



*Hillwood Presbyterian
Church
"Highlander"*

**"Serving God By Serving Others"
March, 2018**

**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**

**March 4**

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17  
Response: Psalm 19  
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22

**March 11**

**4th Sunday in Lent**

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9  
Response: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Second Lesson: Ephesian 2:1-10  
Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

**March 18**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Response: Psalm 51:1-12 or 119:9-16  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10  
Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33

**March 25**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Response: Psalm 31:9-16  
Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)



## Pastor Perspectives

### Adjust

Things have been a bit different these past few weeks for Hillwood PC. For starters, we are sending this newsletter later than we typically would due to Beebe's recent medical leave. I am grateful to Jan Diehl for the great help she has given in the office in the meantime. And we appreciate your patience while she temporarily has been trying to learn the ropes! At the same time, Playcare was in a search for new help for their office. After witnessing Angel Buchanan alongside Director Darlene Williams this week at Angel's first staff meeting as the Administrative Assistant, it looks like spring will include a wonderful unfolding for Playcare staff, children, and parents. If we all can just hang in a few more weeks until the HVAC replacement finally arrives, we might just experience the joy of Eastertide in a whole new way this year!

February certainly has proven to be a time of adjustment!

It has me pondering the process of adjusting. While adjusting can be physically, emotionally, and mentally wearisome; I believe a level of adjustment can prolong our lives. Adjusting to new situations that arise literally keeps our brains functioning better. Learning to do things a little bit differently than we always have done them builds different muscles and keeps a body more alert. Adjusting to people we haven't known well before gives us an opportunity to expand our worldview even as it has us call upon different skills than the ones we might otherwise use. While we may not like all the adjustments we face on a daily basis, navigating adjustments that arise keeps us growing in ways we might not have chosen for ourselves.

I wonder if adjusting is woven into the very fabric of life as a gift for our journeys. After all, adjusting offers us the opportunity to remain open to whatever comes. Things like trust and cooperation and patience have the chance to deepen in our lives every time we face a situation that causes us to adjust. As we adjust, we loosen the vice-grip too many of us have on how we want our lives to be. We're left to settle back into a little bit larger reliance upon God – resting in God's ability to weave it all together for a higher good than we ever could imagine.

As March continues and life brings opportunities for daily experiences of adjusting, I invite you to remember the benefits of adjusting. Maybe even look for the gifts that result due to your willingness to adjust. Before we know it, even our spiritual lives could be overflowing as we realize that we have mastered the art of adjusting!

Blessings for the rest of March and here's to a very meaningful Holy Week and Easter!

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Jule

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### 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:** Bill Boyte, Val Moore, Dave Ricci, and Anne Maier  
friends of Cindy Wedel and Sheila Sferrella

**Ongoing Concerns:** William Ridley, Brian Warford's mother-in-law;

**Homebound Concerns:** Gail Allen; John Wannamaker; Ann Swift, Ed Hogg's mother

## Announcements

### March 11

THE RENEWAL TEAM invites all Hillwood Presbyterian Church members and friends to a **Member Gifts Potluck on Sunday, 11 March** after worship. All are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck item to share. The time together will include ways to discover your own gifts and abilities for use in Hillwood ministries and beyond. Contact Renewal Team leader Jennifer Stootsberry with questions. Can't make the potluck? Look for additional upcoming tools to use in discovering and employing your gifts for ministry.

The Renewal Team is looking into setting up classes for the congregation and neighborhood to be held in the church facility (for a fee to participants). Please contact the Renewal Team regarding interest in any of the following potential classes: Yoga, Chair Yoga, Balance Class, Meditation, Tai Chi. Other suggestions? Please let the Renewal Team know. (Team leader Jennifer Stootsberry, Beth Cooper, Cynthia Palmer, Sheila Sferrella, and Kendra Watkins).

### March 14

Lent begins on Wednesday, 14 February 2018. Join for worship at 3 p.m. followed by fellowship coffee – all to be held in the parlor. The service will include the invitation to the Lenten discipline, the imposition of ashes, and other liturgy for Ash Wednesday. Contact Pastor Jule with questions about the service and Martha Garman to be a part of providing fellowship treats for all.

