



The Messenger

United Methodist Church

“Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church.”

October 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

It does not seem possible that we are heading into the last quarter of this year 2011! The month of October brings us a special opportunity to give thanks.....to celebrate.....and to remember. The second Sunday of this month, **October 9**, we will celebrate fifty years of ministry and worship at this location. On that Sunday we will have one service at **9:30 a.m.** We will be joined by at least three former pastors, as well as former members and attenders. Following the service, we will move to the **Community Center** to share in a delicious meal prepared by Chris Ferro. As we think about the future and what it may hold for us, our families, and our church I think it is important to spend some time looking back. In fact, I believe you and I cannot really look ahead in any meaningful way unless we do some looking back.

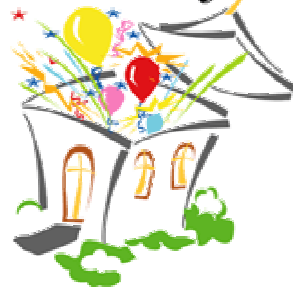
Looking back is important for at least a few reasons. First, it gives us a chance to reflect on how God has been active in our lives. When you and I look back we can see that God has been there for us. God has been faithful. The fact that God has been active in the past gives us encouragement to believe the Lord will continue to guide us in the future. This truth gives me hope. Looking back can also help us gain a sense of direction for the future. When we remember how and where God has opened doors for ministry in the past gives us some indication where God might be leading us to get involved in the future. Finally, looking back gives you and me a chance to reaffirm our vision of what God is doing in our lives. Just as a campfire needs to be stirred up from time to time, our vision for what God is doing needs to be rekindled from time to time.

Let's be praying for each other as we prepare for this special 50th Anniversary Sunday on October 9th and for Hillcrest as we seek to press forward. I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words to the church at Philippi: ***“Not that I have already obtained all this,.....but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”*** (Philippians 3:12)

Peace,
Pastor Jim



Our Church's Anniversary



Next Sunday is the 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday....

Sunday, October 9. There will one service at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the Community Center. Reservations for the buffet lunch need to be made by Monday, October 3, noon. Please plan to worship with us as we welcome back former pastors and members.

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The Bulletin Board

Primetimers (55+)

PRIMETIMERS
October 20, 2011

Our fall season has arrived, and the beautiful fall colors are starting to appear. Chilly nights, warm days, and the fall harvest. How fortunate we are to be able to enjoy God's blessing. Mary Kniller from Church Community Services from Elkhart will be speaking to us on how CCS shares their bounty with those less fortunate here in Elkhart and how we can help. She will share how CCS works and what they do.

We will be presenting her with the money you gave so freely at the last meeting. Our meal this month will be soup and sandwiches. Bring a dish to pass as we share good food and good fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you, so mark your calendars: October 20!

The Primetimers Committee

The JOY Group (singles 50+) The JOY Group will be having their October gathering on Thursday, October 13, at The Moose Lodge, at 11:30 a.m.

Susanna's Kitchen Serving Date: The next serving date will be October 3. If you can assist in serving on October 3, please contact Henrietta McCaul at 264-1688.

The scouts are willing to help anyone needing yard work or small jobs done, for a donation to the troop. Please contact Lori at 574-329-0294 to set up a day and time.

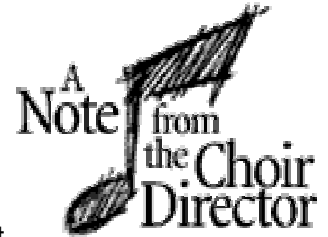


Please remember that the church office hours are Monday - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



We need volunteers to serve on an "as needed" basis for the nursery, for the 10:30 a.m. service. If you would be interested in this service, please contact Pastor Jim or Jennifer in the church office.

The choir season has begun and it is not too late for anyone to join. There are no auditions and the door is always open. Please feel free to stop by and check out the choir. The choir practices on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Angela Black a call at 215-5342 or drop her an e-mail at angelablack03@hotmail.com.



The church's 2011 pictorial directory is done and available at the Welcome Center. There is one copy for each family.

Church Women United of Elkhart will be hosting a Bible study on Monday mornings, at 9:30 a.m., at First Brethren Church, 24197 County Road 16 East. Every woman is invited to attend. The line-up will be as follows:

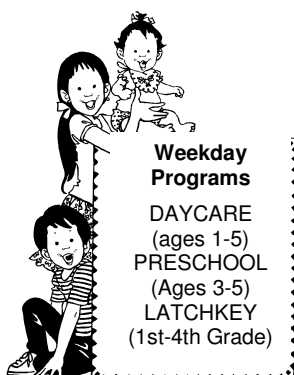
October 3, Mike Kupke, Chaplain, Elkhart County Jail

October 10, Tony & Deb Lang, Teachers/Leaders of Grief classes

October 17, Lou Ann Pontius, Nursing Home Health Care

October 24, World Community Day

If you would like to share a ride or have any questions, please call Bev Slaughter at 264-1750.



