



The Spire

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**Hillcrest United Methodist Church,
Living Grace Church and Creek Valley Church
Present...**

“A Revival of Music & Message”

Featuring

“Heart of the City” Band

**Sunday, November 4, 2018
9:30a at Hillcrest UMC**

FREE Appetizer Stations & Fellowship Opportunities following Worship.

COMMUNITY EVENT! Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors!!

People are the Church

Prayer Requests

The following persons have been raised in prayer during the month of October:

Marie Burton; Sharon Edlund; Glen Ellingson; Barb Ermisch; Linda Fleming; Rev. Delton Krueger; Dawn Kreutz; Maxine Melhoff; Ronin Millette; Joan Seha; Steven Smith; Connor Smith; Gladys Sorensen; Jim Van Winkle; Ruth Walker; Louis Waters; Jim Whiting; Carol; Janna & Family

Address Changes:

Roberts, Mark & Esther
1950 6th Street
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Griffith, Bob & Pat
5202 Ashlar Drive
Bloomington, MN 55437
(phone number remains the same)

Committee Meetings & Small Groups

Committee Meetings

Tuesday, November 13th

10:00a	Membership, Evangelism, Missions & Outreach (Library)
6:00p	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Library)
7:00p	Trustee Committee (Gathering Room)

8:00p Church Council Meeting with **Charge Conference to Approve Pastoral Compensation led by Rev. Carol Zaagsma** (Gathering Room)

Tuesday, November 20th

7:00p United Methodist Women Circle Day
Finance Team Meeting (Gathering Room)

Committee Chairpersons & Secretaries

Please be sure to submit your committee's Meeting Minutes following each meeting. Minutes are due no later than 2 weeks following the meeting, or the Monday *before* Church Council. These reports will be compiled each month for Church Council, as well as a copy being submitted to our permanent archive. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Kaite in the office.

From your Finance Committee:

- ◆ Our to-date giving for 2018 does not meet the to-date pledged giving for 2018. Please review your pledge and your statement. If your giving does not meet your pledge, please prayerfully consider how to catch up with your giving.
- ◆ The 2019 Stewardship Campaign Planning is well underway. Letters will be sent to the congregation on November 1st. Please prayerfully consider your giving for 2019.
- ◆ Hillcrest UMC is considering an option called "Electronic Giving". This would allow for offerings to be automatically transferred from a personal bank account each week, directly to Hillcrest UMC. If this is an option you might be interested in exploring, see someone from the Finance Committee for more information, and be sure to mark the back of your Pledge Card (coming Mid-November).

Book Club—Monday, November 19th—1:00p

"Lacemaker Vivienne Rivard never imagined her craft could threaten her life. Yet in revolutionary France, it is a death sentence when the nobility, and those associated with them, are forced to the guillotine. Vivienne flees to

Philadelphia but finds the same dangers lurking in the French Quarter, as revolutionary sympathizers threaten the life of a young boy left in her care, who some suspect to be the Dauphin. Can the French settlement, Azilum, offer permanent refuge?

Militiaman Liam Delaney proudly served in the American Revolution, but now that the new government has imposed an oppressive tax that impacts his family, he barely recognizes the democracy he fought for. He wants only to cultivate the land of his hard-won farm near Azilum, but soon finds himself drawn into the escalating tension of the Whiskey Rebellion. When he meets a beautiful young Frenchwoman recently arrived from Paris, they will be drawn together in surprising ways to fight for the peace and safety for which they long." *From Christianbook.com*

M&M Event

M & M's will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 12:00. The cost is \$10.00. Sunday, Nov. 11th will be the last day to sign up. James Neagbour is a Christmas historian. He will present "100 years of Christmas at Dayton's Department Store". Remember trips to the auditorium for the holiday displays, as well as the decorated windows of the store on street level? James has presented this program all around the Twin Cities area, and he has appeared on HGTV's Collectible Treasures. Lunch will be soup, bread, cheese, apples and holiday cookies. (You are encouraged to bring any "Dayton's artifacts" you may have for a table set up to display these items.)

Tai Chi

Thursdays, 10:30a in the Fellowship Hall

- Tai Chi = Meditation through Movement
- Continues through November & December
- Led by Certified Instructors through ApparentPlan
- Tai Chi classes are evidence-based for falls prevention, preventing falls by up to 70% for individuals with a history of falling. Exercises strengthen the lower body, improve posture, promote flexibility, increase a person's awareness of where the body is in space, and improve one's ability to navigate obstacles while walking.
- **The First Class is Always Free**—bring a friend who might want to give it a try! Scholarships available for those who need it.

