



Hillside Good News



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A Pastor's Perspective

Hillside Christian Church will turn 70 this fall. Established in late 1954, we commemorate our platinum anniversary in November. For certain it will be a time for remembering our legacy, but it cannot only be about the past. Anniversaries congregational ministries are so much more about the future; about anticipation and the ongoing purposes God has called us to continue living out.

I am excited to be entering my 10th year as your pastor. We have navigated turbulent waters with intention, grace and faithfulness; all in the face of a changing religious landscape in America, tumultuous political environments, and even a global pandemic that reshaped how we "do" church going forward!

That's a LOT, and I am thankful for you who have dug deep within your faith to feel and *see* beyond the immediacy of the surface and into the faithful future we share as the Body of Christ at Hillside.

You've been honest, loving, forgiving, resourceful, active, and most important: you've been devout and steadfast in your commitment to God and God's calling on you as a Christian. Thank you for

your enduring faith and trust in the ministry of this congregation, our united partnerships together and within the broader community.

Sunday June 30th I preached on the Psalm of lament, Ps. 69:1-16, and concluded the sermon with a litany of my own laments; ranging to the personal to the public. And I'll include here the final confessions from my sermon, as a reminder for us all about the real meaning and fruitful purposes of our Christian faith:

"I – like the psalmist – believe that even when the bottom drops out, and when the pain seems too much to bear, that God is faithful to hear my lament. That God is there precisely when we feel like God isn't paying attention, and that God is worthy to entrust all of this into God's wide-open and compassionate heart. Lord, teach me to lament, that I may know your comfort all the more. AMEN."

My Epiphany Star Word this year is "thankfulness" - and I truly am thankful for your partnership in this ministry. God bless you, Hillside!

-Rev. Andy Beck

16th Q / C Market Set for August!

16th Quilt-Rs & Craft-Rs Market

A crafting garage sale!

Sat, Aug. 24, 9a-3p

Hillside Christian Church Gym

900 NE Vivion Rd. KCMO

***FreeCycle Table! ~ *Concessions!**

Contact: lucperry17@gmail.com ~ 816-916-7580

Reduce ~ Reuse ~ Recycle

Summer's here and we're getting ready for the 16th Quilt-Rs & Craft-Rs Market! Hillside's annual crafting garage sale is set for Saturday, August 24th this year. Local vendors—including a few Hillsideers—will be selling finished craft items as well as crafting and quilting supplies, fabric, tools, tabletop machines, and patterns. This year, we're doing away with the admission price, so bring your friends and peruse our famous FreeCycle Table—for free! Also this year our concession window will be hosted by the Boy Scouts. They'll offer lunch for a nominal price.

Plus, the Thursday Sewing Group will have a boatload of fun and unusual treasures for sale in the north foyer. You never know what you'll find among their tables of fabric, yarn, notions and craft items. Last year it was plants, and this year they tell me they'll have glassware, candles, and vintage items.

Please help us build attendance by telling your friends and neighbors about the market. Share info on it on social media! And come down yourself, have some lunch, shop in the air-conditioned gym, and peruse the FreeCycle Tables!

Booths are still only \$20 for a 10'x10' space inside the gym. Double booths are available, and vendors can share space if they'd like. We even furnish the tables and chairs!

Later this summer we'll once again be taking gently used, unneeded crafting supplies off your hands. So if you or someone you know is cleaning out the craft room, bins will be available for drop-offs in the north foyer. Market hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Proceeds go to Hillside. For more information or a vendor application, contact Lucy Perry at 816-916-7580 or email lucperry17@gmail.com. **See you there!**



Youth Group Study & Swim Continues!

This Summer we're joining up with North Oak Christian Church for more slash-tastic fun in the sun! **STUDY & SWIM** meets Sunday's July 7 & 28, and Aug. 11th from 1-3 pm, at 2 different locations depending on the date. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE** of the different homes and dates — and message Rev. Beck for the addresses so you can join the pool party!

NORTHLAND CHURCH WOMEN UNITED UPCOMING EVENTS

Northland Church Women United is an ecumenical group made up of Christian Congregations in the KC Northland. Start to participate is by attending an event this fall.