Hillcrest Community Childcare Ministry

HCCM is a very busy place now that pre-school has started. We do have a few openings in pre-school.

We also have openings in our daycare classes.

Do you shop at Martin's? You can help support HCCM just by registering your Martin's Advantage Card. We receive credit for dollars that you spend at Martin's. You can register at a store service desk, or fill out a form and give it to Teresa, or register online. (You also can find the necessary forms at Hillcrest's Welcome Desk.) The HCCM number for registration purposes is 4285.

We are selling Martin's Coupon Books as our fall fundraiser. The book cost is only \$5, but you will save far more than that off your groceries, prescriptions, and car washes. You will want to check out the coupon book to see how valuable it can be to you. It helps HCCM offset program costs in these tough times. You can purchase a coupon book in the HCCM office Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., or in the church office Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; or from Chris Gerring in between services on Sunday mornings.

Our preschool and daycare classes are not full. If you know of anyone looking for preschool, daycare or latchkey, please have them call our office, at 266-7427.

Teresa Irelan
HCCM Director

Hillcrest History by the Decade

- ◆ 2000—First associate pastor added with focus on children and family ministries.
- ◆ Feb. 2001—Growing Spiritually Campaign for church expansion proposed.
- ◆ April, 2001—Stamping troupe begins.
- ◆ June, 2001—Reverend David Cross appointed pastor.
- ◆ May 18, 2003—Groundbreaking for new addition of classrooms, youth room and gymnasium.
- ◆ Dec. 21, 2003—First service held in addition known as Hillcrest Community Center.
- ◆ Mar. 28, 2004—Dedication of church addition.
- ◆ July 2008—Reverend James Fookes appointed pastor.
- ◆ Dec. 2008— Church office moved to main building.
- ◆ Feb. 2009—Started renting the parsonage.

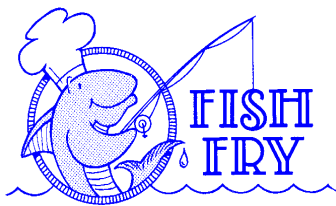
In September, Hillcrest UMC noted 50 years of worship at this location. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 9, when we will have a 50-year birthday celebration for the ministry of this church. We have invited former members and pastors of Hillcrest to be present on this special Sunday.

October Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary



- 2 Paul and Jo-ann Smeltzer
- 6 Greg and Tracy Louiselle
- 11 Bill and Jolynn Inman
- 15 Dan and Teresa Null
- 20 Dave and Linda Muntz
- 23 Fred and Barbara Brown
- 26 Daniel and Laura Miller
David and Marlene Wenger
- 31 John and Sally Bowman



THANK YOU!!

A very sincere thank you to EVERYONE who helped with our annual Hillcrest Fish Fry, including our committee chairpersons, committee workers, cookie providers, advertising sponsors and all other contributors. Thank you to Jo Willis and her daughter, Ashley, for helping with the placemats and video presentation. How special it was for all of us to meet Anne Mae Hickley and all of the Hickley cousins from Hickman County, and we thank them for their wonderful music and entertainment!

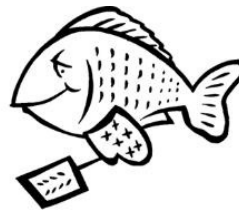
A huge thank you goes to Jennifer Martin, our Administrative Assistant, who went beyond the call of duty in assisting us in so many ways in the preparations for the fish fry. The Hickleys just loved Pastor Jim Bob, and so do we for all of his support with the fish fry and for allowing Aunt Gertie Mae, Grandpa Jones, and Jr. to visit Hillcrest the last few Sundays. We can't thank Cousin Lou Lou enough for handling all of the ticket sales and for being such a good sport in being named the Ticket Hick, for allowing Jr. to share his "critter" with her and for welcoming all the Hickleys to Hillcrest!

Thanks again to those enthusiastic helpers who distributed flyers to the surrounding areas of our church. Despite the sparring that went on between Jr. and Cousin Lou Lou, things went well as we distributed 1,000 flyers!

The results of the Contest for Most Ads Sold are:
The Bobs – 26 The Maes – 14
So congrats to the "Bobs" and to Bruce Fortin who sold a total of 20 ads! YAHOO!! We thank EVERYONE who bought Goldfish, Bluegill and Bass.

Most of all, thank you to our entire Hillcrest Family for your prayers and support. You are all just great!! A final report of all proceeds realized from the Fish Fry will be forthcoming soon, and we give all the praise and glory for its success to our awesome God!

