

# Hillcrest Highlights

A publication of Hillcrest United Methodist Church

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**A Message from Cherie...** Wow! June is upon us and it has been almost a year since you welcomed me to Hillcrest UMC as your pastor. This past week our Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson Felicia Simms and I received word from District Superintendent Harriet Bryan that I would be appointed to Hillcrest UMC for a second year. What a joy and an honor it is to be your pastor! Thank you for your graciousness in making this first year a great experience for me.

I continue to be excited about the many ways Hillcrest is in ministry in and to the community. Some of the ways we reach out in the name of Christ include: partnering with Tusculum Elementary School to provide school supplies, books, umbrellas, snacks and reading tutors; providing space for Open Table Resource Center (and in the winter, the Open Table Warming Center) to assist persons who are without a safe place to live; reaching out through Justice for Our Neighbors to provide legal services and guidance to persons immigrating into our community; offering English as a Second Language classes; providing space for persons new to our country to learn agricultural skills; assisting persons with a variety of needs through our Food Pantry and Hardship Fund; opening our doors to Room in the Inn during the winter months. . .

We have more opportunities in the coming months to reach out to our nearby community through the following... inviting neighbors to Hillcrest's Vacation Bible School; participating in the Summer Ministries of the South Nashville United Methodist Churches by helping with an onsite Vacation Bible School at the Haywood Lane apartments; the youth mission trip to Mt. Top; hosting a Back to School Bash (this will be open to the community this year); participating in the Habitat for Humanity Methodist Unity Build in September; Adults in Mission through Mt. Top in October . . .

It is also exciting to see the many ways we learn and serve within the congregation through I. D. Discovery Weekend for our youth; Disciple Bible Study; Beth Moore Bible Studies; emphasizing Creation Care through radical recycling; being good stewards by the up-keep of our facility through Work Days; active programs for Senior Adults, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth and children ministries; leading worship through singing in the choir, reading scripture, serving communion (and taking communion to our homebound members), ushering, . . .

Hillcrest UMC is truly faithful to our mission statement:

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It is my privilege to begin a second year with you as we continue to be faithful to God living out our mission statement. I covet your prayers as we continue to discern and carry out Christ's ministry in this community and beyond.

Blessings, *Cherie*



## Hillcrest Men's Annual Boston Butt Smokin'

**C**an you imagine the 4<sup>th</sup> of July without the Stars and Stripes, fireworks, checkered tablecloths and juicy, slow smoked, pork BBQ from the Hillcrest Men's Annual Boston Butt Smokin'? Of course not...it's just down right un-American.

Even with the price of gas causing our pocketbooks a little distress, the Hillcrest Men are selling these succulent, 6 to 8 pound Boston Butts at the low price of \$30.00 each. So why wait around and fret over what to eat for this big, beautiful upcoming National Holiday, when all you've got to do is place your order now.

There's a couple of ways to do it:

- place your name on the sign-up sheet in the church Welcome Center, or
- call your favorite Hillcrest Men's member and order through him.

Doesn't get any easier than that, huh!

All orders will be available for pickup between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, June 28th at the Hillcrest Christian Life Center. Don't delay and order yours today! It just doesn't get any easier than this.

### HILLCREST PRESCHOOL NEWS

On Friday, May 23rd the Preschool held its annual Spring Program and Graduation and the children did an amazing job! I am so proud of all of them. Our Summer Fun Camp is about to begin and if you are in the building on Wednesdays you will see us outside enjoying different water activities, and on Tuesday and Thursdays we will be busy experimenting with music, cooking and science fun.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Grady Robinson and Willie Ryan for putting a new sunshade cover on the sand-box. The children can't wait to get out there and build and dig for dinosaur bones, because right now they are all into being scientist!!



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

**Childcare must be requested 1 week prior to class.**

**Contact the church office 615.832.0157**

**June 1– 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.

#### Coming Soon - Date TBA

**“Nones” and Faith** - The Pew Research Center recently reported that the number of people in the United States who do not identify with any religion is growing. What are the reasons for not affiliating with a religion? What are the implications for Christians and for ministries in local churches?

