

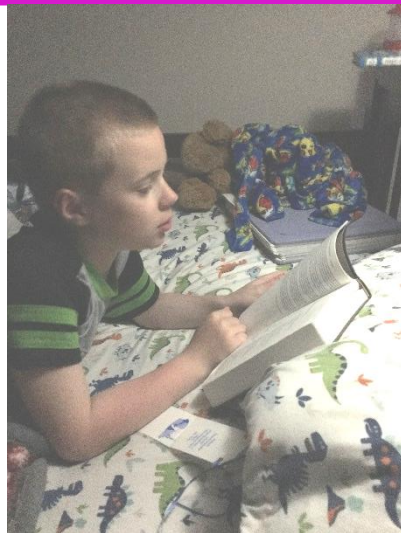
The Spire

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Congratulations to Connor,
who received his Bible on Easter Sunday!



An Easter Blessing for our Children



Making Easter Baskets



Children's
Ministry
Cereal
Drive



Artwork from Hillcrest Community School

People are the Church

Prayer Requests

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

Marie Burton; Becky & Nathan Cahn, following the passing of Becky's father;
Barb Ermisch; Linda Fleming; Dawn Kreutz; Melissa Kuyper & Kids; Maxine Mehlhoff;
Mary Jo Miceli, friend of Linda Fleming battling cancer; **Ronin Millette; Edith Ottinger;**
Marilyn Sadloske, as she recovers from a broken wrist; **Adrian Washington**, recently
diagnosed with Lupus, great grandson of Carol Herdt; **Jim & Barb Van Winkle;**
Louis Waters; Jim Whiting; Sonja, cousin of Luella Whiting's in Sweden, who is in hospice.

Those we Have Lost

Dona Severson

11/08/1926-03/06/2019
Tuesday, May 14
10:00a Visitation
11:00a Service
12:00p Luncheon
At Hillcrest UMC

John Cooner

11/11/25-4/18/2019
His life was celebrated at Hillcrest UMC on
Saturday, April 27, 2019

It's Easy to Submit a Request for Prayers!

Call: Elinor Colebank (952) 977-9114
(OR) Email Lynne Scherer: imscherer@iphouse.com
(OR) Call the church office (952) 881-8601
(OR) Fill out a Prayer Request Card on Sunday



Directory Updates:

Please update your directory with these updates and changes.

Engel, Mike & Deb – call the church office for updated phone numbers.

Thank You!

Your Hillcrest Foundation sincerely thanks those who donated to the "Smiley Cup" Fundraiser. We raised over \$500.00 for our Foundation. If you turned in your cup without your name on the cup, please pick up at the Welcome Table.

-Marlin Grant, chair of Hillcrest Foundation

Thank you to Nancy Jensen, Ione Johnson, Kathy Roberts, George Roberts, Phyllis Worley and Judi Demaray for making sandwiches in April for Sandwiches for Simpson. A Special Thank you to Kathy and George for delivering the sandwiches to Simpson Shelter.

Many thanks for all the cards and phone calls I received in regards to my injured wrist. The child care sent me great cards, so special. So much caring in this church.

My love to you all, Marilyn Sadloske.

Thank you to Dave, Rita and Teryl Tepper for helping create Easter Baskets for the kids to find on Easter Morning! Thank you to Lynne Scherer, Kathy Roberts & Nancy Berres for hiding the baskets!

Cleaning the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 4

8:00a

Many hands make light work! Bring your buckets and rags (Murphy's Oil Soap provided) to help clean & polish the pews in the sanctuary. Treats & Refreshments will be provided.

From the Pastor's Desk

A part of our ministry here at Hillcrest is visiting and providing pastoral care and support to our members, family, and friends as requested. Jerry and I have completed formal training on how best to lead this ministry as we continue to stay connected with people who are unable to join us for our worship experience on Sunday mornings.

This ministry involves personal visits, telephone calls, emails, handwritten notes, and text communication. As a church we also send out the weekly bulletins to people who have requested them. During our visits, we offer the sacrament of Holy Communion as an extension of God's love, grace, and forgiveness to all. If anyone feels God's call on their heart to join in the ministry, please reach out to me directly. *Pastor Jill*

Committee Meetings & Small Groups

Membership, Evangelism, Missions & Outreach

Cancelled for May, next meeting June 11, 2019

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 6:00p in the Library

Trustees Committee

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00p in the Gathering Room

Church Council

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 8:00p in the Gathering Room

