

The Echo

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From the Pastor's Desk

We are nearing the end of an 8-part sermon series on the kingdom of God, and although having so many sermons on this one topic may seem long, I could have easily spent the whole year preaching on references to God's kingdom in Scripture and not told the same story twice. So much of Scripture is laden with kingdom imagery because it is crucial to understanding what God is up to in human history. I have argued that if you do not have a healthy understanding of the kingdom of God, then you cannot have a complete understanding of Jesus.

How you answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" will change the course of your life (which is why some people, sensing this, seem to refuse to answer the question at all). Was Jesus primarily a teacher? We can reinterpret his teachings for the 21st century and apply them at our discretion. Was Jesus a revolutionary who challenged the status quo of his day? Then I guess he has given us a model to emulate. But what if he was God in the flesh who embodied the kingdom that he proclaimed?

In both Matthew and Mark's gospels, Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming that the Kingdom is at hand, and when he sent out the twelve disciples in Matthew 10:7, he told them to do the same. The Kingdom was the defining narrative that Jesus used to interpret the work he was doing, and he talked about it more than anything else that he did; so why is it that we seem to give it so little attention in our explanations of who Jesus is and what he means for our lives?

The answer, I think, is that if Jesus is first and foremost my personal savior, then how I live out my faith is a personal matter, and whether or not show sacrificial love to my neighbors is really beside the point because Jesus loves me anyway. But if Jesus is primarily the one who is ushering in the Kingdom of God on earth and saving me is his way of calling me into service to join him in his work in this world, then refusing to show sacrificial love for my neighbors becomes me rejecting Jesus' claim on my life.

I whole-heartily believe that Jesus saves us and is intimately at work in our lives, but it is equally clear to me that the reason that he does so is to draw us in to the larger narrative that God has been writing from the beginning of recorded history. Scripture tells us that the trajectory that God has marked out for human history is inexorably drawing us towards the establishment of God's eternal Kingdom on earth. Everything that God does points to and draws us towards that end. What gives meaning and purpose to our lives are the things that we do and the people we meet as we journey toward that goal.

My prayer is that Hillside will be a beacon of hope for how God's Kingdom can make a difference in people's lives here and now as it gives glimpses of what life will be like when God's Kingdom comes in fullness.

In Christ,

Pastor Sean



HILLSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

Summer at the Movies

War Room

Matt 6:9-15

6/10 - 7:30PM Movie (Rated PG)

6/12 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

SW: Force Awakens

Jer 31:10-17

6/17 - 7:30PM Movie (PG-13)

6/19 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

Spotlight

John 3:16-21

6/24 - 7:30PM Movie (*Rated R*)

6/26 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

Bridge of Spies

Gen 9:1-12

7/1 - 7:30PM Movie (PG-13*)

7/3 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

The Peanuts Movie

Php 2:3-11

7/8 - 7:30PM Movie (Rated G)

7/10 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

Zootopia

Col 1:9-17

7/15 - 7:30PM Movie (Rated PG)

7/17 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

Race

Rom 12:9-21

7/22 - 7:30PM Movie (Rated PG-13*)

7/24 - 10AM Sermon; 11AM discussion

Movies will be on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and our license only lets us show them **FREE of charge!**

The following Sunday, the sermon during 10:00 a.m. worship will explore some of the key themes of the movies and what, if anything, God says about those themes in Scripture. Join us at 11:00 a.m. for debate and dialogue as we go deeper into the movie's meaning.

All are welcome! The church is located at 2 N. High St, Greenville, PA.

For more info, visit
www.hillsidepresby.com
or call 724-638-7381



*These movies contain adult language & situations; parental discretion is advised.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sign-up sheets are available in McPeak for volunteers, kitchen help, crew leaders or just a general helper. There is also a list of items needed for VBS. Please look the list over and if you have something you are willing to donate or lend, please sign up. **We also need brown paper shopping bags.**

The next training session for crew leaders: June 12th after worship.

FUNDRAISER

In an effort to raise money to help with the expenses for Doug Battles upcoming liver transplant, there will be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Pat Battles or Paul Mealy. The winner will be drawn on July 1st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the startup of Sunday School in the fall we will be looking for a Sunday School teacher for grades 1 & 2. If you are interested please contact Jill Redfoot.

June Greeters

Folding Door

5 Bruglers
12 Polly Oden/Janet Kirk
19 Gay & Tom McKenzie
26 Brocklehursts

Front Door

Lynn Ferguson
Still Available
Still Available
Still Available

KNOWS FROM THE KNITTERS



Did you know knitting keeps your fingers moving better and keeps your mind sharper as you age? Those are just two of the advantages of knitting. If you would like to learn or already know how, come join us on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00. We continue to work towards our goal of 100 items to send to World Vision. We also have several people knitting for us at home for us, so if you would like to do that, see one of the knitters for patterns.

