

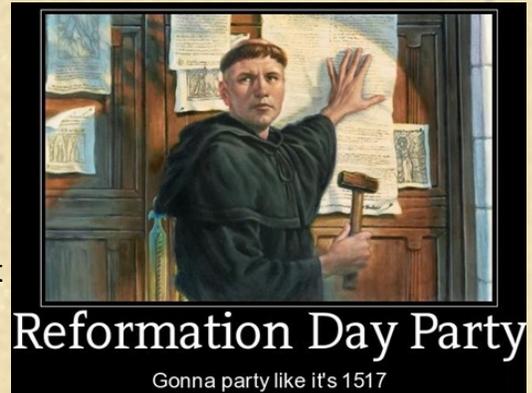
The Echo

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HILLSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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From the Pastor's Desk

What comes to your mind when you think of October? Costumes? Leaves changing? Pumpkins? Pumpkin spiced everything? Ridiculously early Christmas decorations? Of all the things that spring into most people's minds, Reformation Sunday usually isn't one of them. In fact, I'll bet there's more than a few of us who don't know what Reformation Sunday is all about, if we remember it at all.

Quite simply, the last Sunday in October is the day we celebrate Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, which (unintentionally at the time) sparked the Protestant Reformation. So this year marks the 500th anniversary, and we are planning to celebrate it in style! What's more, this year marks the 150th anniversary of when Hillside's sanctuary was built *as well as* the 300th anniversary of the first Presbyterian Synod in America, which, incidentally, was a predecessor of our presbytery's Synod of the Trinity. With all of these dates coinciding, we decided that our celebration needed to be legendary.

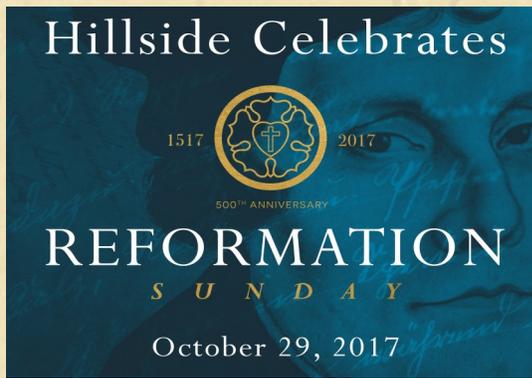


Typically, Reformation Sunday is often celebrated as kind of a heritage day for the Presbyterian Church, which has its roots in Scotland. Congregations with strong Scottish roots celebrate with a "Kirkin of the Tartans," where family clans would bring in their tartans (i.e. colors) to be blessed by the church. To that end, **we will have a bagpiper play** at the beginning and end of worship on **Sunday, October 29th**. Since the Reformation began in Germany and it is a German tradition to wear red on that day, we invite you to either **wear a tartan (plaid) or red to church that day** for a special worship service full of reference to the Reformation.

Following worship, we will have a **Reformation Celebration** complete with **games, crafts, stories, snacks, and fun!** We will tell stories of Hillside's history, play Reformation-themed games, and much more! So tell your friends and invite your neighbors to join us for worship and join in the celebration of God's faithfulness throughout all the ups and downs of church history.

Looking forward to a great month,

Pastor Sean



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2017

Join us as we celebrate
the traditions that ground
our faith!

Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Celebration: Noon—2:00 p.m.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you all for the beautiful plant you sent in Mother's honor. We will continue to enjoy them for years to come. It was very much appreciated. Mom touched many lives in her 91 years. She enjoyed her friendships with her Hillside family. We want to thank all of you for the many cards you continued to send her this past year, the many prayers and the visits. We have been very blessed with your constant support and friendship. You have all touched our lives in a very special way.

~God bless, Scott & Sherry Hodge~

Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers, cards and for the food you sent. It is greatly appreciated.

~Carol Shank and family~

The family of Marie Laura Herrick Vener would like to thank all who provided food and helped serve the wonderful funeral dinner. Your thoughtfulness and kind smiles made a difficult day a little easier. Your friendships warm our hearts and bless us so.

~God bless, The family of Marie Vener~

Thank you to my Hillside family for your prayers and kindnesses at the time of my recent surgery. My rehab is progressing very well and I hope to be back worshipping with you soon.

~Sue Peterson ~

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. We are encouraging all Hillsiders to get plugged into a Bible Study, so our focus for October is:

STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

See the next page for more information.

SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH

6:00 pm FELLOWSHIP HALL

Hosted by Morning Circle

Soup will be provided with guests supplying a variety of salads to share.

Money will be collected to be donated

to the Salvation Army for purchase of sweatshirts for teens.

