



# Hillcrest Cross Talk

December 2017

## Special Update

### Please Join Pastor Justin Williams



**Please Join Pastor Justin Williams** in reading the New Testament in One-Year! Reading the Bible is important for us to grow in our relationship with God and with his Son, Jesus the Christ; to grow in faith, and to grow as disciples. So please join Pastor Williams in reading the entire New Testament in 2018.

The readings are Monday through Friday each week, with no readings on the weekends. If you decide to join this one year reading of the New Testament please email Pastor Williams at [justinwilliams@vaumc.org](mailto:justinwilliams@vaumc.org) to let him know that you are participating, and so that he can send you weekly encouragement. The listing of the Scripture Readings can be found as an insert in the bulletin and on the welcome table outside the sanctuary.

#### FIRST 6 Months of N.T. Reading Plan

Week Of:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jan. 1	Matthew 1	Matthew 2	Matthew 3	Matthew 4	Matthew 5
Jan. 8	Matthew 6	Matthew 7	Matthew 8	Matthew 9	Matthew 10
Jan. 15	Matthew 11	Matthew 12	Matthew 13	Matthew 14	Matthew 15
Jan. 22	Matthew 16	Matthew 17	Matthew 18	Matthew 19	Matthew 20
Jan. 29	Matthew 21	Matthew 22	Matthew 23	Matthew 24	Matthew 25
Feb. 5	Matthew 26	Matthew 27	Matthew 28	Mark 1	Mark 2
Feb. 12	Mark 3	Mark 4	Mark 5	Mark 6	Mark 7
Feb. 19	Mark 8	Mark 9	Mark 10	Mark 11	Mark 12
Feb. 26	Mark 13	Mark 14	Mark 15	Mark 16	Luke 1
March 5	Luke 2	Luke 3	Luke 4	Luke 5	Luke 6
March 12	Luke 7	Luke 8	Luke 9	Luke 10	Luke 11
March 19	Luke 12	Luke 13	Luke 14	Luke 15	Luke 16
March 26	Luke 17	Luke 18	Luke 19	Luke 20	Luke 21
April 2	Luke 22	Luke 23	Luke 24	John 1	John 2
April 9	John 3	John 4	John 5	John 6	John 7
April 16	John 8	John 9	John 10	John 11	John 12
April 23	John 13	John 14	John 15	John 16	John 17
April 30	John 18	John 19	John 20	John 21	Acts 1
May 7	Acts 2	Acts 3	Acts 4	Acts 5	Acts 6
May 14	Acts 7	Acts 8	Acts 9	Acts 10	Acts 11
May 21	Acts 12	Acts 13	Acts 14	Acts 15	Acts 16
May 28	Acts 17	Acts 18	Acts 19	Acts 20	Acts 21
June 4	Acts 22	Acts 23	Acts 24	Acts 25	Acts 26
June 11	Acts 27	Acts 28	Romans 1	Romans 2	Romans 3
June 18	Romans 4	Romans 5	Romans 6	Romans 7	Romans 8
June 25	Romans 9	Romans 10	Romans 11	Romans 12	Romans 13



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Informal Worship Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

THE UPPER ROOM  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

[devotional.upperroom.org](http://devotional.upperroom.org)

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
[vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org)

## Update from the Trustees

The Trustees and Administrative Council would like to follow up on the presentation made on Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, regarding the remodeling of, and addition to the church building. First we would like to clarify that the decision to abandon the plan for the new fellowship hall was not made because there was no support for the project – the majority of the votes cast was in favor of the project, but there were actually very few votes submitted. Rather, the decision was made because it was felt that the cost of at least a million dollars was more than could be justified. Even if Hillcrest could raise that amount of money it would have been years before the project could start and by then the cost would have grown even larger. So it was decided to explore other, more affordable options. It is believed that the current plan to add a new choir room and effectively enlarge the fellowship hall (by moving offices and taking out some walls), provides many of the benefits a new fellowship hall would provide. Importantly, it will also making the upstairs more accessible by adding a wheelchair lift, is affordable and can also be accomplished in a reasonable amount of time with a minimum of disruption. We expect the contractor to begin work on removing the wall separating the children's church room from the hall and installing the lift shortly after the first of the year. Work on the new choir room should start around March. Once the new choir room is done, then work can begin on moving the offices. All of the work should be done before the summer.

Cost of this project is as follows:

Contractors Price	\$163,900
Wheelchair lift	\$ 19,980
New roof (entire building)	\$ 33,000
Repair, repave parking lot	\$ 35,000
Total	\$251,880



There is presently about \$62,000 in the building fund; which means we need an additional \$190,000 to carry out the entire project. The finance committee and administrative council have authorized using up to \$100,000 of the church's cash reserves toward this project (there would still be about \$46,000 in cash reserves after completion of the project). This means that \$90,000 needs to be raised from donations or borrowed. If less than \$90,000 is received from donations the church will take out a loan for the difference (work on the parking lot could be postponed to delay that expense and reduce the amount borrowed). If, on the other hand, more than \$90,000 is raised less of the cash reserves will be spent and the entire project will be completed.

We ask that you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider what financial support you can give towards this project.

December 18 update: \$84,700 now in the building fund.

*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain ~ Psalm 127*