

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Celebration Hall (CH), Fellowship Hall (FH)

Sunday, March 7

- 11:00a Confirmation, The Rock
- 3:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 5:00p Alpha (CH)
Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 2407
Shipmates
- 5:30p Junior High Small Groups

Monday, March 8

- 7:00p WM Leadership Team Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, March 9

- 7:00p Open Women's Bible Study
XZone, Junior High Worship (CH)
- 9:00p Men's Open Gym (CH)

Wednesday, March 10

- 4:00p Tenderhearts, Parlor
- 5:00p Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30p Pastor-Led Bible Study, Sanctuary
Mission Adventures
- 7:00p Psalm 100 Rehearsal (CH)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 8:30p Chamber Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Thursday, March 11

- 7:00p Men's Ministry Leadership Meeting, Rm 2202
TNT, Senior High Worship (CH)

Friday, March 12

- 5:30p Parent's Night Out
- 6:00p Confirmation Late Night, The Rock

Saturday, March 13

- 8:00a Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend (CH)
Men's Breakfast (FH)

Sunday, March 14

- 11:00a Confirmation, The Rock
- 12:15p Honduras Trip Meeting, Room 2301/2303
- 3:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 5:00p Alpha (CH)
Shipmates
Rising Tide, The Rock
Handbell Rehearsal, Room 2407
- 5:30p Junior High Small Groups

LOOKING AHEAD

March

- 15 Finance Committee Meeting
- 19-20 Consignment Sale
- 28 Palm Sunday

April

- 1 Maundy Thursday
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dr. Doug Thrasher, Senior Pastor

For after-hours pastoral emergencies, call 678-462-2583

Phone Number

770-924-4777

Hillside Preschool and Kindergarten 770-924-4776

Hillside Counseling Center 770-924-8517

EMIM RESULTS ARE IN – SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

So far, 766 adults and 311 children have promised to serve through Christ's ministries at Hillside in 2010! Just imagine the lives that will be touched and the love that will be shared through all of these faithful disciples! What a blessing to this church, to this community, and beyond!

There are still more willing hands needed, especially in the ministries serving children and youth. To sign up, complete an Every Member In Ministry form electronically at www.hillsideumc.org (select Bulletin Board) or complete a paper form in either worship lobby and place it in the offering basket or green lobby baskets. Your name will be given to the appropriate ministry leader who will contact you for scheduling and training. A Catalog of Ministries and a Spiritual Gifts Discovery are available online or in the hallway brochure racks to assist with your choice. For additional information, contact Beth Federman at Ext. 114 or at bfederman@hillsideumc.org.

SERMON VIDEOS

Miss a Sunday? Want to hear a sermon again or send it to a friend? Go to www.tangle.com/humctube/video to check out Hillside's sermon video archive. Links to audio and video sermons can be found on their sermon page of our web site as well.

NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming the newest members of the Hillside community, who joined last Sunday:

- David & Ashley Russ
- Chad & Brooke Sipe
- Chad & Marybeth Pifer
- William & Barbara Price

NEW TO HILLSIDE?

If you are new to Hillside and are interested in joining or simply want to learn more about us, make plans now to attend our next Newcomer Class on Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m.-noon in Room 2301/2303. For more information or to RSVP, contact Beth Federman at Ext. 114 or bfederman@hillsideumc.org. Free childcare is offered; contact Lisa Lancaster at Ext. 126.

Hillside Sunday

Hillside United Methodist Church exists
to make disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
by igniting Christ centered community

Sunday, March 7, 2010

A MEANS OF GRACE

Today we are celebrating Holy Communion. We celebrate Communion every week at our 8:30 a.m. service, and then monthly at our other three morning worship services. Usually we celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month like we are doing today.

In the Methodist tradition, as taught by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, we believe that Holy Communion is a "means of God's grace." What is a "means of grace?" A means of grace is a way or method by which God communicates His grace to us. When we celebrate Communion, we confess our sin to God and ask for His forgiveness. Then we receive the bread and the cup, remembering the Last Supper when Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." As we receive these elements, we remember how Jesus died on the cross as an atonement for our sin and that through His loving sacrifice, He paid the price for our sin. We are therefore reconciled to God by the offering Jesus made of Himself to God on the cross.

As we receive Communion, we are invited to go to the altar to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of forgiveness and salvation that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. This is always important to me, for I consider the act of kneeling as claiming the forgiveness of Christ, surrendering myself to Christ, and when I rise from the altar I think that I am rising to the new life Christ promises us.

The whole sacrament is a means of grace, a symbolic and mysterious way by which God communicates the grace of Jesus Christ to us.

Because of this belief, the United Methodist church always invites everyone present to receive Holy Communion. Since God is the one communicating to us, it doesn't matter what your age is, what your religious background is, or even if you are a believer or not. We believe that God will work His grace in our lives to communicate His great love for us through participation in the sacrament. Some will understand the saving grace of Jesus through receiving Communion. Others will be renewed in their faith. Still others will be strengthened and transformed through receiving Holy Communion.

As you come today to receive Holy Communion, remember that it is a holy gift. Form your hands in the shape of a cross and allow those who are serving to place the bread in your hands. We receive Communion. We do not grab or take Communion. The bread reminds us of Christ's body broken for us. And the cup reminds us of Christ's blood shed for us. A "means of grace," a way God tangibly communicates His love and grace to us all.

