# Hillside

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The Lenten study series, which is Thursdays at 6PM, kicked off with a potluck dinner and a look at the Top 10 Warning Signs of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality. I don't think that there was a person in the room who didn't recognize themselves in some way in the list below. If you weren't able to make it out this past Thursday, I wanted give you a chance to look over the list and let you know that it's not too late to join in. The first session was about diagnosing the problem, but the rest of them are about the steps we can take to become healthier disciples of Jesus, something I know we can all get behind.

So take a look at the list, and see if there are any habits that you might like to try to change this Lent:

- 1. **Using God to run from God**: i.e. filling my life with busy-ness & even Christian activities to avoid addressing difficult issues.
- **2. Ignoring the emotions of anger, sadness, and fear**: i.e. seldom being honest with myself and others about the feelings and pain beneath the surface of my life;
- **3. Dying on the wrong hills**: i.e. not living and dying for God-given pleasures such as friendship, laughter, and joy while not being willing to let go of being self-defensive or judgmental;
- 4. Denying the past's impact on the present: i.e. rarely considering how my family of origin and the people/events in my past have shaped my present;
- 5. Dividing life into "secular" and "sacred" compartments: i.e. keeping God relevant to "Christian activities" while forgetting about Him while working, shopping, etc.;
- 6. Doing for God instead of being with God: i.e. evaluating my spirituality based on how much I do for God;
- 7. Sweeping conflict under the rug: i.e. missing out on true peace by burying tension or avoiding conflict rather than lovingly confronting sin as Jesus did;
- 8. Covering over brokenness, weakness, and failure: i.e. having a hard time speaking about my weaknesses and mistakes;
- **9. Living without limits**: i.e. too often "biting off more than I can chew" without healthy rhythms or boundaries;&
- **10. Judging the spiritual journey of others**: i.e. finding myself occupied and bothered by the faults of those around me.

I confess that at one time or another, I believe I have been guilty of each one of these, some with more regularity than others. If you recognize yourself in any of these symptoms, why don't you join us on Thursdays at 6 as we learn to live as disciples of Jesus with a heart for God.

In the love of Christ,

~Pastor Sean ~

#### **MORNING CIRCLE**

Sue Mathieson was host, helped by Pat and Nancy Herrick.

Onnalee Patterson continued the Bible Study on the book of Hebrews. Ask Onnalee what she brought in for "Dry Bones".

Sue Mathieson chaired the business meeting. The program booklets were filled out for the year.

Our Birthday Offering will be collected in March. The "Over 75 Luncheon" is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a breakfast for the men in June.

There was \$500 collected for hoodies that were distributed by the Salvation Army.

Sue closed the meeting with prayer.



The youth of Hillside are selling Daffin's candy bars every other Sunday in McPeak Chapel. The funds raised will go toward the

cost of their retreats and summer camps. Candy bars are just \$1 each! Might as well get 2 or 3 while you are at it! Thank you for your continued support!

> Did you know? FACT

The Book of Confession is actually considered the first part of our denomination's constitution, and although it is always secondary to Jesus as he is revealed in Scripture, it is nevertheless considered the standard for how Presbyterians are to understand and be guided in our faith.

### WORKSHOP

Hillside's Session, Deacons and Trustees will soon begin a 6month workshop "Becoming A Flourishing Church".

The goal is to create space for God together, to listen to the Spirit's leading through teaching, reflection, and sharing with one another, and to act on what we hear about growing a Christcentered, flourishing church.

Workshops will begin in April, with the combined workshop beginning promptly at 6 p.m., followed by individual board meetings at 7 p.m.

# **REMINDERS**:

Echo Articles Due: March 18, 2018

March Good Shepherd Item: Easter Basket Items —

63 cans of fruit

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

It's said "Hillsiders always step up to the plate to volunteer when the need is known."

Our focus for March:



### **VBS VOLUNTEERS!**

We have so many ways you can help out with Vacation Bible School:

Set-up volunteers Registration helpers Kitchen helpers Teachers Teacher's helpers Recreation helpers Craft leaders

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in McPeak. Please consider helping with VBS, these children are our future!

This year's director is Kerri McCowien and she has chosen the theme

"Camp Out, Getting S'More of Jesus" VBS will take place June 18-22, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.





