



*Hillwood Presbyterian  
Church  
"Highlander"*

**"Serving God By Serving Others"  
August, 2017**

**HILLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)  
CORE VALUES**

We are a loving and caring community of believers in Christ.  
We are welcoming to all visitors and inclusive of all those seeking a faith community.  
As a congregation we strive for continual spiritual growth.  
We search for opportunities to serve our neighbors and those in need while being good stewards of our resources.  
Our worship and music are liturgically based.

February 21, 2016

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**Scripture Readings**

**August 6**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Response: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

**August 13**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Response: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Second Lesson: Romans 7:5-15

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

**August 20**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Response: Psalm 133

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15; (10-20) 21-28

**August 27**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Response: Psalm 124

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

## Message from Pastor Jule

August is here and summer seems to be sprinting right by!

It definitely has been a busy summer for the leadership of the church. At the May session meeting, Hillwood's participation in the Church Assessment Tool was approved. A CAT Team was formed and before Memorial Day arrived; Jennifer Stootsberry, Tom Diehl, and Kendra Watkins were busy planning and implementing church-wide participation in the CAT.

Your input by completing the CAT is deeply appreciated! Only by knowing everyone's perceptions and experiences of, and aspirations for the church can your leadership truly know best how to lead based upon the culture and desired priorities of the congregation. THANK YOU for the time it took for your participation and for your honest answers.

We now ask for your continued patience as the session and CAT Team take-in the data, make sense of its impact, and plan for next steps – which include the steps of informing and continuing to hear from you! At a retreat a few weeks ago, the session discerned that future Listening Sessions would be of great benefit as we follow God's leading in navigating the process ahead. It's often in the exchange of ideas and in intent listening that God's voice can be heard speaking through each other.

Everyone's prayers also are needed. Pray for each other. Pray for wisdom in your leaders. Pray for the future ministry of Hillwood PC. Pray for the lives that currently are, and the lives that yet will be, impacted for good by the ministry of this congregation. Pray for patience, perseverance, and God's guidance for us all.

I invite you to take seriously both requests: for your future input and for your prayers right now! As the fourteen participants in the *Pathway to Renewal* summer study are learning: "Whether the congregation thrives is ultimately up to you (church member) and the other members. Your pastor can teach, guide, lead, support, inspire, even cajole. But in the end, congregational health is a function of how people in the congregation relate to one another, to God, and to their community" (p. 5). Consider a few other insights we're learning from the authors of *Pathway to Renewal*.

A congregation's vitality is reflected in three marks of inner health (p. 19):

Continual spiritual formation as an essential for everyone rather than an activity pursued by some

Relationships among people that embody the kingdom of God; relationships that are honoring, forgiving, loving, caring, mutual, and generative

A deep, pervasive concern for the temporal and spiritual well-being of those beyond the doors of the church – a concern that manifests in action

"Leaders need to think in terms of small steps. What is the next baby step we need to take that would move us closer to our goal? How will we know when we've accomplished that? How does taking this step serve our long-term aid?" (p. 33).

"Renewal is possible. . . . Hold in your heart memories of moments when the church was really 'being church.' Dream of the difference it would make for you, and for others like you, if that memory described the normal state of your congregation. . . . Don't ever underestimate your power to effect change. . . . Live renewal. Live it each and every day. That's what makes the difference" (p. 51).

Blessings for August!

Peace,  
Pastor Jule

## **Highlights of Stated Meeting of the Session June, 2017**

There was no session meeting in June.

### **JULY, 2017**

The Session has been busy this month with the results from the CAT report. We met July 16 from 12 – 4 with Robyn Strain from Holy Cow Consulting who explained the results to us.

The Session had a retreat at Sharon Shield's lake house July 22 to delve deeper into all the information gathered.

The CAT team and Session will be meeting again in a few weeks for further discussion and the CAT team will put together a final report for the congregation.

The Session will be holding listening sessions with the congregation to obtain clarity on some of the data obtained from the survey.

We ask for your patience and prayers while we study this information.

