

The Echo

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From the Pastor's Desk

First, there is a ton going on at Hillside this November, so please be sure to read through the Echo thoroughly to keep up on all that's going on.

Last week I went to the Record-Argus sponsored Greenville Town Council debate to listen to our hopeful leaders cast a vision for the Greenville they would like to build if elected. And with a few notable exceptions, I was somewhat crestfallen at the lack of vision I heard. Most of the candidates talked about why change is harder than most people think or how our hands are tied by state and federal regulations. My overwhelming feeling was that the public was being told to lower our expectations for what we should hope for in the coming years. Likewise, many newcomers seemed to acknowledge that the hurdles we face are so insurmountable that they don't have a clear plan for how to overcome them. But even if the obstacles could be overcome, the vision cast by several was to return to staffing models the borough used when it had greater resources.

Ben Beck stood out to me as the only candidate who had a meaningful vision for what Greenville could be if we all come together as a community. He argued that bureaucratic hurdles can be side-stepped by identifying those problems that can be solved without government intervention by treating one another as neighbors. He also identified challenges that everyone else seemed to overlook, such as the pride that leads localities to isolate services that only look after own interests as if what happens to our neighbors has no effect on us.

Maybe it's naïve, and maybe it's an overgeneralization, but give me the candidates that have hope that tomorrow can be better over the candidates that will do what they can to restore our bygone glory. I was reminded recently that "people who change the world don't hack through the jungle, they irrigate the desert." So let's cast a vision for what abundant life can look like and what it means not just to eke out an existence but to use the gifts and talents we have to thrive where we are planted.

The attitude that tells us to "just do what we can with our diminishing resources" isn't going to change our community for the better in a significant way. We need to have the courage to challenge our pre-conceived notions about what is and what is not within our power, and we need the determination to seize on opportunities that might seem out of the box. Whether you're a church, a small business, or a small town, doing things the same way you've done them before (with minor tweaks) is going to get you basically the same result. If the best we can hope for is to decline more slowly while we celebrate nickel and dime baby-step victories, then I'm not sure a bright future is something that we're ever going to achieve.

Don't get me wrong. My intention is not to slam those people who are willing to take their time to serve their community. Most of them are great people with great intentions. But I believe that real change is going to require each of us to pitch ideas to improve our community and roll up our sleeves to make them a reality. To those who are elected, we will owe them our support, imagination, and, yes, even *constructive* criticism to help them help Greenville. Together we can cast a brighter vision for tomorrow.

In Christ,
Pastor Sean



Greenville High School is hosting a Veterans' Day Assembly on Friday November 10, 2017 at 8:30 am. Veterans will be acknowledged

during this assembly. If you are a veteran and would like to participate, please arrive at Greenville High School between 8:00 and 8:15.

Hillside Deacons are planning a Bake Sale immediately following worship on November 12.

Church members are asked to bake their favorite candy, cookies, pies, pumpkin roll, etc. Bring your items to the Fellowship Room before worship. We'll take care of the rest. Donations will be made to one of the organizations in the church.

There will be no early sales.

Come prepared to buy something for Thanksgiving dinner.



The Hillside Echo is *YOUR* newsletter! There are a number of ways you can submit contributions or suggestions.

Church Website:

www.hillsidepresby.com

use the "Communication Center" tab at the top. Fill out the form, hit "send"

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By mail to the church office or Sue

There is a mailbox for the Echo in the lobby.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Hillsiders always step up to the plate to volunteer when the need is known. Please submit your volunteer needs to the Echo.

Our focus for November is:

SHOEBOX SPONSORS

Sponsors donations will help with mailing costs for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Each shoebox costs \$9.00 to mail and we anticipate having 45-50 boxes.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 26, 2017 immediately after worship.

ALL SAINTS DAY—November 5, 2017

This is a day set aside to remember our family and friends (not limited to just Hillside members) that have passed away in the last year. If you have someone you would like to include, please call the church office.

This year we will remember:

Bob Hill

Marilyn Frazier

Patricia Eshbaugh

Alex McCurdy

Connie Burns

Marie Vener

Bill Turcic

Greg Shank



No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a *promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were:
Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.

by John Donne

*promontory: a rocky elevation, some-
times one that juts out into the sea

Christian Education

Relationship / Marriage Discussion Group

This new group is forming and will meet every other Sunday during the Sunday School hour, beginning on November 12.

We will be using the book/DVD

"The Meaning of Marriage"
by Tim Keller

There is still time to join— let the church office know if you would like to order a book or study guide.

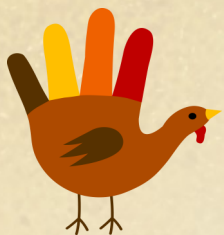
BOOK CLUB

The newly formed Hillside Book Club has met and chosen:

"True Grit"

by Charles Portis

The books will soon be ordered, but if you would like to join this book club, just contact the church office. Once the books are in, the group will be meeting again to choose a meeting day/time that works for everyone. What better way to chase the winter blues away than a good book and good conversation! Join us!!



WEE CHRISTIANS

Saturday, November 3

10 a.m. to noon

We will enjoy a fall craft,
a snack, and pack the shoeboxes for
Operation Christmas Child!



Hillside's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sat. Nov 4, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Do you have a "famous" chili? Or an
awesome cornbread recipe?

Free to enter your chili—Free to sample
chili. Vote by donations which will be
given to the charity of the winner's
choice.



