

Hillside Happenings

**May & June
2023
Newsletter**



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PK's Points

"What's in Your Wheelhouse?"

There's an old television commercial for services that will help a growing business. The "plot" of the commercial has a businessman agreeing to be able to handle all kinds of deals. Saying each time, "I can do that." But after realizing all that he has promised, he admits to the camera that he's uncertain to being able to pull it all off. "I can do that. I can do that. I can do that. (Then to the camera) How am I going to do that?" Then the ad reveals its latest product or computer technology that will help small businesses be able to do more business without being overwhelmed. The ad recognizes that businesses can do it, but without their product, it may take more time to get it done because some of the steps necessary are not in the company's wheelhouse.

It's like finishing drywall. I can do it, but it takes me 5 times longer than the experienced guy. Finishing drywall for the experienced guy is in his wheelhouse. He does it every day. He could do it in his sleep. He/she knows the techniques and even has his/her preferred brand of mud.

Maybe it's like doing payroll or taxes. You can do it, but it takes you a lot more energy, time, and brain-power because you don't do it very often. It's not your wheelhouse. But the tax-expert handles the work with little problem because it's in his/her wheelhouse.

We seem to be living in a day and age of specialization. The education system has teachers who "specialize" in teaching specific subjects. Medical professionals "specialize" in almost everything. This trend follows a philosophy of narrowing your focus and working within your sweet spot in order to offer best practices (regarding expertise, thoroughness, and efficiency). It's a way to capitalize on resources and not overtax any one specific individual and allow people to work within their wheelhouse.

Here at Hillside, I have often mentioned that there are a lot of us around here that wear many hats. And I am so thankful that so many of us are willing to serve and even sacrifice in order to offer the ministries that we do. Remember, we are called to serve. And we are called to make sacrifices. And there are times in which we are asked to serve outside our areas of comfort, and that is a good thing. We need to be ready to respond to those calls when prompted by the Lord. And yet, it's great when we, for the most part and for the majority of the time, are able to serve within our wheelhouse.

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So what is your wheelhouse? Where do you enjoy serving the most? Throughout the next few weeks, we will be gathering information from a church-wide survey as we strive to have people in the right places of ministry. Perhaps your order of interest are hats (ministries) A, B, and C, and someone else's order of interest is C, B, and A. Could ministry-outcome/efficiency/effectiveness be better achieved by you doing a bit more A and dropping C while the other person picks up a bit more C and drops A? Part of our survey is to collect data as we consider ministering best in our wheelhouse. The same amount of ministry needs to happen. We need to continue to stretch ourselves, and we are excited for others to come alongside and join us in the work.

Let's serve one another to the best of our ability. Let's begin by developing and enhancing our ministry wheelhouse as we strive to honor our Savior Jesus Christ.



Hillside Ministry Survey

In your church mailbox, you should have received a Hillside Ministry Survey for each family member that is High School age or above. We would like to have surveys completed and turned in by June 1st. Thank you in advance to those of you know will take the time to complete this survey. There are 2 different parts to the survey:

Part 1: Hillside Ministry Survey

As mentioned in PK's Points, our desire is to encourage you to use the skillsets that God has given to you as you serve within our local church. This survey gives church leadership an idea of areas of interest that you may be willing to serve in now or in the future. Our desire is to have the people of Hillside serving in their "wheelhouse" or "sweet spot" while also helping us in other complementary roles. Please put your name on this part of the survey (the front page), so that we can connect with you after surveys are received to have further conversations.

Part 2: Hillside Survey

The second page of the survey allows church leadership to better understand areas of diligence and success while also giving insight into the areas that need improvement. We believe this anonymous survey will help us with our mission to Learn Together while Living Transformed, so honest feedback is appreciated.

There are extra copies of the survey available at the Welcome Center!

2023 Church Calendar



May 2023

- 5/2 Deacon's Meeting
- 5/7 YES Service / Carry-In / Afternoon Grad Service
- 5/8 Ladies Banquet
- 5/14 Mothers Day
- 5/14 GO Team \$200 Deposit Due
- 5/14 Hillside Camp Scholarship Apps Due
- 5/14 Pregnancy Care Center Baby Bottle Campaign Begins
- 5/20 Spaghetti Dinner: GO Team Fundraiser
- 5/21 Worship Team Practice
- 5/28 PHBC Pastor Olsen's Last Official Service
- 5/31 Last Week of WOL; Regular ABS/Synergy

June 2023

- 6/4 WOL Recognition / Carry-In / Afternoon Baptism Service
- 6/6 Deacon's Meeting
- 6/7 VBS Prayer, Prayer Walk, VBS Canvasing
- 6/11 VBS Setup
- 6/12-16 Vacation Bible School
- 6/16 VBS Family Night
- 6/14 No Mid-Week Services
- 6/18 Father's Day
- 6/18 Pregnancy Care Center Baby Bottle Campaign Ends
- 6/21 No Mid-Week Services
- 6/25 GO Team Remaining Balance Due
- 6/28 Regular Services (ABS/Synergy/SBC)