#### Action from the Session meeting:

The Session approved grouping memorial/honor monies into two categories: those given within the past year and those given more than one year ago. Included with this transfer will be "Reserve Fund" monies with the exception of the Air/Heat/Window Reserve, The Hill Chapel Fund, and the M. Allen Improvement Trust.

The Session approved the lease with Playcare. This will be sent to the Church Trustees for their signatures.

#### Upcoming Events:

30 July: Josh Watkins will give a Percussion Concert in the sanctuary at 2 p.m.

August 27: The Rev. Jeannie Hunter will fill the pulpit

September 10: Christian Education Kick off with 10:30 a.m. Worship on Lawn, followed by picnic on the grounds

October 4: Blessing of the Pets at either 5:30 or 6:00 p.m.

Sharon is working on a Soccer Field Policy.

The Finance Committee will develop a policy for transferring money from one account to another.

At their request, Jule and other Session members will meet with a representative from Holy Trinity Community Church to determine if it would work to use our space while they seek a new building for their congregation.

#### Remember These Prayer Concerns:

Roy and Mildred McDonald, Carol Stoltz, Dawn Thurley, Ken and Ellen Witt, Ken Von Nieda

Beth Cooper  
Clerk of the Session

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ”**



**New Concerns:** Larry Newcomb, Keith Newcomb’s uncle

**Ongoing Concerns:** Jean Odom; William Ridley;  
Brian Warford’s mother-in-law; Grace  
Yago, Cora Newcomb’s sister;  
Lerma Yago, Cora Newcomb’s sister;

**Homebound Concerns:** Gail Allen; Faye Collins and her family;  
John Wannamaker; Ann Swift, Ed Hogg’s mother

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**If you are willing to serve as liturgist please contact Beth Cooper.**  
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The financial report reads differently from hence forth. Please make note of the changes.  
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The Women of the Church will have their annual picnic and birthday luncheon on August the 8, 11 am in the church fellowship hall. You may bring guests with you at no cost. Please sign up (for numbers) on the sheets available.

Linda Bozza  
Secretary

## ~~~~~ Hillwood Playcare

Greeting from Playcare!!!

As we come to a close of eight weeks of summer fun on July 28, 2017 at Hillwood Playcare. Our teachers and kids enjoyed water play and the other extra activities that took place this summer. Ending our summer fun with 91 children enrolled!! We can not wait to see our returning families and our new families on August 17, 2017 for another great school year. Have a Bless Day!!!

Assistant Director,  
Sasha M. Mattison

## YOU ARE INVITED

**Tuesday, August 1** 6:30 *Pathways to Renewal*, chapter 3

**Monday, August 7** 6:00 Men's Club at Dalt's

**Tuesday, August 8** 11:00 WOC Annual Picnic

**Tuesday, August 15** 6:30 *Pathways to Renewal*, chapter 4

**Tuesday, August 29** 6:30 *Pathways to Renewal*, chapter 5

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### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Remember** the 5 cents-a-meal, the HPC Living Waters mission and Pastor's discretionary fund donations are taken every week.

**SECURTIY:** If you are coming to the church please call 352-6310 first. If you come by and ring the bell, someone will be with you as soon as possible. Please **do not** come up through Playcare.

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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

#### August 6

INTERIM MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jule M. Nyhuis; LITURGIST: Beth Cooper  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
USHERS: \*Walter Crawford, Bill Boyte, Jan and Tom Diehl  
COMMUNION PREPARER: Lisa Houx  
COMMUNION ELDERS: Linda Bozza, Beth Cooper, Sharon Shields, Jennifer Stootsberry,  
Cindy Wedel

#### August 13

INTERIM MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jule M. Nyhuis; LITURGIST: Bruce Williams  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
USHERS: \*Clyde Cole, Kathy Bright, Lisa Houx, Bernie Palmer

#### August 20

INTERIM MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jule M. Nyhuis; LITURGIST: Lisa Houx  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
USHERS: \*Mary Allen, Linda Bozza, Carl Hopper, Josie Von Neida

#### August 27

GUEST MINISTER: Rev. Jeannie Hunter ; LITURGIST: Sharon Shields  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
USHERS: Cora & Keith Newcomb, Barbara & Bill Oonk