



Hilton Christian Church



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Elders on Call For Thursdays and Fridays

July 20-21 Gina Stump

July 27-28 Hillary Lane-Ramirez

Aug 02-04 Michael Burnett

Aug 10-11 Sandy Keatley

Aug 17-18 Mary Kayaselcuk

Zoom Prayer Meetings

July 22, 2023 at 11:00 am

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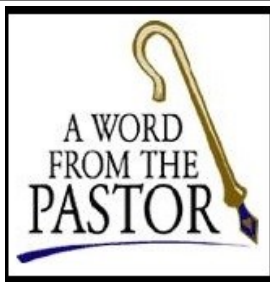
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I expect most of you understand what it feels like to have a discouraging week. Last week was that for me. In part it was that I was physically tired from the colonoscopy and the prep leading up to it. But part of it was that the week contained some anniversaries of difficult things/times. When I get in these times of discouragement I tend to begin planning for the future. I refuse to believe that God doesn't have something good coming.

I now have Scriptures and Sermon Titles complete through November. Advent begins the first Sunday of December. This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday.

One of my hopes for us for the fall is that there will be 3 or more small groups formed. I cannot start and lead all of them. We need volunteers!

I understand that members of this congregation are not generally willing to volunteer for anything. You show up once something is organized, and that is wonderful! In this case, I need people to respond to this eNews letting me know if any of the suggestions are something you would attend. I also need to know if there is anyone willing to be responsible for the running of these groups. Let me tell you what I have in mind.

CRAFTERS GROUP: this would meet once or twice a month. There would be someone offering to teach a craft and the supplies for that craft would be available. BUT the group would also be open for ongoing crafts so if you like to crochet and just like to have a group of folks with which to do it, you would be able to do that. I would be willing to offer the first craft project.

Needed:

1. Your suggestions for day and time for this group as well as whether once or twice a month would be best.
2. Someone willing to be responsible for opening and closing the building and for making sure the space is ready.
3. Help getting this organized if there is interest.

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A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY IS NEEDED. This would be a study based on a book of the Bible or a biblical theme. I envision this as a group that does short term studies. I can offer resources.

Needed:

1. Your suggestions for day and time for this group as well as how often it should meet.
2. Will this be in person, by zoom, or a hybrid of the two?
3. Someone willing to be responsible for opening and closing the building and for making sure the space is ready.
4. Someone to lead the group. This may or may not be the one responsible for the space issues.
5. Your ideas for topics.

A MONTHLY LUNCH GATHERING AND DISCUSSION OF A PREARRANGED TOPIC OR ISSUE. This could be a group that goes out for lunch or one that does brown bag at the church. I would hope that the discussion would be focus more than the food.

Needed:

1. Your suggestions for day and time for this group as well as whether how often it should meet.
2. Duration of the group
3. Someone willing to be responsible for organizing the meeting
4. Someone to lead the group. This may or may not be the one responsible for the space issues.
5. Your ideas for topics.

All of these groups are intended to be flexible so that you can come when your schedule allows or when the group is doing or discussing something that especially interests you.

This is not an exhaustive list, nor is it in any way meant to be the only ideas that we discuss. Small groups should help facilitate fellowship and faith growth. You are the ones who know what you want and/or need from the church community. I need you to offer your input and insights.

As we use our summer to dream and plan, may we also find time for rest.

Blessings, Pastor Natalie

Hilton Christian Announces the 2023-2024 Roster



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Sue Rhodes

Liturgy for Worship
July 23, 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gina Stump

One: God is our Good Shepherd.

All: **God leads us to places of restoration.**

One: God leads us in the paths of righteousness,

All: **and guards us in the valley of the shadow.**

One: We fear no evil, because God is with us.

All: **God comforts us, and leads us to safety.**

One: Goodness and mercy are with us now and always.

All: **For we worship and follow the Good Shepherd.**

Congregational Hymn “*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*”

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Special Music

Scripture Genesis 28:10-19a Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Gina Stump

Sermon Hard Pillows and Hard Sayings

Pastor Natalie

Congregational Hymn “*For the Healing of Nations*”

Communion

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Gina Stump

Communion Hymn “*Sois la Semilla*” (*You Are the Seed*)”

Communion Distributed

Words of Institution

Benediction

Pastor Natalie

Postlude

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed

If you would like to join Hilton Christian Church, you may speak to the pastor about membership or come forward during the singing of the congregational hymn