

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.

How Blessed We Are

Bud Whipple, *Lay Minister*

The longer I am associated with Hillcrest United Methodist Church, the people, the more blessed I feel. It's because of the number of people that give of themselves selflessly to make this church a beacon on the hill and reach to our community. Have you taken the time to stop and consider what goes on in our church and how it affects, not only us but our community at large?

Our church has twelve committees that involves about 65 plus people and some of these people serve on more than one committee. We have a committee to that takes care of the staff and pastor, personnel issues, housing etc. (SPRC/Staff Parish Relations Committee – Felicia Simms), and one that takes care of the building and the grounds (Trustees – Curtis Piper). There is the committee that makes sure we are good stewards of the monies we collect and spend (Finance – Kim Joyce) and there is a committee that reminds us that we need to be good stewards of our money and return a portion of what God gives us, back to God to keep His church going (Stewardship – Bob Powell). We have a committee that looks at and determines what we do in our worship service, order of worship etc. (Worship – Kim Joyce). There is the committee that makes sure that visitors are identified, welcomed and goes home with information about our church (Welcome and Witness – Dimple McClurg) and we have a committee that helps with the care of the congregation such as the Honeys, the WHO, the Coasters, Attendance keepers (Congregational Care – Myrtle Ruth Whipple). There is a committee that determines what studies, programs or other educational opportunities we have available to us through the year (Discipleship – Charlene Eubank) and there is the committee that takes care of all the communication needs in our church like sanctuary screens, welcome area monitor, microphones, bulletins, newsletters and more (Communications – Harold Joyce). There is a relatively new committee that helps new members after joining our church with information about our church, activities, Sunday School Classes and committees if they wish to serve on a committee (New Member Team – Cheryl & Neil Letson). We also have a committee that is as important as any of the other committees in that they recruit members for all the other committees (Lay Leadership/Nominations – Rev. Cherie Parker). We also have a very much needed council that deals with youth concerns. They are responsible for planning our youth events, calendar, mission, and activities (Youth Council – Keri Cress (Youth Dir.) and Kaitlynn Vaughn – President).

We also have the United Methodist Women (U.M.W. – Dot Crawford) and the United Methodist Men (U.M.M. -- Don Mitchell) both groups are very active. U.M.W work on a number of community activities from packets to send to women in prison, baby blankets for un-privileged mothers to bring babies home, caps for cancer patients and much more. The U.M.M. are active with Smoking Boston Butts for July 4th, Smoking Turkeys for Thanksgiving and a fall Fish Fry. The money made from the smoking's and fish fry go to a number of needs in the church and to mission work.

We sponsor Boy Scout Troop #1161 for a place to meet and store gear and Dan Beard District Round Table (Boy Scouts – Chris and Amy Smith).

We also host Room in the Inn and Open Table, both groups help the homeless men and women in need of lodging. Open Table also helps with long term housing, legal assistance etc. We are a stopping place for overnight lodging for church groups either working in the Nashville and surrounding areas or just passing through.

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There are a number of outside groups that use our church during the week. We have a Dulcimer group that uses a class room to practice on Wednesday mornings, AA & Al Anon (Tues. & Saturday), Catholic Charities ESL (Mon – Thurs), Catholic Charities After School program (Mon-Thurs), JFON (Justice for our Neighbors), Tusculum Road Neighborhood Watch (2nd Tues) and Nashville Area Family Childcare Net (4th Tues).

To oversee all that goes on inside and outside of our church that we are involved in is another committee called 'Church Council'. The church council is made up of all the other committee chairs plus at 11 at large members. All committees bring their requests and or proposed activity to the church council for discussion and approval or dismissal.

This is our church is a nutshell. The committees, the chairs and an idea of what each one does. If you see something you may be interested in feel free to contact the committee chair.

Remember it takes all of us to make our church a beacon on the hill, to reach out to our community and even to folks inside our walls. That means that sometimes we need to get outside our comfort zones... God Bless.

To get out of your comfort zone, pick up a "Where Can I Serve?" brochure in the Welcome Center or log on to <http://www.hillcrestumc.org/getconnected> and click on "Where Can I Serve" to download.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many cards, the delicious food, your kind words, as well as your thoughts and prayers in these past weeks during my father's illness, his death and the celebrations of his life. I also appreciate those of you who came to the Memorial Service for him at McKendree Village. You have surrounded me with great love and care, and I have felt God's loving presence through you.