Educational Opportunities

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Started Thursday, September 13th—but it's not too late to join!

9:15a in the Library.

Led by Pastor Jill Meents

The book studied will be: "The Letters of James and Peter" by William Barclay. This is the same book used last year to study James and will be used to continue our study of Peter. If you are in need of a book, please call Kaite in the church office so she can order one for you. Any questions can be directed to the office or Pastor Jill.

Mission News

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your support of "Hillcrest Children's Ministry". The October Offering has brought in over \$350 to be used for Sunday School materials as well as programming. Added to this, your MEMO Committee has also chosen for the Children's Ministry to receive the profits from our Plant Sale in May. This brought in over \$1300.00!!

The October collection of supplies included fun items such as: construction paper, scrapbook paper, yarn, scissors, crayons, and much, much more! Your generous spirit of giving is greatly appreciated! We thank you again, and again and again!

The Hillcrest MEMO (Membership & Evangelism, Missions & Outreach) Committee

Monday, November 19th, Loaves and Fishes at Creekside Community Center.

3:00p, Cooks arrive

5:00p, Set-Up & Serving Arrives

5:30p, Clean Up arrives

We are looking for someone to head the Clean-up Committee for Loaves & Fishes. This person would schedule those on clean-up and be there on the day of to head the group. Clean-up is usually finished by 7:00p. We encourage this group to come

early to eat and visit with our neighbors, before your work shift starts. Please contact Ruth Sanford (952-831-7843).

Give a Little Gift

Christmas is coming and Walker Methodist Health Centers are asking for donations of small, unwrapped items that will be placed in small gift bags (9 x 8 x 5); then given to the residents at Christmas time. There will be collection basket in the coatroom. Donations will be accepted November 1 –20, 2018. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Thank you!

Here are some suggested items:

<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Personal Care Items</u>	<u>Other</u>
Socks, Men’s or Women’s	Lotions	Sugar Free Candy
Hats, Mittens, Scarves	Cologne	Knick-Knacks for room
Slippers	Shaving Cream	Small Stuffed Animals
Men’s items: baseball hats	Perfume	Religious Items
Jewelry	Nail Polish	
Men’s Watches	Pocket Kleenex	

November Communion Offering

During the month of November, our Communion Offering will go towards the “Pastors’ Discretionary Fund”. This fund allows our Pastors to help persons within our community with some additional financial support. They offer Walmart Gift Cards to those people who contact the church office. Please use the Communion Offering Envelope (included) or write “Communion” on the memo line of the check.

We will also be collecting Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves and Socks. These items will be distributed between Hillcrest Community School, Valley View Elementary School (both whom we support through The Sheridan Project), and VEAP. Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves and Socks will be collected through the month of December as well. The “Hat Tree” will be up closer to Thanksgiving Sunday. If you would like to donate items prior to that, a box will be located in the Coat Room for your convenience. Any questions can be directed to Kaite Knack, Lynne Scherer or the MEMO Committee. Thank you!

Articles

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, October 28th, we celebrated those persons in, and connected to, our congregation who have passed over the last year. We remember them for the people they were, for the contributions they made in the life of the church and the world, and honor their loved ones who carry on their memories. This year, we remembered: John Amundson; Bob Angell; Myrna Engel; Harland Hayward; Jan Hayward; Gordon Huss; James A. Mahler; Doris McKenney; John Miller; James Odum; Ronald Taylor.

Pie Social

Join us for a Pie Social after worship on Thanksgiving Sunday, **November 18th**, in celebration for all that we are thankful for this year! Please bring your favorite pre-cut pie to share. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Coat Room for interested persons to sign-up their pies. Bring your favorite homemade pies, or stop at your favorite pie shop to grab one there!

Children & Youth News

Children's Sunday School

We have been having an amazing time in Sunday School this year! We are averaging 5 children each week! They are engaged, enlightening, and a ball of energy every week. Their personal relationships are growing with each other and with the adults teaching each week. I am amazed and in awe with how much the kids have to share, both during worship and during our discussion in class. Over the month of October, we have been studying the Fruit of the Spirit, focusing on a new "fruit" each week. Be sure to check out their Tree on the Library Door!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Congregation of Hillcrest for letting the Children "Take Over Worship" on Sunday, October 14th. They had an amazing time passing out bulletins, leading the call to worship, and especially sitting with Pastors Jill and Jerry! The kids have already asked WHEN they can do this AGAIN! With that kind of enthusiasm, who can say no? Kids will "Take Over Worship" again in January 2019. Do you have children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors who would like to experience leading worship? Let Kaite know, she'll find something special for them!!

