



# Hillsboro United Methodist Church

Located in Historic Hillsboro/Leiper's Fork—Over 100 years of Worship and Service

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

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April 2019



## A Note From Pastor Betty

Dear Hillsboro family,

This month will see us move from the somber spirit of Lent to the joy of Easter- from mourning to joy—through repentance to full obedience. This is a season when we intentionally withdraw from the world to check our own spirits—are we listening well? Are we being useful to God? Are we living in God's kingdom or struggling to build our own? Easter is the grand victory of our story—the grave does not claim us, for through Easter our hope is indeed eternal.

This particular season also brings an awareness of our work as the UM church world wide and the joys and difficulties of those relations. As you probably know, General Conference 2019 voted for the Traditionalist Plan, which would keep limitations on ordination and marriages of non-hetero couples and would add punitive measures to those clergy and conferences who defied these limitations. Most of the punitive measures have already been ruled by the Judicial Council as unconstitutional- this happened before General Conference was called. The Judicial Council meets again this month to rule on the remaining points of the plan. The plan will then go to Annual Conferences and will be addressed again at General Conference 2020. This can be a time of pain in our denomination, but it is also a time of great joy and opportunity. We remain in covenant relationship. We remain in a spirit of discernment. We remain focused on our calling as the people of God to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This month the Adaptive Leadership Team will begin to meet. We will report after every 8 hour session. Your input is always invited. The first meeting is on the evening of April 1. Please cover each member of this team in prayer. We are embarking on an exciting and demanding project to discern together where the Lord is leading us and how we can be best equipped to lead Hillsboro in our current season of life.

I pray we embrace our calling as Easter people now and always. We know that trials come, but that God redeems all things. When we mourn, we mourn as those with hope; and when we celebrate, we celebrate knowing the great cost of God's grace unleashed upon the world. May we walk in the abundant assurance of that pardoning grace.

I'm grateful to serve and grow with you.

Sincerely,

*Pastor Betty*



## BOOK CLUB

The HUMC Book group will meet on Thursdays, April 11 and 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. For more details, call Kristy Robinson at 615-397-1078. You are very welcome to join in the discussion and fellowship.

## One Can at a Time Food Drive



Let's fill a truck with canned goods and non-perishable items for the food pantry at Jellico before Easter.

## 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 invited to join us.

On Friday, April 5th, 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.

## The "PEN" Club

In February, the PEN Club filled over 30 hygiene bags, over 30 food bags, and four boxes of household items for Community Care Fellowship.

The next PEN Club (Pray, Explore, Nourish) meeting will be on FRIDAY, APRIL 5th, at 10:00. Note the new date/time. We will meet at the church and carpool with The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork to serve lunch to the Homeless at Community Care Fellowship in Nashville. This will be a great opportunity to serve others. Call or email Carol Johnston (615-294-0454, csj849@gmail.com) for more information or to let her know you'd like to join in this on-going ministry.

## 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!



## Discipleship I Group

The Tuesday evening Discipleship 1 Group meets from 6:00—8:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening at the church. The group is led by Charles Craig.

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 that you know?

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

## Leiper's Fork Monthly Mindfulness Group

This new group will meet Tuesday April 9th, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. No experience is necessary and instruction will be provided. Different forms of mindfulness/meditation will be practiced to reduce stress and help calm our minds to be more awake and aware.

## Check Out the Church Website



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

## HUMC Administrative Board Update

The **Administrative Board** of the Hillsboro UMC is a group of twenty members charged with the organization and functioning of our church. It is comprised of church leaders, officers, and committee/team chairs. The board coordinates all the responsibilities/work of the church to function as one unified body. Here are some of the highlights from the last board meeting.

A **budget** of \$254,583.00 was approved for 2019; to meet this need, we need to collect an average of \$5000 per week. Most of the line-items were updated. Two new expenditures include a Mission Development Coordinator and the Spiritual Leadership, Inc. program which will begin in April. HUMC always pays its apportionment which goes for our connectional conference programs; this year that assigned number is \$23,713.00. The budget is posted for all to see.

Five **new leaders** were approved for the coming year: Charles Craig, Lay Leader; John Gibson, Trustee Chair; Joye Ofner, Adult Youth Representative; Caneta Hankins, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference; and Curtis Stewart, Landscape Team chair. A leadership organizational chart is posted on the bulletin boards.

