



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

Towards the end of January I had the privilege of attending my son's graduation from Air Force basic military training. The ceremonies lasted two days and had several components, but one aspect struck me as an excellent picture of evangelism. The graduates stood in attention with their squadron as speeches were given and they were sworn in. When it was time to be dismissed, families were invited to "tap out" their airmen. It was a sweet sea of chaos, but a rather uncomfortable situation for anyone whose family was not able to attend. River checked to make sure everyone in his squadron was tapped out. He walked over to another airman who still stood at attention. The exchange was short and formal: "Airman, do you have family here?" "No sir" (tap on shoulder) "You do now." That was it. We got to spend the day with a new friend and our small gathering was abundantly blessed.

You and I can end up in lives so full and busy we forget to look around us. Who is left out? Invite them in. It's that simple. We are living through tense times as a denomination, as a country, and for many in personal lives as well. It's easy to get left out and forget the abundant love that Christ promises. Jesus did not come to condemn us, but that through his love we might be saved - invited in - become family. There's always more room at God's table.

Important discussions are taking place and changes are likely to come. The United Methodist news service is the best resource for accurate information. <https://www.umnews.org/en>. General Conference will take place May 5-15 in Minneapolis. This is our regular gathering as an international body. A major topic will be responses to the specially called General Conference of 2019 on human sexuality. At issue is whether or not sexuality affects one's ability to be ordained in the UMC and if the ordained will be permitted to officiate any civilly legal marriage at their discretion. It does not affect church membership, and the ordination process would remain the same for all people. Changes made at General Conference will be taken to Annual Conferences throughout the connection. Our Annual Conference takes place June 3-5 at Brentwood UMC. General Conference and Annual Conference will both be livestreamed.

Our invitation and calling is to cover proceedings in prayer and remain focused on our task at hand. Who within our reach thinks they have no family here? Do they know they do now?

May God's grace pour through us.

Sincerely,

Pastor Betty



The Study of Love

In the book, *Agape Study Manual*, Nelson Smith identified all the places the word love and its related terms appear in the KJV Bible. Then he wrote comments on each of those verses. The book has 475 pages. From this, Smith said that he was no scholar, but one thing he understood well: Love is at the center of God's plan of salvation.



How would our lives be changed if we read the Bible through while focused on love, especially the love of God? How would we change the lives of others if we moved throughout each day while focused on love, especially God's love for the lost? How would our families change if we spent every moment with them charged

with love, especially God's familial love? How would our congregations be changed if a handful of saints decided to love as Jesus loved?

Just reading about love in the Bible won't change anything. However, if we read with open hearts, with prayers to be transformed by the Word, with effort to become like the Lord Jesus Christ, God will make love radiate from our lives outward to touch and bless everyone around us.

~J. Randal Matheny~

The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork

The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork meet each Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. for prayer, fellowship, and study. All men of the church and community are welcome to join us. We will be finishing the book of Matthew on January 10th, and we will begin the study of *Wild at Heart* by John Eldridge on January 17th. For information on The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork, please contact Steve Bartlett at 615-372-0377 .

On Friday, February 7th, 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.

Steak and Bourbon night for the Praying Men of Leiper's Fork

The Praying Men's Steak and Bourbon night (BYOB), will be on Monday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Greer's on Southall Road. The cost will be \$27 plus tip. Contact Troy Waugh at 615-476-4784 or troywaugh@gmail.com for reservations.



Ladies Bible Studies

Ladies' Bible Study Groups Are Always Open

The two HUMC Ladies' Study Groups—Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.—are always open to anyone wishing to join. We are just beginning a study of *Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings* by Jessica LaGrone. This study will continue through the beginning of April—so it is a good time to join in! We will learn six holy habits from the Old Testament that will help us today. As we are doing this, we will learn about the lives of Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, Naaman, Hezekiah, and Josiah. Several approaches are used, including video, workbook, discussions, and actions, so it should appeal to everyone in some way. There is a fellowship meal, prayer time, and study at each session. Call Cherry Lane Darken (615-415-9451) for more information, or just come to a session!

HUMC Directory Phone App



If you are not currently listed in the HUMC Directory App and would like to be included, please contact Kristen Reed or Cherry Lane Darken. Only those in the app can access it...and it gives you the opportunity to learn others in your church family. Once your email address is listed in the app, you will be able to get it for your use.