July 2023

- 7/2 Carry-In
- 7/5 No Mid-Week Services
- 7/6 Deacon's Mtg
- 7/10-15 GO Team Trip
- 7/12 Regular Services (ABS/Synergy/SBC)
- 7/19 Regular Services (Business Meeting/Synergy/SBC)
- 7/26 Serve the City / Sleepwalker Prep
- 7/27-7/28 Sleepwalker Outreach (Float/Booth)
- 7/30 Clothes Sorting Fellowship

August 2023

- 8/1 Deacon's Meeting
- 8/2 Regular Services (ABS/Synergy/SBC)

August 2023 (continued)

- 8/5 Free Clothing Giveaway
- 8/6 Carry-In
- 8/9 Regular Services (ABS/Synergy/SBC)
- 8/16 Multi-Generational Night
- 8/23 No Mid-Week Services (WOL/Synergy prep week)
- 8/30 Regular Services (WOL & Synergy Kick-Off, ABS)

September 2023

- 9/3 Carry-In
- 9/5 Deacon's Meeting
- 9/17 Worship Team Practice

October 2023

- 10/1 Carry-In
- 10/3 Deacon's Meeting
- 10/4 Congregational Business Meeting
- 10/15 Worship Team Practice

November 2023

- 11/5 Carry-In
- 11/7 Deacon's Meeting
- 11/19 Worship Team Practice

December 2023

- 12/3 Carry-In
- 12/5 Deacon's Meeting
- 12/6 Business Meeting (Nominations)
- 12/10 Live Nativity
- 12/13 Caroling
- 12/17 Christmas Sunday (SS Program/PM Music)
- 12/20 No Mid-Week Services
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service (6pm)
- 12/27 No Mid-Week Services

**All Dates and Events are subject to change*

Summer Mid-Week Schedule:

ABS = Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Synergy = Students (6th-12th grade)

SBC = Summer Bible Club (Age 2-5th grade)

WOL = Word of Life (Age 2 -5th grade)

Upcoming Services

A Special Invitation from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Members of Hillside are invited to attend the last “official” Sunday of Pastor Stephen Olsen’s pulpit ministry at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on **Sunday, May 28, 2023**. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church’s schedule for the day is as follows. You are invited to attend all or a portion of the day.

9:00 – 11:00 AM Worship Service (No Sunday School, just 1 longer Worship Service)

**unsure of Junior Church options*

11:45 AM Lunch: Meat, Drink provided – Carry-In sides and dessert

Please sign-up at Hillside by Wednesday, May 17

1:00 PM Afternoon Service: Hymn-sing and Testimonies

Backstory: Hillside Baptist Church began in 2011 as a church plant/church re-start. It’s founding members consisted primarily of individuals from former First Baptist Church of Rittman and a small group that came from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (PHBC). Pastor Kevin was on staff and received great ministry training at PHBC and was part of the PHBC’s leadership that discussed and prayed through the start-up of Hillside. Hillside began with PHBC’s blessing. Stephen Olsen is a highly respected friend and former pastor to a number of us here at Hillside and PHBC is a dear, fellowshiping church. A Hillside member put it well in saying that “although we are definitely different, that in a sense, we share the same DNA.”



Pastor Steven Olsen and wife, Mary Jane

A Personal Word from PK: This a unique moment in the life of a closely connected church. I know that you do not need it, but you have my blessing if you feel led to be at PHBC for the whole day. I will be at Hillside and plan to head over to PHBC for lunch and the afternoon service.

Afternoon Services @ Hillside

It’s hard to believe that another school year is about to draw to a close. We are excited for our afternoon service on **Sunday, May 7** as we recognize those connected to Hillside who are graduating High School this year.

On **Sunday, June 4** we will have a baptism service as a few individuals desire to declare and demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. We are expecting a number of visitors for that service and look forward to worshipping and sharing the truth of the Word together as we celebrate the gift of salvation that is given and received by God’s grace through faith. **See PK if you are interested in believer’s baptism.**

Vacation Bible School

VBS @ Hillside **June 12-16, 2023 | 9a-12p**



Vacation Bible School at Hillside is right around the corner! Building and painting of decorations has begun, teachers are beginning to prepare, and registration is now open! In the weeks to come, there will be many opportunities available for those of you who are unable to be here throughout VBS mornings to support this ministry. **Here are some ways you can be involved:**

