

Hillcrest Calling

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Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older,
They will not leave it.

June, 2017

Proverbs 22:6

From the Governance Presbyter

When you look at the budget of the presbytery, you will see that there are two major lines for income and for expense—mission and per capita. Susan has shared with you in the past how the mission monies are utilized, but you may not know the importance of the per capita dollars you send. I have often explained the difference in the two forms of giving in this way: *Per capita pays for the things we are required to do, while mission monies pay for the things God calls us to do beyond that.*

Per capita dollars pay for meetings of Presbytery, Committee on Ministry, and Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Expenses for Administrative Commissions, formed for ordinations, installations, formation or dissolution of congregations, or for conflict resolution, are paid from per capita dollars. When pastoral nominating committees are trained, triennial visits with pastors and sessions are made, or visits from the governance presbyter/stated clerk are required to help sessions or congregations work through difficulties, those expenses are your per capita dollars at work. The presbytery also forwards per capita payments to Synod and General Assembly, based on the membership of the presbytery. Per capita funds allow those Councils to do the work that they are required to do—meetings, judicial hearings, etc.

You may not realize that presbytery pays our per capita to Synod and General Assembly as expected, whether or not we receive the corresponding payments from churches. In the past, some congregations have tried to express their disquiet with actions of the General Assembly by withholding their per capita payments.

Presbytery has always continued to send the requisite amount out of its own budget, so no one has felt the consequences of withholding except the presbytery.

You per capita giving is vital to the continued work of the presbytery. When your congregation is ready to call a pastor, needs help deciding its next steps, has a need for help in dealing with concerns, you experience the benefit of that giving.

If you have questions about your per capita, please feel free to email me or call me. I am glad to share how important this giving is to your work.

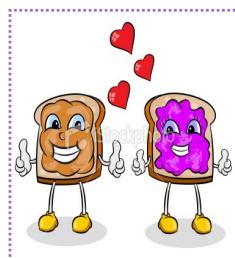
Melana



Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive Father's Day, June 18

Please bring your contributions of peanut butter, jelly, and crackers on Father's Day. Our annual PBJ Drive helps to feed children during the summer months when school is not in session.

The majority of the contributions will be sent to Crosslines. A small percentage is kept for our church pantry.



Time: 9:30 a.m.

Garry Hill will lead a group book study and discussion at church in the Fellowship Center as he has done for the past several years. The book he will be using is called, *Real Good Church*. It was written by the Reverend Molly Phinney Baskette and tells "How our church came back from the dead, and yours can too!" Starting June 4th the children will be led by the Bakers.

LIVE ON THE LAWN!



The Hillcrest "Live on the Lawn" series will be held each Sunday eve at 6:30pm for 6 weeks starting June 18th running through July 23rd. The Series is free to the public and all are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic dinner and don't forget to bring a friend! The Music will cover the gambit from Bluegrass to Blues, Folk to Rock and Country Swing to Rockabilly.

Schedule:

- June 18—Blue Train (Blue grass, folk and country)
- June 25—Mike Mac & the Rockabilly Cats
(Rockabilly)
- July 2 —Creek Rocks (Traditional Americana)
- July 9 —Poa Anna (Bluegrass)
- July 16--Honkey Tonk Renovators (Country & Swing)
- July 23—Blue Plate Special (Rock & Blues)



June 5, 2017
3:00—6:00 pm
Hillcrest Church
Parking Lot

If you are able, please help in support of this drive by making a blood donation here on June 5th. Community Blood Center will have a bloodmobile in the parking lot. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship center. Thank you. All donors will receive a very nice T-shirt.

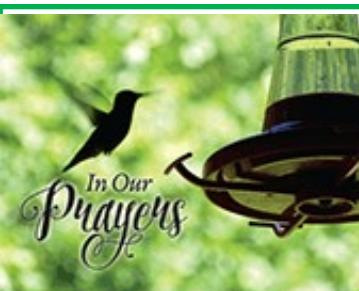


Congratulations to Mike & Kristi Hill on the birth of their daughter Violet Kristine Hill on May 22nd. The proud grandparents are Garry & Debbie Hill.



CCO

2016 Annual Report of Council of Churches of the Ozarks
We received the report and wanted to highlight some of the statistics included. In 2016 there were 9,298 volunteers and 98,987 people were impacted. Included in that were 6,751 children that received services from Child Care Aware, Child Care Food Program, RSVP and Ambassadors for Children. Also 34,959 seniors received support from Daybreak, RSVP, Connections Handyman Service and Ombudsman in 2016. Safe to Sleep provided 461 women with shelter, showers, snacks and support services. Crosslines served 56,816 people with food, commodities, hygiene items and support services. In 2016 33,000 volunteer hours were donated to crosslines and they distributed 1,681,958 pounds of food.