### TOY DRIVE

January was spent collecting gently used toys to donate to a local foster care agency. We had boxes at Fresh Grounds and Anytime Fitness as well as here at Hillside. The response was overwhelming! On Thursday, February 8, 2018 we were able to fill three SUV's full of toys and baby items and delivered them to Keystone Foster Care.

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated!

### NEW PRAYER GROUP

A new prayer group will soon be starting here at Hillside. The prayer group will meet weekly with prayer focused to those in need as well as following up with those we pray for. If you are interested in participating in this new group, please contact Nancy Lutkemeier.



It's impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature

# Beginning February 22, join Hillside Presbyterian on Thursdays at 6PM for potluck dinner as we discuss

# EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

GO BENEATH THE SURFACE and transform your life

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It's time to order flowers to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary, as we come to celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

The choices of plants are: <u>lilies</u> ~ <u>mums</u> ~ or <u>tulips</u>. <u>Each plant is \$8.50.</u> You can mail your order form (with your payment) or hand it to Janet Shannon or Linda Pinney by Sunday, March 18, 2018 All checks should be made out to Hillside Presbyterian Church. You may take your plants home after worship or designate them for a shut-in.

Lily \_\_\_\_\_ how many

Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ how many

Mum <u>how many</u> Colors available for the mums –

\_\_\_\_White Mum \_\_\_\_Yellow Mum \_\_\_\_Lavender Mum Total cost: @,\$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will take them. \_\_\_\_\_ Please give to a shut-in.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, March 29, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Room Communion service followed by pot-luck dinner.



The Battles family wants to thank our Church family for all the help and prayers sent our way the last few months. It would take a page to name everyone. We had delicious meals delivered for many weeks. Saved us from eating scrambled eggs every day (Roy's specialty)! A special thanks to the Deacons, the wonderful cooks, for all the cards, to Pastor Sean for the hours he sat at the hospital during Doug's surgery, and all the prayers that brought us closer to our beloved Savior.

Thanks again, God bless you all!! Roy & Pat



### Hometown Heroes

Please continue to pray for these loved ones who are serving our country. Keep them, their families, our country, and our world situation in your constant prayers.

HANNAH BATTLES KENNETH BUCKLEY JASON COATS PATRICK DANGROW BRIAN GEARHART KRISTOPHER HIRSCHMANN JON LEXINGTON RAYMOND PELSH JOSH PIPP JUSTIN SMITH CRAIG TRUMBULL JR. DAVID TURNER

#### **STRAWBERRY UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE**

Recipe Corner

This recipe from Sue Mathieson was served at the February Morning Circle meeting:

2 cups crushed strawberries

(fresh if available, but frozen work fine)

- 1-6 oz. box strawberry jello
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows

1 (18 oz.) box yellow cake mix, prepared as directed on box

- $\Rightarrow$  Preheat oven to 350°.
- $\Rightarrow$  Spray 9x13 pan with non-stick spray
- ⇒ Spread strawberries on bottom of pan
- ⇒ Sprinkle jello powder over and top with marshmallows
- $\Rightarrow$  Pour prepared cake mix on top.
- $\Rightarrow$  Bake 40-50 minutes, cool 15 minutes
- ⇒ Loosen sides of pan and turn out onto serving tray.

## **MARCH 2018**

Find up to-the-minute updates at <u>www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar</u> where you can find details and even add items to your personal calendar.					7:00 Early Risers 9:30 a.m. Circle 6:00 Lenten Study		
9:30 S .S.	6:30 Membership	2-4 Knitting	5:30 Bell Choir		<b>1</b> 7:00 Early Risers	2	3
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### **Birthdays:**

3/1 Isaac Rowe
3/2 Debbie Jones
3/5 Brett Mathieson
3/13 Jerry Gill
3/15 Gay McKenzie
3/16 Shirley Hammerschmidt
3/18 Tristan Mull
3/19 Jake McClelland

3/20 Norm Kashner 3/24 Juliana Ealy Kathy Mealy 3/28 Erin Kiser 3/29 Gary Jones 3/30 Jim Hammerschmidt Mark Holiga

### **Anniversaries:**

3/19 Kathy and Wallace Maun (30 years) 3/23 Judy and Jerry Gill







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