



# Hillside *Echo*

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## From the Pastor's Desk

At the crucifixion, the disciples' entire world came crashing down around them. Their dreams lay shattered; their plans to change the world, to end oppression, seemed like a horrific joke gone awry. On top of that, their friend and teacher had been tortured and executed for crimes he did not commit. They had left behind everything, and it was all for nothing. Their hope was lost.

That Saturday, things didn't look all that much brighter. The disciples were keeping their heads down, for fear of reprisal from a society that wasn't accepting of their faith. They were probably trying to figure out what to do with their lives now that Jesus was gone. Certainly, they would still try to honor their friend by living out some of the principles that he had taught them; but it couldn't be what they centered their lives around anymore, and they certainly couldn't preach it publicly.

Wait, hadn't Jesus told them stories of returning? Yeah, but he said a lot of things, and who knows what he meant by it. Maybe, they thought, we can hold out some faint hope that God would do something amazing at some point in the distant future, but for now, maybe the best course of action is to go back to fishing and do what we can to show love to our neighbors. That's probably the best we can do, and maybe that's enough.

Why is it that so many of us find ourselves stuck in a place like the disciples found themselves in on that fateful Saturday? Jesus has died to take our sins away, and we show our gratitude by doing what we can to follow his teachings, but our lives aren't really transformed from the inside out. Yes, we've all heard the stories of Jesus' Resurrection and his post-Easter appearances. We love those stories, but in the meantime, in our real lives, in the real world, our society is turning its back on the church. Just about every conceivable metric of church health has been in decline across all major denominations for decades. Small town life, once the backbone of this country, seems to have become infected with drugs and under-employment.

We conclude, like the disciples did so long ago, that while stories of Jesus' return sound great, and while we hope deep down that there may be some truth to them, our best course of action is probably just to keep our head down and try to live out some of his teachings that give us the most comfort.

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Friends, the Resurrection means that God is remaking the world from the inside out, that everything sad will become untrue, and that Jesus is alive on the throne, that we are messengers of the King and his stewards, seeing that his will is done and his reign extended to the world around us. If the Resurrection is a faint story that we hope will have bearing on the world someday, then nothing has really changed. But if we believe in the depths of our souls that it is historically, factually true, then the foundations of this world have been shattered, and unquenchable hope is not only our birthright, but the fire that will re-forge the broken world. Are you living with Resurrection hope, and where is God calling you to use that hope to make a real difference in the lives of those who are lost?

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Sean

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*Mark your  
calendars*

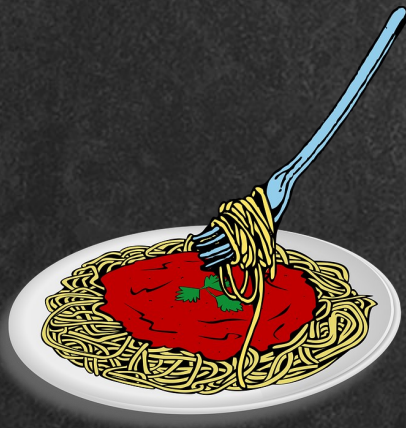


Our **Over 75 Luncheon** will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Anyone who turns 75 at any point this year is invited!



Invitations will be mailed, but if you do not receive an invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the church office or call Pat Herrick 724-588-9518.



## SPAGHETTI DINNER!

The Trustees are hosting a spaghetti dinner immediately following worship on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Proceeds will be used to cover the recent drywall repair on the sanctuary wall. Cost: Donation

RSVP to church office 724-588-4920



# REMINDERS:

Echo Articles Due:  
April 15, 2018

April Good Shepherd Item:  
Canned Vegetables

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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

### Our focus for April:

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

This service allows parents of young children to fully participate in worship and provides the youngest members of our church family with a positive experience, playing with other children.

We are required to have two adults on duty each Sunday. Even one or two additional volunteers would help tremendously with scheduling flexibility. Please prayerfully consider this area of service.

Contact: Sue Peterson or the church office.

#### EVENING CIRCLE

*Our January meeting was held on January 11 due to inclement weather on January 4. Our February meeting was scheduled February 1 but then because the Lenten Meals and Bible Studies began on Thursday evenings March 1, we decided on the Wednesday evening before, which was February 28. In April our meeting will be the first Thursday, April 5, with study leader, Colinda Titus and hostess, Jill Redfoot.*

*Our lesson book is "12 Women of the Bible" which points out that real faith calls a woman to be honest about who she is, with herself, with God and with others. God knows our strengths, joys and victories and also our frailties, struggles, sins and brokenness, just like these women we're studying. And yet God loves us and can use us to fulfill His plans and bring glory to His Holy Name. So far, we have studied Eve, Rebekah, Leah and Hannah. We have 8 other women of the Bible in this study. If you would like to join us we'd love to have you.*