With God's Blessing,
Bruce and Cathy Fortin
Wayne Rowe and Patty Moore
2011 Fish Fry Co-Chairs



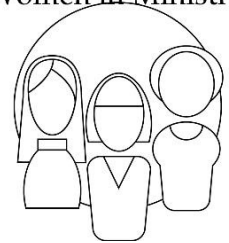
POST FISH FRY MEETING FOR ALL CHAIRS

There will be a post Fish Fry meeting on Monday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Communion Center for all Committee chairs and co-chairs. Please bring any suggestions for making improvements for the 2012 Fish Fry to the meeting. Those who helped with the fish fry are encouraged to share any suggestions or concerns with your committee chair so they can report them at the meeting.

Boy, have we been busy!!!

We are working frantically on all of our Christmas cards right now. We did not have any left after last year, so we are starting out with almost all new designs. They will soon be on display on Sunday mornings for you to see. These cards will already have verses in them so that you can just buy and take right home. If you want to order a large supply, we will need a couple of weeks to complete the order. We already have one very large order we are working on for a customer. We are also working on everyday greeting cards, plus a large supply of Halloween and Thanksgiving cards. Get yours now before the bazaars!! There will not be too much left after the bazaars. And if you have ever wanted to stamp, now is the time to come and see what we are all about. We really need the help!!! If you have any questions, please contact Marilynn Anson or Marie Swift.

Women in Ministry



If you like to play volleyball, join the game playing in the gym at Trinity UMC on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30. Everyone 18 years old and older is welcome to participate. Join the Facebook group "TUMC Volleyball" for communicating and learning more about being a part of the Tuesday night fun. If you have questions, contact Jennifer in the church office.



Remember in Your Prayers

- † Carolyn Veit ~ working in Haiti ~ for her safety
- † Vanessa Hummel ~ dealing with cancer
- † Allison Ferro ~ at home dealing with illness
- † Merlene Holdeman
- † All of Elkhart's unemployed people
- † Military men and women

Pray for the following friends and family of Hillcrest: Mary Ellen, Gerri Marsh's sister; Jo Willis' mom; Tracy, family friend of Jo Willis; Tim, friend of Mandie Willis; Larry & Susan, friends of Jo Willis; Tara, Gerri Marsh's great granddaughter; Misty, Gerri Marsh's granddaughter.

Note: Family and friends will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless Pastor Jim or the church office is notified by a phone call or an e-mail.

To All My Friends at Hillcrest:

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, and calls you made. I also enjoyed the visits. Hope to be back to church before too long. Thanks for all your prayers.

Your Christian Friend,
Donna Evans



October Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Nathan Foster
- 2 Daniel Miller
- 3 Beverly Talkington
- 4 Chris Huang
Jacob Makowski
Jim Talkington
- 5 Jason Hessler
- 6 Larry Slaughter
Lorraine Whitmer
- 10 Miriam Cooper
- 12 Winona Gerring
Bill Glick
- 14 Allyson Kron
- 16 Jo-ann Smeltzer
- 21 Jim Heim
- 24 John Bowman
Art Kentgen
- 25 Justin Streeter
- 27 Alex Pilmore
- 29 Jim Irelan

*Please let the church office know if your birthday or anniversary was missed.

Your Presence

Aug. 28	113
Sept. 4	101
Sept. 11	97
Sept. 18	103
Sept. 25	105

General Fund Giving

Needed per week: \$4,816.88

Aug. 28	\$ 3,310.50
Sept. 4	\$ 2,866.00
Sept. 11	\$ 2,213.00
Sept. 18	\$ 2,443.00
Sept. 25	\$ 3,350.00
Total	\$ 14,182.50

Building Fund Giving

Needed per month: \$4,473.37

Aug. 28	\$ 622.00
Sept. 4	\$ 712.00
Sept. 11	\$ 330.00
Sept. 18	\$ 202.00
Sept. 25	\$ 712.00
Total	\$ 2,578.00

Communion

Sunday October 2

9:00 Service

Henrietta McCaul
Becky McClelland
Ramona Thompson

10:30 Service

Ron Laughman

October Greeters

9:00 Service

Louie & Marie Swift

10:30 Service

Volunteers

HeBrew Café

Hosts

Chris Ferro & Volunteers

Trustee of Month

Bob Whitmer, Jr.

Walking is good for your heart!

Yes, walking can help you lower your blood pressure and reduce your risk for diabetes, stroke and heart disease. That's not what this is about!

