



# Hillsboro United Methodist Church

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*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

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## A Note From Pastor Betty

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” ~1 John 4:7~

We have just begun the new year and we are learning to love well. It was healing to be part of the outpouring of love in January as we came together as a church and community to grieve and celebrate the life of Reggie Young. Thank you all for being part of it. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to be church for Jenny.

Our church has responded with generous love to needs within and without our church. Our sign-up sheet for meals for Junior Youth is full through the end of February. Thank you. You've provided assistance to a family experiencing financial difficulty and provided generous fellowship to many experiencing the normal difficulties of life, which seem more difficult in the dark months of winter. Praise God, spring is coming. Beloved, you have learned to love well.

Please keep February 10 on your radar. We rescheduled the SLI (Spiritual Leadership, Inc) information meeting from January. February 10 is an informational meeting. My prayer is it will lead to a group coming together to learn collaborative leadership and shape our church culture as we continue to adapt to the opportunities we are given.

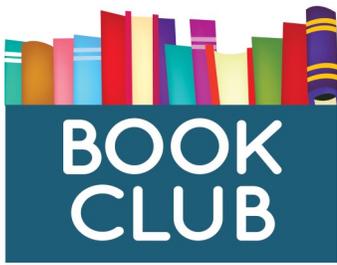
This month we get to celebrate Valentine's Day. There are several stories of the origin; one is a story of a renegade priest and his outlaw insistence to perform weddings for his parishioners in spite of the emperor's order. I pray we are grounded this season in the imperative of love - for love is from God. We celebrate the healing power of the love of God and a community of loving grace - and, of course, the sweet romances that bless our lives.

This month on the 23<sup>rd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> our denomination will hold a specially convened General Conference in St. Louis to address ordination of LGBTQ candidates for ministry. Please cover the proceedings in prayer. You can find more information here: <http://www.umcom.org/news/q-a-2019-special-session-of-the-general-conference>.

May we always be connected by the gift of love.

Sincerely,

Pastor Betty



The HUMC Book group will meet on Thursdays, February 7th and 21st, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. This month we will be reading *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. This book fictionalizes the true story of Carrie MGavock who turned her family's home, Carnton Plantation, into a hospital and cemetery for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Please contact Kristy Robinson at 615-397-1078, if you'd like more information. We'd love to have you join us!

## Join one of our weekly Bible Studies!

We have two weekly Bible Studies: 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Each of these Bible study groups provides a snack meal, prayer time, and group study. Everyone is welcome!



## The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork

The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork meet each Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, prayer, and study. All men of the church and community are welcome to join us.

The group will begin a new book, *Good Faith*, towards the end of February. The group will be completing their study on the Apostle Paul in the next few weeks.

On Friday, February 1st, The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork will serve lunch to the homeless at Community Care Fellowship in Nashville. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return around 1:30 p.m. Please let Troy Waugh know if you can serve: troywaugh@gmail.com or 615-476-4784.



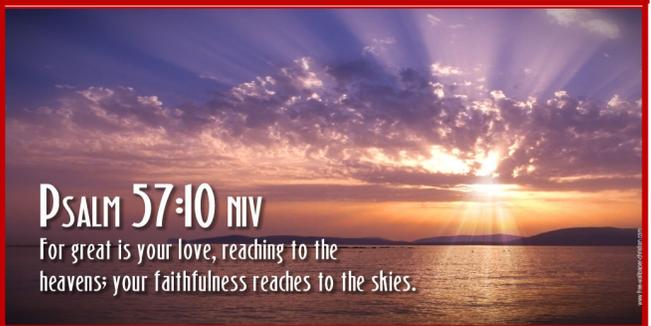
Would you like to talk to Pastor Betty?  
Would you like to request prayer for yourself or for someone that you know?

Call, text, or email  
Office 615/595-0155 – Cell 615/428-3053  
pastor@hillsboroumc.com

## The "PEN" Club

The PEN Club (Pray, Explore, Nourish) will meet Wednesday, February 20th at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We will pack Hygiene Bags and Food Bags to share with the Community Care Fellowship. We will also fill food boxes for CCF to give to people that they help to place into housing. Please bring food and hygiene items with you to the meeting.

Call or email Carol Johnston (615-294-0454, csj849@gmail.com) for more information or to let her know you'll be there.



## Check Out the Church Website



If you miss church, you can listen to the sermon via the church website: <http://hillsboroumc.com>. You can sign up for youth meals, and you can also make an offering or donation to the church through the website.

## February Youth News



February is an awesome month for the Youth of HUMC! We'll be starting off the month by attending the *Warmth In Winter* Youth Conference on February 1 - 3. We'll be at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center listening to great speakers, worshipping with hundreds of other youth groups from Tennessee, and having a ton of fun.

