

hillcresthighlights

Fall - 2019

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20/20



Harvest Offering to Fund More Renovations

The first full year of the Vision 20/20 Campaign has been a big success. After sending out Deb Guzman as a new missionary to Thailand and Bart and Leslie D. to reach Muslims in The Netherlands, the church launched Growth Groups and completed four major renovation projects. These include repaving the parking lot, building a spacious ministry storage addition to the main church building, creating two beautiful new handicap-accessible bathrooms and finishing an extensive Family Center renovation. “We have seen a dramatic increase in our attendance at Discovery Town on Sunday mornings and for Outbound Youth on Wednesday nights,” reports Family Pastor Jeff Johnson.

The next phase Vision 20/20 renovations will more than double the square footage of the church’s undersized lobby. This will involve opening-up four rooms, relocating offices and repurposing other rooms. Costs are estimated to be approximately \$125,000 with construction beginning in May, 2020 after Awana, Preschool, MOPS and other ministries conclude for the school year. Many in the church family have already made generous faith commitments and have been faithfully giving to Vision 20/20. If giving to the Campaign continues at the same pace as the past year, \$35,000 will be available in May. The church family has already made the commitment to

pay for all projects with cash, meaning an additional \$90,000 is needed to move forward. Pastor Mark explains, “Our goal is to renovate and prepare the church building for the way we do ministry today, not the way it was done in 1970 when the building was built.”

An updated Vision 20/20 photo collage is on display in the church lobby. Covering the photos are cards with costs for the specific items needed for the next phase: Shelving units, lighting and heating fixtures, flooring, window treatments, paint, etc. The cost per card/project item ranges from \$15,000 for flooring to \$35 for a gallon of paint.

Pastor Mark is challenging everyone in the church family to consider funding one or more of these items as a Harvest Offering. “If you’re already giving to Vision 20/20, that is wonderful! However, if the Lord has blessed you this past year, there is a wonderful opportunity to give a special offering and make a big difference.” He adds, “If you haven’t been regularly giving to the Campaign, this is a great time to get involved. Together we will see Vision 20/20 become reality!”

Special giving envelopes are available on the lobby display. Gifts may be made through the offering on Harvest Weekend, November 9-10 or any time between now and May, 2020. Project cards should be included, or a clear project notation made on the

check memo line. Online giving is also available through the Church Center Giving App, available for iPhone and Android devices. As with every gift to the Vision 20/20 Campaign, a tithe (10%) is given for missions projects outside of Hillcrest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 30/31 Preschool Costume Parties
- 31 Trunk or Treat

November

- 2 Outbound Trip to Get Air
- 5 General Election, North Room
- 7 MOPS/MomsNext
- 7 Pastors’ Leadership Lunch
- 9 Ladies Craft Day @ Family Center
- 9-10 Harvest Weekend
- 10-11 Outbound College Visit to Cedarville
- 12 Preschool BlueStar Mothers Collection begins
- 14 WOW Widows Connect Group @ Lutheran
- 21 MOPS/MomsNext
- 23 Singles Thanksgiving Dinner

December

- 6 Church Decorating Party
- 11 AWANA Family Christmas Party
- 12 WOW Widows Connect Group
- 14 Kid’s Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 15 Kid’s Christmas Program
- 17 Pre-K 3-year-old Christmas Program
- 19 Pre-K 4-year-old Christmas Program
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

What is Harvest Dinner?

A much-loved tradition, every fall the Hillcrest family gathers together to thank God for His faithfulness to us in the past year. This year's dinner takes place at 5:30 PM Saturday, November 9. We begin in the auditorium with a hymn of praise and a prayer of thanks, proceed to the North Room for dinner and dessert, then return to the auditorium to hear a dynamic speaker and give a generous offering. This year's offering will fund the next phase of our Vision 20/20 Capital Campaign to double the size of our lobby area, relocate offices and remodel classrooms. As with all Vision 20/20 gifts, 10% of the offering will be given to Converge Mid-Atlantic to strengthen struggling churches. Reservations are made by writing "Harvest Dinner" in the Sunday Morning Welcome Folder or by signing up at the Information Station. Start praying about your participation!

Harvest Dinner Menu:

- Holiday Baked Ham with Sauce
- Cheesy Potato Casserole
- Buttery Green Beans
- Glazed Baked Squash
- Harvest Cupcake with a Fruity Surprise Filling

Reserve a seat now to enjoy this delicious meal with the church family. Sign up in the Sunday Welcome Folder or at the Information Station or call the church office (483-3331)



Harvest Weekend Guest Speaker Announced

Brian Weber will be sharing God's Word at the Harvest Weekend, November 9-10. Brian serves as Executive

Minister for Converge MidAtlantic, a network of more than 100 churches from New York to South Carolina. A tithe (10%) of every dollar given to the Vision 20/20 Campaign helps further the mission of Converge to start and strengthen churches in our region. Brian will provide an update on how Hillcrest's support is making a major impact in advancing the Kingdom of God.



