



Today's Gathering

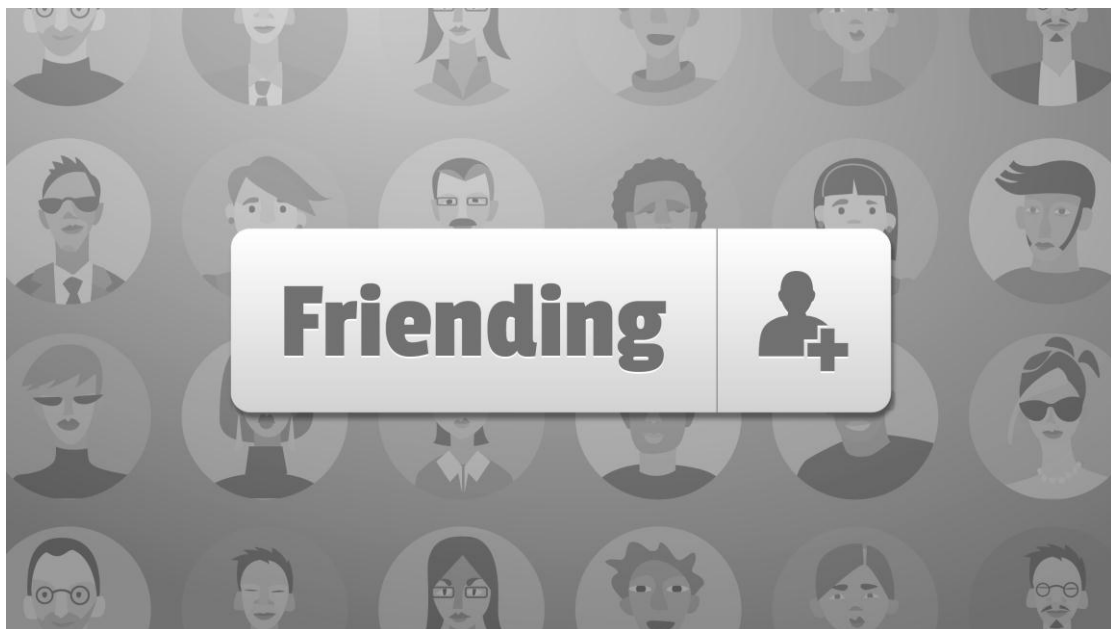
October 5th, 2014

View from the Hill

Pastor Brian Stroh

Singing

Gary Rakebrandt, Norma Dalen, and Jesse VanderWeide



The Foundation of Friendship

Pastor Doug Bartel

For the Kids

From 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Parents can go to the Children's Welcome Center to find out about our Sunday morning options and check their children in. The Children's Welcome Center is located on the east side of the main foyer.

See page 5 of the bulletin for more information about opportunities for Children and Students.

Welcome to Hillcrest

New to Hillcrest?

If you are new to Hillcrest, we'd like to say "Welcome!" We're glad you're here this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center, following the worship service to meet one of our pastors and receive a **free gift**.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Hillcrest provides many opportunities to get involved with others in the church and the community. If you would like to find out more about classes, Bible studies, and small groups that are offered, stop by the Welcome Center, check out the Ministries section on our web site at www.sioxfordchurch.com, or call the church office at 371-0546.

Our Weekly Bulletin and Devotional

Hillcrest provides this weekly bulletin/devotional to help you connect, serve others and study the Bible throughout the week.

On pages 3-5, you will discover connecting and serving opportunities as well as information regarding Children's and Student's Ministries.

On page 6, you have a place to take notes from the message. Also on page 6 is a memory verse, selected each week by Hillcrest leaders.

On pages 7-12, you will find a short devotional for each day. You will read a new text, some commentary and consider some questions to further your growth, as well as a challenge to help you take what you have studied and start to live it!

On page 13, you will find a Prayer Page, where you can keep track of your daily prayers. On page 14, you will find staff contact info.

Our prayer is that God will speak to you as you study His Word and as a result, it will impact the people in your life.

Want information on even more events happening at Hillcrest? Sign up for our weekly e-mail by marking your connection card and turning it in. Don't forget to include your e-mail address!

Connect

1st Sunday at the Pizza Ranch

Today is the first Sunday of the month. You are all invited to lunch at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch following the 10:30 service. This is an informal event, so simply show up and enjoy lunch with other Hillcresters. There is no need to RSVP and each person/family will be responsible for the cost of their own meals.

Corn Maze

On Wednesday, October 8th, Hillcresters are invited to meet at the Heartland Country Corn Maze at 6pm for a family friendly event. Cost is only \$5 per person (ages 4 and under are free), but you must sign up at the Welcome Center or register on-line to receive the discounted rate.

