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Hillsboro UMC

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Worship and Preaching Calendar

Pastor Harold Long (November 7 - Esther Part IV of V)

Social Networks

HUMC Facebook:: @HillsboroUMCMO

TUMC Facebook:: @TransformationUMCMO

Pastor Harold's Facebook: @HaroldEugeneLong

Pastor Harold's Twitter: @haroldelong

Pastor Harold's Instagram: @haroldelong

Pastor Harold's LinkedIn: @haroldelong

Faithlife Community: @https://faithlife.com/hilltran-umc/

Website: www.hilltran.org

Questions: ask@hilltran.org

Welcome to Hillsboro UMC October 31, 2021

Our Mission

Develop Jesus-centered followers committed to sharing God's love in a Jesus-looking way to help change the world.

Our Vision

To create a spiritual community where individuals and families can come as they are, fall in love with Jesus, and have a spiritual experience.

Our Purpose

"People Helping People Experience a Jesus-centered Life"

Welcome, Home

Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, age, or differing abilities, we hope you find healing and acceptance in our kingdom-centered community. Whatever doubts or challenges you may have, we trust you will find the answers to your questions that will help you experience a Jesus-centered life.



Announcements

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