Erin Magoon is recovering from surgery and will see an oncologist soon to find out the next steps.
Jane Mitchell is recovering from heart surgery.

Traveling mercies and safety for Janel Eyraud's daughter who is spending a month in Greece.

Our homebound: Harold Hiser, Gusta Zweerink, Wayne & Gladys Zweerink.

Of Note

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on June 4th.

The Men's Breakfast for June is the 10th, 8:00 am at the Golden Corral on North Kansas.

The church will be serving dinner at the Mercy Ronald McDonald House on Monday, June 12th.

The Book Club will meet June 19th at 7:00pm to review Together Tea by Marjan Kamali.

The Stated Session meeting will be Thursday, June 8th at 7:00pm.



Erin Magoon is looking for someone to help with cleaning and cooking. This position would be up to 20 hours a week at \$9.00 an hour. The work includes

vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, mopping, cleaning the bathroom, changing sheets, running errands, going shopping, cooking a meal most days and cooking enough food to last the days the person is not working, checking mail and getting packages from the office, reading her mail to her, filling out paperwork, helping with her medication, helping with Nelson, matching her clothing, putting clothing away, and doing some laundry on occasion.

If you are interested or know of anyone that might be interested please contact Erin.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS PENTECOST

Pentecost Offering

Serving Our Young People

...Making connections for a lifetime

The ministries supported by the Pentecost Offering teach young people to make faith, fellowship, and service part of their lives. The offering is divided as follows:

- 40% of your offering stays with our congregation
- 25% goes to ministries with youth
- 25% to Young Adult Volunteers
- 10% to child advocacy initiatives

Your gift to the Pentecost Offering unites young people in Christ and inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. These gifts will be received on June 4th.



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, thank you for your gift of \$355.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gift has a great impact on thousands of people around the world who are recovering from both natural and human-caused disasters. It also has been instrumental in alleviating hunger and its root causes and in helping forge partnerships that promote the dignity of all God's people. Gifts to all of our Special Offerings join Presbyterians from across the United States in a common purpose-sharing Christ's love. We are tremendously grateful for your strong commitment to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People ministries.

We invite you to learn more about how your gifts to the four churchwide Special Offerings are used, and how they are directly affecting the lives of others, by visiting our website (presbyterianmission.org/SpecialOfferings) or by following us on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/SpecialOfferings>).

I look forward to our continued

communication and partnership in the future.

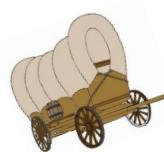
With sincere gratitude,

Bryce Wiebe

Director, Special Offerings



SPECIAL OFFERINGS



SAVE THE DATES

July 18- 20th

5:30- 7:30 p.m.



"On the Pioneer Trail"

Multi-generational VBS

Three-evening study comparing the journey of pioneers on the Oregon Trail to the Israelite people's 40 year journey through the wilderness.

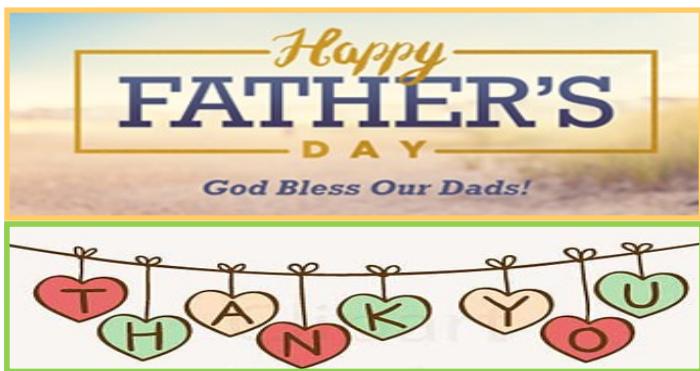
"What might you learn from these two journeys that could apply to your life right now?"

A pioneer supper will be served at 5:30.

Pioneer crafts, skills and games each evening



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"Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards when I had my surgery!"

Skylyn Hill

"Thank you for all the cards, thoughts, and prayers at the passing of Bill Sr. All the love we felt shows how amazing our church family truly is."

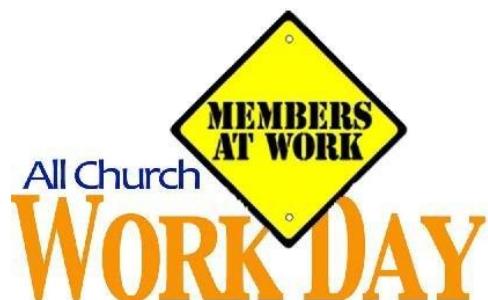
Covey & Heslin Families

My Church Family,

"Thank you so much for always supporting me! I am so thankful to have been able to grow up in such a loving place! Every Sunday I walk into the church I immediately feel welcomed and loved!"

Love, Matia

Church Work Day
June 3rd 9:00am



The annual church clean up day will be held on June 3rd 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!

