

March 2022

# HILL'S CHAPEL HOUSE CALL

Hill's Chapel exists to live God's Good News and be God's hands and presence in our community.

## Missions



Donate your Aluminum Drink Cans so we can recycle for cash! All proceeds will be used to fund our Food Box Ministry!

## Children

*Come Fly a Kite with us!*

**HILL'S CHAPEL UMC  
FREE FOOD, GAMES,  
AND CRAFTS**

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2 miles south of Hwy 16/73  
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*March 11, 2022*

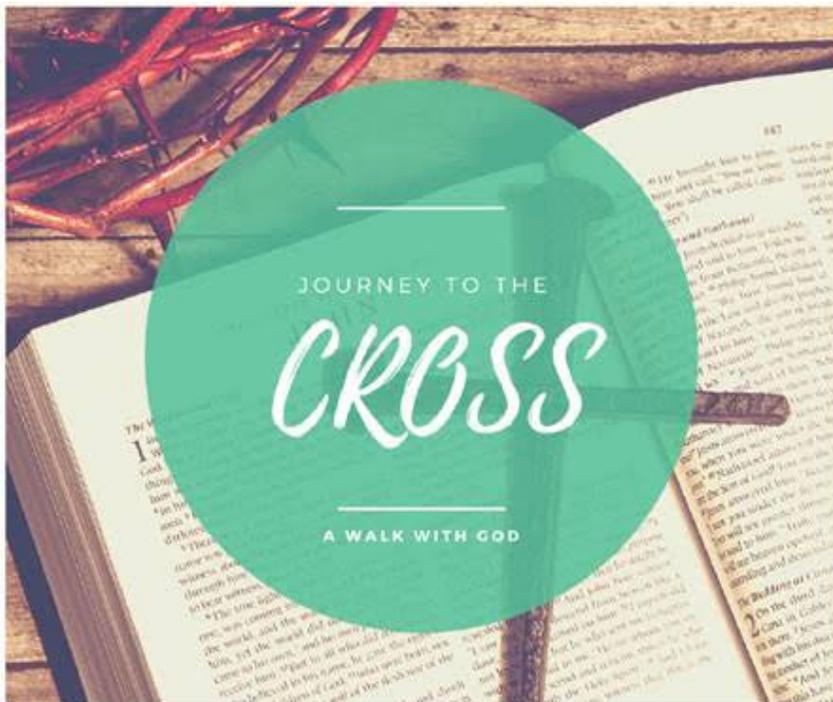
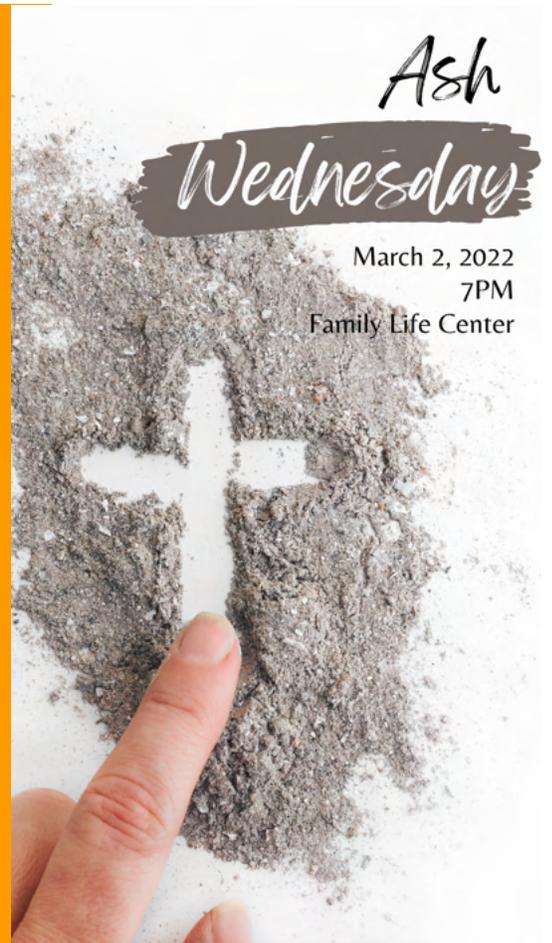
**6:00-8:00 PM**



**HILL'S CHAPEL  
BBQ**



**Friday, April 8**  
*11 AM - Until...*  
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Starting Ash Wednesday, the 14 Stations of the Cross will set up around the walking track to enjoy. Spend time reflecting on the journey Jesus made in the days leading up to His death and resurrection.



## Online Giving

Our new website now has a link to help make your GiveUp Challenge for Lent even easier. Simply click the link and make a one time donation or set up for recurring donations for your weekly or monthly tithe. Automatic Withdrawal; Debit and Credit Cards are all available options. Online donations are processed via Strip, a secure payment system that is used and trusted by many of your favorite stores. For questions, contact the church office; Janet Howard or Lori Gaston.

## GIVING UP for Lent?

Most of us think about what we can give up for Lent. We give up chocolate; soda; sugar, etc. What if we turn that around and focus on what we can give rather than give up?

