

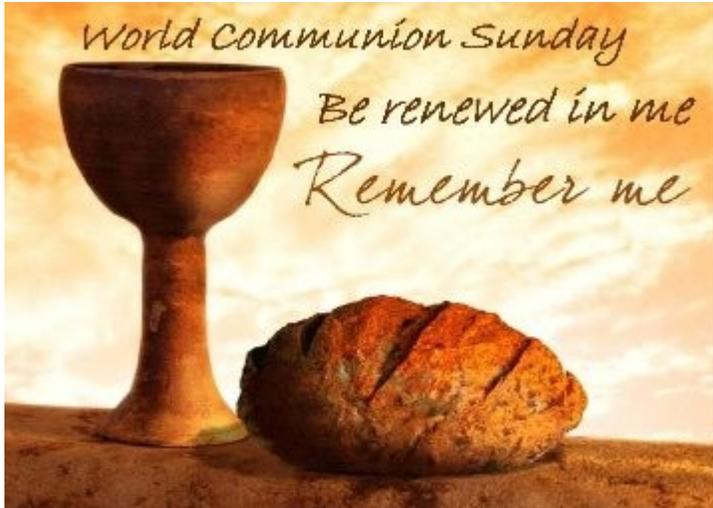
Hillcrest Calling

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The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him,
To the soul that seeketh Him.

Lamentations 3:25

October, 2017



World Communion Sunday October 1, 2017

“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.” (I Cor. 11:29)

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time

when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.



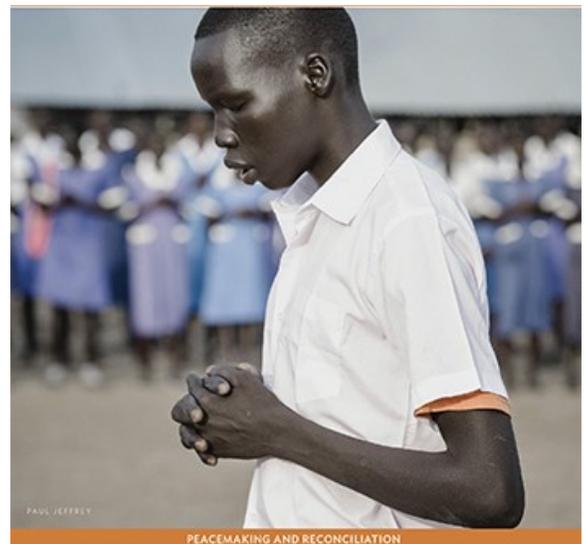
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

The table is set. Help us share the abundance of God’s peace. When we come together in the peace of Christ, we find plenty of reconciliation and grace to share at God’s table. By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, you support peacemaking and reconciliation work that brings people to this table of peace, even in the deepest conflict.

Please give generously
Through your congregation
Text PEACE to 56512 to give or learn more
Presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global

The Peace & Global Witness offering will be received and dedicated on Sunday, October 1st.

**Proclaim
Christ’s Peace**



PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



DISASTER BUCKETS

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Hurricane season is here! We've already seen some flooding and/or fires this summer.

PDA is there to help.

The supply of PDA buckets is low and we need to help put some together. During the month of October we will be collecting the following supplies for these buckets.

Please do not stray from this list!

- New five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
 - Four scouring pads
 - Seven sponges, including one large
 - One scrub brush
 - Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (i.e. Easy Wipes)
 - One 50 ounce or two 25 ounce bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
 - One 16-28 ounce bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
 - One 12-16 ounce bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
 - One package of 48-50 clothespins
 - Clothesline, two 50 foot or one 100 foot
 - Five dust masks
 - Two pairs non-surgical latex gloves
 - One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
 - 24-28 heavy-duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll
 - One 6-9 ounce bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent
- Please bring what you can - we will shop for the supplies not donated. There will be three blue Lowe's buckets in the foyer to collect the supplies. Thanks for all your help!
- We will be delivering the buckets at the November Presbytery meeting.



Let's Be Healthy Together!



Hillcrest Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 10/17/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Of Note

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on October 1st, World Communion Sunday.

The church will be serving dinner at the Mercy Ronald McDonald House on Monday, October 9th.

The Stated Session meeting will be Thursday, October 12th at **6:00pm**.

The Men's Breakfast is October 14th, 8:00am at the Golden Corral on North Kansas.

Book Club will meet on October 16, 7:00 pm to review the book "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot.

Fifth Sunday Dinner will be served on October 29th, and is hosted by the property committee.

A Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, October 29 during the worship service. This is a special time to remember members, friends and loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord this past year.

Learning To Hear God's Voice

Before your child can ever utter an intelligible sentence, they can comprehend much more than their tongue and brain are able to reciprocate. They know how to interpret your words, gestures, and expressions. Your baby is wired to communicate, and their ability to do so grows every day.

