

The Echo

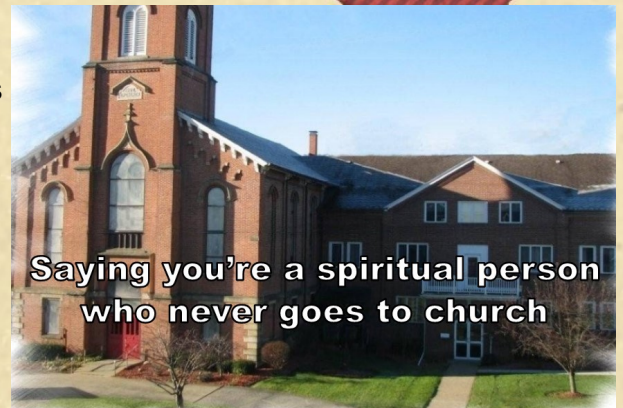
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From the Pastor's Desk

As I've been going to the gym more in the past two months than I have in the rest of my life combined (a very low bar), I've started to think about the ways the church and the gym are similar. I define worship as whatever you ascribe the highest value to in our life, and by that definition, there are definitely people at the gym who worship body image and/or physical fitness. People certainly have routines that they follow each time they go there, and most people generally leave feeling good about themselves.

Certainly the gym is quite different from the church, but at their core, both of them are places that are designed to help you grow as a person, whether physically or spiritually. Often when we come to church one of our core goals is to grow in such a way that we are able to bear more weight (emotionally) than we could when we were younger so that we are able to do more "heavy lifting" (so to speak) in the service of others.

What has really struck me is how odd our excuses sound if our goal is actually to grow as a person as we grow closer to Christ. For example, let me illustrate my point by using excuses that people often make about the church that sound ludicrous in the context of a gym.



**Saying you're a spiritual person
who never goes to church**

is like saying



**you're an athletic person
who never goes to the gym.**

Excuses heard at Church:	How that would sound at the gym:
I like to stick to simple Bible stories because theology is too hard.	I like to stick to 5 lb weights because other weights are too heavy.
I don't like going to a worship because it's too boring.	I don't like going to the gym because it's all work and no fun.
I only go to church occasionally, but I think about God all the time	I rarely go to the gym, but I <i>think</i> about exercising all the time.
I don't want to go to church because people will see I'm not perfect.	I don't want to go to the gym because people will see that I'm out of shape.

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Member Profile Page ~ Richard Miller

Questions posed through the Tech and Communication Team at Hillside

What year did you join Hillside? - 1945

What committees or positions have you been a part of?

President of Young Peoples, Deacons, Trustees, Elder, President of Senior Choir, Sunday School teacher (58 years), Chairman of Corporation, Choir member (67 years).

Tell about your conversion to Jesus Christ? –

Communicants class with Dr. McPeak (pastor in the 1940's). The day I joined the church, the Holy Spirit came upon me and I know my name was written in The Book of Life.

What would be some of your fondest memories at Hillside? –
Wednesday evening prayer services & singing in the choir.

There are always downsides in every organization, but we would like to know what/who at Hillside inspires you in your Christian walk;

Past – *Choir members and their faithfulness.*

Present – *Roy Battles and Catharine Crawford.*



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People instinctively know that if you don't exercise on a regular basis, you're never going to get stronger. Yet somehow we kid ourselves by thinking we can grow in our relationship with Jesus without going to church every week, studying God's word, and spending time in prayer on a regular basis. Of course, you can miss a workout or miss church every once in a while, but if we make a habit of it, we are only hurting ourselves in the long run.

For years, I made excuses as to why I wasn't going to exercise that day. I was never opposed to being in shape and I never made a conscious decision to stay away from the gym, but all those excuses added up until I was completely overweight. I wonder how many of us, if we take time to look in the mirror, will find that we are spiritually out of shape. The good news is: there's always room for one more at the gym and God always welcomes us back when we decide to make church a priority!