I also want to thank the staff and leadership of the church for all they have done to keep the work of Hillcrest UMC going during my absence. What a blessing to know that the ministry of the church continues without skipping a beat whether or not I am present. It is a privilege to be your pastor and to be part of such a strong and gifted team.

Blessings and Peace Cherie

GET READY FOR FALL BIBLE STUDIES!!!

The Discipleship Committee is working to bring you several options for Bible study this Fall. We hope you will prayerfully consider one of these studies and sign up by either emailing Charlene at scrappingnana@comcast.net or phoning the church office. Signup sheets will also be available in mid-August. More information will be coming in daily email.

- Covenant Bible Study - 9 weeks – led by Cherie Parker – Sunday evening 5:00 – 6:30
- Covenant Bible Study – 9 weeks – led by Charlene Eubank – Thursday 10:30 a.m. – noon
- Simply Christian – led by Mike Castellaw – 12 weeks – Sunday evening 5:00 – 6:30
- Disciple IV – led by Chip Parsons – Sunday afternoon (Must have at least 6-8 persons for this to go)
- Jesus and the Gospels – led by Chip Parsons (Must have at least 6-8 persons for this to be a go)
- Disciple I (Fast track model) – 24 weeks – Leader and time are yet to be determined.

If you are interested in any of these studies, please let us know.

Charlene Eubank
Discipleship Committee

BIBLE STUDIES

Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/02 - Joyce Rizer
 08/05 - Dot Crawford
 08/05 - Linda Mercer
 08/05 - Robbie Baldwin
 08/06 - Ray Crosslin
 08/06 - MacKenzie Billings
 08/07 - Pam Braden
 08/08 - Susan Maynard
 08/08 - Reine Humeny
 08/08 - Robert Steward
 08/08 - Ashley Marie Diaz
 08/09 - Herbert Rowlett
 08/09 - Barry Cauthron
 08/10 - Arthur Hicks
 08/11 - Ted Apple
 08/12 - Angela Stinson
 08/14 - Dorothy King
 08/15 - Myrtle Ruth Whipple
 08/15 - David Bass
 08/15 - Tracy Moseley
 08/17 - Jack Wheeler
 08/17 - David Jones
 08/17 - Lily Grace Buchanan
 08/18 - Rocio Martinez
 08/18 - Sarah Wright
 08/18 - Anna Ryan
 08/19 - Lois Henkel
 08/19 - Jessica Kittrell
 08/22 - Jerry Krogman
 08/22 - Andrew Dyer
 08/22 - Madalyn Smith
 08/26 - Pat Massey
 08/26 - Chris Smith
 08/27 - Randall Chandler
 08/27 - Mike Castellaw
 08/27 - Nikki Rhoades
 08/28 - Norma Tekell
 08/28 - Teresa Parsons
 08/28 - Sherrone Quartey
 08/28 - Austin Parsons
 08/29 - Emily Conder
 08/30 - Brian Sanderson
 08/30 - Christopher Moseley

August Anniversaries

08/07 - Dan and Tonia Bush
 08/07 - Doug and Anne Marie Stills
 08/09 - Eric and DeRusha Hawkins
 08/11 - Peter and Rose Gailah
 08/15 - Scotty and Vickie Brandon
 08/16 - Alan and Marylee Foster
 08/19 - Dwayne and Mildred Stahler
 08/20 - Wayne and Cynthia Arnold
 08/22 - Randall and Billie Jean Chandler
 08/24 - Marty and Delores Gencsi
 08/26 - Daniel and Maud Quartey
 08/28 - Herbert and Jean Rowlett
 08/31 - Michael and Samantha Foster



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 : August 05 - Who's
 : August 08 - First full day of School Davidson County
 : August 13 - Coasters
 : August 18 - UMW
 : August 19 - Honeys
 : August 23 - UMM Breakfast
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Council Meetings

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 : August 5 - Trustees Meeting
 : August 12 - SPRC
 : August 19 - Finance Meeting
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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.**

Howie, Debbie & Daniel Jones
 The family and friends of Jim Holmes
 Josephine Nsekambabaye
 Pat Davis
 Marvin Anderson
 Rolland Puckett
 Ann Haley
 Stephen Webster
 Christopher Stephens
 Vincent Inshimo
 Dot King
 Betty Williams
 John Burke

A Word from Mike

Most church leaders I know are busy chasing after better ways to lead a congregation, me included. I'm happy to report that I've rediscovered the power and the purpose of Christian discipleship. And you probably already know exactly what it is and how it works. The problem is in being intentional about it.