### Three Ways to Learn this Lent

During the season of Lent, make plans to attend Sunday School from 9:30 – 10 a.m. in the Media Room. Pastor Jule will lead a Lenten study of the resource: *The God We Can Know*. The 7-week study will include a DVD by Rob Fuquay followed by class discussion. The study will explore Jesus' "I am" statements about his identity in the gospel of John. The video, which was filmed in the Holy Land, will show the sites where Jesus made several of the "I am" statements. Learners will spend the season of Lent exploring their personal response to Jesus question: "Who do you say that I am?" Contact Pastor Jule with questions. OR: Can't make it Sunday mornings, consider getting the resource for use at home this Lent. Go to [Bookstore.UpperRoom.org](http://Bookstore.UpperRoom.org) for a paperback, eBook, or Kindle version of *The God We Can Know*. To sign up for an eCourse, go to [eLearnings.UpperRoom.org](http://eLearnings.UpperRoom.org).



An Invitation to an Evening Learning Series to be held in February at The Temple. Join the West Nashville community as Vanderbilt Divinity School New Testament Professor Dr. A. J. Levine leads a series entitled "The Bible & Social Justice." All sessions are held at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Temple in Belle Meade (5015 Harding Pike, Nashville, 37205). Dates and titles of the individual sessions are: **Feb. 6, "The Bible and Immigration," Feb. 13, "The Bible and Health Care," and Feb. 20, "The Bible and Poverty."** The whole community is invited to attend. Dr. Levine's series tend to be very well attended, so arrive early to ensure parking and a seat.

Learn on your own this Lent by committing to read at least one of the following resources. Pastor Jule makes the following book recommendations for Hillwood members and friends – all of which are sure to enrich your own faith life while giving a helpful framework as the church undergoes a season of renewal.

*The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent* by Pamela C. Hawkins (2009). The Rev. Dr. Hawkins offers Christian pilgrims a prayer path to follow through Lent. Prayers of invocation, confession, intercession, and thanksgiving are shaped around a theme prompted by the Psalm for the day. A great resource for taking on a daily discipline of prayer and scripture reading during the season of Lent, the resource also includes a finger labyrinth as an optional prayer tool.

*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor (2009). Beloved author and storyteller The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor presents ways to wake up the sacred in our everyday lives. With everything from the practice of waking up to God (vision) to the practice of paying attention (reverence) to the practice of living with purpose (vocation); Taylor weaves the wisdom of her own path with the common experiences of daily life to help readers embrace all of life as the ground for encountering God.

*Christianity After Religion* by Diana Butler Bass. Written in 2012, this book explores the challenges for churches in contemporary culture. It also outlines the new Spiritual Awakening that is taking place and key understandings for congregations as they seek to have a vibrant ministry today and into the future.

*Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans (2015). Blogger and Millennial spokesperson Rachel Held Evans takes readers along on the personal experience (common to many millennials) of searching for a community of faith with balm enough to calm her misgivings over church scandals, hypocrisy, and politics. Centered around sacramental living; her memoir leads through the liturgical year with stories and insights of baptism, communion, confirmation, confession, marriage, vocation, and death. With the honesty of a millennial cynic who continually is returned by grace to the pull of belonging in community; Evans invites readers to deepen their own *search for Sunday*.



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### EASTER BUNNY HELPERS

**Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 17, 2018, TBA.**

Calling all Easter Bunny helpers!! We will meet at the Potluck to stuff eggs. Helpers are also needed March 17th at 9:00 to hide eggs and prepared for the hunt. Also needed this year are bunnies to help delivery Easter treats to our home bound member, during the Holy Week.

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*Thank You*

To the children of Hillwood Presbyterian Church -  
Thank you so much for the nice warm blanket you made for me  
and brought to me last Sunday.  
I am enjoying it very much.

With thanks -  
Gloria Bennett



From the bottom of my heart I extend sincere gratitude and thanks for the cards and phone calls. A huge THANK YOU to Jan Diehl for the office help, hope you did not get to confused.. The visit from the children and Pastor Jule was a pleasant surprise with the blanket and candy. Mrs. Shepherd the dinner was delicious and a welcome change. Patty thanks for the vocal support, visits, lunch and multiple dinners. Casey the food ( I am hooked on the lemon cookies), shopping and house work were a great help. Holly you were a God-send, I would not have made it with out you.