Leiper's Fork Mindfulness Circle

The Leiper's Fork Mindfulness Circle, led by Kristy Robinson, meets in our sanctuary the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a time of quiet mindfulness and meditation. You are welcome to join this group at any time.



The February circle will meet on Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30. All church and community members are invited.

Youth and Children's News

It's been a great start to the new year for HUMC Youth. After the business of December and the Holiday Season, it feels pretty good to get back into meeting together regularly, doing real life together and spurring one another on towards a life filled with Jesus. I love to be reminded of this, the reason we meet together for Church or Youth Group, is not just because we want to celebrate special occasions, but it is because we are a spiritual family that loves each other and loves God.

I received a very healthy dose of this reminder this month as we took the Youth Group to Warmth in Winter, a giant youth



conference in Nashville. This year we had a group of 21, which was very exciting because it's the biggest group that I personally have ever gone with. It was a little bit larger group because

some of our regulars brought along a friend, some youth were finally old enough to go this year, but it was also because a couple of kids came along with us who are brand new to our church and youth group.

This is a very brave thing! Going on a weekend trip with a bunch of crazy teenagers that you just met is not for the faint of heart, and I admit that I was worried that cliques might form which would make it hard for our newcomers to integrate. But God is much bigger than cliques, God is much bigger than our differences, and I know that His Spirit was in our midst. I am so proud to say how welcoming and inclusive everyone was on the trip. There was a real sense of brotherly and sisterly love present with us the whole

time. New friendships were made and old ones were strengthened. I'll never forget the amazing feeling of seeing our entire group putting their arms around one another as we sang praises to our God and King who only asks that we love one another.



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~Kevin Keenan youthministry@hillsboroumc.com
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If you miss church, you can listen to the sermon on the church website: <http://hillsboroumc.com>. You can also make an offering or donation to the church through the website.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ Friday, Feb. 7th, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Praying Men of Leiper's Fork serve the homeless at Community Care Fellowship
- ◆ Sunday, Feb. 9th—Potluck Luncheon after the 11:00 Worship Service
- ◆ Friday, Feb. 14th—5:00—7:00 p.m., Valentine Day Dinner
- ◆ Sunday, Feb. 16th—Worship Team Meeting after the 11:00 Worship Service
- ◆ Monday, Feb. 17th—6:00 p.m. Steak and Bourbon night for the Praying Men of Leiper's Fork, at Greer's on Southall Road
- ◆ Tuesday, Feb. 25th—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

How may we
PRAY
for you?



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

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

Bible Memory Verses for February

The love of God is “Agape” love— active, sacrificial love. Agape love is what God calls us to have for each other. Here are two Bible verses about love to memorize this month.



Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

~1 John 4:8~

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

~John 15:13~

Staff and Worship Team

Rev. Betty Proctor, Pastor

Kevin Keenan, Director, Children and Youth Ministries

Gladys Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Charles Craig, Lay Leader

Lori Grasso, Worship Chair, Song Leader

Chris Davis, Piano

Caneta Hankins, Organ

Jenny Young, Cello

Bill Pope, Guitar, Song Leader

Randy & Cheryl Farrar, Contemplative Workshop Team

Allen Waugh, Sound

Greeter and Usher Schedule

1st Sunday	Lenny Grasso	Ron Johnston	Blake Fox	Troy Waugh
2nd Sunday	David Pittman	Roy Snow	David McFadden	Brent Kreid
3rd Sunday	Pete Ciarleglio	J.T. Hodges	Bob Nicewarner	Jonathan Hughes
4th Sunday	Curtis Stewart	Kris Gernentz	Paul Hutson	Bill Jorgensen
5th Sunday	Ron Johnston	Jonathan Hughes	Blake Fox	Lenny Grasso

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—Senior Youth Group

6:00—7:00 p.m.—Gospel Hour at Puckett’s in Leiper’s Fork

Mondays

9:30-11:00 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts (at Rec Center)

Wednesdays

6:00—7:30 p.m.—Junior Youth

6:00—7:30 p.m.—Ladies Bible Study

Fridays

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

Valentine’s Day Dinner

Friday, February 14th

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share . . .

Pasta Dish

Salad

Bread

Dessert

The youth will help serve, and a goodwill offering will be collected for the upcoming Alaska mission trip.

Please sign up so we can be sure to have enough food.

Questions? Contact Glenda Propheter (gprophet@comcast.net)