It's Not Administration

I've studied a dozen methods of "getting it together" from a leadership standpoint. For example, I've really come to admire Thom Rainer's material in "Simple Church" to formulate better administration and practices of discipleship. We are a very efficient outfit here at HUMC. We have good people working on good projects, and we maintain our clarity, focus, alignment, and movement with a fairly rigorous regularity.

But that's just keeping the lights on and the volunteers organized. Program Churches can easily get caught up in the calendar, content, and confusion, running to keep ahead of the tastes of the masses to offer a timely bit of material and programming. There is more to it than content: The content has to get the participant closer to where he or she wants and needs to be.

It's Not Worship

I've studied Adam Hamilton's method of worship preparation and planning to create better opportunities for staff and volunteers to coordinate their efforts to plan worship around the scripture and homiletic theme for the day. We spend days planning months ahead so that we can deal with the details well ahead of time. We have a focused theme that stretches across liturgy, music, and word to unite the content into one topic. But that's not the real power or purpose of our discipleship.

So What Is It?

Let's ask a different question: What effect are we achieving as a congregation, as individual disciples? A lot of the time, we are like athletes who rarely train and never compete — or the fishing outpost that doesn't fish. The power of the Holy Spirit cannot be defined in a methodology or a set of practices without a clear purpose. The purpose of the congregation is more than the effective deployment of staff and volunteers to achieve a mission goal if that goal doesn't point to a clear purpose.

Name something you enjoy. About half of us will name a food or flavor at this point. That's fine. In fact, we are told to "Taste and see that the Lord is good," in Psalm 34. The Greek word behind the word we know as 'taste' happens to be 'geuomai.' It means, literally, 'to experience.'

Sadly, we seldom allow ourselves to experience God. Church becomes an exercise in knowing about God. We chase theology. We argue and debate our church practices. We fight about whether God wants us to do this, that, or the other thing.

But how often are we stopping our routine to experience God? If I had to guess, I'd say that very few of us Christians could help someone to enter into an experience of the Divine. We know many of the words. We know much of the Scriptural descriptions. We even know some of the practices of our faith which are well-worn paths to that particular well of experience. But are we choosing to utilize them? And when we make the choice to practice our faith, are we doing so with the expectation of encountering God?

Ask yourself these questions and answer honestly:

When did I last spend time in conversational prayer, listening as well as honestly expressing myself to God?

How am I dedicating time and effort to the practice of what God has offered me through faithful teachers?

When did I last seek out the goodness of God in the world around me and share my findings with those dear to me?

I'd like to formally invite you to fully enjoy the pleasure and wonder of God's presence in your life.

STUDY BOOKS IN LIBRARY



The library of Hillcrest (located in the Amazing Grace Sunday School Classroom across from the break room) has been recently updated and organized!

We have an enormous supply of books for Sunday school classes and other study groups. We have recently been given some new study books that have been added. The Discipleship Committee is encouraging all teachers/leaders to use books from our collection rather than purchase new books. Check it out!



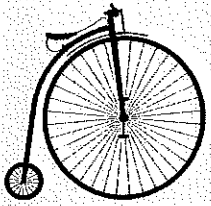
HONEYYS

Join the Honeys this month on August 19th for an entertaining tour of the Hatch Show Print Shop. Be at the church at 10:00 a.m.

Hatch Show Print is located at the Country Music Hall of Fame. This tour starts at legendary letterpress icon Hatch Show Print's production shop. The nearly 135-year-old business will engage your senses: We will listen to the presses crank while learning about the history of Hatch. We will also see the colorful, centuries-old posters that put the shop on the map—as well as recent works of your favorite entertainers! The tour concludes in the Hatch Show Print Space for Design, where we can handle some of the tools of the trade and smell the ink as we print our own keepsake piece.

There is a \$15 registration fee. The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, August 17th. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or call Martie at the church office or Dot Crawford at 941-8056.

COASTERS



Mark your calendars for August 13th to come and enjoy the fellowship of other seniors and the music of Carl Hardin. Carl comes to Bethany Health Care Center the first Saturday of each month when I do the devotion and supplies the music. We will enjoy hearing older hymns and some new songs, some we can listen to and some we can sing along. Carl is also a senior and travels to several different facilities with his music. I'll look forward to seeing you all on August 13th at 10:30am. Sign up in the Welcome area and bring you best singing voice!



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Hillcrest United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast and business meeting on August 23 at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

All men are invited.