*In April we will cast ballots to vote for the 2018 Woman of the Year. The winner will be announced after the All Women's Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00pm on May 3. Following will be entertainment by a ventriloquist, Cindy Speck; she is very gifted. Hillside Presbyterian Women are inviting anyone from our congregation and their families to join us the sanctuary for this entertainment program which is sure to delight, especially the children you bring. Hope to see you*

#### MORNING CIRCLE

*Janet Kirk and Polly Oden were hosts when 18 ladies met for Circle. Catharine Crawford opened the meeting with prayer. Nancy Lutkemeier led the Bible Study as we continued studying the book of Hebrews. The lesson was on angels. Nancy decorated the tables with her angels. March is when we celebrate our church's birthday. Janet and Polly provided a beautiful cake decorated with shamrocks for the occasion.*

*Nancy presided over the business meeting. Birthday offering envelopes were distributed. The congregation will be asked to help with this collection.*

*April 5 will be the next Circle meeting. The meeting closed with prayer.*



# WEE CHRISTIANS



EASTER  
FUN!



14 Kids  
+ 4 Adults  
ONE FUN DAY!





# THANK YOU!

Ruth Hill would like to update everyone on her niece, Karla, who has been on our prayer chain. Karla was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer while she was pregnant and gave birth to her second baby boy in the Fall. The baby boy is doing fine. Karla is at home with her family and has undergone several treatments and will require more. For now, they are all at home in upper New York state. Thank you all for praying for Karla and her baby.



## 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

## Recipe Corner



### HOT BAKED REUBEN BAKE

- 1-8 oz. package cream cheese, softened*
- 1 lb. deli sliced corned beef, cut in 1 inch pieces*
- 1 cup sauerkraut, drained well and squeezed dry*
- ¼ cup sweet pickle relish*
- 1 TBL mayonnaise*
- 1 TBL ketchup*
- 1 TBL Dijon mustard*
- 1 teas. Worcestershire sauce*
- 1 teas. freshly ground pepper*
- 8 oz. shredded swiss cheese*
- Preheat oven to 400°.*

- ⇒ *Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix thoroughly.*
- ⇒ *Transfer to a casserole dish*
- ⇒ *Texture surface with tines of fork to help with browning.*
- ⇒ *Bake until bubbly and browned, 25-30 minutes.*
- ⇒ *Serve with bread and crackers.*





2018

CONFIRMATION CLASS :

Frankie Ellis

Garrett Hillard

Abby Kiser

Mickala Kiser



**CONFIRMATION Retreat 2018**

**Crestfield Camp**



# APRIL 2018

6:30 Sunrise @ Hempfield Park 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 	10:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks 6:30 Membership	2-4 Knitting	5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers 9:30 Morning Circle 7:00 Evening Circle		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 S.S. Relationship Class 10:45 Worship	6:30 Worship & Sacraments	2-4 Knitting 6:00 p.m. Combined Board Workshop 7:00 Trustees, Deacons, Session	5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship & Spaghetti Dinner <b>Echo Articles Due</b> 	6:30 P.W. Coordinating Team	2-4 Knitting	12:00 Over 75 Luncheon  5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers 7:00 p.m. Tech & Comm.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 S.S. Relationship Class 10:45 Worship	6:30 Christian Ed	2-4 Knitting	5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Choir	7:00 Early Risers		7:30 p.m. SV Chorale Concert 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship  <b>5th Sunday Celebration</b>						
29	30					

Find up to-the-minute updates at  
[www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar](http://www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar) where  
you can find details and even add items to

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

4/4 Tom McKenzie

4/19 June Ealy

4/7 Nikki Callen

4/20 J P Scott

Caitlyn Callen

4/21 Ashley Stubbs

4/8 Mickala Kiser

Raegan Zane

4/12 Jennifer Battles

4/22 Lynn Ferguson

4/13 Jim Greenfield

Linda Pinney

4/16 Bethany Scott

4/25 Sharon Doan

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

## Anniversaries:

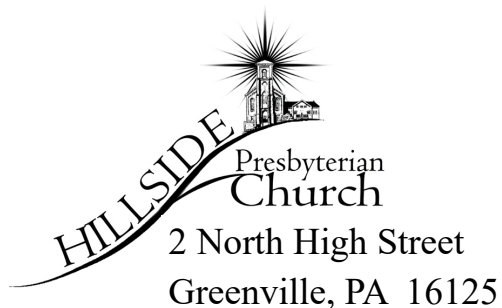
4/8

Carla and Mark Reichard  
(40 YEARS)

4/12

Catharine and Chuck Crawford





# The Hillside Echo

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