### Community Mission Opportunity - Volunteers Needed

This summer Hillcrest UMC has a mission opportunity to partner with other United Methodist Churches in South Nashville to lead an onsite, outdoor Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the children at the Haywood Lane Apartments. The VBS will be for K-5th graders on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June and July (except July 30th) and will be held in a shady area of the grounds.

Many of these children have no opportunity to hear the stories of Jesus and of God's love for them. Many have no chance to attend worship, Sunday School or Vacation Bible School. Our mission is to take the love of Christ to them where they live.

Hillcrest will be responsible for providing volunteers to help on three Wednesdays in July: 9th, 16th, and 23rd. This means we will interact with the children and with their mothers (who will be close by), help with crafts, recreation, and snacks. Leadership will be provided for telling the Bible stories and for leading other group activities. Our youth have agreed to help on those days, but we also need two or three adults to help with supervision.

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon. We will meet at South End UMC at 9 a.m. for a brief orientation. Then we will go to the apartments to lead assist in leading the VBS. We will be finished by 12 noon.

If you can help, there will be a sign-up sheet in the welcome area Sunday, or just let Lisa Merritt, Keri Cress, or Jamie Powell know.

Please consider this community outreach. This is a great opportunity to touch the lives of children in our community who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## June Birthdays

06/01 Rachel Coleman  
 06/01 Landon Foster  
 06/02 Stephanie Hays  
 06/02 Michael Sipes  
 06/02 Miller Kline  
 06/04 Morris Gower  
 06/04 Mildred Stahler  
 06/04 Roger Rhoads, Jr.  
 06/05 Teresa Chandler  
 06/06 Bart Morris  
 06/07 Rosie Crosslin  
 06/08 Rachael Junard  
 06/10 Vivian Smithson  
 06/11 Jesse White  
 06/11 Harper Kline  
 06/12 Cheryl Letson  
 06/12 Kristie Ryan  
 06/13 Ilene Perez  
 06/16 Gabrielle Johnson  
 06/17 Holly Bash  
 06/17 Kyree Elder  
 06/19 Dimple McClurg  
 06/19 Andrew Dillon  
 06/20 Ami Deckard  
 06/20 Monica Jones  
 06/20 James Hayes  
 06/21 Nikki Bowling  
 06/22 Matt Harrison  
 06/24 DeRusha Hawkins  
 06/25 Janet Goss  
 06/25 Ainsley Palmer  
 06/26 Erin Bates  
 06/27 Richard Poirier  
 06/27 Don Palmer  
 06/27 Russell Goss  
 06/27 Lainie Brassell  
 06/28 Alan Ryan  
 06/30 Robert Sirls

## June Anniversaries

06/03 Charles and Wanda Seagraff  
 06/08 David and Leslie Dillon  
 06/10 Mike and Mandi Billings  
 06/17 Morris and Ruth Gower  
 06/18 Ed and Doris Pyles  
 06/19 Rob and Susan Baldwin  
 06/21 Richard and Kathryn Spry  
 06/24 Vern and Betty Denney  
 06/26 Bill and Sherron Burton  
 06/28 Gary and Mary Jane Pinson  
 06/29 Don and Joyce Mitchell



## Save The Date

June 7 - JFON  
 June 8 - 12 Vacation Bible School  
 June 15 Commission Mtn Top Team  
 June 17 Honeys  
 June 21 UMM Breakfast  
 June 21 - JFON CANCELLED  
 June 22 - 26 Youth at Mountain Top  
 June 27 Boston Butt Smokin'  
 June 29 5th Sunday Luncheon



## **Council Meetings**

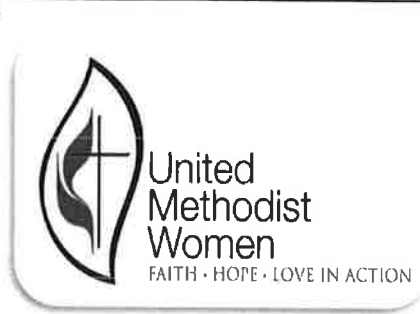
**June 1 - Church Council**  
**June 3 - Trustees Meeting**  
**June 5 - Worship Committee Mtg.**  
**June 24 - SPRC**