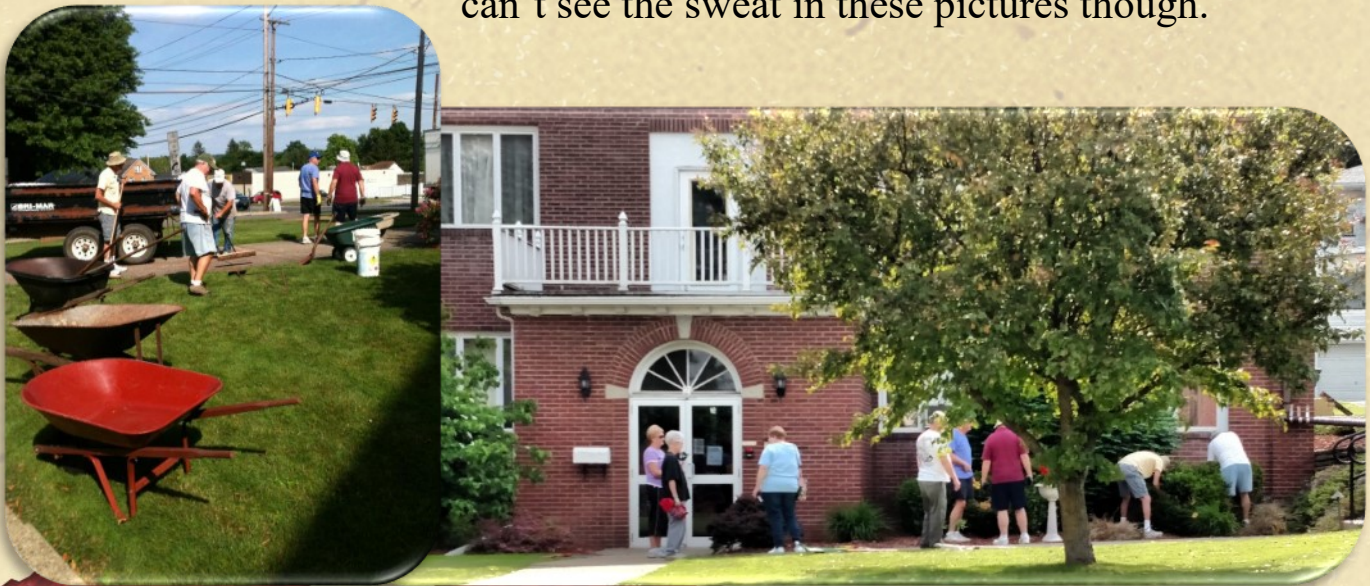
In Christ,
Pastor Sean

Hillside Trustees Update

Submitted by Cory Kirchhofer

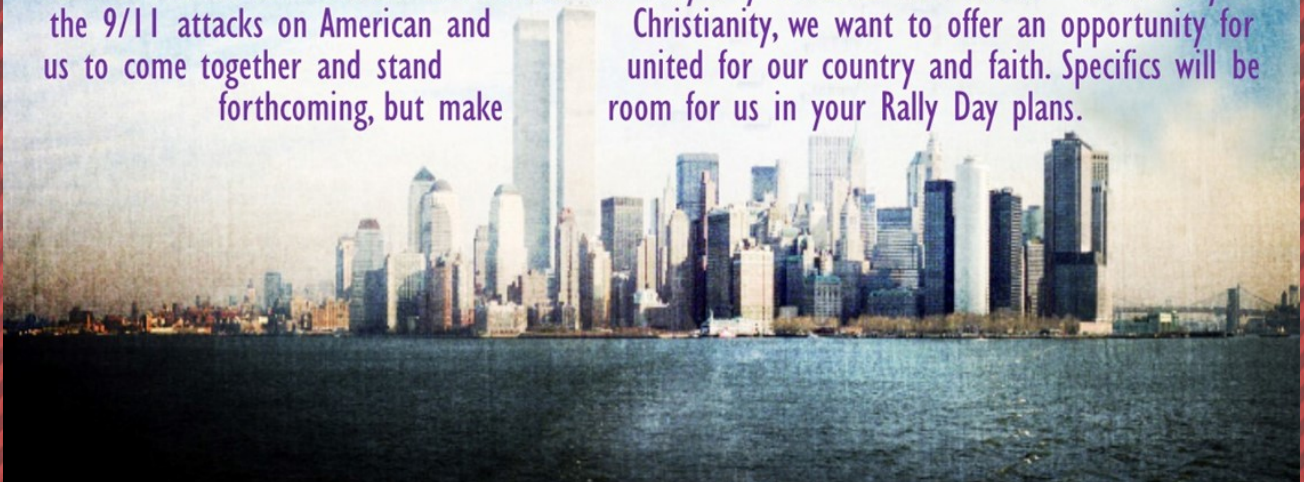
The Trustees here at Hillside have the task of keeping our church running. Along with keeping track of the budget, we also help manage the expenses of the church, and make sure everything runs smoothly. Everything from making sure the plumbing is working correctly to maintaining the shrubbery and the church grounds, if something needs to be done around the church, the Trustees are here to take care of it.

