



Pastor's Ponderings...

Wanting and Needing

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. - Psalm 23:1

Every now and again, I get determined to drink more water. My doctor said a good rule of thumb is to divide your weight in half, and that is how many ounces one should drink every day. So, I place myself on a water-drinking schedule. I even bought one of those cool water bottles that has the ounce measurements printed on the outside, along with encouraging words like, "You're doing great!" and "Keep drinking!" and "You're almost there!"

Initially I struggle a bit, because water is pretty bland compared to juice, peach iced tea and my absolute favorite, Dr. Pepper soda.

But, after about a month or so, something always happens. I develop a taste and a craving for water. I choose it over Dr. Pepper. Water is what I WANT, not just what I NEED.

I've often wondered how the writer of Psalm 23 could claim to have no more wants, after declaring the Lord as their personal shepherd. But now I'm looking at my empty water glass and wanting more of something good for me that I thought I'd never really want.

Maybe when we say, "The Lord is my Shepherd," we give the Holy Spirit permission to not only change our direction, but our desires?

My prayer for myself and all of us, is that our desires would match God's desires. That our desires would be about making God's vision of love, mercy, and justice a reality here on earth. That we would want what we need. No more. No less. Amen.

With love, Your Pastor Cynthia



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June 2021 Livewire deadline is Monday, May 24th

May Sunday Worship

We will continue to hold joint online worship services with First UMC during the month of May. The link can be found below, also on Hillside's Face-book page, and Pastor Cynthia sends an email out on Saturday with the link included. If you would like to get those emails please call the church office. Watch the service as it goes live online at 10am Sunday mornings, or go back and watch whenever you have time.

May Sermon Series: How To Handle Challenging Times

May 2 – Confirmation Sunday --- # 1- “Lift Your Spirit” ---- Philippians 4:4-9

We get to choose how we look at situations, events and people. We can always turn toward God. Peace doesn't have to be dependent upon our circumstances.

May 9 – Mother's Day/Garden Sunday --- # 2 “Handling Mistakes”----

John 8:31-36 & Psalm 32:1-5 The importance of admitting our mistakes/sins rather than justifying them. How to handle situations that don't seem fair without becoming a victim.

May 16 – # 3 --- “Dealing With Fear” --- Matthew 14:22-33

Learning to replace our fear with confidence in God. Using our fear to help us. Moving from fear to hope and power.

May 23 – PENTECOST --- # 4 “Un-Limit Ourselves” – II Corinthians

5:15-20. How to handle life when things are different than they once were. Dealing with change in positive ways.

May 30 – MEMORIAL WEEKEND --- # 5 “Cast Our Cares Upon

Jesus” --- Matthew 25:14-18. What can we do when worry hits us? What are the really important things to set our attention on? How can we better live one day at a time, trusting God to sustain us?

YouTube Link to find the Sunday online worship services:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA47ISATrUsyV7xJ8b4cWww>

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

Hillside men's fellowship and Bible study is rolling! We have several men that have been coming (and we want and welcome more!) and will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in May at 9am at the church. Bring your own coffee and Bible!



GRADUATES 2021

Who is graduating this year? High school or college, we want to make sure we have your name so we can celebrate with you and give you a gift from the church. Please email or text Cynthia if you are graduating or know someone who is. Pastor Cynthia 218-260-3114 pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com

CHUM MAY ASSEMBLY

The CHUM May Assembly will be on May 13th from 6:30-8:30pm online through ZOOM. From 6:30-7:00pm we will have a social time, please bring your cookies and other treats! The meeting will take place from 7:00-8:30pm. John Cole our new Executive Director will be the speaker. Come and learn more about John and other happenings at CHUM. If you are interested in going, please let Pastor Cynthia know and she will get you the link.

ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - SAVE THE DATE

We are tentatively planning Day Camp this summer for **July 13-16**. We will make decisions of what/how/where this may look like as new information and guidelines come from our Governor and Bishop. Questions or concerns please talk to Pastor Cynthia.

In Person Church Services Resume Sunday June 6, 2021.



Returning to In-Person Worship

What You Need to Know

Q – When will we return to in-person worship?

A – In person worship will be available starting Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 am. If we get a big surge in Covid cases in Duluth, we will need to re-evaluate, but this is the plan as of now.

Q – I enjoy worship online. Will online worship continue to be offered?

A – Yes, we will continue to share worship with the Coppertop on YouTube premiering at 10am on Sunday and can be watched anytime afterwards. Through May 23 it will continue to be pre-recorded worship. Starting May 30, the worship will be live streamed from the Coppertop sanctuary.

Q – What safety protocols will be in place to help keep us safe and healthy?

A – Masks must be worn by all participants (masks will be available), There will be sanitizing stations. Everyone is expected to maintain social distance guidelines (can only sit with your family unit or pod for which you have been together during COVID). Volunteers will be there to direct you to your seats, answer questions, and redirect those who forget or ignore safety precautions. Note: Worship leaders, who are more than 12 feet away, will not be masked while leading worship.

Q – Do I have to be vaccinated to attend in-person worship?

A – You do not need to be vaccinated to attend. You need to make the right decision for yourself. Your health and safety are something you need to determine.

Q – Will there be coffee hour or time for us to congregate before or after worship?

A – No food or drink will be offered at this time. If you feel comfortable, there will be a few chairs in the fellowship hall to sit and chat with one another. We ask that you follow all safety guidelines and remain masked and social distant. Feel free to socialize outdoors before and after worship.

Q – What will be different when we come back to worship?

A – As always, we will strive to provide a meaningful worship service, but some things will be different. For example:

We will all be wearing masks and maintain physical distancing

Hymnals and Bibles will not be available in the pews (you may bring your own)

Communal singing will be limited to light singing while wearing masks.