## **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.**

Carol Trout  
 Wanda Mae Cutler  
 Ann Haley  
 Stephen Webster  
 Christopher Stephens  
 Vincent Inshimo

Martha Williams  
 Diana Hanvy  
 Mitch Shelton  
 Dot King  
 Betty Williams



**United Methodist Women** - would like to give a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Mother-Daughter - Other Banquet a success: to all the women who attended; to the men who worked so hard serving and cleaning up; to Carol for preparing such a delicious meal; to Neal & Cheryl Letson for making pictures and to "Claudie Bell Clinderdink" and her husband for entertaining us. It was a great night and we certainly appreciate everyone's help.



The UMW has collected and assembled 70 health kits and 40 layette kits.

Thanks to Bud Whipple the health kits were carried to UMCOR where they will be sent to our distribution center in Louisiana. From there they will be sent out to areas when disasters such as tornadoes, floods, etc. happen.



The layette kits were carried to General Hospital to be given to new mothers who come to the hospital to have their baby and bring nothing in which to carry the baby home.

If you would like to help us by providing items for these kits, any member of the United Methodist Women's group can tell you the items that are needed. Thank you in advance

### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Hillcrest UMC continues to be involved with those who give back to our community. Below are three Thank You! notes from organizations with which we have been involved in recent months.

Hillcrest UMC, Your donation is giving hungry children, seniors, and families in Middle and West Tennessee a compassionate place to turn in their time of need. Thank you for your kindness and being a part of our mission to feed hungry people. With your support, we are fighting hunger and feeding hope.

Cindy, VP of Development

Second Harvest food Bank of Middle Tennessee

Thank you Hillcrest for the \$500 gift to Habitat Humanity of Greater Nashville in support of the Methodist Build. We are honored that Hillcrest will sponsor a home for a deserving family this fall. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping a family achieve the dream of home ownership

Danny Herron  
President and chief Executive Officer

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your boundless generosity and support of **Hospitality House of Nashville**. Your generous gift of \$450 makes it possible for us to maintain our home away from home which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! You gift is a precious gift to these families when they need it most. And we can't thank you enough!

Angie, Executive Director

## Honeys Going to Bell Buckle



Join the Honeys on June 17th for a trip to Historic Bell Buckle. We will tour some beautiful historical sites and have lunch at the Bell Buckle Café. Please sign up for the trip on the sheet in the Welcome Center.



### 5th Sunday Luncheon

**Don't forget to prepare your favorite dish and bring it to join us for food and fellowship following the worship service on Sunday, June 29th. Free will donations will go to the mission projects of the United Methodist Women.**

### Veterans & Spouses of Veterans

To all veterans and their spouses! If you have questions about Veteran Benefits and/or Social Security dealing with a veteran who is deceased; now is a great time for you to contact either Don Stephens and or his associate Dupree Chavez. They are very experienced in this area and may be able to get you an answer to any of your questions. If you are a veteran or spouse of a veteran, you can set up a meeting with Don and/or Dupree. Between them they have 25 + years experience working in this area.. Also, if you know a veteran that may want to talk to them, please pass this information along.

donusaf1@stephensfamily.tv (Don)

dprchavez@yahoo.com (Dupree)



#### United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Hillcrest United Methodist Men will meet for a county ham breakfast and business meeting on June 21 at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

**All men are invited.**

#### **Our Tithes and Offerings as of May 25, 2014**

Weekly Offering	\$7,181.00
YTD Offering	\$155,016.17
Weekly Wattie Fund Offering	\$340.00
YTD Wattie Fund Offering	\$11,415.00

#### **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](http://www.hillcrestumc.org)).

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### **Newsletter Publication Schedule**

Time Period Covered	Deadline for Information/Articles
<b>For the period covering July 1 - July 31st</b>	<b>Articles need to be submitted by July 25th at Noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on July 30th.</b>
<b>For the period covering August 1 - August 31</b>	<b>Articles need to be submitted by August 25th at noon. Newsletters will be mailed out on August 29th</b>
<b>Please email articles to: <a href="mailto:martie@hillcrestumc.org">martie@hillcrestumc.org</a></b>	

## Youth Ministry

*I encourage you to live worthy of the call you received from God.*-Paul, Ephesians 4:1a

Much thanks to all those who helped us reach our fundraising goal by donating and bidding and purchasing items at the Alleluia Auction! It is such a blessing that the church supports our youth!

