



# HILLTOP NEWS

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## The Most Important Part...

I can hardly believe that it is this time of the year. The excitement of the Christmas season is in the air. Already we are hearing carols and seeing decorations. We, too, have been busy here at school planning for the upcoming holidays. In all of our preparation and planning, it is sometimes easy to forget what this holiday is really all about. The most important part of Christmas is the gift that God has sent to each one of us, His Son, Jesus.

It is our prayer at Hilltop that you and your family take time this busy season to focus on the birth of Jesus. Maybe you could sit as a family and read the Christmas Story as told in Luke, Chapter 2, of the Bible. This would be a great tradition to start as a family.

Heavenly Father, help us all to focus on the best gift of all -- JESUS!!!

## Themes

The themes for the 2's are Christmas and the Birth of Jesus. Their Bible verse is Luke 2:11, "A Savior has been born." They will be working on bending without falling; showing affection and emotions easily, and arriving at school happily.

The themes for the 3's are Christmas and The Birth of Christ. They will be working on adjusting to the school setting without prompts; using please and thank you without reminders; balancing on one foot; primary colors; and first and last name recognition. Their Bible verse for the month is Luke 2:16, "And they found the babe lying in a manger."

The themes for the 4's are Christmas and the Birth of Christ. They will be working on playing cooperatively; using good manners; following movements; tracing curved lines; naming shapes; and using instruments. Their Bible verse is, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11


The 5-year-old theme is Christmas Joy. They will be working on giving to others; letters and sounds; and numbers and sets 1-10. Their Bible verse is, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

The color of the month in all of the classes is green.

## Christmas Eve Services

We would love to invite you and your entire family to visit the Hershey Free Church for its Christmas Eve services. Hershey Free will offer several services. The first is on Sunday, December 23rd at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Then they will also offer two services on December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The children's choirs will be performing at the 4:00 p.m. service.

If you have any questions about these services, or questions about the Hershey Free Church in general, please stop by the office and speak with Miss Becky.



Hilltop Christian Nursery School will be closed on Thursday, December 20th through Wednesday, January 2nd. School will resume on Thursday, January 3rd.

(The January calendar and newsletter will be sent home the first week of January.)

# Christmas Parties and Programs

Each of the classes will have a Birthday Party for Jesus this month. Instead of exchanging gifts with one another at these parties, each class at Hilltop will be performing a class service project.

The 2 year old classes will be collecting baby supplies for Morningstar Pregnancy Services.

The 3 year old classes will be collecting coloring books and crayons for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

The 4 year old classes will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Hershey Free Church food bank.

The 5 year old class will be collecting winter items (hats, gloves, coats) for the Hershey Free Church clothing bank.

Over the month of December, please bring in the items and your classroom teacher will have a place in the classroom to accept the donated items. We are hopeful these service projects will help reinforce the true "Gift" of the season --JESUS-- and the joy that comes from giving rather than receiving

The 3 year old classes and our Tuesday 2 year old class will have their Christmas program on Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. The program will take place in the sanctuary. (Directions will be posted.) Please plan to join us.

A Christmas program for the 4 and 5 year olds and our Wednesday 2 year olds will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Directions to the sanctuary will be posted.

After all of the programs there will be a cookie reception in the Core Café. Watch for sign-ups to provide cookies for the receptions to be posted soon.

These programs are very special and the children work very hard at getting ready for them, which is why it is so important to be sure that each child has at least one family member here to see them. We hope you invite your family and friends to come and see these programs. It is always a great time of celebration!



# Ever Faithful

Ever Faithful! This is our theme for the year and we would love it if you would memorize our verse along with us. It is 1 Thessalonians 5:24. Our challenge is to have 200 people (adults and children included) say it by the end of the year. Watch the Ever Faithful wall go up at the Hilltop entrance as more and more people say this special verse of Scripture. We would LOVE to add your name to our wall!

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THE ONE  
who calls you  
IS FAITHFUL  
and  
HE WILL DO IT

1 Thessalonians 5:24

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 3RD FOR CURRENT HILLTOP FAMILIES. REGISTRATION FORMS AND INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK.

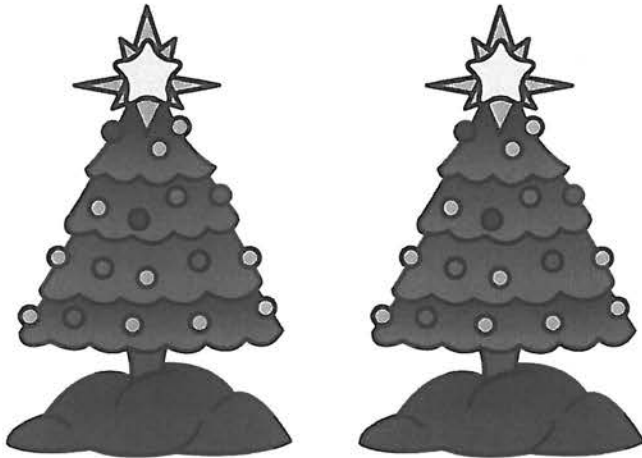


## Parent Rep. Notes

For many years we have held a Christmas Shop to allow the children to shop for special gifts for Christmas. This year it will be held on December 4th & 5th. The children will be shopping during school hours with volunteers that will help the children to purchase their gifts. A shopping list will be sent home a few days prior to the Christmas Shop. If you have any questions about the Christmas Shop, please stop by the Hilltop office.

