



3rd Quarter 2022

Hillcrest Cross Talk

Message From the Pastor



Let's Not Forget Them!

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come. (Psalm 71:18).

I am excited about the growth we are seeing at Hillcrest! New families are coming and are also joining the church! And, as I am excited about this new growth, I am also concerned about our older members who can no longer attend worship

or other ministries of the church, because their health no longer allows it.

If you look at our bulletin on Sunday mornings, on the back of the bulletin is a list of names of those who are homebound and where they are living. Some are in their homes, others are in nursing homes, and others are in assisted living homes. These are members of our church who can no longer attend, and we must not forget them. We must remember them and remind them that they are still a part of the church, and that their lives still matter to us. And we need to find ways for them, as they are able, to still participate in the life of the church whether it be sending out cards to college students, making phone calls to those who have not been in church for a while, or something else that they can do to still feel as though they are a part of the church.

However, the greatest thing we can do to make them feel that they are still a part of the church is for us to call them, write to them, and to visit them. This is a ministry we ALL should engage in. So, grab your bulletin, look at the names of those who are homebound and reach out to them so that they stay connected to the church and feel as though they are still a part of the church, because they are.

Let's not forget them!
In Christ,
Pastor Justin

New friends may be poems
but old friends are alphabets.
Don't forget the alphabets
because you will need them
to read the poems.

William Shakespeare



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Our Purpose To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Our Mission To give Hope, create Community & bring Purpose to a world that is in desperate need of Christ's Salvation.
Our Vision Be recognized as a pivotal point in the community where people want to be.

What Has the Pastor Been Up To?

What Has Pastor Williams Been Up To?

May 2022- July 2022

Hospital Visits – 35

In Home Visits- 7

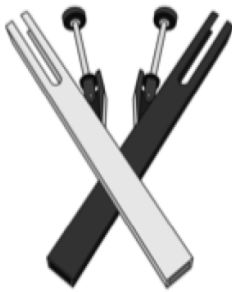
Nursing Home/Assisted Living Visits – 2

Funerals – 2

In addition, Pastor Williams meets with the Worship Team to plan out worship services, meets with a Clergy Group for Breakfast on Tuesday Mornings, attends the monthly meetings of the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, attends the Bi-monthly meetings of the Trustees, attends the quarterly meetings with the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and serves as the Chair for the District Board of Trustees. Pastor Williams is in his office from 9am-12 pm Monday thru Thursday, and his day off is Friday.



Let's Play Some Hand Chimes!
All Are Welcome



11:00 (right after church) on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of Each Month

Let's Start a Praise Band!



Come Make Music With Us! All Instruments are Welcome!
11:00 (right after church) on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest members!



Kirsti Jespersen and Eric States
Joined June 12, 2022

&



Kevin, Kelly, and Aaron Machen
Joined July 3, 2022

Youth Group

Youth Group is for students in grades 6 -12. We will start meeting again on Sunday, September 11 at 11:30am.

Our first meeting of the 2022-2023 year will be a “Family Picnic and Games” afternoon. Following the worship service, youth and their families will meet outside at the pavilion where we will enjoy an afternoon of food, games, and fellowship. Youth and their families are asked to bring a side dish to the meeting. Everything else will be provided.

Youth Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 11:30am-1:30pm. The youth enjoy a lunch together and then fun activities, bible study, outings, or mission work. Anyone in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us at one of our monthly meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Czubowicz at humcfxbg@gmail.com or 570-460-8707.

Men’s Group



The Men’s Group continues to meet the second Saturday of each month. We meet at 9:00 AM at Denny’s on RT 1. All men of Hillcrest, are part of the Men’s Group! We can use everyone’s support at these meetings to plan fundraisers, fun activities and Missions/

Outreach to the community. It is also a time to fellowship and share a meal with the other men of the church. Please come out and support this group as it only requires about 2 hours of your time once a month. We are also considering doing a Zoom meeting every other month in the evenings to accommodate those that can’t make it out on a Saturday morning. Chris Czubowicz, UMM President



Hillcrest UMC

**MESSY CHURCH IS
ALIVE AND WELL AT
HILLCREST AND
GROWING EVERY
MONTH!!!**

We have reached the local community and have grown to almost 50 people who are able to experience worship in a unique way, outside of traditional Sunday services. Do you want a night of fun? Do you want time to fellowship with others throughout the community? Do you NOT want to cook dinner? Come out the second Thursday of every month for Hillcrest UMC’s Messy Church. This is an all ages event that provides a night of fun games and fellowship, while we create inventive ways to worship together. We want to invite not just the community but the congregation to be a part of this. Come out and participate, come out and volunteer, come out and be a part of a growing mission for our community!

