

Hillcrest Calling

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Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,
For this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

November, 2017

Advent Reflection Series

Advent season is quickly approaching. To help us grow deeper in our experience of God's presence during this very special time of the year, I am offering a series, Advent Reflections, around the book, "God Is In The Manger" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. You are welcome to purchase the book (Amazon has it for about \$10.00) or I will have a copy of each weeks devotional readings. We will meet in the Library on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm (November 29, December 6, 13, 20) and will be finished before choir practice at 7:00pm.



"Thank you for this turkey and dressing which you have provided, and the broccoli which the devil has slipped in."



November 12th is Commitment Sunday. This year we will not be having a "pledge card" for the stewardship campaign but rather a "Commitment Card" without a place for a dollar amount. Our Commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ here at Hillcrest is about our total commitment, which includes our passion, abilities, assets and creativity. So as faithful followers of Jesus, our task between now and November 12th is to prayerfully reflect on and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us on our commitment. Is it time to increase your financial giving to the church? Can I take just one more step in moving toward sacrificial giving? Is it time to become active in an area of ministry through the work of a committee? Where is it that you are being lead?

A Celebration lunch will be served following the worship service.





On November 26th we will have our traditional Hanging of the Greens. We will decorate everything but the Sanctuary. A light lunch will be provided.

We would like to decorate the tables in the Fellowship Center with Gingerbread houses again this year. If you would like to participate please bring your creation November 26th or later.

On December 3rd we will be having a Hanging of the Greens Service. The decorations for the Sanctuary will be hung as part of the worship service.



2017 CROSSLINES CHRISTMAS TOYSTORE



This year the Crosslines Toystore will be held on Saturday December 15, 2017, at the E-Plex on the Springfield Empire Fair property.

Hillcrest will again collect toys for distribution to the

eligible children.

The congregation may bring unwrapped new toys to church anytime until Sunday December 10. We will take the toys to the E-Plex on Monday, December 11, for the Saturday distribution.

Each child will receive 3 toys, a small, a medium, and a large and two other gifts (knit items, books, or games). Please do not remove the price tag to make the grouping easier.

A suggested list of toys will be included in the church bulletin early in November.

If shopping is not convenient you may give money to Sammy, Rae Jean or Fred to allow Crosslines to purchase toys in age or gender groupings that do not appear to have sufficient numbers.



Of Note

Hillcrest Church will be delivering Meals On Wheels each Thursday during the month of November.

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on November 5th.

The Stated Session meeting will be Thursday, November 9th at **6:00pm**.

The church will be serving dinner at the Cox Ronald McDonald House on Monday, November 13th.

The Men's Breakfast is November 11th, 8:00am at the Golden Corral on North Kansas.

Book Club will meet on November 20th, 7:00 pm to review the book "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot.





Dear Hillcrest Church,
Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again!

We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.

Sincerely,

Brenda Clark
Life Line Screening



Thank You

"Thank all of you for your prayers, calls and visits. I couldn't have gotten thru the last few months and Gene's passing without your support. You all are truly a wonderful family to have."

Joyce Goodell



Hillcrest,
Katherine and I want to say Thank You for the opportunity to speak at your church about our mission. We also want to say thank you for the donation. We look forward to seeing you again.

Wayland & Katherine Deitrich



New Visual Equipment for the Sanctuary

The worship committee has been working on a plan to update the visual equipment in the Sanctuary. This includes getting two more screens so we will have two screens in the front of the sanctuary and one screen in the back for the choir to see. This includes:

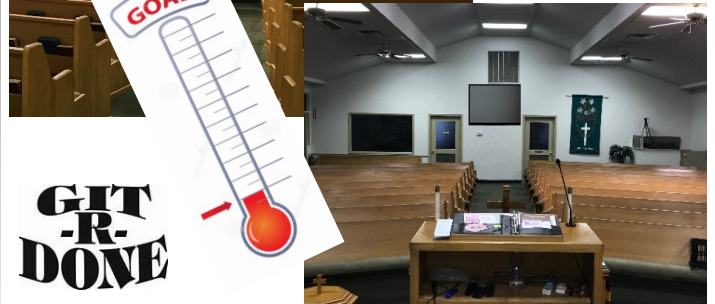
2—65" Vizio TVs	\$1,700.00
Signal Converter Switch Box	\$1,140.00
Wall mounts, hardware supplies	
Additional electrical supplies	\$ 858.04
Category 6 Cables & Connectors	\$ 224.96
HDMI Cables	\$ 77.00

Grand Total \$4,000.00

The committee is planning fundraisers to raise the funds needed to complete the update. The first fundraiser will be held at Big Whiskeys at 1550 E Battlefield St. on Thursday, November 30th at 6:00-10:30pm. The church will receive 10% of all sales during that time frame so ask your family and friends to join you for a delicious dinner going to a great cause!.



Donations
gladly
accepted!



CONGRATULATIONS , FRED PALMERTON!



On September 28th, Fred was awarded the Dorsey Levell Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council of Churches. The award is named for the Founder of Council of Churches, the Rev. Dr. Dorsey Levell. This award recognizes outstanding service from an individual that embodies the same values and dedication to service and love for God's people that Dorsey believed in and set as an example to all.

Fred has been a dedicated volunteer of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks for several years. His service to CCO includes serving as a CCO Board Member and CCO Board President, serving on the CCO Development Committee, serving on the Crosslines Advisory Committee, serving as the Compassion Campaign Co-Chair for Churches, volunteering at Crosslines, assisting with church relations and communications, and overall exemplifying what it is to volunteer to help the vulnerable.

Fred is always there to lend a hand or expertise or wisdom. A few examples include:

- In his role with the CCO Development Committee and Compassion Campaign Co-Chair, this volunteer has improved church communications, primarily in the Presbyterian denomination and has presented at Session meetings, to congregations, and one-on-one to pastors to solicit financial support and volunteerism. In one of numerous examples I could include, his efforts resulted in a \$6,000 contribution.

- In addition, Fred regularly helps at Crosslines and takes on active roles to help the hungry. He is involved with mobile distributions, delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas meals every year, and assisting wherever his efforts are needed. He exemplifies volunteerism in our organization and beyond – making an impact to improve the quality of life of our most vulnerable neighbors. Thanks to volunteers like him, Council of Churches serves the community with excellence, love, and compassion.

We at Hillcrest are proud of Fred's achievements and have benefited from his volunteerism. He was a Sunday school teacher for many years. He has served on the Session numerous times and has been the Clerk of Session several times. He has served on many committees, as chair and as a member. He is always ready to volunteer when we need someone. Along with all he has done for us, he has served on many committees of the John Calvin Presbytery. Thank you, Fred, for all you do! We love you and are grateful that you are an essential part of our church family!



Hillcrest will ring bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, November 25 at the Market Door on the south side of Walmart at Kearney and Glenstone. The hours are from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Fred has the sign-up sheet for volunteers.



2017 CROSSLINES COAT DRIVE




Crosslines will again collect lightly to moderately used coats for both children and adults in need of protection against the cold this winter. We will take the coats to

Glo cleaners after November 5 for free cleaning prior to delivery to Crosslines. KY3 will begin advertising this service shortly after Sunday December 29. If you have any questions see Rae Jean



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We are grateful to Garry & Debbie Hill and members of their family for hosting the dinner.



“And now, our God,
we give thanks to you.”
1 Chronicles 24.23

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Fellowship Center
Thursday, November 23
Serving is from
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ALL WELCOMED—FREE

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