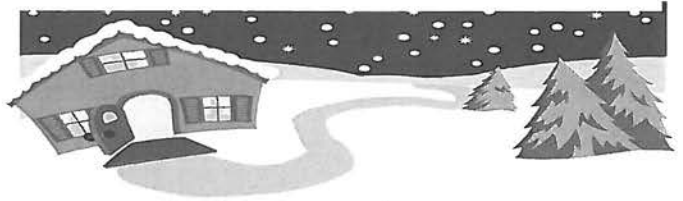
To date, we've made over \$500 through the sale of grocery gift cards. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program. We also have 106 people registered with the Giant A+ program. All you have to do to participate in this program is register your Giant Bonuscard with Hilltop's number. Every time you shop, Hilltop will receive 1% of your sales. Hilltop's A+ number is 21860.

Also, we still have some KidStuff books on hand. These make great Christmas gifts. They are available for \$25, and half of that goes directly to Hilltop.



THE STAFF AND BOARD OF HILLTOP  
CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL WANT  
TO WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY JOYOUS  
AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## School Delays and Cancellations



In case of inclement weather or severe temperatures, check the school status at *Hilltop's own website: [www.hcnskids.org](http://www.hcnskids.org) or join our Facebook page.* We will be posting school information on the website and Facebook page as soon as decisions are made. We will also send out an email to current Hilltop families. Make sure we have your current email address on file.

You can also listen to your radio and TV for possible closings. We will broadcast such announcements over the following:

TV Channel 8	TV Channel 27
TV Channel 21	TV Channel 15
TV Channel 43	WJTL 90.3 FM
WRVV 97.3 FM	KISSFM 99.3
WKBO 1230 AM	WLBR 1270 AM
BOB 94.9 FM	

If we are not closed, but you feel the roads are too treacherous for travel, use the time as an opportunity to stay home and create some special times with your little ones. There is no pressure to be in school, and we value your safety.

When a modified schedule (schedule change) is announced it means the following: You may bring your child for Morning classes at 11:00 a.m. Classes will meet from: 11:00-12:30. The doors **DO NOT** open 15 minutes early on modified days.



## Cute Kid Quips



In Miss Lois & Miss Judy's 4's class, the kids were headed upstairs and Vivian Hamsher exclaimed, "Oh, I love to go to the hustle room!" This would be the *muscle* room...although both words could apply. Too cute!

Also, in Miss Lois & Miss Judy's 4's class they were praying one morning, and Leo Kim's prayer request was that "his teachers would learn to speak Korean." Miss Lois explained to the class that Leo's family is from Korea and how far away that is from us. Quinn Whetstone said, "I've been to Korea before." Miss Lois was a little surprised by that so she asked her again if she was sure Korea was where she had visited. Quinn says, "Yep, we had to take the baby bed back to Ikea." Korea—Ikea...so close!

In Miss Crystal and Miss Monica's 3's class, they were having teddy bear day, and Miss Crystal was explaining to them about what bears do over the winter. She said, "Does anyone remember that big word we learned?" Tatum Schuyler answered, "Yes, it's called hiber-nap-tion." Again, so close!!

Have I said it lately...I LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS! They make me laugh each and every day. Thanks so much for sharing your little ones with us! We love them so much!!



## Playground/Muscle Room Play

Many of you have asked if you are able to play in the muscle rooms or on the playground before or after school. You are more than welcome to play on the **playground** before or after school (the playground is closed during school hours). The muscle rooms are closed before or after school and are not able to be used for play. If you have any questions with this, please see Miss Becky. Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

## Teachers in the Spotlight

This is Miss Judy Kostoff's 23rd year at Hilltop (she is our longest serving staff member!!). She aides Miss Lois in both our three-year-old program and our four-year-old program.

Miss Judy is married to George. They make their home in Middletown. Miss Judy and George have three grown children, Joel, Stephen, and Elizabeth. Joel is married to Heather, and they are the proud parents of Judy's two grandsons, Owen, 13, and Sam, 10. Both Owen and Sam are Hilltop alumni. Stephen is married to Erica, and they live in Gibson City, Illinois. They are the parents of Miss Judy's only granddaughter, Ellie, who will soon be two. Elizabeth is a nurse at the Community General Hospital.

Miss Judy and George are members of the Hershey Free Church where they help in the nursery. In her spare time, Miss Judy enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Hilltop is blessed to have Miss Judy with us!!! She is a lovely, sweet woman!! Her loving, nurturing, caring ways are evident to all of the children and families in her care. We love having Miss Judy as part of our staff.



**Celebrate the Best Gift of  
All—JESUS!!!  
John 3:16**