We do more than just that though. Recently we also hosted a “brunch” after church this past May. Turnout was great, and the proceeds from the afternoon were split between the Salvation Army and Downtown Ministries. Below is evidence of our hard work as we spent a day in June sprucing up the mulch and shrubbery around the church. You really can't see the sweat in these pictures though.



REMEMBERING 9/11

Save the Date, Rally Day 2016. As Hillside kicks off the 2016-2017 church year on September 11, 2016 the Tech & Communication Team would like to invite everyone to remain after the service with an All American Lunch. Since our Rally Day coincides with the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on American and Christianity, we want to offer an opportunity for us to come together and stand united for our country and faith. Specifics will be forthcoming, but make room for us in your Rally Day plans.



August Greeters

Folding Door

7 Bruglers
14 Priscilla Turner
21 Dick & Nancy Lutkemeier
28 Still Available

Front Door

Still Available
Still Available
Still Available
Still Available



**Choir rehearsals start up again
September 7 at 6:30 pm**

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
MICHAEL PSCHIRER

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

Communion for August will be on Sunday,
August 14th.

**Aug. Good Shepherd Item:
Personal Care Items and
School Supplies**

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

10:00 A.M.

SEPT.
ECHO DEADLINE:
SUN., AUG. 21st

Recipe Corner

MARINATED POTATO SALAD

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. whole tiny new potatoes

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup Vinaigrette

1-13oz. can artichoke hearts,
drained and halved

1 small green pepper,
cut into strips

6 cherry tomatoes, halved

$\frac{1}{2}$ small red onion,
sliced and separated into rings

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup pitted ripe olives, halved

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup snipped parsley

Vinaigrette:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salad oil

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup white wine vinegar

1 TBL sugar

2 teaspoons snipped fresh basil

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon paprika

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry mustard

$\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper

Cook potatoes in boiling salted water 15-20
minutes or until just tender. Cut into
quarters

In large bowl, pour dressing over potatoes.
Add remaining ingredients, toss gently to
mix.

Cover and chill 4-24 hours

Transfer to serving bowl.

August

		2-4 Knitting				
	1	2	3	4	5	6
10:00 Worship 11:30 Praise Team	6 Membership Mtg. 7 Worship Mtg.	2-4 Knitting 6 Trustees 6:30 Deacons				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 Worship— Communion 11:30 Praise Tm.		2-4 Knitting		7 Tech & Communication Mtg.		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 Worship 11:30 Praise Tm Echo Articles Due	6:30 Christian Ed.	2-4 Knitting 6:30 Session				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00 Worship 11:30 Praise Team		2-4 Knitting				
28	29	30	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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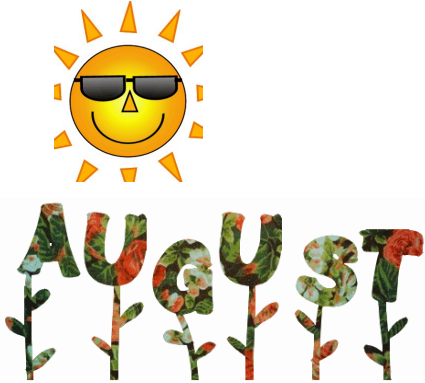
Birthdays

8/1 Elaine Ferguson
Grace Ann Greenfield
8/2 Lelani Kiser
8/6 Anissa Daugherty
8/7 Roy Battles
Jeff Williamson
8/8 Nicole Stubbs
8/9 Brooke Kiser
8/11 Nancy Herrick
8/12 Emily Titus
8/13 Diane Mentch
8/15 Onnalee Patterson
8/18 Brian Stubbs

8/18 Scott Hodge
8/20 Paul Smith
8/22 Bryan Shannon
8/23 Michael Golden
8/25 Steve Pinney
8/27 Evan Gruber
8/29 Dick Miller
Sonny Shannon
Ronald Sicignano
8/30 Julie Gill
8/31 Pat Hillman

Anniversaries

8/2 Martha and Dick Miller
8/7 Pat and Roy Battles
8/11 Lelani and Dennis Kiser
8/12 Gay and Tom McKenzie (10 years)
8/16 Stephanie and Aaron Zane
8/23 Eva and Ron Sicignano
8/27 Shirley and Jim Hammerschmidt
(50 years)
8/31 Donna and John Scott



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