



Hillside Good News



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A Pastor's Perspective



Each Sunday this Easter season, we've been asking some of the most important—and most personal—questions of the Christian life. Our current sermon series, "*WHY? Perhaps...*", is an invitation to wonder, wrestle, and walk deeper into the mystery of faith together.

Questions like *Why Jesus? Why Church? Why the Cross?* are not signs of doubt, but signs of engagement. These are the questions people of faith have been asking for generations, and they deserve more than quick answers. They deserve thoughtful reflection, scriptural grounding, and space to imagine new possibilities. That's why each week, we're pairing the "Why?" with a "Perhaps..."—not to give permanent answers, but to open new doors for possibilities for today.

Truths of faith don't change, but the way we engage them does. The moving landscapes and contexts of our lives require us to have an adaptive approach to faith—one that's grounded in spiritual foundations, but not anchored to meaningless religious weights. Ours is a quest

for faith that is living and moving with the nuances of our lives.

We're not aiming to "solve" faith—we're cultivating it. And through this journey, we're discovering how God continues to meet us in our wondering: through worship, through scripture, through community, and through the Spirit's quiet work within us, leading to Pentecost in June.

If you've missed a week or want to reflect more deeply, I invite you to revisit the scriptures we've shared and spend some time journaling or praying with your own "why" questions. And if you've been away for a while, this is a great time to return—we still have a many powerful Sundays ahead in this series.

Let's keep asking, keep listening, and keep growing in grace—together.

Grace and Peace,
- Rev. Andy Beck

P.S. With spring rains come a few newly sprung leaks, and with that some new areas of repair. You'll notice some roof work happening around the building. In addition, we're gearing up for a parking lot project, with patch/repair areas, resealing and restriping in the coming month. Thanks for your patience and support as we make ongoing repairs and improvements.

**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

Last Call for Summer Camp!

Children and Youth from across the Kansas City area are signing up for summer camp at Tall Oaks. 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!



Hillside Welcomes New Administrative Specialist!

We're so excited to have Rebecca Richardson at Hillside & HOPE.WRX, working in a dual-role in support of mission, ministry and program for both the church and HOPE.WRX. Rebecca started on April 15th. Her main roles will be church communications & building scheduling, and HOPE.WRX admin & pantry duties. This is an evolving position as we all learn the needs and address areas of growth. Her church email address is admindesk@hillsidecc.com. Welcome Rebecca!

Miracle Day Volunteers Make A Huge Difference!

Thanks to many hands, we made light work of the clean up day projects! From window washing, to wood polishing and cabinet cleaning, over 20 Hillside's combined their efforts to spruce up the place heading into the Easter Holy Week season. Many thanks to team captain Donna Michael, who supplied project resources, and organized teams to get the jobs done!

Also thanks to Bob Krotz, Kathy Shirley, Bonnie Dickson, Joy Robertson, Randy Hendrix, Bob Loft, Mel Tipton, Bill & Molly Forbis, Mary Jane Watson, Eloise Glaspie, Will Willhaus, Janet Barker, Anthony Houchin, Aundra Hedges, Tyler Hedges, Kevin Ringer, Michael Gianessi, Jan Seals, & Andy Beck. Whew—what a crew!





We will continue to load family food bags through May 22. With all the snow days during this school year, the last day of school will be May 29. We have loaded an average of 135 bags each week during the school year. We have been able to help assist families in 11 schools in the North Kansas City School District.

It has been difficult to provide food for the pantry. The majority of food we provide for our clients we purchase from Harvesters, which is a part of Feeding America. They have had funding cuts in various areas which decrease the amount of food available.

When we can't get the essential food items from Harvesters, we are forced to purchase from grocery stores. Of course, the cost is much higher from retail stores.

For example, we always try to provide spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce. For the last few months, we can get sauce from Harvesters but not the noodles. We have to purchase them from Hy-Vee. The only vegetables we can get now from Harvesters is corn and green beans. The only fruit we can order now is sliced peaches.

Our clients are grateful for whatever we can give them. It bothers the volunteers more than the clients. The clients don't complain, and they are happy with whatever we can give them.

With summer just around the corner, we would like to be able to provide bars of bath soap, razors and shaving cream. We also need spaghetti noodles, too.

Thank you for everything you provide for the pantry! - Marily Smith



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WELCOME MICHAEL

Hillside welcomes Michael Gianessi, new member who joined the church in April. Michael is a retired TWA / American Airlines mechanic, and has come back to KC & Little Village. Welcome Michael!