We have been blessed with so much at Hill's Chapel that we can use for the God's Ministry. We all know that with this opportunity to serve, there are expenses. We have our programs; facilities; utilities; staff and other items needed to help operate our ministry. For the past several years, we have had the need to reach out to you in November and December to ask for more donations to cover these expenses. What if we could just focus on God's ministry all year knowing we will have what we need?

The finance committee has completed a giving chart to show our giving for 2021 for our operating expenses (this does not include special funds, Food Box, Go Ye, etc.). We feel that if everyone would step up at least one step, we could pay for our planned expenses without reaching out to you at the end of the year to ask for that last minute push on donations. Please review the chart below to see where you fall on the giving chart for our operating expenses.

God has planned an exciting opportunity for us in 2022. We just have to be ready to listen and ready to respond to His call. Will you take at least one step this year and "GIVE UP" for Lent?

## **MARCH GO YE FUND– HESED HOUSE OF HOPE**

The Hesed House of Hope is a non-profit organization and is currently the only homeless shelter in Lincoln County. So with kindness, we blend our collective hearts as one to shelter and feed those in need.

The shelter opens each day at 5:30 pm and closes at 8 am. For the safety of our staff and residents, we do drug and alcohol testing on all potential residents. We provide temporary shelter for men, women, and children at our facility.

Our mission is to provide temporary housing to allow an individual to regroup and get back on their feet.

In partnership with DSS and other agencies, we work to help our clients apply for any benefits they may be eligible for, we support the rapid rehousing model and we help residents in their search for employment.

### **Opportunities to Serve**

The Executive Director, John Hall, will visit with us on March 13 to tell us more about the Hesed House, how they serve the community, and how we can serve. Volunteers are a vital part of the success of the Hesed House!

Sign up to tour the facility, as a Hill's Chapel group, March /27, get acquainted with the shelter and hear their story. A sign-up sheet will be available in the FLC.

Tours are every Sunday afternoon, by appointment, and begin at 4:30 and last approximately 45 minutes.

Donate to the Hesed House Needs List. We will have a collection basket for donations you bring on Sunday.

NEEDS LIST

Coffee, creamer, sugar, filters

Sodas (not diet)

Lunch supplies for working residents (bread, meat, chips, etc.)

Cleaning supplies

Laundry Detergent (Dollar Tree detergent works great for them)

Paper Products (plates, cups, silverware, napkins)

Paper towels and toilet paper

Sign up to serve an evening meal. The Missions Committee will be preparing and serving the evening meal on March 24th.

Bed sponsors - \$30 a month to support the general expenses. For each month you sponsor, you will get an email update on the resident in the bed you sponsor, and your name, or the name you designate, will be posted on the bed.

Conduct daily intake responsibilities. Intake is done daily from 5:15 - 6:30.

Visit their website: [hesedhouseofhope.com](http://hesedhouseofhope.com) to get more acquainted with them and see how you can play a part by serving. They generally have special projects they are requesting help with.

Like and follow Hased House of Hope on Facebook.

Subscribe to their monthly newsletter where you'll see an update on the number of current residents, current Needs List, current projects, etc.

**Financial Snapshot**  
(As of January 31, 2022)

<b>Contributions Received:</b>	<b>24,479.00</b>
General Fund Ballfield Rent	100.00
BBQ	-
Insurance Dividend	21.03
Insurance Income	-
Facility Rent	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,600.03</b>
<b>Expenses Paid Out:</b>	
Conference Apportionment*	-
Missions/Ministry	(1,771.66)
Operations/Maintenance	(4,640.52)
Personnel	(6,424.60)
*Apportionments are due Feb-Nov	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(12,836.78)</b>
<b>General Fund surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>11,763.25</b>
<b>Capital Funds:</b>	
<b>Sacntuary Fund</b>	<b>381,332.67</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>236,600.91</b>

## Hilltoppers

On Wednesday February 23, 2022, the Hilltoppers met in the Family Life Center for a Soup-er Sweetheart Luncheon. We enjoyed plenty of good soups from Chillin' and Grillin'. After our meal (and a lot of conversation), we played Bingo. Sheila Dellinger was our Bingo caller and did a FINE job!! There were 25 lovely people in attendance. Thank you to everyone for their help cleaning up, taking down tables, washing dishes and vacuuming (Lee Tatum) etc. It's always a blessing when we are together! On to the next Hilltoppers plans!

Blessings, Mae Goff & Debbie Dellinger

## Rev. Amy's Thoughts

We head into this season of Lent starting with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of 40 days, not including Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Over those 40 days we are invited to live in closer relationship with Christ, look at those ways we have fallen short, and recommit ourselves to social holiness.

Many will choose to fast out of repentance. I remind us all that this isn't simply a way to give up our Diet Coke or exercise more, but instead it is a way to truly evaluate those things that may be getting in the way of a closer relationship with Christ.

Of course, there is no rule that states Lent is the only time we can grow closer to Christ. Lent gives us an excuse to hit the reset button on our faith, but God calls us to that closer relationship every day.

Where is God calling you to give up so that you can grow more?

Love in Christ,

Rev. Amy

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