



*Hillwood Presbyterian
Church
"Highlander"*

**"Serving God By Serving Others"
October, 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**

**October 3**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7  
Response: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-7, 7-9, 12-20  
Response: Psalm 19  
Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14  
Response: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23  
Response: Psalm 99  
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Response: 90:1-6, 13-17  
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22: 34-46

**. Please know that effective October 1, the side door will be locked at the end of fellowship. Also remember that the door to/from Playcare is to remain locked at all times (unless loading/unloading items).**

## Pastor News

This month marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the sanctuary door at Wittenberg. He intended to start a conversation about the ways he believed the church needed to change. Some of his protests had to do with how he believed their life together had run amuck. Luther believed that something other than the love and grace of God often was driving the church (and it too often pointed back to \$\$\$!). He also was living in a time of great change so that some of his demands were unique to his era. The Bible wouldn't have been able to be placed in the language and hands of all the people had it not been for the invention of the printing press in 1440. Luther saw the possibility for the church in the innovations of the world at large. He wanted to enter into conversation with others in his faith community. So, Luther did what was the accepted custom of the day by posting his thesis. Without the benefit of an instant email blast, he got out the word with his very visible *post* on the sanctuary door the night before everyone would be attending mass for the high holy day of All Saints' Day. His act in Germany led to other such protests against the Roman Catholic Church in places like Switzerland, France, and England.

Last week, I heard the President of Louisville Seminary (Michael Jinkins) say that to be a part of the Protestant Reformation means that we stand in the tradition of church innovation. The *Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) Book of Order* reminds us of our historic battle cry: "*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei* or 'the church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God' in the power of the Spirit" (F-2.02). We began as a church committed to keeping ourselves open to change when the winds of God's Spirit blew us into new directions. When life brought challenges; we would re-new ourselves in the Word of God, which we believe to be embodied in full in Christ. When the world around us took a dramatic shift (as dramatic as books finally being able to be reproduced prolifically), our faith ancestors found ways to shift right along with the world in order to faithfully continue to have meaningful impact in people's lives as a part of the mission of God. It seems a good time to remember the innovative act of 500 years ago that we might find the creativity, courage, and commitment to continue to have meaningful impact in people's lives today.

Maybe you have a thought or two about what such faithful reformation might look like today for Hillwood Presbyterian Church. I hope so! What innovation has taken place in the world around us that we as a church have yet to notice? What deep need do you see in your neighbors, children, grandchildren, parents, community, and even in yourself? How have we ignored our battle cry to be a church always to be reformed according to the Word of God in the power of the Spirit? These are not rhetorical questions. There are matters I invite you to ponder and pray in the weeks that lie ahead.

On Reformation Sunday, 29 October 2017; all Hillwood PC members and friends are invited to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. After worship, our Reformation celebration will continue with a presentation by the CAT Team (Church Assessment Tool) regarding the Vital Signs Report we received this summer from your input to Holy Cow Consulting. I invite you to attend this potluck and presentation with the wisdom you have heard throughout the month about a faithful reformation for today. As we seek the kinds of changes most HPCer's want for God to continue to use us for meaningful impact in the world today, may we remember the Protestant Reformation. May the Spirit of God continue to powerfully lead us into an exciting new day.

Blessings for the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary!

Pastor Jule

**Highlights of Stated Meeting of the Session  
September 24, 2017**

Kathy Osten gave an update on Playcare and the Session approved the Playcare 2017-2018 Board:

Josie Von Nieda (Moderator and HPC Rep)  
Darlene Williams (Director)  
Sasha Mattison (Assistant Director)  
Jan Diehl (HPC Rep)  
Tommie Sue Roach (parent)  
Wilder Boule' (parent)  
Suzanne Wright (parent)  
Kathy Osten (Finance Committee HPC)  
Pat Nash (HPC Rep)  
Cindy Wedel (HPC Rep)  
Patti Morgan (HPC Rep)  
Jule M. Nyhuis (HPC Interim Pastor)

Keith Newcomb was elected Elder commissioner to the October 19,2017 Presbytery meeting.

Session approved replacing the carpet in the nursery.

Session approved Expectations of Elders.

An invitation will be extended to Belle and Fred Dahlman (or other representatives) for a Sunday school presentation and Minute for Mission on Project Joy Learning Kits. The date will be announced later.

The timetable on HVAC replacement was discussed. A HVAC team will be formed from church members, finance committee, building and grounds committee and Playcare to re-search timeline, cost, etc.