*** Fall Forum: October 4th @ Hillside Christian Church**

*** World Community Day: November 1st @ Barry Christian Church**



We finished the backpack program for this school year. We added 4 new schools but had to limit the total number of bags for each school. All the schools were pleased with what we were able to provide. Thanks to Living Water Christian Church for loading the bags. Thanks to the Gladstone Kiwanis who delivered bags the last Friday of the month and Central Bank of the Midwest for delivering bags to Fox Hill and New Mark.

The following is a thank you note we received from one of our clients, "I have not been coming to you very long (less than one year). My pride kept me from it. When I had played all of my cards, and still couldn't make ends meet, I came to you. When I first came in, I was in tears. I had left my husband, was trying to live on disability, and, in my mind, I was sacrificing the only thing I had left. PRIDE. You made me feel welcome. Have always been more than kind, and reminded me what the word "community" actually meant. Thanks for helping keep me going and for the life lesson. You do good work. All of you will be missed. Take care of one another..."

It's receiving a note like this that makes you feel good to know you help someone in a tough situation and how much they appreciate it.

Thank you to all our donors for the bump of donations of grocery sacks and ramen noodles. These are items we use and get taken by clients every day the food pantry is open, so we go through a lot. Your donations help keep things moving smoothly at the pantry!

- Marilyn Smith



Greater Kansas City Regional Assembly October 11-12, 2024



Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Kansas City Disciples Regional Assembly

Join hundreds of area members from congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Greater Kansas City Area for the upcoming Regional Assembly this fall!

*Location: Lee's Summit Christian Church
800 NE Tudor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64086*

Speakers, workshops, fellowship and more—including attendance by our denominational General Minister and President Rev. Terry Hord Owens!

Hillside will register everyone who wants to attend, so we can have a great presence at Regional Assembly!
We'll even make Hillside t-shirts!

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31-32

July 2024

Sunday Schedule: 8:00 Chapel, & 10:30 Sanctuary, in-person and online worship service, via Facebook and YouTube. Visit www.hillsidecc.com for more information. 9:15 Adult Sunday School classes. Multi-Nations Christian Church: 12:30pm, Chapel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 p Elders	3 11:30 a Prayer Group	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5	6
7 1-3 Youth Study & Swim @ Pelham's	8	9	10	11 10a Quilters	12	13 8a Men's Breakfast @ Hyvee
14	15	16	17 11:30 a Prayer Group	18 10a Quilters	19	20
21 <i>Birthday Fellowship</i>	22	23 12p Saints Alive 4:30 Stewardship	24 11:30 a Prayer Group	25 10a Quilters 6p Board	26	27 1p Uplift
28 <i>Loose Change</i> 1-3 Youth Study & Swim @ Tice's	29	30	31 11:30 a Prayer Group			

Prayer Group Meets each Wednesday at 11:30am in the Lounge. We study the Psalms, have prayer, and conversation. All are invited and welcome!

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18 12p Ice Cream Social & Birthday Fellowship	19	20	21 11:30 a Prayer Group	22 10a Quilters	23	24 QuiltR's / CraftR's Market 1p Uplift
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Saints Alive meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at noon. It's a potluck lunch with great friends, good food, lively conversation and a special guest program each month! Set your reminder for Saints Alive!

July BIRTHDAYS

- 3– Dalton Pelham
- 6– Gena Elsmore
- 7– Dottie Dixon
- 8– Connie Brown, Nadine Noel
- 10–JB Dickson, Rosemary Ham
- 13–Bob Pelham, Kellie Houx, Ted Keith
- 14–Maxine Ellis, Ensley Donaldson
- 19–Kevin Ringer
- 21–Barbara VanAusdall
- 24–Jessica Waters
- 30– Beverly Barnes, Betty Childers

July Anniversaries

- 5th—Bill & Molly Forbis
- 23rd—Craig & Gena Elsmore



HILLSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU

ICE CREAM PARTY

SUNDAY, AUG. 18TH

12:00 - 1:30PM

**900 NE VIVION RD
KCMO 64118**

Hillside Christian Church affirms and invites all families for our Ice Cream Party. We will have dairy free, & sugar free options available, & gluten free cones.