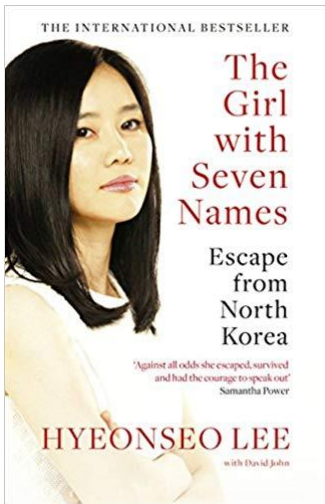
Finance Team

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:00p in the Gathering Room

Book Club

Monday, May 20, 2019

1:00p in the Library



“An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world’s most ruthless and secretive dictatorships and the story of one woman’s terrifying struggle to avoid capture and guide her family to freedom. As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realize that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told the best on the planet? Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family. She could not return, since rumors

of her escape were spreading, and she and her family could incur the punishments of the government authorities involving imprisonment, torture, and possible public execution. Hyeonseo instead remained in China and rapidly learned Chinese in an effort to adapt and survive. Twelve years and two lifetimes later, she would return to the North Korean border in a daring mission to spirit her mother and brother to South Korea, on one of the most arduous, costly and dangerous journeys imaginable.

This is the unique story not only of Hyeonseo's escape from the darkness into the light, but also of her coming of age, education and the resolve she found to rebuild her life not once, but twice first in China, then in South Korea. Strong, brave and eloquent, this memoir is a triumph of her remarkable spirit."

Taken from amazon.com review

M&M Event

Tuesday, May 7*, 2019, 12:00p in the Fellowship Hall

**Please note change of date*

Program: Mark Stillman here to play the accordion. He performed for us in 2013, a great entertainer who plays a variety of music.

Menu: Chicken Salad on Croissants, Fresh Fruit & Pie

Cost: Free Will Offering

Looking Ahead:

M&M's does not meet during the months of June, July and August. Look forward to new programming starting in September 2019!

Mission News

April Mission Update

During the month of April, we raised money for the building fund for the Tabernacle at Camp Koronis. A special thank you to Jill Jungers for sharing with us the importance of The Tabernacle. Thank you to all who gave towards this financial giving. At the time of printing, Hillcrest has raised over \$700.00 for the building fund of the New Tabernacle! Thank you to all who contributed!

May Communion Offering

During the month of May, we will be collecting financial donations to go to “Rollin’ with Ronin”. Ronin Millette is the great-grandson of Claudia Hicks. He is in need of a van to accommodate his needs, of which a Go Fund Me page has been set up. Hillcrest UMC will contribute to that fund on your behalf. An envelope has been provided in this mailing and can be given during the Communion Offering on Sunday, May 5th or by mailing it to the church during the month of May.

We will also be collecting gently used books for the Bloomington-wide “Book Em Sale”. There is a collection box in the Coat Room. Any questions about “Book Em” can be directed to Judi Demaray.

Financial News

Electronic Giving

Hillcrest UMC has started receiving electronic donations! Starting on January 1st, the congregation has had the option to set up an account to have their giving automatically transferred to Hillcrest UMC. The system is running fabulously! If you are interested in exploring the option of Electronic Giving, see Kay Young—she has detailed instructions for you! You can also sign up via the “Giving” Button on our website www.hillcrestmethodist.org.

Budget Shortfall

In February 2019, at the Annual Meeting, a Budget for 2019 was passed which included a deficit of \$14,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can supplement your giving during 2019 to offset that shortfall. A “Budget Shortfall” Envelope has been included for your convenience. Thank you to everyone who has already committed or given to this!

Volunteer Positions Available:

Accounts Payable

This person would help Lyman Demaray with accounting & paying vendors.

Sunday Offering Counter

This person will count Sunday offering on a rotation basis. See Kay Young with questions.



Spring Plant Sale

Delivery truck arrives at 4PM on Thursday May 16

Help is needed to unload the truck. Please let Kay Young or Darcie Murdock know if you are available to help.

Sale pickup is in the child care gym - (west side of church in back) on:

Friday May 17 - 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday May 18 - 9:00 AM to Noon

We have ordered some extra plants, so even if you didn't place an order in March, come and check out our selections. Any questions can be directed to Kay Young or Darcie Murdock.

Hillcrest Child Care

We are having a lot of fun downstairs in the child care center. The April snow showers didn't stop us from having a good time! Our kids are enjoying the new climber and mats in the gym. We look forward to releasing most of our energy outside in May, but if the rain keeps us inside we will have FUN! We are busy planning and practicing for our Variety Show and Preschool Graduation. If you are looking for something fun to do on Thursday, May 23rd at 4:30, please feel to join us.

Everyone is welcome!

-Bonnie Beyer, Child Care Director

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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!**

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
Communications Coordinator: Kaite Knack
Director of Music: Nancy Miller
Organist/Pianist: Loryce Sivertson
Child Care Center Director: Bonnie Beyer
Child Care Staff: Nathalie Morales Altamirano, Kelsey Cornell,
Jasmine Tapia Garcia, Maribi Sanchez Omana, Jessica Ronnei, Jennifer
Contreras Sanchez, Jean Scott, Rosie Sola, Carla Sorensen, Monsy
Valdepena, Lady Vasquez, Carla Zenk 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
Child Care Center: 952-881-5330