



Hillside Good News



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A Pastor's Perspective



This month we will conclude the season of Lent with the celebration of Easter—the recognition of the resurrection of Jesus. We've been exploring the fruits of the spirit during Lent, examining each as a product of the faith-filled life. Asking the question “how will they know we're followers of Christ?” has been a meaningful study during Lent, when we reflect on our spiritual lives, our devotedness to the way of Jesus, and seek forgiveness through repentance.

If someone were to look at your life - your decisions, attitudes and behaviors, would they conclude that you're a follower of Jesus? The letter to the Galatians outlines the products of having Christ's spirit guide our lives.

Take a moment to reflect: are you kind and gentle? Are you patient and faithful? Do you practice self-control and peacemaking? How does joy lead in your life? Because these are the markers of living in the Spirit; manifestations of Christ's love being sewn in and through you.

The resurrected Christ is soon to be celebrated. And during Lent we work on our own hearts and minds—to realign with His, and to renew toward righteousness.

It's okay to admit we were wrong, to recount where we've missed the mark in our lives and indirectly, in the lives of others through our actions. “*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us*” is what we pray in the Lord's Prayer.

The Lenten focus is on being open to the ways we've sinned against others. It's about getting out of our own way; recognizing our self-righteousness, and then getting over it to put on the humility of Christ. I don't think we're very good at doing that at times. I think too often we buy into the demands of the culture instead of the demands of Christ. Cultural Christianity tells us to be staunchly dug into our positions—even when they're plainly and obviously misaligned with Jesus. But Christ's lament of the culturally religious in his time rings true in our time as well.

Perhaps a growth-oriented religious expression leans on the faithfulness of the crucified, then resurrected, Christ. Meaning we must faithfully die to the ways of stubborn self-centeredness, and rise to the calling of love in Jesus our Lord.

I pray that you join me on this journey to the cross, and to the empty tomb.

- Rev. Andy Beck

Another Way Tall Oaks



CYF MID-WINTER	JAN 3RD-5TH
CHI RHO MID-WINTER	FEB 7TH-9TH
DAY CAMP 1	JUNE 25th
DAY CAMP 2	JULY 19TH
PRIMARY	JULY 14TH-16TH
JUNIOR	JUNE 26TH-29TH
CHI RHO	JULY 20TH-24TH
EIGHTERS	JULY 18TH-24TH
CYF	JUNE 24th-29TH
ADULT CAMP	MAY 23RD-26TH
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 1	JUNE 20TH-22ND
GRANDPARENTS CAMP 2	JULY 11TH-13TH

2025 KC DISCIPLES CAMPS



“Another Way” —Disciples Summer Camps

Children and Youth from across the Kansas City area are signing up for summer camp at Tall Oaks! With events and overnight camps for ages from little ones to older teens, families, grandparents, and adults, Disciples Summer Camps are filling up! Don't wait to register for camp—Hillside provides 50% scholarships for every camper, plus other scholarships are available if needed.

Visit <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps> to learn about the age groups for each event, and more about the summer camp program that Hillside participates in. Early pricing ends in May—so sign up today!

April 12th

“Miracle” Day

Church Clean Up Projects Include:

-  Cleaning windows and walls
-  Sweeping and dusting
-  Painting and touch-ups
-  Minor repairs

SIGN UP TO HELP GET READY FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HILLSIDE!



SPRING WORK DAY

Hillside “Miracle” Day Spring Cleaning

Saturday April 12th is our spring clean up day, and we have plenty to do! If you like being outside, there's work in the Courtyard Garden. If you like low jobs, there's sweeping! If you like clarity, there's window washing! There's a job for everyone!

So grab your rags, cleaning sprays, paint brushes, spades, gloves and work clothes and join us for a morning of group work to make the church ready for Holy Week and Easter!

The Men's Group will provide breakfast for anyone who comes early at 8:00 am to eat. Project Launch Meeting is at 8:30 and work continues until it's done! “Many hands make light work” the saying goes, and we'll have plenty to do!

— join us this —

easter sunday



APRIL 20TH 8:00AM & 10:30AM

HILLSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
900 NE VIVION RD, KCMO
HILLSIDECC.COM

HAPPY EASTER

Sunday



HILLSIDE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH: WE FEED PEOPLE

— holy week —
at Hillside

Palm Sunday 4/13
Worship @ 8:00 & 10:30
Plus Kids Egg Hunt 4/13 @ 4:00pm

Mauddy Thursday Communion 4/17
Service begins @ 6:00pm

Good Friday Prayer Vigil 4/18
12-hour Vigil starting at 8 am in the Hillside Chapel

Easter Sunday 4/20
SON-rise Service @ 6:30am
Brunch @ 7:30-10:00 am
Chapel Early Service @ 8:00am
Sanctuary Service @ 10:30 am

HILLSIDE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH: WE FEED PEOPLE



Usually November is reserved for Thanksgiving! But in March, we have had a lot to be thankful for!

