

Hillside Happenings

September &
October 2025
Newsletter



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PK's Points *"A Season of Renewal"*

Retreats (Patmos/Skyview)

Retreats offer a wonderful opportunity to get away from the monotony of life, remove yourself from distractions, and make sure that you are in proper spiritual alignment. They are usually short in length and yet we all know that it is hard to get away from the ongoing responsibilities and deadlines that are often pressing upon us. So when you are able to get to a retreat, you definitely want it to be time-well-spent. But retreats are like most things, that you, personally, must make the most out of them. For each of us has a responsibility to go hungering to hear a word from the Lord through His Word that will refresh our spiritual batteries. Would you pray for the Fall Retreat season of Patmos and Skyview? Maybe you ought to consider attending, as, perhaps, you are needing some spiritual renewal. Would you pray for Pastor Kevin and Heather as they speak at Camp Patmos' Men's Retreat and Skyview's Ladies' Retreat, respectively? That's right, Pastor Kevin will be speaking at Camp Patmos Men's Retreat on September 4-6. 4 messages beginning Thursday evening and concluding Saturday around 1pm. Heather will be speaking at Skyview's Ladies' Retreat on October 3-4. 3 sessions beginning Friday evening and concluding Saturday night/Sunday early b-fast. Pray for their preparation, as well as, that as His Word is shared through them that hearts would be renewed with a desire to return home and serve the Lord with passion. Any are welcome to register and join us as retreats are best with friends.

Resources

I am excited to introduce a number of new resources to Hillside this Fall. My goal is that it will help equip us to counsel ourselves or be able to speak Biblical perspective into the lives of others that we interact with in life. The Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation (CCEF) puts out small booklets on a vast ray of subjects that enable us to think Biblically about topics that our world is facing today. I want to make these booklets available to us, as I believe they will enhance our Biblical worldview in areas that often do not get public attention, either due its uniqueness or sensitivity. The topics include anything to marital or parenting or family matters to personal matters. Topics may include helping people, think Biblically, through Bipolar Disorder or PTSD or how to speak to your children about LGBTQ matters or Cutting or even just Anxiety. These booklets are about \$5/per, and I want to include them in our Discipleship budget, but if you benefit from them, consider adding an amount to your giving to help offset the cost of them.

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Rest

I want to thank the deacons for recommending/offering/strongly encouraging me to take a Sabbatical during the month of October. A pastoral sabbatical is for the purpose of resting one's mind, heart, and body, reflecting on one's ministry towards wife, family, and church and recharging one's love for the Lord and His people. I can't tell you exactly what this will look like for me but I do hope to use my time wisely. I study best either at home or in my study at church, so I might be at church some through the week. I worship best in surroundings that I am most familiar with, so I might be at a Sunday service. But I also want to use the time to re-connect (and Lord-willing, either witness to or encourage spiritually) some friends that I have not seen for years (1 for decades). Either way, I am grateful for you, the Lord's people that He has assembled at Hillside and I continue to ask the Lord for the opportunity for us to reach, minister unto, and serve alongside more. And praying for the space/room/place in which to do so. Please, continue to pray with me for the future of Hillside, that we would grow spiritually (up) and grow numerically (out). "Up and Out" – maybe a new way to call for the same prayers.



CAMP PATMOS MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION



Camp Patmos Men's Retreat September 4-6

Speaker: Pastor Kevin Fath

SKYVIEW RANCH LADIES' RETREAT REGISTRATION



Skyview Ranch Ladies' Retreat October 3-4

Speaker: Heather Fath

2025 Church Calendar

September 2025

- 9/2 Deacon's Meeting
- 9/4-6 Camp Patmos Men's Retreat
- 9/7 Promotion Sunday
- 9/8 Synergy Fair Sausage Fundraiser
- 9/23 OARBC Senior Adult Luncheon at Cedarville

October 2025

- 10/3-4 Skyview Ranch Ladies' Retreat
- 10/5 Hillside Youth Fall Party
- 10/7 Deacon's Meeting
- 10/8 Congregational Business Meeting
- 10/12 All-Church Fall Fellowship
- 10/19 Worship Team Practice
- 10/26 Pastor Kevin's 25 Year Ministry Recognition & Carry-In Lunch



November 2025

- 11/4 Deacon's Meeting
- 11/7 Hillside Youth REVERB
- 11/16 Carry-In Lunch
- 11/23 Worship Team Practice
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fellowship

December 2025

- 12/2 Deacon's Meeting
- 12/7 Live Nativity
- 12/10 Business Meeting (2025 Nominations)
- 12/14 Hillside Youth Christmas Party
- 12/17 Caroling & Business Cookies Due
- 12/21 Christmas Sunday
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm

**Dates and Events are subject to change.
See up-to-date calendar on our website and app.*

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, September 7 @ 9:00am

Wondering what Promotion Sunday is? All ages will begin in the auditorium during our Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 7 at 9:00am. We will take time to review the different Sunday School classes that are offered, then we will dismiss students to their classes, one class at a time! This is a fun time to transition some students to new classes and to honor our Sunday School teachers.

We hope to see you there!

Hillside Kids

Sunday School



September starts a new year for our Sunday School classes! Here is a snapshot of what our students are learning during the Fall semester:

Class:

Ages 2-3

Ages 4-K

Grades 1st-3rd

Grades 4th-5th

Teacher:

Rosemary Peters

Lillie Kollert

Mary Lynn Frary

Bonnie Baughman

Lessons:

God Provides for Us

God Leads

God Speaks

God is Worth Loving

Word of Life

Wednesdays @ 7 pm

August 27th kicked off a new year of Word of Life (WOL)! **Gopher Buddies** (Age 3 - K) and **Olympians** (1st-5th Grade) have an exciting year ahead where children will learn lessons about many individuals from the Bible and will see how those people point us to our need for Jesus. Singing, Games, and Scripture Memory are also a part of each week! It's never too late to join; we hope to see you there! **If you have questions about what your child can do to work toward an Olympian medal, see Rebecca Bowlby!**

Hillside Youth

WEDNESDAYS TEACHING SERIES:

September Series:

Puzzled: 4 Parables to Make You Think

October Series:

In Concert: A Study on the Holy Spirit

November Series:

Wicked: Don't Waste Your Life

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING SERIES:

High School:

Chasing Smoke: a study in Ecclesiastes

EVENTS:

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| Sept. 7 | Sausage Fundraiser Meeting (brief meeting following service) |
| Sept. 8 | Sausage Fundraiser @ Wayne County Fair |
| Oct. 5 | Fall Party @ Bowlby's House |
| Nov. 7 | REVERB All-Nighter in Cleveland |

