

Welcome to Hillcrest!

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Fellowship in the HeBrew Café

10:30 a.m. Adult Studies, Children's Sunday School, and Nursery

10:34 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

If you are a visitor,

please fill out an information card. You may put it in the offering plate or leave it at the Welcome Center. We are pleased to worship with you.

Children's Worship Activity Packets,

for ages 3-6 and 7-12, are available from an usher. Papers may be taken, but please return the packet to the Welcome Center.

Coffee Fellowship

is offered from 10 to 10:30 in the HeBrew Café. Please join us and feel free to make yourself at home, look around the building, and ask questions.

A nursery

is available during the services for children newborn through 3 years in Room W3. Please inform an usher if you have need of the nursery.

Our One Room Sunday School

is available during the 2nd service for children ages 3 years to 6th grade in Room W6.

Adult Learning Opportunities

are available at 10:30 a.m. in Room C3 and the HeBrew Cafe' classroom. See the Narthex bulletin board for more information.

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Hillcrest United Methodist Church

December 20, 2015

9:00 a.m. and 10:34 a.m.

9:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

We worship our mighty and holy God with Mary, who said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47, NRSV).

*Meet and Greet

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship (written by Beth Ann Gaede) insert and on screen

*Congregational Singing #203
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Morning Prayer

Special Music Cornerstone Choir
"Whisper, Whisper"

Scripture Luke 1:39-56, NLT

Message Pastor Mike Butler

Offering

*Congregational Singing #246
"Joy to the World"

*Sending Forth

*Postlude

**Stand for those who are able*

"When God wants to speak and deal with us," said Martin Luther, "he does not avail himself of an angel but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor." Never underestimate how powerfully God can use you in the life of a child, a church member, a friend or a stranger.

The Hebrew word for *angel* also means "messenger." You may be specially chosen to deliver to someone the message of God's love or guidance. Listen intently for what God would have you share with others, then do so faithfully and caringly.

**Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Our Stewardship - December 13, 2015

General Fund: \$ 3,173.50 Building Fund: \$ 702.00

December's **Mission of the Month** is the Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children. Funds will be divided to meet needs in children's ministries here in Indiana and around the world.

Donations can be given either by check or currency. Special envelopes will be provided for this offering today and Christmas Eve. You may also use your regular giving envelope or a pew envelope with the designation "Mission of the Month" on the envelope or check. Also, any loose change in the offering will be given to the Bishop's Offering.

This Week

Monday, December 21

6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Coffee Time—Martin's Side Door Deli

6:00 p.m. TOPS—HeBrew Café

Wednesday, December 23

6:30 p.m. Christmas Choir practice

Thursday, December 24

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!



Hillcrest's Ministry Council has decided to dedicate the fund for staff gifts to former pastor Michael Heinbaugh in loving support and continued appreciation of his service here. The current staff will be honored through other funds so that the congregational gift fund can be presented to Pastor Michael.

Mike Hershberger, chair of Staff Parish, will accept cash gifts (or checks made out to Pastor Michael) to be presented after December 27, the last day of the fund giving. He will also be available to answer any questions.

Adult Learning Opportunity

10:30 a.m.

Lifestyles Class – Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome to explore Christmas through the lens of Mary, Jesus' mother. Celebrate the Hope of Christmas through the Resurrection! HeBrew Café classroom.

***Call to Worship**

written by Beth Ann Gaede

Leader: God our Savior, all generations call you blessed.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: You have done great things for us.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: You have shown us your strength.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: You have humbled the proud.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: You have raised up the weak.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: You have fed the hungry.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: You have kept your promises to your people.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: We thank you for your mercy.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: We praise you for your wisdom.

People: Holy is your name!

Leader: We rejoice in your love and faithfulness.

People: Holy is your name! Amen.