The **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** reported that Pastor Betty has met her requirements to be ordained. The service will be June 12 at Brentwood Methodist Church (time TBA). All are invited to attend in support of Pastor Betty. Clark O'Byrne was approved as the new Mission Development Coordinator.

The **Trustees** are responsible for the church property as well as the parsonage. The outside of the parsonage is being painted. The propane gas service has been transferred to AllService for a better rate. Paving the parking lot, adding more storage, and winterizing the pavilion are topics for upcoming discussion.

The **Worship** committee meets every four to six weeks with Pastor Betty to plan music and other elements of services to accompany prayer, scripture, and messages. This group is also responsible for components to support worship such as the portable sound system recently purchased to use as needed, but particularly in the pavilion.

HUMC is involved in many **missions** outside our church including: Jellico Appalachian project; Claiborne-Hughes Nursing Home; Graceworks; Solidarity Hospitality Supply for immigrants; Community Care Fellowship; Franklin Juvenile Detention Center; and local assistance to individuals and families. A Youth Mission/Spiritual trip to Lake Junaluska Center in North Carolina is scheduled for this summer. Please contact Pastor Betty or Clark O'Byrne to help with mission work of your choice.

Charles Craig, **Lay Leader**, encourages each person to be a part of worship, prayer, involvement, group study and formation, and ministry. If you have a passion for service that you would like to pursue, please discuss it with Charles.

God is certainly at work in our church! I challenge you to find your niche and "dig in!" There is a place for everyone at Hillsboro Methodist Church...invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

*Cherry Lane Darken, Administrative Board Chair*



## April Youth News

**March is over!** I can't believe how fast it went. I guess that is because we were having so much fun! We visited Chattanooga and the Tennessee Aquarium; we celebrated Shrove Tuesday by having a big pancake dinner; we went on the BE Retreat at Cedar Crest Camp; and much more! During March we also began the season of Lent and many of us have given something up in order to press harder into God as we draw nearer to Easter.

Speaking of Easter, that is the main event of April. There will be several gatherings at church surrounding Easter. One such gathering will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt! This is a very fun event for our youth and it is also a time to invite all in our community. This will be held Saturday, April 20 from 10am - 12pm. We will have food, games, and of course, a big Easter egg hunt! If you would like to help make the egg hunt a success, please drop off a load of candy or already filled eggs at the church as soon as possible. We want to have as many eggs as we can for the kiddos, so we gotta get to fillin them!

Overall, I am excited to enter into April and the Easter season with all of you. It is such a wonderful time. Jesus Christ laid down His life for us, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is forever highly exulted as our Lord and Savior.

Thank you God!

*Kevin Keenan, Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

**If you have any questions about any of the events above, contact me at [youthministry@hillsboroumc.com](mailto:youthministry@hillsboroumc.com) or (320)444-5294.**

## HOLY WEEK

- **Good Friday** —The stations of the cross will be in the sanctuary on April 19th from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. Take this opportunity to better understand and reflect on this day.
- **Saturday, April 20**— Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00—12:00
- **Sunday, April 21st** - Easter Sunday

**Celebrate the Resurrection with *Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 a.m., potluck breakfast, and 11:00 Worship Service.***

## Bible Memory Verses for April 2019

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**John 12: 13**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

**Luke 23: 34**

He is not here: he has risen, just as he said.

**Matthew 28: 6**

## 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

## Staff and Worship Team

Rev. Betty Proctor-Bjorgo, Pastor

Kevin Keenan, Director, Children and Youth Ministries

Gladys Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Charles Craig, Lay Leader

Lori Grasso, Worship Chair

Chris Davis, Piano

Carl Gallauresi, Guitar

Caneta Hankins, Organ

Bill Pope, Song Leader, Guitar

Jay Rogers, Sound

Jenny Young, Cello

## Greeter and Usher Schedule

1st Sunday (Communion)	Troy Waugh	Ron Johnston	Blake Fox	Curtis Stewart
2nd Sun- day	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



1—Felicia O'Byrne

10—Jonathan Hughes

3—Tharina Booyens

15—Toni McCaskill

3—Bo Robinson

19—Ashley Judd

4—Brianna Stewart

20—Bobby Lea Stewart

4—Christopher Venter

22—Michelle Shumaker

5—Carter Arrington

23—Gavin McGaskill

8—Klint Griffin