****2016 Chili Champion: Erin Wagner****

The Sunshine Class

The Sunshine Class was started in 1955. The first class meeting was held on March 24, 1955. The name, "Sunshine Class" was suggested by Audrey Thompson. A suggestion was made by Rev. Dave Campell that we start publishing a church newspaper. It was called "Rays of Sunshine". Dave Christman suggested the name. In later years, it became the Hillside Echo.

We had our class meetings on the second Saturday every month. We made 5 trips to visit:

Ron and Janet Christman (twice) - Birmingham, AL

Dave and Wilma Christman—Muncie, Indiana

Joe and Pat Bees—Lynchburg, VA

Jim and Lois Greenlee—Pittsburgh, PA



Our teachers over the years were, Mrs. Harry Thompson, David Carr, Jack McKee, Dot McDowell, Pearl Landfried, and for more than 50 years, Dick Miller who started teaching our class in October 1967!

In 1960 Mimi Landfried had a baby shower for 8 ladies in the class that were expecting. All of the children were baptized at the same time. We stood wall to wall in the sanctuary. In 1963 we had 61 members on our roll. There were 72 children from this group. We have a photo album to prove these statistics! We now have about 20 active members. Over the years, Dick Miller and Chuck Crawford have most often been president of the class. Wilma Christman and Catharine Crawford were secretary most times. We are a very close-knit group. We kind of grew up together and shared many happy and sad times.

We continue to donate to the "Downtown Ministries" and have a Christmas Project every year.

DECEMBER ECHO
DEADLINE:

SUNDAY, Nov. 19th

November Good Shepherd
Item:
Canned veggies

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGENT

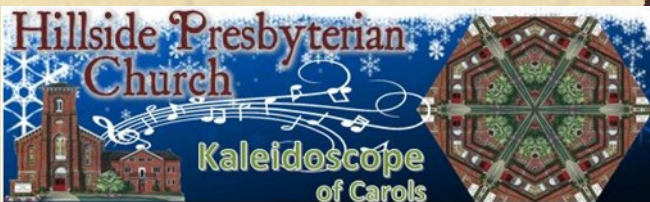
Sunday December 3rd during worship



Rehearsals will begin November 5 for the Children's Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals will be held Sunday mornings during the opening time prior to Sunday School as well as 4:30 on Sunday afternoons.

Please see Karyn Kirchhofer for more information.

Good Shepherd Center
Christmas Item:
115 Cans of fruit
Collected by Deacons on
or before 12/10/17



Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

The Technology Committee is once again hosting this Christmas musical variety show featuring many church and local personalities and music groups. What a great way to start your Christmas season. Mark your calendars ~ you wont want to miss it!

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
RAYMOND PELSH
JASON COATS
JOSH PIPP
PATRICK DANGROW
KENNETH BUCKLEY

JUSTIN SMITH
CRAIG TRUMBULL JR.
KRISTOPHER HIRSCH-
MANN
DAVID TURNER
JON LEXINGTON
BRIAN GEARHART

Recipe Corner



CINNAMON TOAST CRUST PUMPKIN PIE

1¼ cup panko bread crumbs
½ cup white sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. sea salt
5 TBL unsalted butter, melted

Filling:

1-15 oz. can pumpkin
1-8oz. cream cheese, softened
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp. sea salt
1 cup heavy whipping cream
½ cup white sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine bread crumbs, ½ cup sugar, salt and cinnamon in a food processor; process 15 seconds. Pour in melted butter. Process until moist crumbs form. Press into bottom and sides of a 9" pie pan. Bake until golden brown, 25-30 minutes. Cool

Beat pumpkin and cream cheese until no lumps remain. Add spice, vanilla, cinnamon and salt. Beat cream and ½ cup sugar until stiff peaks form. Gently fold into pumpkin mixture. Pour mixture into crust. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.



NOVEMBER

Find up-to-the-minute updates at www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar where you can find details and even add items to your personal calendar.			5:00 Book Club organization 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers 9:30 a.m. Circle 7:00 p.m. Circle		10:00-noon Wee Christians 5:00 Chili Cook-Off
			1	2	3	4
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship ALL SAINTS DAY 5:00 Praise Team	6:30 Membership Mtg.	2-4 Knitting	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers 6:30 p.m. Officer Training		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 S.S. 9:30 Marriage/Relationship 10:45 Worship ~Bake Sale~ 5:00 Praise Team	6:30 Worship & Sacraments	2-4 Knitting 6:00 Trustees 6:30 Deacons	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers 7:00 p.m. Tech & Comm.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship Harvest Sunday 5:00 Praise Team Echo Articles Due	6:30 P.W. Coordinating	2-4 Knitting 6:30 Session	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	Happy Thanksgiving! 	Church Office Closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 S.S. 9:30 Marriage/Relationship 10:45 Worship Hanging of Greens	6:30 Christian Ed	2-4 Knitting		7:00 Early Risers		
26	27	28	29	30		

Birthdays

11/3 Jill Redfoot
 11/4 Audrey Thompson
 11/5 Ron Lindemuth
 11/6 Ralph McConnell
 11/8 Earl Ferguson
 11/11 Sue Peterson
 11/14 Jared Reichard
 11/15 Joseph Piper
 11/16 LeAnn Reichard



NOVEMBER

11/17 Larry Titus
 11/20 Jennifer Mosconi
 Levi Gill
 11/21 Ralph Jones
 11/22 Judy Gill
 11/24 Nelson Brocklehurst
 11/26 Norma Lauffer
 11/27 Priscilla Turner
 11/30 Mike Battles

Anniversaries

11/1 Sara and Josh Mull
 11/5 Pat and Joe Bees
 11/6 Cindy and Scott Hillard
 11/18 Pat and Ray Brugler
 11/27 Kathy and Paul Mealy





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