Sincerely,  
Beebe Bryant

## Highlights of Stated Meeting of the Session February 25, 2018

- Faye Collins died on 25 January. Her memorial service was held on Sunday, 4 February at Hillwood PCUSA. Visitation with family & friends followed in the parlor.
- Approval was given to install a push bar on the interior front sanctuary door. The work will be done by 24 Hour Locks & Keys. Cost to be paid by private donation.
- Pastor Jule's interim contract, February 21, 2018 to February 20, 2019 was approved.
- Maundy Thursday service will be held on 29 March 2018 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary with the Lord's Supper. Fellowship Coffee in the parlor will follow.
- Renewal Team update:
  - Approval of HPC Renewing Community logo.



- There will be a potluck lunch on 11 March in the parlor. Discover your talents questionnaires will be distributed & discussed. Easter eggs will be filled for the Egg Hunt, which takes place on Saturday 17 March at 10 a.m.
  - All are welcome to participate in the Rise Against Hunger Mission Activity at First PCUSA Nashville on 7 March.
- Approval was given to install door locks on 3 rooms: nursery, children's Sunday School room & the sacristy room.
- COM Liaison Terry Denton & COM Member Nolan Huizenga were present to discuss Pastor Jule's interim contract and the potential for her to become HPC's Designated Pastor.
- HPC updated Bylaws were read, discussed, and approved.
- HVAC loan for \$200,000 was approved by Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.
- There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday 4 March following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the updated Bylaws, approve the PILP loan, and update the congregation on Pastor Jule's contract renewal.
- Prayer requests: Bill Boyte, Beebe Bryant, Bob Cooper & family on death of his Uncle Tommy, Tom Diehl and family on the recent death of his cousin Kenny Diehl.

Jennifer Stootsberry  
Clerk of Session

## 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*. In our January meeting we will be discussing lessons Six and Seven.

Lesson Six titled “*In Community with the Reality of the Present*” considers how *communities of faith support each other during troubled times*. Hebrews was written to a people suffering under persecution. The scriptures for this lesson are Hebrews 2:10-18 and 10:34-35; Mark 8:31-38.

Lesson Seven titled “*In Community with the Hope of the Future*” centers our attention on God’s Sabbath rest, *where we find hope and support for the future, as well as our current situation*. The scriptures for this lesson are Hebrews 11:1-3; Psalm 95; Hebrews 4:1-11 and 6:9-12.

If anyone wants to join us this month; we are meeting on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church library at 10:00 am. Remember in case of bad weather we follow the lead of Metro Schools – if school is out we will not have our meeting.

Linda Bozza  
Secretary

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### Chancel Flowers



Flowers for the Church can be signed up for on the list next to the parlor. You may bring your own arrangements of any type. However if you order flowers, please make arrangements with the office for delivery. Flower Express no longer has access to deliver on Saturdays.





Hillwood Presbyterian Church has a new Wi Fi system.  
 When you need to use it please use Hillwood - guest.

**YOU ARE INVITED**

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| Monday, March 5    | 6:00 Men's Club at Dalt's                                 |
| Tuesday, March     | 10:00 WOC meeting                                         |
| Sunday, March 11   | 11:45 Member Gifts Potluck<br>1:30-2:30 "P.R.A.Y" session |
| Saturday, March 17 | 9:00 Easter Egg Set Up<br>10:00 Easter Egg Hunt           |

**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 online, or write checks for disaster relief to Hillwood Presbyterian with memo line marked: PDA.

**SECURTIY:** 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UPCOMING SERVICE**

**March 4**

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

**March 11**

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

**February 18**

GUEST MINISTER: Rev. Rosanne Anderson; LITURGIST: Lisa Houx  
 MUSIC DIRECTOR: Brian Warford; ORGANIST: Michael Hooper  
 USHERS: \*Mary Allen, Linda Bozza, Carl Hopper

**February 25**

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