

Serving Today

Mark Hile & David Mutter are serving as consistory helpers for May.

This week's worship assistant is Rick Furches.

This week's acolyte is Matt Hinkle.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Helen Dotterer in memory of loved ones.

Next week's flowers are sponsored by Edie Krause.

Next week's bulletins are sponsored by Joel & Nikki Weller.

2017 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Our Information

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 71 Sunday School: 21

Last Week's Offering: \$2,189.00

2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65

Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor

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The Communion Offering is being received today. This offering is used specifically for needs within our own Hill Church Family, among our own members. This offering is received when we celebrate The Lord's Supper, and is therefore called, "The Communion Offering." Contributions are placed into a separate account, and overseen directly by the Pastor and President and Vice-President of the Consistory, who keep all personal information strictly confidential, but account on its status and use to the Consistory. If you, or someone you know, may be able to benefit from this resource please speak to Matt Weller or Arlan Schaeffer. Please use the small brown envelopes designed for "Communion Offering." Remember to place your name on the envelope. Thank you!

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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May 7, 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

(+) *Those who are able please stand*

Bold – congregation responds as able

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Love of the Father” arr. by D. Paxton

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s love has poured into our hearts,
Through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

+HYMN “Thine Is the Glory” Faith & Praise No. 262

CONFESSION OF SIN
~ *Silent Prayers* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;
Thanks be to God.

+GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) Inexpressible Joy

**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 120] Acts 8:26-39

+HYMN “Thy Word” Faith & Praise No. 449

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 86]

Luke 24:44-49

SERMON Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “How Beautiful” (*w/out bridge*) Faith & Praise No. 365

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM “Now We Give You Thanks” R.C. Lau

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD’S PRAYER (unison) (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Faith & Praise No. 200

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guild, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

+POSTLUDE “He Bore it All” V.O. Stamp & J.R. Baxter Jr.



Welcome Visitors – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Communitas – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Boy Scout Pie Sale – Hill Church Boy Scout Troop 518 is selling Wixon Shoo Fly Pies (\$4) and A P Cakes (\$3.50). An order form is hanging in the Sunday School hallway, please place your name, phone # and order on the list. **ORDERS DUE, MAY 9th!** If you have any questions, contact Bobby Shakespeare at 484-332-9006.

VBS – It is time to think Summer!! VBS is almost here. Mark your calendars for June 11-15 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are out on the window sills in the sanctuary and is also be available online. *Participants need to Register by May 14th to receive a FREE child size t-shirt.* Tee Shirt order forms are also available on the window sills. If you are able to help out in any way please fill out a form (found in the bulletin) and place it in the offering plate or give it to Tracey, Nikki or Dottie. The donation wall is up and there are still some tags available, please take a tag and bring back the item by the date noted.

Help Needed with VBS Decorations – Want to get your gears turning for VBS? We are seeking volunteers to assist in home projects. If you like to use scissors, we have projects for you. See Connie, Anita or Dottie after church in the primary floor Sunday School rooms. Thanks for your help!

Community Outreach Ministry – We will continue collecting for the Multi-Service starting in June. Please support our VBS by taking a tag and purchasing an item needed.

Grocery Cards to Support Missions – Don't forget grocery cards for Giant, Redners and Weis Markets are available for purchase. They may be used towards groceries, gas and pharmacy purchases and make terrific thank you gifts! We receive 5% for every card you purchase which will be used to support our Church Missions Team on their next adventure. See Connie Hile to purchase your cards today!

Summer Concert – “Desire” will be back for another summer concert this year on June 3rd. More details will be out soon!

Annual Ham Supper



Saturday, May 20th
 Tickets will be sold from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 Meals will be served from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm



The Preparation Schedule:

- Come and help when you can, leave when you must...a good time and great fellowship will be had!*
- Monday, May 15 at 6 pm – Clean grounds, move supplies from church, prepare building, wash dishes
 - Wednesday, May 17 – Rain date for Monday
 - Friday, May 19 at 6 pm – Food prep (slice hams, peel potatoes, etc.)
 - Saturday, May 20 at 7 am – Begin final preparations
 - Monday, May 22 at 6 pm – Clean up, move supplies back to church (the remaining ice cream needs to be eaten!)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- Sunday – May 7**
 8:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Worship Service
- Monday – May 8**
 9 am Prayer Group
 9:30 am Bible Study
 7 pm Sunday School Meeting
- Tuesday – May 9**
 7 pm Consistory Meeting
- Wednesday – May 10**
 7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday – May 11**
 7 pm Prayer Gathering

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

- Sunday – May 14**
 8:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Worship Service
- Monday – May 15**
 9 am Prayer Group
 9:30 am Bible Study
 6 pm Ham Supper Prep
 7 pm Worship Team Meeting
- Wednesday – May 17**
 6 pm Rain Date for Ham Supper Prep
 7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday – May 18**
 7 pm Prayer Gathering
- Friday – May 19**
 6 pm Ham Supper Prep
- Saturday – May 20**
 7 am Ham Supper Prep

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

- Abigale Beidler ----- Recovering from concussion
- Betty Miller ----- Struggling with Alzheimer's
- Mae Bauer (Janet Conrad's Mom) ----- Fell and broke pelvis and wrist
- Tracey Kolb ----- Recovering from surgery
- Marie Schollenberger ----- Fractured spine