- **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY:** Below are some specific ways that you can be praying for VBS this year.
- **DONATING FOOD:** We provide lunch to every child and every volunteer at VBS. Sign up sheets for this will be out shortly and will be located on the table outside main level restrooms/by the nursery.
- **PAINTING DECORATIONS:** There is still painting to be done for some of our stage decorations. Please reach out to Lisa Mangun at 330-466-3729 if you have any evenings available that you would be willing to help with painting.
- **VOLUNTEERING FOR FAMILY NIGHT:** We will be having a Family Night with dinner, a program, and family fun the evening on Friday, June 16 from 5-8pm to wrap up our week. We will need volunteers to help serve food and run game stations that evening.
- **VBS EMPHASIS NIGHT:** Please plan to join us on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00pm as join together we surround our VBS with prayer. We plan to have a group at the church to pray, a group to walk around our building and to the park (where we do games throughout the week) to pray, and a group to pass out flyers throughout our neighborhood.
- **INVITE CHILDREN TO COME:** Whether friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or co-workers children, we need your help to spread the word about VBS. Our greatest number of kids each year are "Personally Invited by a Friend". Grab some flyers and encourage your children to be bold and ask a friend (or a few friends... or their whole class) to join them at VBS! If you would like us to print a stack of flyers for you to hand out, we would be happy to do so!
- **REGISTER YOUR CHILD:** If your child plans to attend VBS this year, please help us out by registering them online. Registration can be found at hillsidebaptistrittmann.org/vbs.

If you have any questions about VBS, please contact our VBS Director, Jen Kline (330-317-5086).

WAYS YOU CAN PRAY FOR VBS:

- Pray for the volunteers that will be serving at VBS—Consider asking someone you know is volunteering how you can pray for them. Let them know that you are praying for them throughout the week.
- Pray for the VBS leadership as they are preparing and planning for VBS. Pray for wisdom and discernment.
- Pray for the kids coming to VBS. Pray Psalm 25:4 over them. (This is our theme verse for the week.)
- Pray for connections with families during the week and for the Family Night.

Show me your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Psalm 25:4

Student Ministries

Synergy Snapshot:

Wednesday Teaching Series:

May – ASK US YOUR QUESTIONS!

Throughout the month of May, students are encouraged to submit questions to Pastor Rick that will be used to guide our lessons each week. Students—there is still time to submit questions... drop them in the box in the Youth Room.

Summer – FOCAL POINT

This four-lesson series is a New Testament book study in the Book of Philippians. It specifically deals with having a Christward focus, how to humbly serve others, the value of knowing Christ, and how to intentionally set one's mind on Christ.

See the Church Calendar for a listing of which Wednesday evenings we will be meeting during the summer!



GO Team 2023: July 10-15

This summer, our GO Team, which consists of 13 students & 6 leaders, has the opportunity to attend Teen Leadership Conference (TLC) from July 10-15!

In one jam-packed week on the Northeast Pennsylvania campus of Clarks Summit University, high school students receive biblically saturated teaching, choose interactive workshops, participate in vibrant worship and round out each day with plenty of activities and games.

Every part of TLC helps students and their youth leaders engage, edify, encourage and push one another to become biblical leaders.

The team will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the church on May 20th (5-7p). Dinner is by donation (cash or checks accepted). If you would like to donate some homemade cookies toward this event, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Summer Outreach

Sleepwalker Outreach

**Thursday & Friday
July 27-28**

We are considering putting a float in the Sleepwalker Parade and again having a Hillside Booth set up on Main Street during this year's Sleepwalker Festival. With VBS taking place earlier in the summer, we plan to promote our Free Clothing Giveaway Ministry during Sleepwalker while continuing to build relationships with our community.

Free Clothing Giveaway



**Saturday
August 5**

We plan to hold our next Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, August 5. This is a unique ministry where we help meet some physical needs of our community while also striving to identify if we can help individuals with spiritual needs, as well. Many hands are needed to make this ministry happen, so mark your calendars and be in prayer as to how you may help.

Be on the lookout for more info about both of these outreach opportunities!

Technology Updates

ONLINE CONTACT DIRECTORY

The next step to our Hillside APP is to add an Online Contact Directory! Those that choose to be a part of the directory can choose to share their address, phone number, email address, family photo, and birthday with others from the church. Once you have completed the steps below, you will receive instructions in your church mailbox to access the directory through the APP.



Steps to complete to receive instructions for directory:

1. Save the APP to your home screen.
2. Create a Sign-In Account (you will need an email address to do so).

If you have any questions or need help with the steps above, please see Seka Masters.

Sunday Parking

Parking Note:

Between our parking lot and street parking, we have been maxed out for parking spots on Sunday Mornings for a while now. Praise the Lord! With that being said, we need your help to ensure that we have some spots available for the Senior individuals of our church, as well as visitors, to find a spot in our parking lot when they arrive. We are in the process of adding some designated spots for these groups within our parking lot.

HOW CAN I HELP? If you are willing and able, we are asking for some of our regular attenders to park in our overflow parking lots (lots 3,4,5) to help leave room for others in our main lots.

Thank you for your flexibility as we strive to use the space that we have to the best of our ability.



Parking

- 1 CHURCH PARKING LOT**
Handicap Parking
Senior Parking
Visitor Parking
Regular Attendee Parking
- 2 STREET PARKING**
Visitor Parking
Regular Attendee Parking
- 3 LIBRARY PARKING LOT**
Regular Attendee Parking
- 4 SUMMA OFFICE PARKING**
Regular Attendee Parking
- 5 SHONG STREET PARKING**
Regular Attendee Parking

Thank you!

