Wow, summer is here and I love it. I hope you are enjoying the sunshine, lemonade and fun times the summer offers. I also hope you get to our community garden Vines of Life and enjoy the beauty of it. We recently had a fence installed…it looks great!

Our garden ministry is to remind people of God’s beauty and the fact He wants us to grow as believers. Just like a garden, where we harvest all the yummy vegetables, God will also have a day of harvest as well. It is coming and until then we are called to be happy growing believers. For that to happen we must tend to our growth like we do a garden.

I hope you tend to that growth by coming to Sunday morning where we bring glory to God. I also hope you the study of God’s word. Perhaps you could join a study group or start a group. Maybe you could call a friend and take time to pray together and encouraging one another. My point is this...tend to your spiritual garden and grow!

For more information on small groups or how to use the great resources of RightNow Media contact the church office.

Happy Growing!

Pastor Tim
**Hillcrest Happenings**

**Myti Oaks Day**  
**Camp 2016 Camp Schedule**  
Monday - Friday  
July 10 - 21 Musical Camp  
July 20 - Musical Performance 6:30 p.m.

**ABW Meeting**  
Saturday July 8th, 9am

**Vision Team Meeting**  
Thursday, July 13th, 6:30pm

**Pledge Sunday**  
July 9th

**All Church Meeting**  
Sunday, July 23rd

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**Vines of Life Garden**  
*Submitted By Terry Tharp*

**Hot, Sunny Days of July**

July weather beckons us to sit back, relax and enjoy all the hard work we've put into our gardens. The vegetables are growing and the flowers are gorgeous, however, the heat can be disastrous for the garden if not watered well. In addition to watering containers, we have a new irrigation system to help. Billy Hicks created and installed the system on each of the raised garden beds and the water is pumped from the cisterns. Thank you, Billy!

All of the vegetable beds have been acquired for 2017. They are beautiful as each gardener has their own style and design. A few garden beds were set aside for donated veggies, so far we have given away over 200 spring onions to our church family and neighbors in the community.

Friends of the Hilltop, a nonprofit organization serving the Greater Hilltop area, installed a gorgeous wood rail fence in the garden. It gives dimension to the area and a little closure to the vegetable beds. Nevertheless, the garden is still inviting for folks to walk in and enjoy the space. Demolition began yesterday to remove several concrete pads on the southeast corner of the garden for future landscaping.

**Evening Garden Days**

Each Wednesday, we meet in the garden at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to mow the grass, weed whack, pull weeds, prune, water, and clear garden debris. Plant and flower donations are appreciated.

Contact Terry Tharp if you have questions.

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**Budget 2017-2018**  
*Submitted by Erica Arszman*

The Finance Team is working hard to get the 2017-2018 budget in order for our all church meeting on Sunday July 23rd. Pledge cards are now available in the back of the sanctuary and are a great resource for us in determining a reasonable amount to budget for. We appreciate all your tithes and offerings this past year as we expect to exceed our budget for the second year in a row. We are excited to see what God has in store for our church and community next year!
Thank you for your donations for the Pioneer Club Kids for Kids Hike. We raised $250. We hope you are enjoying your summer and will see you for our kick off night on September 13th. Our bake sale fundraiser will be Sunday September 10th.

If you are interested in looking for a place to serve, we are always in need of volunteers for the Pioneer Club Ministry on Wednesday nights. Please see Stacy Lee for questions and information.

Please enjoy these pictures that highlight the wonderful year we had!

Hillcrest Choir is Back! Submitted by Aaron Cooper

Anyone is welcome to join the choir for a special performance on July 9th. “Somebody’s Praying” and “He Never Failed Me Yet” will be the 2 songs we will be performing and we will meeting on the 9th at 9:00 am to practice the songs before the service. If you enjoy singing and praising the Lord then see Aaron Cooper about participating!
The youth Movie Nights will take a break for the holiday the first week of July and will pick back up on July 22th!

The Columbus Encounter Students have settled into the Christian Conference Center and we have been exploring all over Columbus!