



# Hillside Good News



Hillside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) KC, MO

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## A Pastor's Perspective

Last month in this article, I mentioned to ambitions for the 2025 ministry year.

- 1) Hiring for an office position, to handle advanced administrative tasks and manage communication and marketing.
- 2) remodeling the Nursery space & developing a "pray-ground" in the sanctuary, to welcome young children and provide safe and appropriate spaces for families. Additionally, we will hire a nursery coordinator to provide care for nursery-aged children.

Achieving these goals will all be determined by the success of our annual stewardship campaign later this fall. Ideally, we would love to see an increase in pledges / giving by \$20,000 to accommodate the vision and put our ministry goals into action.

In October, we will realize the completion of the upcoming stewardship emphasis, with the theme "Living Generously". I ask that you begin praying now for our church, its ministries, and the opportunities we will have to support and grow the ways we Feed People in Mind, Body, Spirit and Community next year, and beyond.

Also, I ask that you remember our Stewardship Committee and our Board as they begin conversations about budgeting goals as well as significant property ambitions for the next year.

I am pleased to announce that this month and next I am hosting a baptism class on Sunday mornings. We have a large group of potential students. I'm eager to begin the good and faith-filled conversations about what it means to be a person of Christian faith in today's times, often when that identity is misunderstood from the views from scripture and our Disciples background.

There are a good many things to be celebrating this fall at Hillside! From successful Loose Change offerings that support local programs to help people, and Undie Sunday, and the recent QuiltR/CraftR market, to the hospitality shown to many groups who use this space, we're continuing our legacy of holy welcome, sacred openness, and Christ-like love. Well done Hillside! Let's keep it up!

-Rev. Andy Beck



*“Housework goes unnoticed unless it goes undone.”* The same phrase can be used here at Hillside! So, here are some things you may or may not have noticed around our church, but need to be acknowledged. First, thank you to Brenda Coons for painting the tables in our entryways and hallways, including the coffee bar. What a beautiful difference it has made! Glass tops for these tables are arriving soon.

Next, an original painting by our own Jessica Waters has been hung in the conversation area by the office. Commissioned in 2019, the theme of welcome and gathering is inspired by the words from the familiar hymn “Gather Us In” #284 in the Chalice Hymnal. Thank you for

blessing us with your beautiful work of art.

Bids have been obtained for sealing the asphalt and striping the main areas of the parking lot. We look forward to this improvement soon. The Stewardship Committee is looking at funding resources to help with the cost. Estimates are between \$18-22,000.

The interior walls of the north entry will be freshly painted in September. A huge thank you to Patty Loft for volunteering to help with the project. And a special shout out to Bobbie Hawks and her assistants as they organize some kitchen areas. The kitchen is an area that always benefits from organization, because it is used by so many groups in the church, as well as the community. Not to be forgotten is our own Jan Maxfield who has a major green thumb and has been excelling in gardening in the courtyard. Fresh produce has been a blessing in the HOPE.wrx pantry. And a final shout out goes to Mike Vaughn, who has effortlessly rehabbed a couple of closet areas to improve storage for our changing needs.

The tool room (formerly the north classroom) is slowly being cleaned and organized for Hillside's use, and to benefit people needing to find the right supplies for church projects. An Eagle Scout project from troop 271 also built storage shelves for the troop use.

Another few projects still on the horizon are: ceiling tile replacement in the bathrooms, new blinds and window coverings for the library and lounge, and a slight remodel in the nursery including carpet. Maintaining quality spaces is a blessing to the congregation, and an important part of hospitality for all of the groups that use our building.

With lots going on and lots to continue, we're always blessed by volunteers who take time to keep Hillside running, improving and growing! — Donna Michael, Property Chair

In a time of complicated political debate, fierce animosity, and hard ironies, we have an opportunity to offer a perspective on human nature, temptation and the hope of understanding across boundaries of our community. Such insight begins with ancient stories at the intersection of temptation and ambition. We'll examine stories from 2nd Samuel and the letter of James. Our exploration will cover Humility, Hubris, Honesty, Honor, Action, and Wisdom. Join us this month as we wrap up “Integrity: The Heart of Leadership”, Sundays Sep. 1, 8 & 15.





