

Mission Action Team

Hillcrest News

The Hillcrest Transitional Housing website states that the average age of a homeless person in Missouri is seven years old. This past year, 42 families went through the program in Lee's Summit, including 84 children. The program fights homelessness by offering transitional housing for 90 days in a Christian environment. It helps families become self supporting and self reliant by teaching life skills, budgeting, help with employment, etc.

Hillcrest in Lee's Summit has a new building! The new Counseling Center was paid for by private donations, monies generated by the thrift store and from an estate. It houses a storm shelter, counseling space, a budget counseling office, kitchen, playroom, pantry and storage space. The former office building was converted back to apartments making a total of 16 units on the campus.

Hillcrest has several events to raise money throughout the year. The first HILLCREST FAMILY FUN FEST will be held at Paradise park on June 25th from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be activities, food trucks, Battle of the Bands, etc. More information will be coming soon.

Pantry items needed now are: sunscreen, aluminum foil and zip lock bags. Also, protein items are in demand. Gift cards for Aldi's, Hy-Vee, Price Chopper or Walmart are an option.

Volunteers are needed for the Thrift Store and budget counseling. Please call the Lee's Summit office at (816) 600-2681 for more information.

Pack-a-Van for Hillcrest

In order to maximize our assistance for Hillcrest temporary housing during the month of May, the Mission Action Team will offer the congregation an opportunity to fill a van full of food and personal supplies which we will deliver. Items needed include easy to fix food items, home cleaning supplies, and paper products. A list of the items that Hillcrest needs and the date to fill the van will be posted on the Mission bulletin board which is located outside fellowship hall. You are invited to bring items any time during May and we will load them into the van, or you can come on the loading day and see just how fully we can "pack-a-van"!

Building and Grounds

What a great turnout we had for the April congregational workday. Each of the sixteen items on the list were completed. Thanks to everyone involved in the maintenance and cleaning of our church.

CARING MINISTRIES...Here at First Pres., we are all family and we are here for each other! Through volunteer efforts we offer many "Caring Ministries:" During difficult times, people often feel very alone. They may have no one to talk to who will really listen. Stephen Ministries give them a listening ear—someone they can talk to about things they wouldn't discuss with anyone else.

The **We Care** team meets once a month. Members of this team reach out to our shut-ins. Contact Sharon Pyburn if you feel you have time to visit with any of our members who can't make it out to church.

Did you know...we are a Stephen Ministries Congregation? We are one of more than 12,000 congregations throughout the world that have equipped lay people to care for those experiencing grief, divorce, hospitalization, and many other life crises. **Stephen Ministry** is our "one to one" compassionate care team. Stephen Leaders go through extensive training and they meet weekly with those who have concerns. If you have questions about the program, please contact Pastor Michael, John Fields or Sharon Pyburn.

H.O.W. - HOSPITALITY ON WHEELS. We offer a few meals for those in need from surgeries, illnesses, bereavement, and more. If you are interested in preparing meals for someone, or if you have a need for a few meals yourself, contact Sharon Pyburn at the church, 524-3933, or email Jspyrburn@aol.com.

Hangin' with Holly



What was the most valuable piece of advice or the most meaningful words of encouragement that was ever given to you? What scripture passage gives you strength and encouragement when life is a struggle? My guess is that most of you have no problem coming up with an answer to either of those questions and I'm willing to bet that you remember who said it to you or where you first heard those words. On Sunday, May 21st, we will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors. The tradition of this church has been to present them with a new, age appropriate Bible. Last year, I added to this tradition by including something that I picked up from a previous church I served and we invited you to sign the Bibles that we give to these seniors. In between services on the 21st, you will be invited to write a message of advice or encouragement or highlight your favorite scripture passage or even just sign your name in the Bibles of our graduates. I talk a lot about the value of community and family that is created within the church and this is a way to provide love, support and encouragement that these young people can take with them as they begin a new chapter of their lives. It's a way for them to take this community, this family with them wherever life leads. Be sure to stop and show them your love and support by participating in the signing of Bibles on May 21st.



Heartland Presbytery is bringing back Traveling Day Camp to First Prez Lee's Summit! Join us June 19-23 9am-5pm for all kinds of camp fun! Crafts, horseback riding, songs, water play and loads of learning about our Lord! Look for registration details on the church website soon. Kids completing Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome as campers. Kids of all ages are needed as junior counselors, volunteers and kitchen help. Please contact Holly Samborski, Katie Murphy, or Curt Likins for more information!

Sunday's Volunteer Schedule for **May**

Date	9:00 Team	11:00 Team	Worship Leaders 11:00	Acolytes
May 7 Communion	1	1	Charles Farris	Hugo Dwyer
May 14	2	2	Cheryl Farris	Ella Skelsey
May 21	3	3	Lana Ogden	Jake McClure
May 28	4	4	Bob Rauscher	Armand Membou



Happy Birthday to You...

5/ 2 Braeden Brasfield	5/ 9 Katelyn Hardt	5/18 Natalie Allen
5/ 2 Susie Wood	5/10 Joseph Cromwell	5/18 Gunner Covinsky
5/ 2 Heather Engle	5/10 Nancy Kneip	5/18 Christy Hunt
5/ 3 Calvin Downing	5/10 Michelle Shaffer	5/18 Ryan Tindall
5/ 3 Michael Murphy	5/10 Ella Skelsey	5/20 Deana Antle
5/ 4 Stanley Howell	5/11 Nathan Muckey	5/21 Joshua Grauberger
5/ 4 Kara Specht	5/11 Ashley Reiter	5/22 Carol Gerdel
5/ 7 Laura Muckey	5/12 Lonnie Bruns	5/23 Jake McClure
5/ 7 Berna Jean Norman	5/12 Mary Likins	5/27 Roxanna Beaver
5/ 7 Clark Persinger	5/14 Sydney Allen	5/27 Bill Gardner
5/ 7 Cory Persinger	5/16 Barbara Crystal	5/28 Melissa Bruns
5/ 9 Byrnell Figler	5/16 Gwen Meeler	5/30 Haley Bruns