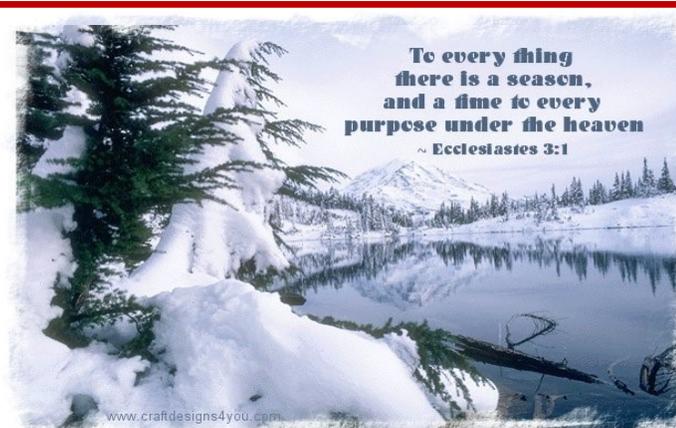
February also means Valentine's Day! And, for us, that means putting on a Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner. On Thursday, February 14, come to church at 6:00 p.m. to be waited upon by our very own youth! It is a donation based fundraiser and all proceeds will go toward a mission trip we are planning for the summer!



Lastly, February means winter, and I know you native Tennesseans aren't too keen on winter but I'm on a mission to change that! So I'm planning a ski / snowboard / snow tubing trip on February 22 - 24.

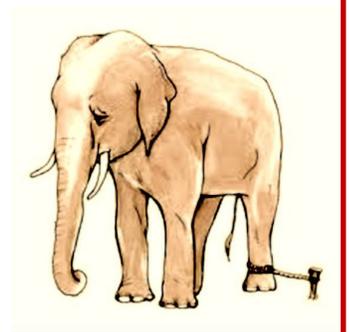
We'll head up Paoli Peaks, Indiana for a weekend of winter enjoyment. This trip is for Jr. High and Sr. High students.

If you have any questions about any of these events, contact me, Kevin Keenan, at (320)444-5294 or at [youth-ministry@hillsboroumc.com](mailto:youth-ministry@hillsboroumc.com).



## The Elephant Rope

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp, and he saw that the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by chains. The only thing keeping them from escaping the camp was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.



As the man gazed at the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants didn't simply use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could easily have done so because the rope was flimsy compared to their great strength.

Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape. The trainer replied:

*"When the elephants are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it is enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."*

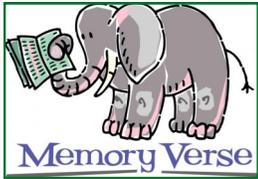
The only reason that the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn't possible.

What ropes are holding you captive? With God's help, you can break the ropes that bind you.

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, February 14th—Dinner prepared and served by the youth. Everyone is invited to this special Valentine meal!
- Sunday, February 10th—SLI Information Meeting, immediately after the church service—about 90 minutes—lunch will be provided
- Wednesday, March 6th—Ash Wednesday
- Friday, April 19th—Good Friday
- Sunday, April 21st - Easter Sunday—Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast—Worship Service at 11:00. No Sunday School.

## Bible Memory Verses for February 2019



When we rely on God, we receive many blessings and gifts. Here are three verses about those blessings:

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)*

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (John 1:17)*

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)*

### Staff and Worship Team

Rev. Betty Proctor-Bjorgo, Pastor  
 Kevin Keenan, Director, Children and Youth Ministries  
 Gladys Johnson, Administrative Assistant  
 June Johnson, Children's Church  
 Charles Craig, Lay Leader  
 Lori Grasso, Worship Chair  
 Chris Davis, Piano  
 Caneta Hankins, Organ  
 Bill Pope, Song Leader, Guitar  
 Jay Rogers, Sound

### Greeter and Usher Schedule

1st Sunday (Communion)	Troy Waugh	Ron Johnston	Blake Fox	Curtis Stewart
2nd Sunday	Lenny Grasso	Roy Snow	Scott Robinson	Tony Jones
3rd Sunday	Pete Ciarleglio	Tony Jones	Kevin Dakin	Jonathan Hughes
4th Sunday	Curtis Stewart	Kris Gernentz	Ron Johnston	Bill Jorgensen
5th Sunday	Scott Robinson	Jonathan Hughes	Troy Waugh	Kris Gernentz

## Weekly Schedule

All meetings/groups take place at the church unless otherwise stated

### Sundays

9:00—9:45 a.m. Contemplative Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
 11:00 a.m.—Children's Church  
 5:00—7:00 p.m.—Senior Youth Group  
 6:00—7:00 p.m.—Leip for Joy Gospel Hour at Puckett's in Leiper's Fork

### Mondays

9:30-11:00 a.m.—Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts

### Tuesdays

6:00—8:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study

### Wednesdays

6:00—7:30 p.m.—Elementary Youth  
 6:00—7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

### Fridays

6:30 a.m.—Praying Men of Leiper's Fork

### February Birthdays

1—Lynne Hutson	18—Carmen Ofner
1—Arthur "Vinny" King	19—Pam Hood
4—Joann Shumaker	19—Kerri White
5—Ames Arrington	21—Jenni Vaught
5—Jane Hunter Hicks	22—Austin O'Byrne
5—Connie Shriner	22—Logan White
5—Sheryl Waugh	23—Susie Blackburn
7—Lauren Jorgensen	23—Lanie McMillan
10—J.T. Bolan	23—Joye Ofner
10—Kevin Dakin	24—Nick McMillan
12—Leigh Jorgensen	24—Cathy Williams
14—Gus Pearson	25—David Pittman
15—Angele Latham	28—Kenzey Dakin
15—Patrick Latham	28—Lauren VanHorn
	29—Patricia Hall