For starters, the pantry has received over 900 pounds of donated food from the 1st Graders at Maplewood Elementary. Earlier in March I was able to go speak to the grade level about what a food pantry is and how ours works. The children were very interested and had wonderful questions! All the classes participated in a food drive for HOPE.wrx and we are overwhelmed by their support!

Then we received over 130 pounds of ground venison from a contact through Donna Foster. Many of our pantry clients enjoy venison, and with the price of ground beef, it's a very welcome and helpful donation that will satisfy many of our guests.

Lastly, we received a donation from a local chapter of Job's Daughters, who put together 12 "birthday party supply kits", complete with cake mix, decorations and all the needs for a good celebration. Our guests really enjoy having something special for a birthday! We're so grateful for the ongoing support of donations and donors! Thank you!!

We're always on the lookout for new volunteers—if you know of someone who can help on Mondays or Thursdays, please let me know. We love our volunteers; they're the backbone of the pantry!

-Marilyn Smith



LONGTIME HOPE.WRX VOLUNTEER RETIRES

Liz Place, a Hope.Wrx pantry volunteer since the late '90's has announced her retirement. Liz was a volunteer at the Hillside food-pantry, which preceded the creation of Hope.Wrx, it's own independent non-profit. Rev. Bruce Frogge, past Senior Minister at Hillside, remembers Liz and several others passing out bags of food from Nalley Hall (formerly the Walnut Room) to those in need beginning over 25 years ago! Through that time, Liz has remained a pillar of care and generosity through her service in the food pantry.

Liz thoroughly enjoyed her time as a pantry volunteer. She knew many clients by name and was always interested in their stories. In her service, she always remained upbeat, and recognized the important role Hillside Christian Church, and especially Hope.Wrx served in alleviating food insecurity for citizens of Platte and Clay Counties.

Marilyn Smith, the Director of Hope.Wrx, said that Liz will be missed at the pantry, and that her cheery disposition and total commitment to the Hope.Wrx mission would be hard to replicate.

For the future, Liz has no definite plans for her retirement other than to spend time with her little dog Belinda Sue, and her husband, Jerry, as they all watch every Royals game televised.

Thank you, Liz, for a dedicated service to God and God's people, through your tireless efforts of compassion and grace. You've exhibited the true meaning of being the hands and feet of Jesus, and have lived out the meaning of HOPE.wrx: "Hillside Opening Possibilities for Everyone". And moreover, your relentless passion for serving others is the embodiment of Hillside's mission, to Feed People in Mind, BODY, Spirit and Community. Well done, good and faithful servant!

April 2025

Sunday Schedule: 8:00 Chapel, & 10:30 Sanctuary, in-person and online worship service, via Facebook and YouTube. Visit www.hillsidecc.com for more information. 9:15 Adult Sunday School classes. Multi-Nation Christian Church: 12:30pm, Chapel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:45 Personnel 6:30 Elder's Meeting	2 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	3 10a Quilters	4	5
6 Lent 5 12:30 Youth Group 3p Regional Listening Session	7	8	9 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	10 10a Quilters	11	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Church "Miracle Day" work projects
13 Lent 6 PALM Sunday 4p Egg Hunt	14 <i>Holy Week</i>	15 <i>Holy Week</i>	16 <i>Holy Week</i> 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	17 <i>Holy Week</i> 10a Quilters 6p Maundy Thursday Service	18 <i>Good Friday</i> 8a—8p, 12 Hour Prayer Vigil	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY!! <i>He Is Risen!</i>	21	22 12p Saints Alive 2:30 Stewardship	23 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	24 10a Quilters	25	26 1p Uplift
27 1p Church Social @ Ladoga Winery	28	29	30 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers			

Prayer Group Meets each Wednesday at 11:30am in the Lounge. We study the Psalms, have prayer, and conversation. All are invited and welcome!

