

Hillcrest Calling

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May you delight in the Lord
May he grant you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

May, 2018

Church Is a Team Sport

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

The Assayer, March 1, 2012

Most sports teams have a star player. Get the ball to him and he'll score. Get him up at bat with two men on base and he'll hit them home. The sports commentators keep extensive statistics on each player that they'll pull out during a lull in the play. It's all about the numbers — each person playing to advance his own career, to increase his averages — at least that's the way it seems sometimes.

But once in a while you see a team that plays together with a kind of magic. It's not about one person scoring big, but it's every team member doing his utmost to move the team forward to win the game — to get the ball across the line, to score.

Each player on the field or in the court has a role to play. And when each plays that role well and aggressively — keeping his eye on the ball — the whole team benefits. When one player just goes through the motions, the team is crippled. And if a key member of the team is injured — or just doesn't show up for the game — the whole team suffers. The team fails to score.

A healthy church has a lot in common with a finely oiled sports team. Church shouldn't be just a spectator sport with a few players entertaining the crowd. Church — especially a small church — relies on each person actively doing what he or she does best. **Church is a team sport.**

Let me ask you: what's your role in your congregation?

What are you doing to move the ball forward? What have you been asked to do that might further your effectiveness as a willing servant of the Head of the Church. Some of you are wonderful, indispensable team members that help your church do Christ's work! Thank you! But your pastor longs for the day that others will submit to the discipline of being faithful members of a team, a team that has the goal of glorifying God and bringing people to Christ.

Dear friends, it's time to suit up together! Game on!



Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.





April Challenge Schedule

May 6th

10¢ For each cookie jar in your home

May 13th

10¢ For each debit or credit card you use

May 20th

25¢ If you have health insurance

May 27th

5¢ For every room in your home

April Challenge Results

- As a congregation we:
- Ate 129 pieces of candy on March 31st
- Have 823 electrical outlets
- Ate out 187 times that week
- Own 21.53 coffee pots.

This is an entertaining way to help make change in our community! Please continue to help us with these challenges!

LET'S MAKE CHANGE!!!

Missions

The food pantry, Meals on Wheels, Rare Breed meals, and Ronald McDonald House meals are some of our ongoing missions that regularly need volunteer help. If you feel called to help with any of these please speak with the pastor and your talents will be utilized.



Convoy of Hope is sponsoring their spectacular event at the E-Plex on Saturday June 2, 2018. There are numerous volunteer opportunities for Hillcrest members and others.

There are flyers to be handed out in north Springfield neighborhoods on

Saturday April 28 and again on Saturday May 6 and 26.

There are Greeter positions available on June 2 at various activities. Training will happen on the evening of June 1.

There are people needed to pray with the attendees. Please contact the church office or Fred, Nancy, or Regina to secure your place on the team.

BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

you're supporting ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ.



The Pentecost offering will be received at Hillcrest on May 20th. We will keep 40% of the offering here at Hillcrest to impact the young people in our community and 60% will be sent to Presbytery to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.





Dear Church Family,
 We thank you so much for the cards, kindness, thoughts and prayers extended to our family during the last couple of weeks.
 We appreciate the visits Jack made to the Manor and especially for the beautiful service he had for Mom.
 We love all of you and thank you again
 The Zweerink Family



To the Pastor and members of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church,
 Thank you once again for the use of your church van for the GFWC Sophomore Pilgrimage in Jefferson City, April 10th.
 This event is so important for our Springfield high schools sophomore representatives. This event develops an understanding of government and our responsibilities as citizens in a democracy.
 Cindy Hall
 GFWC Sorosis Club President



Hillcrest Church,
 Kind, generous, thoughtful...
 That's You! Thanks!
 You'll always be near and dear to our hearts. Let us know if you have a "home coming" or anniversary for the church so we can make plans to attend.
 Love
 Barbara Patterson & Family

Of Note

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on May 6th and May 20th.

The stated session meeting will be held Thursday, May 10th at 6:00pm.

The Men's Breakfast is May 12th, 8:00am at the Golden Corral on North Kansas.

The church will be serving dinner at the Cox Ronald McDonald House on Monday, May 14th.

Book Club will meet on May 21st at 7:00pm. They will be reviewing "The Origin" by Dan Patterson.

March Financials:

Beginning Balance	\$4,334.07
Increase/Decrease	\$-97.48
Ending Balance	\$4,236.59

Building Fund:

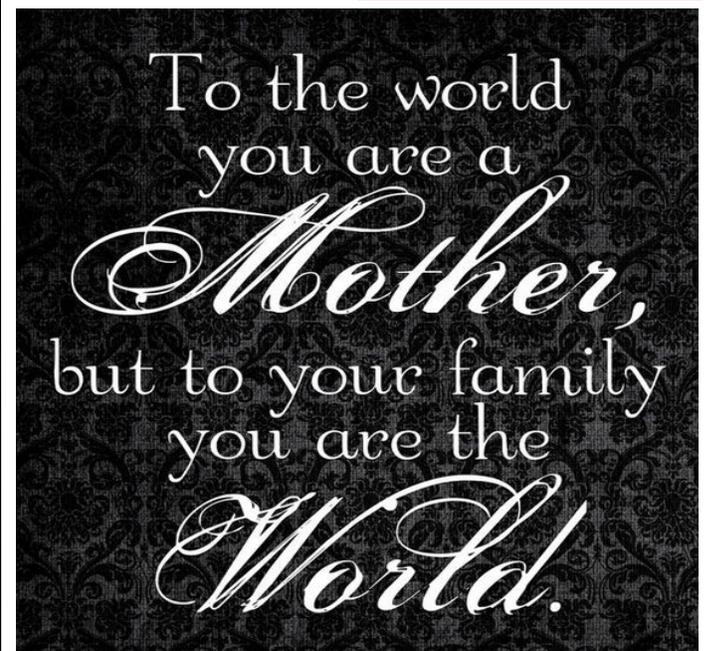
Account Balance	\$19,114.41
Loan Balance	\$335,211.85

Reminder: Our church premises is weapon free, carrying firearms is prohibited.



Please note a new address:

Randy & Jan Zweerink
 3894 N Farm Rd 127
 Springfield, MO 65803



Hillcrest Presbyterian Church
818 East Norton Rd.
Springfield, MO 65803-3646



Annual Church Work Day
May 19th 9:00am

The annual church clean up day will be held on May 19th at 9:00am. We need as many hands as possible to chip in and give the church a good scrubbing! There will be indoor and outdoor work so we will have something for everyone to do!

Hope to see you there!



Maddison Reynolds is graduating from Missouri State University with her degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in middle school language arts. She has a job lined up as an 8th grade English Language Arts teacher at Bolivar Middle School.

Lindsey Miller is graduating with her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from Missouri State University.

We will be recognizing the graduates during the worship service on May 20th.