Thank you to everyone who was so generous during the month of August! For Undie Sunday we collected 284 pairs of girls underwear, 141 pairs of boys underwear, 301 pairs of socks, 6 pairs of pajamas and 2 girls tee shirts. This will allow children to start school feeling good. Loose change Sunday collected \$206. This will help us provide food for backpacks to 11 schools this year. We will feed over 500 family members every week during the school year. Our neighbors in the Northland are blessed from your generous gifts. THANK YOU! — Marilyn Smith, HOPE.wrx

### Fellowship Committee Update

Join us for BRUNCH in the Park, following Church in the Park on Sep. 22nd. Sign up to bring food is Sep. 8 & 15. Also, plans are underway for Hillside's 70th anniversary Dinner in November. What a great time to celebrate Hillside Christian Church!

**First Christian NKC,  
& Hillside Christian  
Churches invite you:**

*Church in the Park*

9:30 AM -- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd  
MACKEN PARK, NKC  
Shelter # 1 (west edge of park)



Sunday later this fall, we're taking church to the park! "Church in the Park" returns for Sunday, September 22nd. We're joining up with First Christian Church, North Kansas City for this special service of worship and praise. Bring a lawn chair, a strong voice, and a friendly smile! Service is at 9:30 am, to avoid the potential for hot weather. We'll sing, pray, break bread and enjoy fellowship between the congregations. See you then!



**Greater Kansas City Regional Assembly  
October 11-12, 2024**



Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

### Kansas City Disciples Regional Assembly

Join hundreds of area members from congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Greater Kansas City Area for the upcoming Regional Assembly this fall!

*Location: Lee's Summit Christian Church  
800 NE Tudor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64086*

Speakers, workshops, fellowship and more—including attendance by our denominational General Minister and President Rev. Terry Hord Owens!

Hillside will register everyone who wants to attend, so we can have a great presence at Regional Assembly!  
*We'll even make Hillside t-shirts!*

### NORTHLAND CHURCH WOMEN UNITED UPCOMING EVENTS

Northland Church Women United is an ecumenical group made up of Christian Congregations in the KC Northland. Start to participate is by attending an event this fall.

- \* **Fall Forum: October 4th @ Hillside Christian Church**
- \* **World Community Day: November 1st @ Barry Christian Church**

# September 2024

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Red Sunday!</i>	2 Labor Day (Office Closed)	3  6:30p Elders mtg	4 11:30 a Prayer Group  6p Ringers 7p Singers	5 10a Quilters	6	7
8	9	10	11 11:30 a Prayer Group  6p Ringers 7p Singers	12 10a Quilters	13	14 8a Men's Breakfast
15 <i>Birthday Fellowship</i>  Baptism Class	16	17	18 11:30 a Prayer Group  6p Ringers 7p Singers	19 10a Quilters	20	21
22 Baptism Class	23	24 12p Saints Alive  4:30p Stewardship	25 11:30 a Prayer Group  6p Ringers 7p Singers	26 10a Quilters  6p Board Mtg	27	28 1p Uplift
29 <i>Loose Change</i> Baptism Class	30					

**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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6 World Communion Sunday Baptism Class	7	8	9 11:30 a Prayer Group 6p Ringers 7p Singers	10 10a Quilters	11 Regional Assembly @ Lees Summit	12 Men's Breakfast @ Hyvee Regional Assembly @ Lees Summit
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27 Loose Change Stewardship Celebration Trunk or Treat	28	29	30 11:30 a Prayer Group 6p Ringers 7p Singers	31 10a Quilters		

**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!**

## September BIRTHDAYS

6 Carol Thompson  
 11 Doris Falcone  
 12 Jerry Place  
 14 Andy Beck  
 15 Mary Jane Watson  
 16 Joy Robertson  
 17 Lauren Crenshaw  
 18 Mel Tipton  
 21 Randy Hendrix, Larry Newport  
 23 Madge Newport  
 24 Chris Baudoin  
 26 Sue Britt  
 27 Dee Vaughn  
 29 Joanne Stewart

### Anniversaries

9/11 Bob & Patty Loft  
 9/16 Kevin Ringer & Aundra Hedges  
 9/19 Marissa & Marylee Donaldson  
 9/22 Brandon & Cara Reynolds

## QuiltR's & CraftR's Market Update

With Lucy Perry's superb organization, the vendor sales filled the gym and gave the Capital Campaign Fund almost \$750. With free admission this year the buyers came in droves!