You’re not going to want to miss this each month as they continue to be fun filled nights of activities and worship. Are you interested in volunteering and sharing your spiritual gifts, please reach out to Theresa Trowbridge at (trowbridgefamily@ymail.com) or 619-436-7714. We look forward to seeing everyone here in the coming months for this insanely fun event!

GOD’S KIND CARE

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways,
All our lives thro’;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

God hath not promised
We shall not know
Toil and temptation,
Trouble and woe;
He hath not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.

God hath not promised
Smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel,
Needing no guide;
Never a mountain,
Rocky and steep,
Never a river
Turbid and deep:

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

— Annie Johnson Flint.

These words of wisdom were found in Pat Piggee’s choir folder after she moved away. I now keep this in my choir folder. These are good thoughts to live by. Donna Clayton



A Message from John Trowbridge, Finance Committee Chair

Hello Hillcrest! After a 2-quarter hiatus of Financial Articles, I am back. We have had a busy Financial Year for the Church so far, and the year is only half over. The large expense that we have had in 2022 was the amazing renovation of our Parsonage. Hopefully you were able to swing by during the open house day and take a tour, it really came out spectacular. The total Church cost was \$85,000, which approximately 65% of that cost was taken from the Parsonage Fund, where monthly rental checks were being deposited from the previous tenants. I believe that it is important as a Church that everyone know and understand where their gifts each week are going.

With that last statement in mind, I encourage everyone to take a minute and look at the monthly budget updates that are posted on the cork board outside of the Church office. If you have any questions, please reach out and ask.

We are in full swing of building the 2023 Calendar Year Budget. If you are in charge of a Mission Area of the Church, and have financial support from a budgetary line item, I will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks asking for inputs into the next budget. It is important to take a hard look at past, current, and future spending so that we can accurately build a realistic budget that is attainable and keep HUMC in a healthy financial position. Speaking of healthy financial position, we continue to remain safe and stable. Our monthly spending is right on track with our budgeted allowances. As we continue returning closer and closer to pre-COVID activities at the Church, being able to support every Mission Area adequately is important and essential.

Below is a quick snapshot of weekly giving goals, and where we are

Budget for 2022 - \$204,028.00
Current Income Through July 2022 - \$110,029.00
Average Giving Per Week needed to meet budget - \$3923.62
Current Average Giving Per Week - \$3,979.60

If you have any questions on the finances of the Church, and would like to discuss anything further, feel free to reach out to me either by email (TrowbridgeFamily@ymail.com) or by phone at 619-335-0602. I can never thank everyone enough for the support you give to me, each other, and the church. We are truly blessed!



SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOU PHONE TO EASILY AND SECURELY GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

“ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians, 9: 7-8, ESV)

A Word From Our Lay Leader

Thanks to all the folks that came out for training on Training Day. There were many new faces. We were trained as greeters, ushers, communion stewards, and worship leaders. At the training, everyone who wanted got to try their hand at leading a mini service or serving communion. We learned the expectations and we learned that we don't have to be perfect at the job. This practice and experience enabled people to decide if they wanted to be a communion steward, an usher, greeter, or a worship leader; people chose what they felt comfortable doing.

Participating in these worship service activities is another way to get to know other members of the congregation. During our last training, I had a chance to meet and talk with three Hillcrestites that I hadn't really met before. And now we will all be working together to make the worship service happen. Thanks again to all the newbies and the veteran worship service volunteers; together we make Hillcrest's worship service a true congregation-involved and congregation-centered experience. ~ Abby Glasgow



Community Events

This year's Back to School event was a huge success. This year we helped approximately 200 children with school supplies for the upcoming school year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who donated school supplies and volunteered at the event. We ran out of food due to the turnout and had to run out and purchase more food! There were approximately 350 total people at the event.

Our next and final event for this year is going to be Trunk or Treat. This will be held on October 31st from 6-8 PM. This year we are doing biblical themes and Fall themes (no spooky or scary themes). Each person who wants to participate would be responsible for decorating their own car and providing their own candy to hand out. By mid-September, there will be a sign-up sheet located outside the sanctuary for those wishing to decorate a vehicle. If you are looking for ideas, feel free to ask myself or Pastor Justin. Thank you to everyone for their support this year! Without the help of the congregation, we would not be able to pull off these events and outreach to the community. Chris Czubowicz

UMW Cookout

THANK YOU

The cookout was wonderful. Lots of fellowship, lots of food. Thanks to all who contributed time and food. We couldn't have done it without you!