I love you all,

Doug



**Celebration Hall Worship
(lower level)**

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Today's worship officiants: Rev. Brad Greene, Preacher;
Jim Thomaston, Contemporary Worship Leader

**Sanctuary Worship
(upper level)**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Today's worship officiants: Dr. Doug Thrasher, Preacher;
Rev. Linda Evans, Liturgist; Michael Cromwell, Minister of Worship;
Bill Greer, Organist; Patrice Ligon, Pianist;
Erin Braxton & Grace Reeves, 11:00 Acolytes

Pre-Service Music		Patrice Ligon
Prelude		Bill Greer
Welcome & Greeting		Dr. Thrasher/Michael Cromwell
*Hymn	This Is a Day of New Beginnings	#383
Opening Prayer		Dr. Thrasher
Sermon	I Am the Bread of Life	Dr. Thrasher John 6:35 (NIV)
Offertory	At the Table of the Lord	Chancel Choir By J. Althouse
*Doxology		#95
**Holy Communion		
*Hymn	Fill My Cup, Lord	#641
*Benediction		Dr. Thrasher
Postlude		Bill Greer

* Please stand as you are able.

** All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. There is now a gluten-free communion station.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer Request

Derrick Bastien
JoAnn Belcher
Freddy Cook
Anselm Cowart
Jim Dye
Andrew Fensom
Abby Fitpatrick
Julie LeFevers
The Floyd Family
Jeri Galloway
Kyle Grubb
Brad and Kim Hanna
Teresa Harley
Sheri Harlow
Allen Hodgson
Greg Holden
Owen Horton
Taylor Lameier
Jon-Paul Legere
Rip Masters
Art and Jenny Moore
Kyle O'Connor
Liam O'Connor
Bill and Bonnie Porch
David Russ
Laura Stewart
Tony Strauss
Bryce Tarter
Debora Ubilla
Patricia Ubilla
Gladys Vellozo
Stephanie Wagner
Piper White
Bryce Williams
June Willis

**Continue to
Remember in Prayer**

Audrey Cabena
Epsie Gilbert
Pat Godwin
Chris Holbrook
Abbie Leslie
Drew Mash
Gene Napolitano
Martin Oliver
Rev. Greg Porterfield
Sidney Stewart
Karyn Taylor
Anita Warren
June Willis
Larry Wilson
U.S. Military Men and Women
Missionary:
Courtney Wilson, Mexico



Hillside is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

FOR PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH SIXTH GRADE

Shipmates will meet tonight from 5:00-7:00 p.m in the Rock for movie night.

Drop-In Nursery is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 daily. Registration forms are available in the Nursery hallway or e-mail Lisa Lancaster at llancaster@hillsideumc.org.

Mission Adventures has just started another session with some great new classes. Join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 for instruments for young children, science experiments, dog owner care, beginning guitar, yoga and meditation, face painting, or cheerleading. Contact Pat Walker for more information at pwalker@hillsideumc.org.

Enrichment: Monday-Friday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per day; children 3 to 5 years old are welcome and do not have to attend Hillside Preschool. Classes include math, art, music, Spanish, Legos, games, science, and movement. Contact Pat Walker at pwalker@hillsideumc.org for more information.

Hillside Preschool: Registration for Little Lambs Mothers Morning Out opens Monday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the Preschool Office. Tuesday/Thursday classes are open to infants to summer 2s as of September 1. Registration fee is \$75 and spots are filled on a first come first served basis.

TEACHER NEEDED

First grade teacher needed at 11:00a.m. Contact Pat Walker at pwalker@hillsideumc.org if you are interested in leading this class through May. Curriculum is provided.

FOR PARENTS

The next Parents Night Out will take place Friday, March 12 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child and includes movie, dinner, and crafts. Registration forms are in the Nursery hallway or e-mail Lisa Lancaster at llancaster@hillsideumc.org.

FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH

XZone, for 7th and 8th graders, will meet Tuesday, March 9 in Celebration Hall.

TNT, senior high Teens 'N Truth, will meet for worship Thursday, March 11 in Celebration Hall.

Senior High Spring Break Mission Trip: April 5-10 to Andrews, NC to work on homes in this very poor community. Total cost: \$300; \$100 deposit, final payment by March 18.

SPECIAL GUESTS AT TRADITIONAL SERVICE

The Reinhardt College Choir will lead the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional worship services on Sunday, March 21. Join us for a wonderful morning of worship.

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Nursing Nook for New Moms: We are excited to announce to all of our moms with babies that you now have a place to go when you need to nurse and have a little privacy. It is located in the bathroom on the first floor behind Celebration Hall. Just open the first door on your left as you enter the bathroom.

CONSIGNMENT SALE

Mark your calendars for March 19-20. The Children's Consignment sale offers shoppers great bargains on everything from clothes to books to baby gear to furniture. Proceeds benefit missions and Women's Ministries and the organizations they support throughout the year. Extended hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed: go to www.hillsideumc.org and click on the Bulletin Board.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Save the date for Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m.-noon for another Campus Service Day in which we will spruce up the grounds and building with a variety of projects for all skill levels.

HILLSIDE'S OWN ART GALLERY

Come check out the new Hillside Art Gallery located in the newly renovated Celebration Hall lobby. Local Hillside artists will be displaying their inspired artwork in this space. Currently, Jeanne Sperry's Scripture-based graphic designs and Linda Greco's interpretation of the "I Am" sermon series can be viewed in this space. Come back often, as it will change throughout this series.

Attention Young Artists: In June, the art gallery will feature art created by children in our congregation. Selected pieces will answer the question, "How have you seen the mighty love of God?" which corresponds with the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School.

Art for this exhibit may be in the form of drawing, painting, or photography. All work must be 8 x 10; on the back provide the artist's name and age, and answer the question "How have you seen the mighty love of God?" Place all work in Debbie Turner's mailbox across from the church office by May 1.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy after the death of my father. I truly felt the love of Jesus Christ working through the people of Hillside.

Rev. Linda Evans