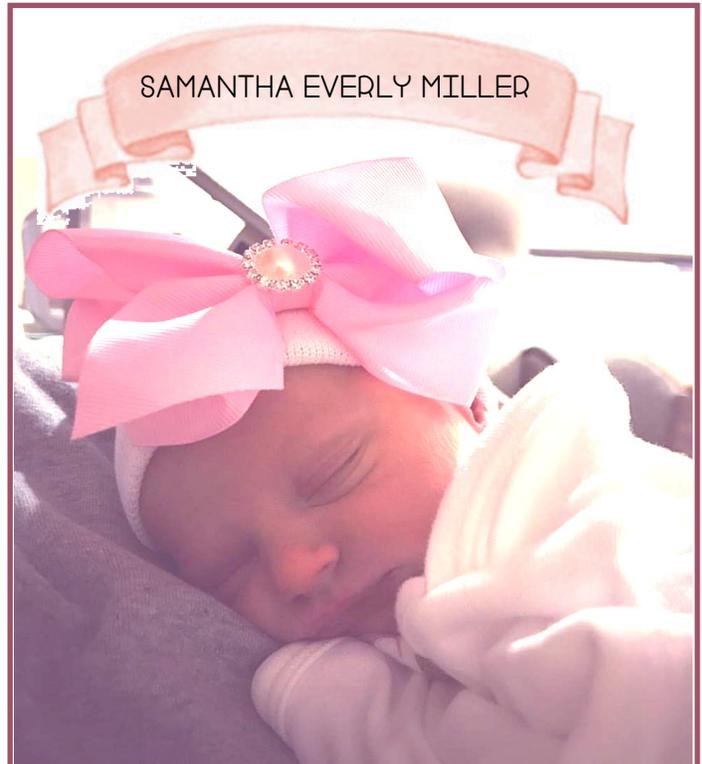
The same is true of your relationship with God: you are wired for communication. You express yourself to God through prayer, song, or meditation. And while you've been assured that God speaks clearly through the Scriptures, you might be hungry to deepen your communication with the One who loves you. Consider experimenting with different practices this month.

Read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, beginning in the fifth chapter of Matthew. But instead of powering through it, stop whenever you sense a word meant for you. You might begin with the first verse—"Now when Jesus saw the crowds"—and pause after just that first phrase! In those words, you might hear the gentle whisper of Jesus saying, "I see you." This method can help you discern God's voice.

You also might read a whole chapter of Scripture and prayerfully ask God what word is in it for you. It might be a sentence or phrase that God brings alive in your heart, or it could be a single word like mercy. Hang onto the word or words the Holy Spirit gives you as the living voice of God speaking to your heart.

You have been divinely wired to speak to and hear from God. As you experiment with your listening, your fluency and receptivity will grow!

*Listen for God's voice today.
He's probably saying
something important.*



Congratulations to Alex & Kayla Miller on the birth of their daughter on September 19th. She weighed in at 5 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19" long. The ecstatic grandparents are Sammy & Cathy Miller and proud aunt & uncle Lindsey & Kyle Miller. Congrats to the whole family!





NEW PHONE
NUMBERS

DEANN RIGGS 709-7034
 RONNIE RIGGS 709-7033
 DEANNA RIGGS 709-7035



Dear Friends at Hillcrest Presbyterian,
 Thank you for your \$600 check for Safe to Sleep. That pays for 10 nights of shelter supplies and van transportation for 30 women each night. The van seems essential when we see our guests: one in a wheel chair, another very pregnant woman, and several who would never be able to walk far enough to get to Safe to Sleep. We hit a record of 7 new women in one night this week. It is so unpredictable.
 Romona

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church,
 Of all of our many blessings, perhaps we most appreciate those that we least expect. Families who suddenly find themselves in need of Ronald McDonald House may merely be grateful for a bed to sleep in that's near their hospitalized child. Because of you and your commitment to our Family Dinner Program we are also able to bless them with a hot meal every evening. Your meals help provide daily comfort and strength while allowing our guests to spend as much time as possible with their child. Your continued support of this program is appreciated beyond measure! No one ever plans to need the help of so many strangers. Thank you for helping us make sure that our families are taken care of in every way possible!
 The RMH Staff, Mandy



Dear Hillcrest Presbyterian Church,
 Your gift of \$100 was immediately put to work in the fight against cancer. On behalf of our researchers, staff and volunteers, thank you. Our singular mission every day is to help save more lives through critical research, patient support, and cancer prevention.

We're so grateful for your support. Our gift is helping us save lives. In fact, thanks in part to medical advances supported by American Cancer Society donors like you, cancer death rates are the lowest they've been in decades.

Together, we've come so far. Your gift makes all the difference.

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, with your help, we're continuing to make breakthroughs against cancer. And now we hope to double our research investment to discover better treatments. Find cures, and save more lives.

Thank you again for helping save lives and lead the fight to end cancer.

With sincere thanks,
 David J Benson
 Executive Vice President
 American Cancer Society

Dear Friends,
 On 8/18/17 you graciously gave the American Diabetes Association \$150. For this, we are grateful. The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cur diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. We can advance this mission with the help of generous individuals and corporations and will always be thankful for these gifts.

Because of your gift, the Association has been able to annual fund of \$34 million in research of type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes. We have also served millions through out educational materials, website (www.diabetes.org) and publications. Andy finally, individuals who have been denied their rights have found an advocate in the American Diabetes Association.

I speak on behalf of those individuals affected by diabetes, our dedicated staff and volunteers when I say thank you for helping us.

Sincerely,
 James Rhodes
 Director, Customer & Date Services
 American Diabetes Association Service Center

(The American Cancer Society and American Diabetes Association were chosen as charities by the bands in the Life on the Lawn series.)

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Monday
October 31
5:00 pm—7:00 pm
West Parking Lot

The mission of Trunk or Treat is to provide a safe place for children to enjoy Halloween. Last year, over 400 children attended.

Please participate! We dress up in costumes and have lots of fun, probably more than the kids. The evening concludes with pizza and fellowship.

Regina Ice serves as our coordinator for Trunk or Treat. Let her know that you want to help. In case of rain, the event is held in the Fellowship Center.

Donations of individually wrapped candies will be greatly appreciated.



HAM AND BEANS
AND GAMES, OH MY!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
6:00PM



Join us for a night of food and fun with your church family! We will be serving up ham and beans with cornbread for dinner and a round of games afterwards. Don't miss this opportunity to gather together in fellowship and enjoy each other's company.

Bring your appetite and your game face!