We are counting down the days before we leave for Mountain TOP! Our youth will have the opportunity to put their faith in action as we serve families in need in Grundy County. As we work doing yard work, minor home repair, and loving children, God will be working on our hearts. Hopefully we will grow as servants and as young people who dare to follow Jesus in all the areas of our lives. Please pray for us in our preparation, that we may be open to see people as God sees them, that we may be courageous in exercising our faith in new ways, and to where God may be calling us on the mountain and when we return home

### Youth Calendar:

June 1st	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



**June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**

We will spend the week training as athletes in the VBS Olympics! We will play, pray, sing and do all while learning about what our lives can be as members of God's team! Thursday will be our Closing Ceremonies and Celebration! We invite the whole church to join us for food, fun, and a chance to invite our neighbors to be a part of our team here at Hillcrest!

We are still in need of people to help with screens, sound, music, and recreation! There are sign-up sheets and registration forms in the welcome area!

# 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.*

## Sunday, June 1

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
11:30 am Mtn. Top Training  
1:00 pm Disciple I  
4:00 pm Church Council Mtg.  
5:45 pm \*FaithLink

## Monday, June 2

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

## Tuesday, June 3

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
10:00 am Who's  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:30 pm Trustee's Meeting  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting  
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

## Wednesday, June 4

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:00 pm Zumba Dance  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday June 5

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:00 pm Worship Committee Mtg.  
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball  
7:00 pm Dan Beard District Roundtable

## Friday, June 6

8:00 Overnight Group in Gym

## Saturday, June 7

6:00 pm JFON  
8:00 pm AA/Alanon  
7:00 pm Overnight Group in Gym

## Sunday, June 8

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
3:00 pm Scout Pack 1161  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## Monday, June 9

### TN Annual Conference

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School  
8:00 pm AA/Al-Anon

## Tuesday, June 10

### TN Annual Conference

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL classes  
10:30 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School  
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

## Wednesday, June 11

### TN Annual Conference

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
10:30 am Coasters  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, June 12

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## Friday, June 13

6:00 pm Open Table Resource Ctr.

## Saturday, June 14

8:00 pm AA/Alanon  
8:00 pm Overnight Group in Gym

## Sunday, June 15 - Father's Day

### Vacation Bible School Sunday

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship

## Monday, June 16

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
10:00 am UMW  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:45 pm Cub/Boy Scout Troop 1161

## Tuesday, June 17

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
10:00 am Honeys  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

## Wednesday, June 18

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Zumba Class  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, June 19

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

## Friday, June 20

## Saturday, June 21

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

## Sunday, June 22

### Mountain Top - Youth Leave

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

## Monday, June 23

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161

## Tuesday, June 24

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:30 pm SPRC meeting  
6:30 pm NAFCN  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball  
8:00 pm AA/Alanon

## Wednesday, June 25

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Zumba Dance  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, June 26

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Refugee ESL Classes  
2:00 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg..  
6:00 pm Men's Volleyball

## Friday, June 27

10:00 am Dulcimer Group  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:00 pm \*Hilcrest ESL Classes  
6:00 pm Zumba  
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, June 28

### Mountain Top - Youth Return

8:00 pm AA/Alanon

## Sunday, June 29

9:00 am \*Sunday School  
10:15 am \*Worship  
11:30 am Fifth Sunday Luncheon

## Monday, June 30

9:00 am Elder Refugee Program  
9:30 am Catholic Charities TAP Class  
3:30 pm Catholic Charities Summer Prg.  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 1161



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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.*