Our Tithes and Offerings as of July 27, 2014

Weekly Offering	\$6,255.00
YTD Offering	\$220,406.17
Weekly Wattie Fund Offering	\$275.00
YTD Wattie Fund Offering	\$16,105.00

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 September 1 - September 30th	Articles need to be submitted by August 26th at Noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on August 29th.
For the period covering October 1 - October 31st	Articles need to be submitted by September 24th at noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on September 29th

Please email articles to: martie@hillcrestumc.org

Youth Ministry



Hillcrest is hosting Hands and Feet, a Tennessee Conference Youth event focused on local mission. We hope that all of our youth will be here to serve in our own community! We also hope that we can find adult volunteers from the congregation to lead our youth work team, help cook and serve food for 70+ young people, host work teams at local project sites, and support the conference youth putting their faith into action! If you have questions or are interesting in getting involved, contact Keril

Children's Ministry

Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom heaven...Matthew 18:3

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Sometimes we keep this verse in the box for Children's Sabbath or other occasions when we include children in the life of the church. We use it to honor them, like we are gently saying, see Jesus approves of you. This verse, however, is not really about them, or even for them. This verse is for us, the "grown-ups." This verse is a challenge to us. It is a challenge to keep us from putting them down the hall to learn and grow and allow them to join us only after we decide they left the wiggly, question-asking, fantasy thinking time of childhood behind them. Yet this verse, and passage about becoming great in the kingdom of heaven, seems to be telling us, that children have something to teach us.

I was taught many lessons this summer through our children at Vacation Bible School and Sunday school, at Mountain T.O.P. Day Camp, and with the Haywood Lane mission. At our Vacation Bible School I witnessed the true power of genuine repentance over a mean comment that one child made and the power of being forgiven by the adult volunteer. At Mountain TOP I saw the children who were so open to embrace the God-given gifts and talents they possessed that they were full of creativity and joy allowing God to use whatever they had to serve God and one another. I also learned about genuine and freely given love as we were loved deeply by the children simply because we showed up to play! At Haywood Lane I learned about faith, about believing a story that the children just might have been hearing for the first time!

These lessons on forgiveness, living out our faith, having faith, and sincere love, are lessons best learned by trying them out, and that is what the children did. It is what children do. They try it, and many of them keep trying until they get it right. I hope that I hold onto this lesson I learned while being present with children this summer. Try it! Be courageous, put faith into action, love freely, believe with confidence.

I pray in our efforts in faith formation with children at Hillcrest that we are able to recognize that children are to be agents of the kingdom alongside the church as a whole to carry out our mission of service to God and love for our neighbors! If you are looking for opportunities to be present with children and learn the lessons of child-like faith, we are looking for you! We have opportunities in Children's Church, Sunday School, and Sunday nights with our Tweens!

Veterans, In preparation of Veterans Day Sunday (Nov. 9th 2014) I want to do what we did a few years ago. I would like to display on the bulletin board a poster (8 ½ X 11) for each veteran with a picture of you when you were in the service along with a picture of you now. Also, what branch of the services, dates served, rank, awards etc. Please drop off your pictures and info to me or to Martie and I'll make copies and return your pictures to you. It will let folks know who our veterans are and what we looked like when we served. Please drop off your info as soon as you can and I'll get started. Example: John Doe, U.S. Army, 1955-1959, Sgt. Infantry, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, etc. Thanks and I'll look forward to putting this together for Nov.9th Bud Whipple

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.*

Friday, August 1

Overnight UMC group from Sherman TX

Saturday, August 2

8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, August 3

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, August 4

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday August 5

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:00 am WHO's meeting
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 7

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball
7:00 pm Habitat Preconstruction Mtg.

Friday, August 8

First Full Day for Metro Schools

6:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday, August 9

8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Scout Pack 1161 mtg.

Monday, August 11

6:00 pm Open Table Resource Ctr.

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes

9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm SPRC meeting
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
7:00 pm Tusc. Rd. Neighborhood Watch
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Coasters
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 14

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

9:00 am JFON
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, August 17

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 18

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:00 am UMW
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Coasters
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday, August 22

6:00 pm Open Table Resource Center

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, August 25

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:30 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Men's Basketball
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
10:00 am Dulcimer Group
10:30 am Coasters
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 28

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

8:00 pm AA/Alanon

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Fifth Sunday Luncheon



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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, Jr.
Organist: Carl Hester
Pianist: Sarah Williams Andrews
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.*