Operation Christmas Child Schedule 2017

October 1 – bar soap, washcloth, combs and brushes.

October 8 – small cars, balls, dolls and stuffed animals.

October 15 – yo-yo's, jump ropes, harmonicas, toy jewelry and watches.

October 22 – socks and flashlights.

October 29 – sunglasses and hair clips/barrettes.

Please leave your items on the table provided in McPeak Chapel (outside the sanctuary's folding door).



We have a number of small groups, classes, and studies already meeting, and you are invited to join in with something we already have going on. Maybe you would be interested in one of the following:

Sunday Mornings 9:30 a.m.:

*A newly formed adult Sunday School Class will be meeting in the Fellowship Room (former Sunshine Class area).

*The "Friendship, Too" class meets in the 2nd floor corner classroom and describes its mission as supporting one another (and their families and friends) in prayer and to encouraging each other to spend more time in God's Word daily. We are currently using Billy Graham's book, The Holy Spirit, as a study focus. Anyone is welcome to join in!

Thursdays:

Early Risers: is a men's group that meets almost every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Fresh Grounds Coffee House. They are currently reading a book by Chuck Colson on contemporary social issues.

The Presbyterian Women (PW):

Morning Circle meets the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. They are currently studying the Horizons study on Critical Thinking and Faith.

The PW evening circle meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will begin their fall study, "12 Women of the Bible", which will include a DVD and study guide.

**“Hear ye, hear ye!
Come one, come all to a
Reformation Celebration!”**



- ♦ On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.
- ♦ **500** years later, the members of Hillside Presbyterian Church will celebrate Luther's courage with a special celebration!

Games

Snacks

Stories

Crafts

Fun

Sunday, October 29, 2017

12:00—2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Watch for the video promo featuring Paul and Lee who will be looking for ways to help you be plugged in at Hillside.



The Children's Cantata will be Sunday December 3rd during worship. Watch for more details.



Worship Leaders:

Thanks to all who have volunteered to lead worship. We are still in need of a few more worship leaders.

See Pastor Sean if interested.



Hillside's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sat. Nov 4, 2017

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

We invite you to enter your chili or cornbread in our all-for-fun chili cook-off.

2016 Chili Champion: Erin Wagner

NOVEMBER ECHO

DEADLINE:

SUNDAY, OCT. 15th

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



PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE TRUFFLES

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup crushed ginger snaps, divided

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup graham cracker crumbs, divided

4 oz. cream cheese, softened

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups melted white chocolate, divided

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup pumpkin puree

1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Pinch Kosher salt

1 TBL coconut oil

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Mix together, ginger snaps and graham cracker crumbs.

Set aside.

Beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white chocolate, pumpkin puree, pumpkin pie spice, and salt.

Beat in crumbs until well mixed, reserving a small amount for garnish.

Scoop mixture into 1 tablespoon size balls and freeze until solid.

Mix together remaining white chocolate and coconut oil.

Dunk truffles to coat, sprinkle with reserved crumbs.

Refrigerate until set.

October Good Shepherd
Item: Soups or Stews

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9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship— Communion 5 Praise Team 1	6:30 Membership Mtg. 2	2-4 Knitting 3	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 4	7 Early Risers 6:00 P.W. Soup & Salad 5	6	7
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5 Praise Team 8	6:30 Worship Mtg. 9	2-4 Knitting 6 Trustees 6:30 Deacons 10	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 11	7 Early Risers 6:30 p.m. Officer Nominee Meet & Greet 12	13	14
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship Echo Articles Due 5 Praise Team 15	6:30 PW Coordi- nating Team 16	2-4 Knitting 6:30 Session 17	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 18	7 Early Risers 19	20	21
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5 Praise Team 22	6:30 Christian Ed 23	2-4 Knitting 24	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 25	7 Early Risers 7 p.m. Tech & Comm Mtg. 26	27	28
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 12-2 Reformation Celebration 5 Praise Team 29	 30	2-4 Knitting 31		Find up-to-the-minute updates at www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar where you can find details and even add items to your personal calendar.		

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Birthdays

10/1 Mason Battles
10/10 Dan Shrock
10/15 Keri Kusich
10/16 Colinda Titus
10/18 Kristopher Hirschmann
10/21 Caelynn English
10/22 Ray Brugler

10/24 Barbara Shrock
Jan Stratiff
10/27 Martha Piper
10/31 Carl Sheesley



Anniversaries

10/1 Mary and Ken Hovis
10/26 Andrea and Sean Hall
10/29 Barbara and Ron Stoyer





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