Preschool Collects for Blue Star Mothers

The Hillcrest Preschool classes partner with Blue Star Mothers to collect items for care packages for deployed troops this Christmas. This project is done in conjunction with learning about Veteran's Day and the importance of our military. The preschool is also promoting the idea of giving as we enter the Christmas season.

A collection box will be located in the Preschool hallway November 12-26. Items to be gathered include beef jerky, trail mix, shampoo, hand sanitizer, etc. Look for a complete list in the collection box and in your Sunday bulletin. Let's show servicemen and women our support!

Learning is Fun at Hillcrest

Children at Hillcrest Christian Preschool have been enjoying the fall season with hands-on classroom activities and fun field trips. The Jamestown Fire Department also pulled up in their big fire truck as part of Fire Prevention Week which was met with lots of excitement.



Christmas is Coming!

Help bring the holiday spirit to Hillcrest on **Friday, December 6.** We'll trim the trees, deck the halls and enjoy connecting with each other as we prepare to celebrate the Savior's birth. Mark your calendar and watch the Sunday bulletins for more details.



Find sign-up sheets to **Ring the Bell** for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at the Information Station. Funds collected by our local ministry partner stay in the community to meet the needs of our neighbors. Many have made this a family tradition of community service. We'll be at Tops Market on Foote Avenue on Nov. 25, Dec. 3, Dec. 19, and Dec. 21.

Our MOPS/MomsNext Ministry will be packing shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** project. Each year millions of shoeboxes are shipped around the globe delivering gifts and the Gospel message to children, some living in remote parts of the world. Visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ for instructions on how to pack a box. Include \$9 for shipping if you're able. Our MOPS/MomsNext team will deliver the boxes to a local collection site. Shoeboxes must be received at or before the November 21st morning MOPS meeting.

Our children will present the nativity story on **Sunday, December 15** at 6 PM. Rehearsals will be held during Discovery Town (11 AM-noon) at the Family Center. Children up to grade 8 are invited to participate in the retelling of the Christmas story through drama and song.



Join us to worship our Savior's birth on **Christmas Eve** at 7 PM. Our annual celebration will feature music and a message to focus our minds and hearts on the true meaning of the holiday and will conclude with our traditional candle lighting and a carol. Plan to make this family-friendly event a part of your Christmas.

Outbound Youth Special Events

Thursday, October 31	Trunk or Treat Service Project
Saturday, November 2	Get Air Trampoline Park
Wednesday, November 6	Overcoming Sexual Brokenness - BPUMC
Sunday, November 10	College Visit - Cedarville University
Wednesday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 11	Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Break
Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Break
Monday, January 20	Splash Lagoon

Financial Peace returns in January

Are you ready to master the basics of budgeting, dump debt, plan for the future and overcome financial stress? Financial Peace University (FPU) has changed nearly 6 million lives and can change yours!



Rodger & Leslie Hazen

Hillcrest makes FPU accessible to you in January. Rodger and Leslie Hazen will facilitate nine weekly video lessons featuring Dave Ramsey, Rachel Cruze, and Chris Hogan which will teach God's plan for money

management. The course provides a step-by-step plan to help you to build an emergency fund, payoff debts, build wealth and more.

FPU starts Monday, January 13, 2020, 6:30–8:30 PM. A previous Hillcrest FPU class paid off \$33,602 in non-mortgage debt and saved \$22,780 during their nine-week session by applying God's principles! Registration for this life-changing course is free; the cost for materials (workbook and online tools) is \$100. Note your interest by writing "FPU" on your Sunday sign-in sheet, email pastorjeff@hillcrestjamestown.com with your contact information, or call (716) 483-3331 before the Monday, December 16 registration deadline. Contact Pastor Jeff for details related to scholarship assistance.



Security Team members Dave Erickson, John Watkins, David Rexford, Paul Mattson, Stan Collver, Michelle Boedecker along with Justin Martin, Aaron Rounds and Rich Boedecker (not pictured) monitor the church campus for safety or security threats during worship services and special events.



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Trunk & Treat

OCTOBER 31, 6-8 PM



Last year over 300 kids and family members passed through Hillcrest on Halloween night. This year we'll line up cars again to welcome trick-or-treaters to our campus, handing out treats, serving hot cocoa, and providing a warm indoor reprieve from the chilly weather with an opportunity to learn more about Hillcrest, enjoy some indoor "fun fair" games and snap a picture at our photo booth.

How can you be involved?

Bring your car. We'll line up the vehicles so that our guests can walk safely from car-to-car to collect their treats. Any type of decoration, simple to elaborate, is fine. A few ideas are posted in the church lobby. You can bring your own treats to distribute, or we will provide candy from the supply donated by others. Plan to arrive between 5-5:30 PM on Oct. 31.

Donate candy. Our church family has been very generous so far, but we will continue to collect bags of wrapped candy up until the event.

A few volunteers are still needed to serve indoors. Contact the church office for details.