Karen Snyder and the UMW



Red Cross Declares Blood Shortage

<https://www.redcross.org/>

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. Amid this crisis, doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available. Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments.

“While some types of medical care can wait, others can’t,” said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer of the Red Cross. “Hospitals are still seeing accident victims, cancer patients, those with blood disorders like sickle cell disease, and individuals who are seriously ill who all need blood transfusions to live even as Omicron cases surge across the country. We’re doing everything we can to increase blood donations to ensure every patient can receive medical treatments without delay, but we cannot do it without more donors. We need the help of the American people.”

The Red Cross asks the country to roll up a sleeve to help ensure people receive the care they need. Make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcross.org/blood) or calling 1-800-RED

GriefShare



Our next cycle will begin on Monday September 12th at 6 PM. The cycle will run through Monday, December 19th . Each session will be on Mondays from 6-8 PM at Hillcrest. Griefshare is a Christ based program that helps individuals cope with the grief of the loss of a loved one. The program is open to everyone over the age of 18 and is a fantastic program. This will be our 4th cycle we are going to be holding and it has really helped individuals cope with the loss of a loved one and grow closer to Christ.

Each week, we will review the workbook exercises that were completed by the individuals the previous week, watch a video (approximately 40 minutes long) presented by experts and then have discussion time about the video and anything else regarding the loss of our loved ones. The cycle is 14 weeks long (we won't meet on October 31st) and includes an orientation session on September 12th . If you are interested in participating, complete a registration form that is on the table outside the sanctuary.

Those registration forms can either be turned in to me or handed into Stephanie/Justin and they will get them to me. You can also call the church office to register to participate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 570-460-1653 or chrisfce107@yahoo.com.
Chris Czubowicz

Boundaries of New Districts Outlined

by [Brenda Capen](#) | Jul 8, 2022 | [AC 2022 News](#), [Districts](#), [News](#), [Virginia News](#)

Following the vote of the Annual Conference on Friday, June 17, 2022, that set the number of districts to eight effective July 1, 2022, in keeping with Paragraph 415.4 of the 2016 UMC Book of Discipline, and in consultation with the Cabinet, the boundaries of the new districts shall be as follows, effective July 1, 2022:

The exterior boundaries shall be the combined boundaries of their former constituent districts in their bi-district configurations (which were established July 1, 2021), with the dissolution of the interior boundary of the former paired districts, to form eight new districts as shown below both in table and map.

These districts shall be served by the eight district superintendents as listed below.

New District Name	Former Bi-Districts	District Superintendent
Coastal Virginia	Elizabeth River & Eastern Shore	The Rev. Dr. Cecelia Brooks
Living Waters	Farmville & James River	The Rev. Jay Carey
Mission Rivers	Rappahannock River & York River	The Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates
Mountain View	Danville & Lynchburg	The Rev. Denise Bates
Northern Virginia	Alexandria & Arlington	The Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert
Shenandoah River	Harrisonburg & Winchester	The Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez
Three Notch'd	Charlottesville & Richmond	The Rev. Dr. Hyo Lee
Valley Ridge	Roanoke & Staunton	The Rev. Doug Forrester

Each of the eight new districts has begun its implementations; which, by agreement, will be completed in all districts by January 1, 2023. As with the District Initiative work to date, the implementation in each district is proceeding within the context of each district.

There will be Called District Conferences this summer in each district to set the organizing in motion. Design is continuing in each district focused not only on structure but especially on the missional Kingdom work of each district. The District Initiative has never been a “one fits all” but is contextual for each district. Each district has the agency to organize itself for the ministry God is calling them to, supporting churches and community through the work of the laity and clergy in partnership. The Rev. Denise Bates, dean of the Cabinet said, “We need the participation and passion that God’s people bring to this work. We want to continually and creatively be responsive to the needs of communities, churches, laity, and clergy, so we can share the Love of Christ in real and tangible ways, even in the midst of challenges.”

Contact your district office and find out how you can be part of what God is doing in the Virginia Conference.