OUR MEN'S MINISTRY WILL SERVE ICE CREAM, LEAD SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES IN OUR SAFE FELLOWSHIP HALL, SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN WITH FRIENDS!

June Participation & Attendance

2nd, 100 9th, 86 16th, 88
23rd, 83 30th, 88

Average Sunday Attendance: **89**
Average Sunday School: **21**
Other events total participation: **115**
(Saints Alive, Men's group, Prayer Group etc.)

July Sunday Greeters & Deacons

	<u>Door Greeters</u>	<u>Offering Deacons</u>
7th	Hanway/Foster	Hanway/Foster
14th	Loft	Loft
21st	Hendrix	Hendrix/Sloan
28th	Ringer/Elsmore	Ringer/Elsmore

We continue to grow the Greeters & Deacons Ministry. To volunteer to be a Greeter or Deacon, see Randy Hendrix.

July Worship Leadership

Date	8:00 Elder	10:30 Elder	10:30 Elder	Liturgist (10:30)	Media Ministry (10:30)
7/7/24	Mel Tipton	Brenda Coons	Bob Litle	Jan Seals	Seals
7/14/24	Karen Krotz	Jan Seals	John Seals	Brenda Coons	Ringer
7/21/24	Ross Perry	Kathy Shirley	Bonnie Dickson	Lauren Crenshaw	Seals
7/28/24	Ross Perry	Lauren Crenshaw	Joy Robertson	Kathy Shirley	Houx

Financial Report Summary May 2024

Text to give! 📣

text **GROWHCC** to **833-355-5700**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY May 31, 2024

	MAY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
OPERATING REVENUE				
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 17,417	\$ 23,500	\$ 125,367	\$ 117,500
Other Revenues	2,589	3,346	24,639	16,729
Total Revenue	20,006	26,846	150,006	134,229
OPERATING EXPENSES	(23,389)	(24,987)	(137,015)	(135,259)
NET OPERATING BALANCE	\$ (3,383)	\$ 1,859	\$ 12,991	\$ (1,030)
Interest Expense - HVAC Loan	(574)	(585)	(2,989)	(2,925)
NET BALANCE	\$ (3,957)	\$ 1,274	\$ 10,002	\$ (3,955)

* Tithes & Offerings are over budget because several annual pledges have already been received this year.

* Other Revenues includes Building and Gym Use Fees, which are ahead of budget.

* Please consider electronic giving either by automatic draft or debit/credit card.

* Questions? Contact Jonathan Brightwell, Operations Manager at jonathan@hillsidecc.com or (816) 824-2805.



Saints
ALIVE

Fellowship Lunch
4th Tuesday of the month
12:00 pm, Nalley Hall



Birthday Sundays *Happy Birthday*

July 21 Oct. 20
Aug. 18 Nov. 10
Sep. 15 Dec. 15

Join Hillsiders for special treats each month for Birthday Celebration between services



Are You Hungry?

FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, INSPIRATION

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Second Saturday of the month
8:00 am -- *Hwy 70* @ 72nd & Antioch

HILLSIDE
WE FEED PEOPLE



Loose Change Sunday

Benefitting Local and Denominational Ministries

July School Supplies
Aug. HOPE.wr.x Family Food Packs
Sep. Benevolence Fund
Oct. Benevolence Fund
Nov. Thanksgiving Special Offering
Dec. Christmas Special Offering

Last Sunday of the Month

HILLSIDE
WE FEED PEOPLE

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To:



Connect ONLINE with Hillside!

LIVE STREAM

Join our live stream each Sunday at 10:25 am on YouTube and Facebook

Facebook.com/HillsideKC
YouTube: @HillsideChristianChurchKC
www.hillsidecc.com

Traveling and want to worship with Hillside? Have a flat tire on the way to church?

Participate in worship live and online each Sunday through our social channels! Follow & subscribe to get notifications. We post scriptures and other content on our FB each day—be sure to follow Hillside online!

And don't forget to sign up for recurring giving through PushPay, our secure online giving portal.