When you walk for CROP on October 2:

- o You will know in your heart that you have helped provide seeds and tools --so that a child did not again go to bed hungry.
- o You will know in your heart that you have given a mother and father hope-- because now their children have clean drinking water.
- o While your physical heart is working, your spiritual heart will connect with the one billion people around the world who are hungry. They walk miles just to get water or bring home food for daily needs.
- o You will feel blessed by the fellowship and fun of a beautiful walk with people from all over Elkhart County. People from many different church denominations who have put aside their own concerns for one afternoon to focus on those less fortunate.
- o You will know in your heart that "... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40

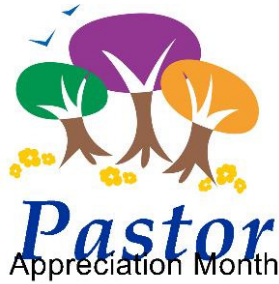
To Walk for CROP

- ⇒ Pick up a walker's envelope in the Hebrew Café between services or from Teresa Null.
- ⇒ Wear your CROP badge so people will know you are walking.
- ⇒ Ask, Ask, Ask, for sponsors—"I'm walking in the CROP walk to raise money to fight hunger. This money not only goes around the world, but 25% of the money will stay right here in Elkhart County. I do not need to turn in the money right away, so you can choose whether to submit the pledge now or by October 23."
- ⇒ Record the sponsors' names and pledges on your walker's envelope
- ⇒ Be at Island Park on October 2. Fellowship and Check-in start at 1:00 p.m. and the walk starts at 2:00 p.m. Runners start at 1:45 pm. **Snacks are provided!** You do **not** have to walk the long route—Shorter or very short routes available.
- ⇒ Turn in your envelope (*with the pledge money*) by October 23 to Teresa Null or the church office.

To Sponsor a CROP Walker

- ◆ Write your name and phone on the walker's envelope.
- ◆ Submit your pledge to them by October 23.
- ◆ **Pray--**for your walker and for the efforts of Church World Services to overcome poverty here and around the world.





October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me." Encourage your pastor by assuring him your prayers and love.



The Lifestyles Sunday School Class will be studying John Ortberg's book The Me I Want to Be, beginning October 16, 2011 through November. "The

most important task in life is not what you do but who you become," says Ortberg. "Your life is God's project, not yours." The author teaches how you can move toward becoming God's best version of you in four specific areas: your mind, your time, your relationships and your experiences. Spiritual growth can often seem difficult or intimidating, but John Ortberg's humor and innovative thinking in this book will leave you challenged, inspired, and hopeful about true spiritual growth happening in your life.

We welcome first time visitors to join us for this video series and book study. Bring your cup of coffee and enjoy the fellowship! The class is facilitated by Patty Moore and meets in the room adjacent to the kitchen in Hebrew Café.



Congratulations to Ben and Ashlee Glick!

They had a baby girl, **Aurora Lynn Glick**,

Saturday, September 3, 2011
She weighed in at 8 lbs. and 21" long.
Everyone is doing well.

A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

Date	Time	Scripture Readers	Ushers
October 2	9:00	Mike Hershberger	Wayne Rowe & Patty Moore
	10:30	Bob Whitmer, Jr.	Ronn & Jamie Foster
October 9	9:30	Dan Null	Bev & Larry Slaughter
October 16	9:00	Bill Glick	Bruce & Cathy Fortin
	10:30	Sharon McSorley	Stan & Sharon McSorley
October 23	9:00	Jo Willis	Allen & Beryl Nord
	10:30	Kate Ferro	Mike & Carol Woodworth
October 30	9:00	Diane Lewandowski	Bruce & Cathy Fortin
	10:30	Mike Montgomery	Ronn & Jamie Foster

Children's Sunday School
10:30 a.m. service

Ages 3 - 6th Grade

1st Sunday Terri Longacre
2nd Sunday Sharon McSorley
3rd Sunday Cindy Moore
4th Sunday Chris Gerring
5th Sunday Cathy Fortin

Nursery Attendants

Volunteers

HOW TO CONTACT US



Staff:

Pastor: James Fookes
Office Administrative Ass't: Jennifer Martin
Choir Director: Angela Black
Accompanist: Sandy Fookes
Worship Leader: Kate Ferro
Hillcrest Childcare Ministry Director: Teresa Irelan
Welcome Center: Bernice Simms
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Trustee Chair: Bob Whitmer, Jr.
Finance Chair: Wayne Rowe
Staff/Parish Chair: Patty Moore



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Office Hours

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Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Note: Please make use of the answering machine when calling and no one is available.

Office Deadlines:

Weekly Bulletin Information:
Wednesday before 2:00 p.m.

November Newsletter Deadline:

Friday, October 21

Note: You can fax or e-mail information using the above resources.



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Coming Events:

Post Fish Fry Meeting

Monday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 9, 9:30 a.m.

Staff Parish Meeting

Monday, October 10, 6: 30 p.m.

Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.

JOY Group

Thursday, October 13, 11:30 a.m.

Primetimers

Thursday, October 20, 11:30 a.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Jim Fookes

Worship

9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Contemporary

Children's Activities

Throughout the morning

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