



# 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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## The Blessings of Christian Friends

One of the great blessings of being a Christian is that you are not the only one. Though at times you may, like Elijah (1 Kings 19:10), feel like you are alone in the fight, the reality is that there are many other kindred spirits fighting the same battles and bolstered by the same determination to reach the same eternal goal.



Paul wrote the following to his friends in the church at Philippi:

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3-5).

From these words we learn: (1) every time Paul thought of these folks, he was thankful for the memories they shared; (2) when he prayed for them, which was often, he did so with feelings of great joy; (3) what created his close relationship to them and prompted his pleasant emotions was their partnership in the promotion of a common cause – the Cause – the gospel of Jesus Christ. What a great church this must have been!

### Some Practical Applications

- Write down the names of Christians for whom you have fond memories and offer a joyful prayer of thanksgiving to God for them.
- Send a note or email to those on your list expressing your gratitude for their friendship and/or influence on your life.
- Seek God's help in becoming such a friend to others. Consult the Proverbs for wisdom on the subject of friendship (Prov. 3:28-29; 11:12; 14:21; 17:17; 18:24; 24:28-29; 27:9-10, 17).
- Work side-by-side and hand-in-hand with another in the promotion of the gospel: send letters or care packages to overseas missionaries; teach via correspondence courses; give financial aid to those who are actively teaching others, as the Philippians did to Paul (Phil. 4:15-16).

Thank God for Christian friends!

~Eddie Parrish, *BulletinDigest*~



**HUMC Potluck**

# Potluck

**Thanksgiving  
Meal**

We will have our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Meal after the 11:00 service on Sunday, November 18th. Bring your favorite dish(es) to share with others. Drinks will be provided.

**Hillsboro/Leiper's Fork**

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Hillsboro/Leiper's Fork Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Bending Chestnut Baptist Church. Attendees are invited to bring canned goods to be given out in the community, or to donate money for Graceworks.



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# The HUMC Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 1st, 15th, and 29th, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. On the 1st, we will finish the last three chapters of Being Mortal by Atul Gawande. At that meeting, we will also select the book for the other two meetings during November. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Contact Kristy Robinson for more information: [Kris-tybrobinson@me.com](mailto:Kris-tybrobinson@me.com) or call 615-397-1078.



# 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.

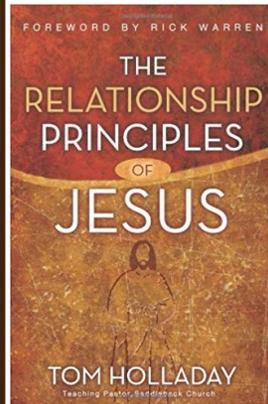
On Friday, November 2nd, The Praying Men of Leiper's Fork will serve lunch to the homeless at Community Care Fellowship in Nashville. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return around 1:30 p.m. Please let Troy Waugh know if you can serve: [troywaugh@gmail.com](mailto:troywaugh@gmail.com) or 615-476-4784.

# The "PEN" Club

The November meeting of the PEN Club (Pray, Explore, Nourish) will be on Wednesday, November 14th, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. This month we will assemble bags of items—toiletries, non-perishable food, and clothing (t-shirts and socks) for the Community Care Fellowship. Community Care Fellowship serves Nashville's homeless and underserved populations with basic needs such as meals, laundry, showers, counseling, support, and fellowship. Please bring the following items, as you are able: Food (nonperishable food, snack size) - Hygiene Items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, petroleum jelly, baby powder, toothpaste, etc.), Clothing (socks, t-shirts), OTC Medications (pain relievers, allergy medicines, and cold medicines). All items must be new and unopened. Individual/small sizes are best.

# Join one of our weekly Bible Studies!

The 9:30 a.m. Monday Bible Study and the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study Groups are studying *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. This study can provide new health and depth to the relationships in your life including family, church, community, and work. You will explore the relationships Jesus modeled for us throughout His life. All of the parents of the Wednesday Junior Youth group are especially invited to join since the youth group and the Bible Study occur at the same time. Each of these Bible study groups provides a snack meal, prayer time, and group study. Come if you can.