The Hillside Booth was filled with your donations, and made over \$900 to go to the Capital Campaign Fund. A special "thank you" to Betty Childers who crocheted & sold over 56 scrubbies! Another special thank you to Darin Parker & his mother Joyce who donated several truck loads of wood craft projects. The Scouting groups at Hillside were blessed with some of the craft projects for their use. Also thanks to the Thursday Quilt Group who without their help there would not be a Hillside Booth. The Cub Scouts sold 42 sandwich lunches so buyers & vendors didn't have to leave for lunch.

Thanks again for a very successful market!  
 See you next year, Aug. 23, 2025!  
 - Jan Maxfield

### August Participation & Attendance

**4th, 81    11th, 80    18th, 82**  
**25th, 88**

Average Sunday Attendance: **82**  
 Average Sunday School: **16**  
 Other events total participation: **102**  
*(Saints Alive, Men's group, Prayer Group etc.)*

### Sep. Sunday Greeters & Deacons

	<u>Door Greeters</u>	<u>Offering Deacons</u>
1st	Hanway/Foster	Hanway/Foster
8th	Loft	Loft
15th	Hendrix	Hendrix/Sloan
22nd	Ringer/Elsmore	Ringer/Elsmore
29th	Hendrix	Hendrix/Sloan

*We continue to grow the Greeters & Deacons Ministry. To volunteer to be a Greeter or Deacon, see Randy Hendrix.*

## September Worship Leadership

Date	8:00 Elder	10:30 Elder	10:30 Elder	Liturgist (10:30)	Media Ministry (10:30)
<b>9/1/24</b>	Karen Krotz	Joy Robertson	Lauren Crenshaw	Bob Litle	Seals
<b>9/8/24</b>	Mel Tipton	Aundra Hedges	Kathy Shirley	Sue Britt	Seals
<b>9/15/24</b>	Audra Pelham	Bob Litle	Penny Keith	Penny Keith	Ringer
<b>9/22/24</b>	Ross Perry	Bonnie Dickson	Bobbie Hawks	Kathy Shirley	Houx
<b>9/29/24</b>	Karen Krotz	Sue Britt	Kathy Shirley	Bob Litle	Houx

# Financial Report Summary July 2024 Year to Date

Text to give! 📢

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

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY July 31, 2024

	JULY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>				
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 23,886	\$ 23,500	\$ 171,579	\$ 164,500
Other Revenues	3,933	3,346	32,371	23,421
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>27,819</b>	<b>26,846</b>	<b>203,950</b>	<b>187,921</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>(27,565)</b>	<b>(26,103)</b>	<b>(190,176)</b>	<b>(186,806)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 254</b>	<b>\$ 743</b>	<b>\$ 13,774</b>	<b>\$ 1,115</b>
Interest Expense - HVAC Loan	(558)	(585)	(4,131)	(4,095)
<b>NET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (304)</b>	<b>\$ 158</b>	<b>\$ 9,643</b>	<b>\$ (2,980)</b>

- \* Tithes & Offerings are over budget because several annual pledges have already been received this year.
- \* 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](mailto:jonathan@hillsidecc.com) or (816) 824-2805.



*Saints*  
**ALIVE**

Fellowship Lunch  
4th Tuesday of the month  
12:00 pm, Nalley Hall



**Birthday Sundays** *Happy Birthday*

July 21    Oct. 20  
Aug. 18    Nov. 10  
Sep. 15    Dec. 15

Join Hillsiders for special treats each month for Birthday Celebration between services



Are You Hungry?

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, INSPIRATION

Second Saturday of the month  
8:00 am -- Nalley Hall

HILLSIDE  
WE FEED PEOPLE



**Loose Change Sunday**

Benefitting Local and Denominational Ministries

July School Supplies  
Aug. HOPE.wrx Family Food Packs  
Sep. Benevolence Fund  
Oct. Benevolence Fund  
Nov. Thanksgiving Special Offering  
Dec. Christmas Special Offering

Last Sunday of the Month

HILLSIDE  
WE FEED PEOPLE

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## Address Service Requested

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.