Men's Chili Cook Off

The Men of Hillcrest are invited to participate in a chili cook-off, to be held in the Family Life Center (the gym), following services on October 19th. This event is part of the Men's Hillcrest Cup – Winter Edition. If you would like to participate, or if you just want to eat chili (everyone's invited) please sign up at the Welcome Center or register online.

Ladies Football 101

On Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm, the ladies of Hillcrest are invited to attend Football 101 with Deena Perry. Feel free to wear your favorite team shirt as we "fumble" our way through learning the terms, plays and excitement of football! The event includes a free "tailgating" meal, and a sign up will be available in the front foyer in the next couple of weeks.

Men's Friday Morning Study Group

The Friday Morning Men's Group meets at Bagel Boy at 6am each Friday. All men are welcome to join at any time. They will be starting *Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working* on Friday, October 3rd. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to order a book.

Serve

October Mission Focus – Cleveland Elementary School

Hillcrest's mission for October is to supply Cleveland Elementary School with some of the items that the school has identified as needs for the children. This year's wish list includes Ear buds and headphones, deodorant, Kleenex boxes, Clorox/Lysol wipes, Bottles of hand sanitizer, Dum-Dums (suckers), Gallon size zip lock baggies, Boys and girls underwear- size 4T and 6, Socks- mostly for kindergarten age students, shoes sizes 1-5, sweat pants, new books for the library, puzzles/games. You can take a tag from the bulletin board near the Welcome Center and return your donations by October 26th.

Hillcrest Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, October 25th, 9am to 3pm, Hillcrest will be hosting a craft fair at the church. This is a fundraising event for the Powerhouse Tutoring Center. Hillcresters can help by making items for the bake sale and volunteering the day of the event. Many different opportunities and shifts are available. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in helping out.

Worship Team

The Worship Team is looking for instrumentalists, especially drummers and bassists. If you are interested in using your talents with the Hillcrest Worship Team, please contact Jesse VanderWeide.

Musical Props

Hillcrest's Children's Ministry is looking for jazz instruments for the Children's Christmas Musical on December 7th. The children will only be pretending to play the instruments. If you have a trumpet, trombone, saxophone, or clarinet that you are willing to loan out, please contact Tarina Stroh. She will ask you to label it well and drop it off in her office the week before the musical.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month, and at Hillcrest we have incredible pastors to show appreciation to. We will be creating "A Door of Thanks" on each of the pastors' office doors. There are some blank cards available at the Welcome Center, so stop by to jot them a quick note, prayer, or verse of encouragement. Leave it in the basket at the Welcome Center, and we will hang it on the door. You are also welcome to drop off your own cards. Thank you for helping us show our pastors and their families just a small fraction of how much we appreciate them.

Children's Ministry

All children should stop at the Children's Check-In, located on the north side of the front foyer, before going to their classroom.

9 AM Children's Program

Building Blocks: Infants and 1 year olds
Bird House: 2-4 year olds

10:30 AM Children's Program

Building Blocks: Infants & 1 year olds
Bird House: 2 year olds
Tree House: 3 year olds
Dog House: 4 year olds
Club House: K-5th Grade

Music & Movement Play Date

Sunday, October 19th from 6-7pm. Children, infant thru pre-school, are invited to join Tarina for a fun-filled hour of listening to music, singing, and dancing. Please sign up in the back foyer if your child will be attending.

Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat event will be held on Sunday, October 26th from 12pm to 2pm at the parking lot behind the Powerhouse Tutoring Center (1708 E. 6th St.) Decorate your trunk and dress in costume with a theme, while handing out candy to the neighborhood kids. There will be food and games, provided by Wesley United Methodist Church, too! If you are unable to attend, you can also donate candy to hand out and give away as prizes on that day. Sign up for the event at the Kids Zone in the back foyer or drop off your candy donation near the Children's Check-In.

Student Ministry

180 Sunday Classes

Middle School and High School students are invited to meet in the Youth Room during the 10:30am service. Students will then break into small groups.

180 Wednesday Nights

- ❖ On Wednesday, October 8th, we will be attending the Corn Maze Event (pg. 3), instead of our regular Wednesday activities.
- ❖ On Wednesday, October 22nd, we will be meeting during our regular times at the Powerhouse Tutoring Center (1708 E. 6th St.) You can park in the back (parking lot of Wesley UMC) and come in the back door.
- ❖ On Wednesday, October 29th, Middle School students are invited to our 4th annual Halloween Skating Party. Dress up in an obscure biblical costume and meet at Carousel Skate from 7-8:30pm. Prizes will be awarded. High School students will meet for appetizers at Applebee's on 10th Street at 9pm. This will replace our regular Wednesday activities.

Message Notes:

Title: The Foundation of Friendship
Scripture: Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 20:6;
Hebrews 10:24-25; John 15:13-15

Notes

Show me your friends and I'll show you your _____.