May 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 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 6:00p Supper Club	10 8a Men's Breakfast
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 12p Silver Chalice Lunch	14 11:30a Prayer 6:00p Ringers 7:00p Singers	15 10a Quilters	16	17
18 Birthday Fellowship	19	20	21 11:30a Prayer	22 10a Quilters 6p Board Meeting	23	24
25 Loose Change Sunday	26 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	27 12p Saints Alive	28 11:30a Prayer	29 10a Quilters	30	31

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6:30 Elders	4 11:30 Prayer Group	5 10a Quilters	6	7
8 Pentecost 6p Northland Disciples Pentecost Picnic	9	10 12p Silver Chalice Lunch	11 11:30 Prayer Group	12 10a Quilters	13	14 8a Men's Breakfast
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17	18 11:30 Prayer Group	19 10a Quilters	20	21
22	23	24 12p Saints Alive 2:00 Stewardship	25 11:30 Prayer Group	26 10a Quilters	27	28
29	30					

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!



What's happening on the farm?

Experience the old and the new. The Atkins Johnson Farm and Museum, the Shoal Creek Farm, and the Shoal Creek Cemetery have a lot going on this year!

Volunteers Madge and Larry Newport, and Museum Director, Marye Newman will give you the background of this local jewel, and tell you about the exciting new exhibits, events & programs.

New addition for this year, Will Willhaus, will also tell us about the important bee and honey operation on the farm. Join us for Saints Alive this month, to see what's sprouting in the area. As always, bring a friend, bring a covered dish to share, and bring a joy-filled spirit of friendship.

May BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marilyn Smith
- 5 JB Hudson
- 6 Charles Baudoin
- 8 Matthew Smelcer, Suzanne Wyckoff
- 10 Trent Craft
- 11 Gerry Cummings
- Ida May Willhaus
- David Gardine

14 Marisa Donaldson

18 Michael Dodd

21 Marylee Donaldson

26 Carol Lightfoot

29 Roger Britt

31 Bob Litle

Anniversaries

25 Mike & Dee Vaughn

29 Andy & Elizabeth Beck

30 Randy & Becki Hendrix

SILVER CHALICE

Stemming from our wonderful April luncheon with NBA and Park Hill Christian Church, Hillside will play host to monthly Silver Chalice luncheons for PHCC. These catered events will be open to Hillsiders to also attend, and will focus on presentations around specific areas of need for older adults. Not to replace Saints Alive, Silver Chalice is a new and different opportunity for Hillsiders. **See you 5/13 for Silver Chalice @ HCC!**

April Participation & Attendance

6th, 106

13th, 90

20th, 146

27th, 87

Average Sunday Attendance: 107

Average Sunday School: **16**

Other events total participation: 144

(Saints Alive, Youth Group, Men's group, etc.)

May Sunday Greeters & Deacons

Door Greeters

Offering Deacons

4th Hanway/Foster

Hanway/Foster

11th Loft

Loft

18th Hendrix

Hendrix

25th Ringer/Elsmore

Ringer/Elsmore

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

May Worship Leadership

Date	8:00 Elder	10:30 Elder	10:30 Elder	Liturgist (10:30)	Media Ministry (10:30)
5/4/25	Karen Krotz	Bonnie Dickson	Jan Seals	Rev. Andy Beck	Seals
5/11/25	Mel Tipton	Lauren Crenshaw	Joy Robertson	Lauren Crenshaw	Aaron Houx
5/18/25	Audra Pelham	Aundra Hedges	Jan Seals		Kevin Ringer
5/25/25	Ross Perry	Penny Keith	Brenda Coons		Aaron Houx

Financial Report Summary March 2025

Text to give! 📢

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY March 31, 2025

	MARCH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
OPERATING REVENUE				
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 36,495	\$ 24,167	\$ 89,041	\$ 72,500
Other Revenues	5,412	4,166	16,360	12,500
Total Revenue	<u>41,907</u>	<u>28,333</u>	<u>105,401</u>	<u>85,000</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	(32,154)	(27,262)	(89,042)	(85,180)
NET OPERATING BALANCE	<u>\$ 9,753</u>	<u>\$ 1,071</u>	<u>\$ 16,359</u>	<u>\$ (180)</u>
Interest Expense - HVAC Loan	(461)	(550)	(1,507)	(1,650)
NET BALANCE	<u>\$ 9,292</u>	<u>\$ 521</u>	<u>\$ 14,852</u>	<u>\$ (1,830)</u>

- * Tithes & Offerings are ahead of budget due to several annual pledges received in the first quarter.
- * 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.



On Palm Sunday, joy filled the church grounds as more than 40 kids and their families gathered for this year's Easter Egg Hunt celebration. It was a mix of tradition, fun, and community spirit, offering memories for everyone who attended. Children raced through the yard in search of eggs packed with toys and surprises. The hunt was a delight to watch, with baskets filling and smiles growing wider with every find.

Storm Dancer Farm brought a petting zoo that was a huge hit with kids and adults. Goats, fluffy bunnies, and sheep made new friends, and offered moments of calm in the midst of all the excitement.



Inside, families enjoyed a garden-themed craft station where children planted their very own bean seeds to take home—a living reminder of growth and new beginnings. Easter-themed activities and colorful popsicles helped round out the day's activities.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the generous time and energy of our volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes to Jan, John, and Michael for their hands-on help and joyful presence.

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YouTube: @HillsideChristianChurchKC
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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.

