

MILESTONES OF FAITH

We have 5 Milestones to mark the journey our young people make as they grow in faith.

Milestone 1: Baptism

Parents present their children for baptism, and the entire congregation celebrates this special day with the family! Parents attend a pre-baptismal meeting with the pastor. They receive special mementos of the day and materials to help begin the journey of faith with their child.

Milestone 2: 4 Year-Olds Move-Up Day

Children begin attending Sunday School and Worship Workshop at 4 years old. In the Fall, the new four year-olds are presented with a special Bedtime Story Bible. They join the Pre-K/K Sunday School class and attend Worship Workshop during the worship service.

Milestone 3: 3rd Grade: Communion, Bible, and Worship Preparation

In the fall, the 3rd Graders complete the CBW class during the first 8 weeks of the church school year. This prepares them to receive Communion and their 3rd Grade Bibles, and to stay in Worship with the larger worshipping family. At the completion of this class, they celebrate with the 3rd Grade Celebration Supper and special recognition during the worship service on the first Sunday in November.

Milestone 4: Confirmation

The Confirmation Class is generally composed of 8th grade students. This class meets weekly on Monday nights and explores what it means to be Christian in the Presbyterian tradition. Through study, lively discussion, games, videos, service projects and retreats, this group forms a strong bond as they grow and learn throughout the year. Confirmation is celebrated with a special dinner with the session and recognition in the worship service (generally in May).

Milestone 5: High School Graduation

High School students are encouraged to engage in all parts of membership at Hilltop, through service trips and projects, leadership in Sunday School and Worship, and special Youth Group events throughout the year. At graduation, seniors are recognized for leadership and participation through the Fischer Scholarship, awarded each year to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Christian leadership at Hilltop Church.

FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2018-2019

*Dates subject to change-
look for details in the Spire each month!*

September

Sept. 9 - Rally Day

October

Oct. 14 - Community Soup Kitchen Hunger Walk

Oct. 27 - Family Food Drive at Kings Market

Oct. 28 - Reformation Sunday with bagpiper

November

Nov. 3 (Sat.) - 3rd Grade Celebration Supper

Nov. 4 - 3rd Grade Communion & Bible Sunday

December

Dec. 2 - Advent Potluck Supper

Dec. 9 - Christmas Caroling at Holly Manor

Dec. 16 - Christmas Choral Concert

Dec. 23 - Christmas Pageant

January

Jan. 27 - Family Food Pantry Day

February

Feb. 3 - Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

Feb. 12 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March

March 9/10 - Youth 30 Hour Famine

March 24 - All Church Birthday Bash

April

April 7 - Bunny Bags

April 14 - Palm Sunday Program and Brunch

April 21 - Easter Sunday

May

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 19 - Confirmation Sunday / CE Sunday /

Last day of Sunday School

June

June 2 - Recognition Sunday & Deacons' Picnic

Children's Education at Hilltop Church



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OUR EDUCATION MISSION:

At Hilltop Church, we love children!

It is a joy and a privilege to partner with parents as they seek to educate and raise their children in the Christian faith.

From the first moment of baptism and throughout our lives, all our members are encouraged to grow in our love of God and our neighbors. In the Christian Education life of Hilltop Church, we encourage children, youth and adults to:

Learn the Story of God's love,

Lift our lives to God in worship,

Laugh together in joyful fellowship,

Love neighbors near and far.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:50- Sunday School (all ages)

Children's, Youth, and Adult Sunday School classes meet from **8:50 – 9:50 am** in Hilltop House.

10:00- Worship Service at Hilltop Sanctuary

The church family gathers to worship together in the sanctuary. Children ages 4 through 2nd

grade attend **Worship Workshop** following the Children's Word.



LEARN

Each week in Sunday School, we gather to learn the stories of God and the songs and traditions of our faith. We use a customized Sunday School curriculum that uses games, storytelling, videos, and projects to introduce children to Bible stories, music, outreach to others, and character building.



LIFT

Following Sunday School, we gather as a church family to lift our lives to God in worship! We put God first as we seek to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Young children participate in Worship Workshop, and older children serve as kirklighters and worship leaders.



Kirklighters



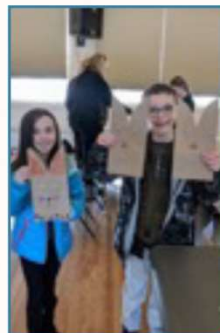
3rd Grade CBW



Christian Education Sunday

LOVE

Through numerous mission and outreach opportunities, we learn to love our neighbors as ourselves. All children, from the youngest to the oldest, have ways to participate!



Bunny Bags



Family Food Pantry Day

LAUGH

We love to have FUN! Through our time together each week and special fellowship activities throughout the year, children build relationships and friendships to help them find their place in the family of faith.



Rally Day



All-Church Birthday Party