May 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10a Quilters	2	3
4 <i>Senior Sunday</i>	5	6 6p Elders	7 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	8 10a Quilters	9	10 8a Men's Breakfast
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13	14 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	15 10a Quilters	16	17
18 Birthday Fellow- ship	19	20	21 11:30a Prayer	22 10a Quilters	23	24 1p Uplift
25 Loose Change Sunday	26 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	27 12p Saints Alive 2:30p Steward- ship	28 11:30a Prayer	29 10a Quilters	30	31

**Saints Alive meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at noon. It's a potluck lunch with great friends, good food, lively conversation and a special guest program each month!
Set your reminder for Saints Alive!**

REPAIR CAFE
 SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025
 11AM - 3PM
 MCPL Platte City

SUPPORTED IN PART BY:

Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District
 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPAIR CAFE

**Hillside's
 Easter
 EGG HUNT**

Sunday, April 13th
 4:00 pm
 Treats, Petting Zoo, Egg Hunt, Face Painting

At Hillside Church
 900 NE Vivion Rd.
 KCMO 64118

- APRIL BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Tim Zouck
 - 4 Judy Jennings
 - 5 Noah Beck
 - 7 Mary Grun, Scott Duncan
 - 11 Pat Shoemaker
 - 14 Will Willhaus
 - 26 Maddie Houx
 - 30 Pat Sanders Kent

Donut Sunday

Between services for hanging out, catching up, & seeing new folks!

1st Sunday each month

Mar. Participation & Attendance

2nd, 115
 9th, 98
 16th, 90
 23rd, 81
 30th, 82

Average Sunday Attendance: **93**
 Average Sunday School: **17**
 Other events total participation: **56**
 (Saints Alive, Youth Group, Men's group, etc.)

Apr. Sunday Greeters & Deacons

	<u>Door Greeters</u>	<u>Offering Deacons</u>
6th	Hanway/Foster	Hanway/Foster
13th	Loft	Loft
20th	Hendrix	Hendrix
27th	Ringer/Elsmore	Ringer/Elsmore

To volunteer to be a Greeter or Deacon, see Randy Hendrix.

March Worship Leadership

Date	8:00 Elder	10:30 Elder	10:30 Elder	Liturgist (10:30)	Media Ministry (10:30)
4/6/25	Audra Pelham	Joy Robertson	Lauren Crenshaw	Rev. Andy Beck	Seals
4/13/25	Mel Tipton	Bonnie Dickson	Aundra Hedges		Aaron Houx
4/20/25	Karen Krotz	Brenda Coons	Penny Keith	Brenda Coons	Kevin Ringer
4/27/25	Ross Perry	Gena Elsmore	Mike Shirley	Jan Seals	Seals

Financial Report Summary February 2025

Text to give! 📌

text **GROWHCC** to **833-355-5700**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY February 28, 2025

	FEBRUARY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
OPERATING REVENUE				
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 26,779	\$ 24,167	\$ 52,546	\$ 48,350
Other Revenues	4,081	4,166	10,947	8,317
Total Revenue	30,860	28,333	63,493	56,667
OPERATING EXPENSES	(29,485)	(29,756)	(56,794)	(57,917)
NET OPERATING BALANCE	\$ 1,375	\$ (1,423)	\$ 6,699	\$ (1,250)
Interest Expense - HVAC Loan	(519)	(550)	(1,045)	(1,100)
NET BALANCE	\$ 856	\$ (1,973)	\$ 5,654	\$ (2,350)

* Other Revenues includes Building and Gym Use Fees, which are ahead of budget.

* Please consider electronic giving either by automatic draft or debit/credit card.

* Questions? Contact Jonathan Brightwell, Operations Manager at jonathan@hillsidecc.com or (816) 824-2805.

KC Regional Minister Search

The Regional Minister search committee has scheduled 5 in person and 2 Zoom listening sessions. GKC Disciples of Christ members are invited to share ideas and perspectives on the Regional Church, Regional Disciples ministry and the role of the Regional Minister we are seeking. These sessions will have guided questions and discussions.

If you are unable to attend a listening session or zoom meeting there is also an online survey to share your feedback, link in our bio and online at kcdisciples.org/searchcommittee

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APRIL

HILLSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3:00 - 4:30 PM | 900 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City

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APRIL

RAYMORE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1:30 - 3:00 PM | 500 Peace Dr, Raymore

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APRIL

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1:30 - 3:30 PM | 3801 E. Linwood Blvd, Kansas City

ZOOM SESSIONS

The search committee has also scheduled two online Zoom listening sessions for those who are unable to attend in person.

Links to both sessions can be found online at kcdisciples.org/searchcommittee

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APRIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD

6:00 - 7:30 PM | ZOOM

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APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

10:00 - 11:30 AM | ZOOM

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To:



Connect ONLINE with Hillside!

LIVE STREAM

Join our live stream each Sunday at 10:25 am on YouTube and Facebook

Facebook.com/HillsideKC
YouTube: @HillsideChristianChurchKC
www.hillsidecc.com

Traveling and want to worship with Hillside? Have a flat tire on the way to church?

Participate in worship live and online each Sunday through our social channels! Follow & subscribe to get notifications. We post scriptures and other content on our FB each day—be sure to follow Hillside online!

And don't forget to sign up for recurring giving through PushPay, our secure online giving portal.