Kathy has been in contact with an asbestos removal company about the need for asbestos abatement in the church.

Furniture has been donated to Mending Hearts.

Jennifer is checking with Presbyteries in Florida and South Carolina to determine if they could use any of our old hymnbooks.

The church has received \$30 from the sale of old library books from McKay's. This money will be put in the HVAC fund.

Jule reported on the clergy luncheon with the pastors from Brookmeade UCC, Brookhollow Baptist and Belle Meade United Methodist churches. It was a good meeting and they look forward to working together.

Keith reported that he has been in contact with a member of St. David's and there is interest with our churches working together promoting each other's events.

Jule will send information regarding the security policy from Hermitage Presbyterian to all Elders.

Pastoral Care:

Roy McDonald, Mary Phipps, Keith Newcomb

Joys:

The Oonks on birth of granddaughter, Martha Garman on her retirement

Upcoming Events:

Winter Spiritual Practices evening group and Sunday School Spiritual Practices study

October 29 Reverse Trick or Treating with church youth visiting shut-ins

Hillwood Walking Group is meeting again but earlier in the evenings

November 1<sup>st</sup> potluck cancelled because of October 29<sup>th</sup> potluck for the CAT report to the congregation.

Beth Cooper  
Clerk of 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.”**

**(Philippians 4:6-7)**



**New Concerns:** Keith Newcomb, the McDonald family

**Ongoing Concerns:** 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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## Congratulations, Congratulations, Congratulations.....

Our organist, Michael Hooper, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on 20 Sep and will graduate with his Doctorate in Education from Lipscomb University in December.

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### Hillwood Presbyterian Church

All Pets and their People are invited to a Blessing of the Pets on Wednesday October 4 **from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Gather on the lawn of **Hillwood Presbyterian Church** for a Pet Blessing and fellowship time that will include people snacks and pet treats. In the spirit of Saint Francis and in honor of all creatures great and small, join us!

Contact Hillwood Presbyterian Church office with questions: #615-352-6310 or [hillwoodpc@bellsouth.net](mailto:hillwoodpc@bellsouth.net).



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**Expectations of Hillwood Presbyterian Church Elders**

1. An Elder must pledge to the church.
2. An Elder will serve communion at least 6 times per year.
3. An Elder will be active in the worship service by serving as an usher, liturgist, singing in the choir, or assisting with children's church or nursery at least 4 times a year.
4. An Elder will participate in at least one church activity a month that is not related to Sunday morning worship. This includes Women of the Church, Men of the Church, Bible Study, potluck meals, committee meetings, Sunday School, church cleanup days, etc.
5. An Elder will stay informed of church activities, business, and issues. Electronic equipment and email will be functional. A private, non-work-related email address will be used for Session emails.
6. Session meetings:
  - a. Excused absences are limited to 3 a year for stated or called session meetings. In order to be excused from a meeting, notice must be given to the clerk or moderator no less than 24 hours in advance. Excused absences are for illness, family life events, or schedule conflicts.
  - b. Unexcused absences are limited to 1 per year for stated and 1 per year for called session meetings. Unexcused absences are when no notice is given in advance of the meeting.
  - c. If a meeting is missed, the Elder will check with the clerk or the moderator to learn what was covered in the meeting.
  - d. Elders may participate via conference call or Skype. The call needs to be in a private place free of distractions.
  - e. Follow deadlines in completing tasks assigned and submitting items for the agenda.
  - f. Follow the Session Covenant to ensure a spirit of mutual respect and trust:
    - All are welcome in the circle.
    - All have wisdom to share.
    - All will take their turn to intently listen to others.
    - All will take their turn to speak their own truth.
    - We will not sit more than 60 minutes at one time.
    - We each will make our own needs to known.
7. An Elder will have an active prayer/spiritual life.
8. During times of transition, Elders will be prepared for periods of intense activity, discernment, and additional demands on their time, energy, and money.

## Events have been added and updated



*Fall, 2017 will be gin an active time for Hillwood Church. You will be able to renew your self mentally, physically, and spiritually with a variety of ministries. Mark your calendars for these opportunities for growth, fellowship and fun.*

The **Hillwood-West Meade Walking Club** will resume on September 26 at 6:00 p.m. and continue on the following dates: (may meet earlier as daylight shortens)

September 26

10 October

24 October

7 November

28 November

19 December – Christmas Caroling to Hillwood homebound/neighborhood

**October 4:** 6:00 — 7:30 p.m.

Blessing of the Pets: gather on the lawn for a Pet Blessing and fellowship time including people snacks and pet treats

**October 22:** 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sabbath: a worship experience with children leaders that focuses on the needs of children

3:00 — 5:30 p.m. Playcare Carnival

**October 29:** 10:30 a.m. ~ Reformation Sunday

500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation; followed by Potluck and Church Assessment Tool (CAT) Presentation.

