletter Publication Schedule

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

Please email articles to: martie@hillcrestumc.org

Youth Ministry

As we pass from the adventure of our 2015 summer in Hillcrest Youth and Children's Ministry, and get into the rhythm of the school year, it is my prayer that we do not settle in to the routine, rather that we approach it with eagerness, understanding that discipline brings us closer to the people God created us to be. My prayer for our Hillcrest families is that the 2015-2016 School Year will be a year of Shalom. This may seem like a contradiction, shalom being the Hebrew word for peace and my prayer is for discipline and action. However, the meaning of shalom, is deeper than a direct word to word translation can communicate.

Shalom includes completeness or wholeness. Life has broken edges that can scrape up against us and wound us, sometimes in our home, in our families, in our childcare centers and our schools, in our communities, and in the world.

My prayer for our Hillcrest families is that they will encounter the love of our Creator, who cares for us. I pray that our Hillcrest families will carry with them Jesus-Emmanuel, *the God with us* for those broken moments in life.

Shalom includes welfare, health and well-being. Well-being includes our physical and emotional health. Well-being includes our spiritual health, our life balance, and our ability to learn and grow physically and intellectually. It is my prayer that our children, youth and parents find a rhythm that has room for study and rest, for work and fun, for intellectual and spiritual growth, for health, physical, emotional, and spiritual.

Shalom includes tranquility and contentment. My prayer for our Hillcrest families is that our children, youth, and parents will have peace to quiet their thoughts and hearts when the world is loud and chaotic. I pray that they would have enough quiet to hear the voice of God

speaking into their hearts and lives. I pray that they would stand firm against the temptation to give in to the competitive consumerism that dominates our culture and be content with the enough that God provides.

Our Youth Ministry already looked ahead to what this year will look like when the Youth Council met and elected officers and appointed chairs of each of our committees as well as approved the calendar for the school year and into summer of 2016. We will continue visioning where God may call us to go and be as individuals and as the body of Christ. Sunday School on Sunday mornings and PUSH & Rock the House on Sunday evenings are times of studying faith and also putting our beliefs into action as well as time for fun and fellowship-building us up as the church!



We have a middle Sunday School class (5th-8th grades) and a Senior High Sunday School class (9th-12th grades).

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry will continue with lessons that follow the lectionary. We hope to plant deep the seeds of faith as the stories are told in Sunday School and then echoed in Worship, and Children's Church. We will continue to be prepared with Sunday School and Children's Church lessons and activities with children who are Nursery age, Wee Worship, K-2nd grade, and 3rd-4th grade. Our hope is to meet each of our children on their level by translating the stories into their language and life experiences and also with hands on experiences that help them commit the lesson to memory and action!

Upcoming dates:

October 25th

Trunk or Treat

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 September 1

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
10:30 am Widows Helping Others (WHO)
6:00 pm Finance Meeting
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday September 2

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Staff meeting
11:00 am CRIT yoga
6:00 pm Lay Leadership Nominating Mtg.
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 3

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday September 4

Saturday September 5

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

Sunday September 6

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
1:45 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service

Monday September 7

Office Closed for Labor Day

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday September 8

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
7:00 pm E. Tusculum Neighborhood Watch
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday September 9

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Coasters
6:00 pm Lay Leadership Nominating Mtg.
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 10

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
6:00 pm Dan Beard District Meeting
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball (Piper)

Friday September 11

5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday September 12

Habitat Build Day

5:00 pm United Methodist Men's' Fish Fry
6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday September 13

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
1:45 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service
5:00 pm Family Movie Night

Monday September 14

Mum Orders due for Preschool

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

Tuesday September 15

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday September 16

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am CRIT yoga
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 17

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday September 18

Saturday September 19

8:00 am Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)
6:00 pm Rios de Aguas Viva
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday September 20

Charge Conference Sunday

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
1:45 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service
4:30 pm Charge Conference at Crieewood UMC

Monday September 21

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
10:30 am United Methodist Women Mtg.

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

Tuesday September 22

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
10:30 am Honeys - Classic Car Show
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday September 23

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Staff meeting
11:00 am CRIT yoga
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 24

Preschool Closed

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
7:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday September 25

Preschool Closed

5:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday September 26

Hands and Feet Day (youth)

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

Sunday September 27

9:00 am *Sunday School
10:15 am *Worship
1:45 pm Rios de Aguas Viva Service

Monday September 28

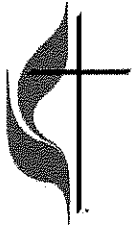
9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

Tuesday September 29

9:00 am Childcare Resource and Referral
9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am ESL to Go
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday September 30

9:00 am CRIT Elder Refugee Program
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am CRIT yoga
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
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.