The Children's Sunday School Program is always looking for volunteers. Please prayerfully consider the schedule below and let Kaite know if your heart is called to lead a Children's Moment (during worship), an Activity (in the Library) or BOTH!

All lessons and supplies needed will be provided by Kaite and available the Wednesday before you teach.

November 4, 2018—No Sunday School, Children will stay in Worship to ROCK OUT with the “Heart of the City Band”! Additional Activities will be available in the Sanctuary during worship.

November 11th—Theme: “Fruit of the Spirit”: Peace

Children’s Moment: Kathy Roberts Children’s Activity: Kaite Knack

November 18th— Theme: “Giving Our Best”

Children’s Moment: **OPEN** Children’s Activity: Kaite Knack

November 25th—”Theme: Fruit of the Spirit”: Self-Control

Children’s Moment **OPEN** Children’s Activity: Kathy Roberts

Hillcrest Child Care Center News

From Halloween through Christmas the level of excitement increases daily with the children. It all begins in October with the excitement of dressing up in their costumes and collecting treats on Halloween, and grows with the anticipation of the jolly man dressed in red delivering packages to their home on Christmas morning in December. It is nice to have a holiday in November that promotes remembering all for which we are thankful.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity during the busy holiday season to reflect on our many blessings. It is always fun to hear what the children are thankful for . . . cousins, friends, candy, their toys, brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, God, bugs, etc. They have quite a wide variety of answers. Listening to the children reminds us adults that we have MUCH for which to be thankful. We are thankful for your continued support of the child care center. Your support of our ministry has blessed many children and families.

Bonnie Beyer, Child Care Director

PH: 952-881-5330

E-Mail: bonnie@hillcrestchildcare.com

Planning Ahead

Hanging of the Greens

Mark your Calendars for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 for our Hanging of the Greens Service. During Hanging of the Greens, we prepare our hearts and our worship space for Advent. There are many opportunities for persons to participate, no matter your age or ability—there’s something for everyone! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Coat Room starting Sunday, November 11th. Be sure to sign up early so you can help in a way that works best for you!

Additional help will be needed on Saturday, December 1st to prepare for the service. Please be sure to sign up for one of those slots, as your availability allows!

Hillcrest UMC Annual Report

Planning is underway for the 2018 Annual Report of Hillcrest United Methodist Church. The date of the meeting has not been finalized yet, but the church office is in need of some reports! If you are a committee chair, please start working on your reports to submit to Kaite no later than a week before the Annual Meeting (specific dates will be advertised as they are finalized). A reminder notice will be sent out as soon as the dates are finalized, to each chairperson. If you have any questions, please see Kaite in the office.

Our Church in Pictures

*Kids Take Over Worship, 10/14/2018;
Pastor Appreciation 10/21/2018*



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How We Share Our Gifts

You will find our members out in the community serving meals at Loaves and Fishes...

There will be knitters working on prayer shawls or preemie hats while volunteering in the church office...

Others will be making blankets for a battered women's shelter. We will be found making sandwiches for homeless shelters in the church kitchen, making t-shirts into diapers...or simply caring for our neighbors in countless little ways.

People need care... we try to provide that care in the name of Jesus.

Share your gifts—Join us!

MISSION STATEMENT

*“Living the Ultimate Challenge —
To Make a Difference in God's World”*

Every Sunday:

Worship, 9:30a Fellowship, 10:30a
Communion First Sunday of Every Month

Hillcrest UMC Staff:

Pastor Jill Meents

Certified Lay Minister Jerry Jensen

Diaconal Minister Toni Kisch

Communications Coordinator: Kaite Knack

Director of Music: Nancy Miller

Organist/Pianist: Loryce Sivertson

Child Care Center Director: Bonnie Beyer

Child Care Staff: Jasmine Tapia Garcia, Bishara Haji, Samira Hashi, Pam LaMotte, Christine Merchant, Savannah Reineccius, Jessica Ronnei, Jennifer Contreras Sanchez, Becky Seaman, Jean Scott, Carla Sorensen and Kristin Zumberge

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00a-3:00p & Friday, 9:00a-12:00p

Church Office: 952-881-8601

Child Care Center Hours:

Monday—Friday, 6:30a-6:00p

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