GREETING

There is a sign-up sheet in McPeak for those of you who would like to greet at the folding door, front door and Elders in the Prayer Room. You don't have to be a member to greet at the folding door, regular attendees are welcome. You can greet as a couple, a family or as a single person. Greeting at the front door is for Elders, Deacons and Trustees only. The best part is you get to pick when you want to greet. You can also sign-up more than once.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Ahh Strawberries, Yummy Yummy Strawberries.

The Deacons are hosting a **Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 12, 2016** immediately following worship. This will be a pot-luck luncheon with a strawberry theme. So get out your strawberry recipes, hit the strawberry patches early, and plan to attend!!! Let's see how creative we can be with strawberries (strawberry salad, strawberry balsamic chicken, strawberry salsa, strawberry pizza, strawberry shortcake, strawberry pie, chocolate covered strawberries, the ideas are endless – especially on Pinterest!) The Deacons will provide ice cream and strawberries to top off our pot-luck luncheon with a strawberry sundae!

We extend grateful thanks to Jerry Gill who has voluntarily taken over the lawn mowing duties this year. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and service to Hillside.

Additionally, we offer a heartfelt thanks to the Circles for donation of beverages and pastries and all others for your support of our Sunday Brunch. A special thanks to Erin Kiser for leading us in this endeavor. The proceeds of \$682.14 will benefit Hillside's Mission Programs

-The Trustees-

Communion for June will be on Sunday, June 19th.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Special music for the summer is currently being scheduled. If you would like to provide special music for this summer, please sign up or see Karlyn.

Praise Team will continue Sunday practices immediately following worship through the summer.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

10:00 A.M.

JULY

ECHO DEADLINE:

SUN., JUNE 19th



Recipe Corner

Strawberry Cheesecake

French Toast

1 cup mashed fresh strawberries

½ cup sugar

2 TBL cornstarch

1 cup water

1 cup milk

6 eggs

1- 8oz. pkg cream cheese

1 teas. vanilla

¾ cup sugar

8 slices bread, cut diagonally

1 teas. butter

8 sliced fresh strawberries

1 TBL powdered sugar

1 cup sweetened whipped cream

Preheat oven to 100°.

Heat mashed berries and 1/2 cup sugar over med heat. Mix cornstarch and water and add to berries.

Cook and stir until thickened, then simmer over low heat.

Whisk together milk and eggs.

Mix cream cheese, vanilla and ¾ cup sugar.

Divide among bread slices and spread over bread, making 8 triangle shaped sandwiches.

Melt butter in skillet over med heat. Dip sandwiches into egg mixture and cook until golden brown. Keep warm in oven until all are cooked.

Top with strawberry sauce, sliced berries, whipped cream, and dust with powdered sugar.



June Good Shepherd Item:
Canned or Boxed Meals

June

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| Find up-to-the-minute updates at www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar where you can find details and even add items to your personal calendar. | | | 2 Personnel Mtg. | 9:30 Morning Circle 7 Evening Circle | 6:15 E.R. | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:30 Praise Team | 6:30 Member-ship Mtg. | 2-4 Knitting | 5:30 Bells | | 6:15 E.R. 8 p Movie—War Room | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:30 Praise Tm. Training Session 12 Deacons Strawberry Luncheon | | 2-4 Knitting | 5:30 Bells | | 6:15 E.R. 8p Movie—Star Wars—The Force Awakens | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 10:00 Worship—Communion 11:30 Praise Tm Echo Articles Due | | 2-4 Knitting | 5:30 Bells | | 6:30 E.R. @ Pax-ton's 8p Movie—Spotlight | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:30 Praise Team | | 2-4 Knitting | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

Birthdays

6/2 Matt McClimans
 6/3 Eva Sicignano
 6/5 Sandy Barr
 Jane Heile
 6/7 Sherry Hodge
 Marsha Titus
 6/11 Josh Mull
 6/14 Ken Hovis
 6/16 Joshua Stubbs
 6/17 Scott Pinney
 Frank Stratiff
 6/22 Connie Burns
 Wilma Christman



JUNE

6/23 Reid English
 6/27 Paul Mealy
 6/28 Chuck Crawford
 7/2 Jenny Daugherty
 Katie Jones
 7/3 Rod Daugherty
 7/7 Reg McClelland
 7/9 Zachery Titus
 7/11 Scott Hillard
 7/12 Shelley Ferguson
 Tristan Green

Anniversaries

6/7 Carl & Bonny Sheesley (20 yrs)
 6/11 Darla and Bryan Shannon
 6/19 Nancy and Will Webster (45 years)
 6/19 Lynn and Ed McClimans
 6/25 Sue and Bruce Peterson
 6/28 Sharon and Tom Doan





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