NEW DISTRICT	FORMER DISTRICTS
Coastal Virginia District	Eastern Shore & Elizabeth River
Living Waters District	Farmville & James River
Mission Rivers District	Rappahannock River & York River
Mountain View District	Danville & Lynchburg
Northern Virginia District	Alexandria & Arlington
Shenandoah River District	Harrisonburg & Winchester
Three Notch'd District	Richmond & Charlottesville
Valley Ridge District	Roanoke & Staunton



* Holston District not part of the Virginia Conference

History of the Holston Conference



<https://tennesseeencyclopedia.net/entries/holston-conference/>

Holston Conference
Written by Roy L. Howard

The Holston Conference is the organization of nearly one thousand United Methodist churches in thirty-three East Tennessee counties, seventeen southwest Virginia counties, a county and portions of two others in northwest Georgia, and one church each in Alabama and West Virginia. There are nearly one thousand pastors, chaplains, and other clergy, and nearly 175,000 lay members. The conference took its name from the three forks of the Holston River, which rises in southwest Virginia and flows into the Tennessee River. The first official Methodist pastor, Jeremiah Lambert, came to the Holston country in 1783. Initially one "circuit" covered nearly half the present territory. The conference organized in 1824, with Robert Richford Roberts as its first bishop. Until the 1880s Holston Conference encompassed several counties in western North Carolina and two or more West Virginia counties until 1939. Almost all the land in the Cherokee Nation once fell within the Holston Conference, including parts of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia, as well as southeast Tennessee.

From 1865 to 1939 two Holston Conferences covered essentially the same territory—Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (ME, sometimes called the "Northern" Church) and Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (MES, sometimes called the "Southern" Church). The Methodist denomination split in 1844, partly over the issue of slavery. There were no "northern" churches within Holston between 1844 and 1865, but some members left the "southern" church, and many congregations were unsettled. During the Civil War, some congregations lost their buildings as a result of military occupation. From 1830 until 1939 the Virginia District of the Methodist Protestant Church covered some of the same territory as the ME and MES Holston Conferences. In 1939 the three came together in the Methodist Church. In 1968, when the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB), what had been in some years the East Tennessee Conference of the United Brethren Church (UB), comprising much of the same geographical area, became part of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC).

Through approximately 175 years, the bodies that today make up the Holston Conference have placed a great deal of emphasis on education and social service, as well as on preaching, worship, and salvation. Today, the conference owns two senior colleges and a junior college; at various times there were at least four other colleges and several high schools and elementary schools.

The conference also operates a hospital, a children's home (started by Methodist women) with several branches, six retirement homes, and six camps. Many local congregations operate daycare centers and a wide variety of community services; many provide meeting places for secular and ecumenical endeavors. Some are biracial, and a few are bilingual. In 1824 there were three districts with twenty-four circuits. Today, there are eleven districts. Twenty percent of the churches are still on circuits in which a pastor serves more than one church. Many of these pastors are bi-vocational.

An uncounted number of missionaries, both lay and clergy, have gone from the Holston Conference to other parts of the United States and around the world in the name of Christ. In addition, the churches and the conference together support many other religious, medical, and social ministries and missions.

HOMEBOUND

Cards and letters always welcome to help those at home remember they are still a part of our Hillcrest Family and that we miss them!



Phyllis Weaver (BM)
Albert Traylor(A)
Eileen Delewski(M)
Thelma Rankins (A)
Anita Alsop (B)
Pattie Chandler (A)

Ivy Hedge (A)
Ralph & Marie Adams (P)
Sandra Melick (A)
Martha McDyson (P)
Jill Czubowicz

(A)At Home (BM) Brookdale Midlothian (M) Morningside Richmond
(B) Bickford (P) Paramount Senior Living (E) Enoch George Manor
(If you need anyone's address, please contact the church office.)

In Honor of Arthena Baxley

I saw an angel the other day who was getting ready to go away. We looked in to each others eyes.she saw my eyes start to cry. Don't do that be happy for me. You see we will meet again in the Highest of Highs. Heaven.
anonymous

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS and CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send to hillcrestunitedmethdist@gmail.com

CHURCH USE

To reserve the church or pavilion contact the church office at 540-898-2180
or email hillcrestunitedmethdoist@gmail.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE/ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every other month (odd months) at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every other month (even months) at 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES

Meets the 4th Tuesday every 2 months at 7:00 p.m.

SPPR

Meets quarterly at 6:00 p.m.

NOW, OUR GOD, WE GIVE YOU
THANKS, AND PRAISE YOUR
GLORIOUS NAME .

~ 1 Chronicles 29:13



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