1:30 p.m. Reverse Trick-o-Treating for HPC Children and Teens (Contact Pastor Jule or Kendra Watkins with questions.)

**November 5:** 5:00 p.m.

Taizé Worship Service & Pie Supper: a worship experience of scripture, song, and silence

**November 19:** 11:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers, in the sanctuary immediately following worship

### **COMING IN DECEMBER ~ ADVENT 2017:**

**December 6:** 6:30 p.m. Dinner & 7 p.m. “Hanging of the Greens” worship experience: a liturgy to learn the significance of the sights and symbols of Christmas

**December 10:** 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Music Sunday: a special church choir presentation for Christmas during worship.

**December 24:** 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Carols Hymn Sing

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion & Candles Service



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our Study guide for the 2027-2028 is titled "Cloud of Witnesses". *In nine lessons*, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of *community*.

Lesson Two reminds us that *God lives both in us and among us*, and that this living God supports who we are and how we live. The scriptures for this lesson are Hebrews 1:1-4; Exodus 3:1-7; Hebrews 12:18-24 & 8:10; Jeremiah 31:31-34.

If anyone wants to join us this month; we are meeting on Tuesday October 10th in the Church library at 10:00 am. Linda Bozza will host and Cynthia Palmer will lead the discussion.

Linda Bozza  
Secretary

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### Hillwood Playcare

Greeting from Playcare!!!

We have started school back off to a great start. Our little ones are already growing and adapting to there new teachers. We will be celebrating Safety this month as the Fire Truck will be here on October 12. The kids get really excited when they come. We also have story time and a puppet show this month from "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves." And our Big day is approaching, as we all know that everyone is nervous about. Assessment Day!!! Which will be on October 9th. And lastly, prayers for Darlene Williams mom and brother. Thank you!

Assistant Director,  
Sasha M. Mattison



### TUESDAY STORYTIME

Saint David's Episcopal Church, 6501 Pennywell Drive, Nashville, TN 37205

Tuesday Story Time is a gathering of parents, their young children and anyone else who would like to join! We will storybooks, than share some playtime and conversation on the church playground.

**Books we will read:**

|            |                                 |             |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| October 3  | <i>The Colors of Us</i>         | November 14 | Legend of the Indian Paintbrush |
| October 10 | Miss Rumphius                   | November 21 | Ducklings & Pollywogs           |
| October 17 | The Story of Ferdinand          | November 28 | The Little House                |
| October 24 | The Ugly Vegetables             | December 5  | Just a Dream                    |
| October 31 | The Table Where Rich People Sit | December 12 | Owl Moon                        |
| November 7 | Wings                           | December 19 | The Clown of God                |

## YOU ARE INVITED

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|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, October 2</b>    | 6:00       | Men's Club at Dalt's             |
| <b>Wednesday, October 4</b> | 6:00 -7:30 | Blessing of the Pets             |
| <b>Tuesday, October 10</b>  | 10:00      | WOC Meeting                      |
|                             | 5:00       | Hillwood-West Meade Walking Club |
| <b>Tuesday, October 24</b>  | 5:00       | Hillwood-West Meade Walking Club |

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### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMEMBER** the 5 cents-a-meal, the HPC Living Waters mission, and the Pastor's Discretionary Aid Fund donations are taken every week.

Donations for HURRICANE RELIEF also can be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Go to [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) online, or write checks for disaster relief to Hillwood Presbyterian with memo line marked: PDA.

**SECURITY:** If you are coming to the church building, 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 UPCOMING SERVICE

#### **October 1 World Communion Sunday**

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

#### **October 8**

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

#### **October 15**

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

#### **October 22**

INTERIM MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jule M. Nyhuis; LITURGIST: Keith Newcomb  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
USHERS: \*Cora & Keith Newcomb, Barbara & Bill Oonk

#### **October 29 Reformation Sunday**

INTERIM MINISTER: The Rev. Dr. Jule M. Nyhuis; LITURGIST: Lisa Houx  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
USHERS: \*Martha & Keith Garman; Josie Von Nieda