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## Sunday Women's Group - *Gifts of Imperfection*

The women's group discussing Brene' Brown's book, *Gifts of Imperfection*, meet each Sunday evening, 5:00—7:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. There will be no meeting on November 25th.

## Send a Card to Someone in Need

The Nurture Team has set up a table in the back corner of the fellowship hall with blank greeting cards, the church directory, and the prayer list. We encourage our church family to stop by the table and write a card to someone who could use a word of encouragement. We will take care of postage. If you know of anyone in our church family who needs a little extra tending, please let the Nurture Team know.



Email, [Kris-tybrobinson@me.com](mailto:Kris-tybrobinson@me.com) or call 615-397-1078.



At their October meeting, the PEN (pray, explore, nourish) CLUB made Protestant prayer beads for themselves and as gifts for others. Prayer beads provide a framework for praying. There are four main sections—offering up PRAISE, asking for FORGIVENESS, INTERCEDING for others, and giving THANKS. Each set of prayer beads has an instruction guide, along with Bible verses to go with each step of prayer.

## Youth Information and News

- Youth are invited to go on the Jellico Thanksgiving Mission trip Friday and Saturday, November 16th and 17th.
- There is a Junior Youth Camp Out on Friday and Saturday—November 2nd and 3rd.
- Upcoming: Warmth in Winter will be February 1-3, 2019. Mark that on your calendars!
- Parents and others—please sign up to help out with a youth meal—the sign up sheet is on the church website.



- For more information or to ask questions, contact Kevin Keenan at youthministry@hillsboroumc, or (320)444-5294.

## Why Only One Day for Thanksgiving?

Charles Dickens said that we are somewhat mixed up here in America. He told an audience that instead of having one Thanksgiving Day each year we should have 364. "Use that one day just for complaining and griping," he said. "Use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the many blessings He has showered upon you."



~Ken Hamilton, 2016~

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

## How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.  
 Count your gains instead of your losses.  
 Count your joys instead of your woes.  
 Count your friends instead of your foes.  
 Count your smiles instead of your tears.  
 Count your courage instead of your fears.  
 Count your full years instead of your lean.  
 Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
 Count your health instead of your wealth.  
 Count on God instead of yourself.

A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice – when we receive them and when we remember them.

~From *Bulletin Digest*, 2016~

## Charge Conference Scheduled

There will be a Charge Conference on November 4th at 4:00 p.m. at Bethlehem UMC. We are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the meeting, but will only need to attend the meeting for our own church which should last about 30 minutes. Two questions will be asked: (1) How are you seeing all the people in your community? And (2) If you have several new people show up at your church, how would you handle it? Do you have a plan in place to help people connect to Jesus in faith and grow into committed disciples who pray, are present, give, serve, and witness?

How may **we**  
**PRAY**  
 for you?



If you miss church, you can listen to the sermon on 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.

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](mailto:pastor@hillsboroumc.com)

## Bible Memory Verses for November



Thanksgiving has been celebrated since 1789, and it became a federal holiday in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." November, then, is a great time to memorize Bible verses that are about giving thanks to God. Here are this month's verses:

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

~Colossians 3:17~

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

~1 Chronicles 16:34~

## 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  
 Kevin Dakin, 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  
 5:00—7:00 p.m.—Women's Study (in rec center)  
 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

## November Birthdays

3—Margaret Herman	20—Lucy Gibson
4—Lori Grasso	20—Misty McGrady
4—Shanel Robinson	20—Roy Snow
7—Noa Pope	21—Alex Latham
8—Kent Prince	23—Sara Jones
8—Ian Rogers	25—Hannah Pope
10—Leah Blackwood	25—Harrison Van Horn
11—Mike Anderson	29—Pete Burrus
12—Lenny Grasso	29—Cherry Lane Darken
13—B.J. Stewart	
14—Esther Boyer	
18—Millie Grasso	