List your five closest friends (no relatives or imaginary friends)

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT) Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

Monday

Subject: Your Friends Say Much

Scripture: Proverbs 13:20

Commentary:

What a simple rule for wisdom and life! Get rid of foolish friends, and choose the wise for friends. You will grow in wisdom and avoid much trouble in life. Good athletes use superior competition to bring out their best, even if it means frequent training losses.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you choose friends wisely?
2. Do you have friends you need to reconsider?

Challenge:

Become a wise friend to someone!

Tuesday

Subject: Friends with God.

Scripture: Romans 5:1-2

Commentary:

Barnes' Notes on Romans 5:2

We have access – See the note at John 14:6, "I am the way," etc.

Doddridge renders it, "by whom we have been introduced," etc. It means, "by whom we have the privilege of obtaining the favor of God which we enjoy when we are justified." The word rendered "access" occurs but in two other places in the New Testament, Ephesians 2:18; Ephesians 3:12. By Jesus Christ the way is opened for us to obtain the favor of God.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you really believe you have access?
2. Who introduced you to God?

Challenge:

Introduce Someone to God!

Wednesday

Subject: Conflict amongst friends

Scripture: Philemon 1:8-9

Commentary:

The biblical story of Philemon and Onesimus tells its current hearers that our common status in Christ is more than simply a spiritual or eschatological reality. When Paul writes that there is neither a slave nor a master class in Christ, since all are equal he is articulating a principle that is sociological as well as Christological (compare Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:11-22).

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you Believe we are all equal
2. When challenged with friendships do we seek to the word?

Challenge:

See what the Word says about conflict with friends.

Thursday

Subject: Walking in step

Scripture: Psalms 1:1-2

Commentary:

Here the gracious man is described both negatively (verse 1) and positively (verse 2). He is a man *who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly*. He takes wiser counsel, and walks in the commandments of the Lord his God. To him the ways of piety are paths of peace and pleasantness. His footsteps are ordered by the Word of God, and not by the cunning and wicked devices of carnal men. It is a rich sign of inward grace when the outward walk is changed. Charles H. Spurgeon

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you walk in the counsel of the ungodly?
2. Whose footsteps are you following?

Challenge:

Where can you change your walk?

Friday

Subject: Jealousy

Scripture: Genesis: 26:12-17

Commentary:

God blessed Isaac. Be it observed, for the encouragement of poor tenants who occupy other people's lands, and are honest and industrious, that God blessed him with a great increase. The Philistines envied Isaac. It is an instance of the vanity of the world; for the more men have of it, the more they are envied, and exposed to censure and injury. Also of the corruption of nature; for that is an ill principle indeed, which makes men grieve at the good of others. They made Isaac go out of their country. That wisdom which is from above, will teach us to give up our right, and to draw back from contentions. If we are wrongfully driven from one place, the Lord will make room for us in another. Matthew Henry Commentary.

Questions for further thought:

1. What can you give up for the Kingdom?
2. Who amongst us are you envious?

Challenge:

Give!

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Real Friends
Message Title: One Friend Away
Scripture: Proverbs 27:5-6; Acts 9:26-28;
1 Samuel 16:12-13, 23:15-16
Speaker: Pastor Doug Bartel

What do these passages say to you?

Prayer Page:

Write down the prayer concerns and praises you want to remember throughout the week. Pray every day!

If you would like to receive the email prayer chain, check the box on the Connection Card. You can also submit prayer requests through the church web site or by calling the church office.

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James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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Connection Card

Please fill out, tear at perforation and place in collection plate or drop off at Welcome Center as you leave.

PRAYER REQUESTS ☐ Keep confidential (Pastoral staff) or ☐ Put on the Prayer Chain

☐ I would like to sign up for Hillcrest’s upcoming event. (Please specify.)

My next step today is to:

- ☐ Read and study the scriptures and devotionals, provided on pages 6-12.
- ☐ Attend Corn Maze on Wednesday, October 8th.
- ☐ Participate in Men’s Chili Cook-off on Sunday, October 19th.
- ☐ Volunteer to help out at the Craft Fair on Oct. 24 or Oct. 25.

Additional Comments:



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Name _____ Address _____

E-Mail _____ City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Check all that apply:

☐ 1st Visit --- How did you hear about Hilcrest? _____

☐ 2nd Visit _____
(web site, newspaper, radio, name of person who invited you, etc.)

☐ Returning Guest

☐ Regular Attender

☐ Members

I am interested in:

☐ beginning a relationship with Jesus ☐ being baptized

☐ receiving the Hilcrest Informational E-mail.

☐ joining a small group ☐ becoming a member of Hilcrest

☐ volunteering ☐ praying for my Hilcrest family (received via e-mail)

One of the pastors will contact you with information on these subjects.

Your Age Group:

☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-35

☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55

☐ 56-65 ☐ over 65

☐ Single ☐ Married

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

☐ Other: _____

**Names & Birthdays of
members of your
household**