No paper bulletins will be printed. We will have all words projected on the screen.

Q – Will the nursery be available for infants and small children?

A – Yes. We will have one staff person downstairs to supervise play and crafts. Infants and young children are also welcome in worship, and we have activity bags available.

Q – How will the offering be taken?

A – We will not pass the plates at this time. Instead there will be offering plates at the back and front of the sanctuary, where you can place your financial support of the church.

Q – Will communion be offered?

A – Yes, we will continue to offer communion but it will be separate elements and not a common loaf and cup.

We are very excited to be offering in-person worship opportunities again after more than a year apart. Before attending, please consider your health situation, and make the best/right decision for you. As always, if you are feeling sick, please stay home. Online worship via YouTube, same link as we have been using, will continue to be available for those not ready or able to attend church in person.

We are excited to announce that the Chum Food Shelf has been selected for the 2021 Best of Duluth Award in the Non-Profit Organization category by the Duluth Award Program.



Best of Duluth

Each year, the Duluth Award Program identifies companies that have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and the community. These exceptional companies help make the Duluth area a great place to live, work and play.

CHUM DONATION

Thank you for the Hillside Methodist's donation to CHUM in March of \$400 and in April of \$150 to Chum's Food Shelf and \$600 to the general fund . Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents.

As we turn to the hope of 2021, I find myself reflecting on how grateful I am for the steady reliability of our CHUM family and Staff, board members, and donors. Because of the support of friends like you, we are able to fulfill the promise of CHUM's mission to create a future where every person has food, shelter , dignity and hope.

Lee Stuart, Executive Director

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Loaves and Fishes

THANKS for all who helped get our "meal of the month" to our friends at Loaves & Fishes – Dorothy Day House. We furnished an Easter meal consisting of a donated ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cookies, and lots of extras. Our UMW is happy to continue this mission project and looks forward to doing so.

Carole Hawkinson

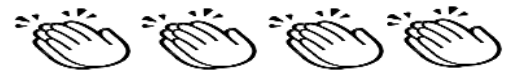
(Carolyn Dahl is having back trouble and in great pain. She is now at St. Luke's.)

Thank you all who send cash donations so we are able to continue this mission project. Please remember to keep the homeless and the hungry in your prayers.

Thank you

Many Thanks to All of You who Give Your Time, Your Spirit and Your Resources:

- To the women who provided a meal to Loaves & Fishes in April.
- Everyone who has donated to Chum's food shelf through HUMC the last few months
- To all those who quietly give to our church and community.



March FoodShare Campaign- THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the March Food Share campaign this past month. We donated 200 pounds of food.

Easter Offering 2021 - This year, our Easter offering went to CHUM's food shelf program. You were extremely generous this year! Drum roll please..... we donated close to \$1150! This is the time of year when food supplies are traditionally at their lowest. For every dollar donated, CHUM can buy \$7 worth of food. If that indeed is true, CHUM will be able to buy \$8050 worth of food! WOW! Thank you for your generosity this Easter. Christ has Risen! Christ has Risen INDEED!

**Happy May Birthday
to Hillside Friends!**

- 1 Annie Coffin-Langdon
- 1 Katie Smart
- 5 Marge Dahl
- 7 Steven Pederson
- 14 Diane Boris
- 14 Scott Patullo
- 16 Sam Ramsey Coffin
- 26 DeWayne Tomasek
- 27 Clara Britton
- 27 Ralph Stenehjelm
- 29 Carolyn Dahl
- 31 Ted Smart
- 31 Robert Lyness, Sr.



If you don't see your name here, please call the church office so we can add you to the list.
727-4257

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Family of Marilyn Torvick, who passed away Easter Sunday, and all our men & women in military service and their families. We also pray for everyone's physical and mental well being during this pandemic.

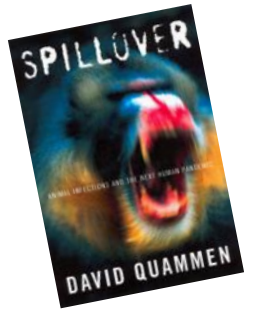


Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC book club will be meeting the second Tuesday of each month. ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot (218) 348-2712.

May's book is "Spillover" by David Quammen



Tuesday: May 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

		AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH	\$7,701.00
April 3	giving	\$ 500.00	
April 9	giving	\$2,165.00	
April 16	giving	\$1,130.00	
April 24	giving	\$ 700.00	
Total		\$ 4,495.00	
Balance			-\$3,206.00

If you have an emergency: please call Pastor Cynthia on her cell at 218-260-3114. If you cannot reach her, please contact Carole Hawkinson 218-345-6874 or Carolyn Dahl: 218-727-6342. They usually know how to find your pastor!

Hello my fellow Hillsideers;

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who is sending in their financial giving to the church. It makes a big difference and we are grateful for your generosity. We understand that some of you may be experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic. Please let us know if you are struggling to pay bills and buy needed supplies. We are family, and we are in this together. Give what you can, help where you can, and also ask for help when you need it.

Blessings to all of you, and be well.
Julie Manisto, Your Finance Chair

HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Administrative Council Minutes, April 6, 2021

Attendance: Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Chair-Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Jim Leland, Julie Manisto, Sandy Wilmot.

Carolyn opened our meeting with a prayer .

MSC (Manisto/Coffin-Langdon) to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting.

Jim presented the treasurer's report and Julie said she will file for debt forgiveness of our current PPP loan when it is all spent. A check for \$1,000 has been forwarded to CHUM as the result of extra March giving and some Easter designated giving for them. Pastor Cynthia will deliver the food stuffs that have been brought to church to CHUM this week.

The finance report revealed an Easter offering of \$155 at this point. Loaves and Fishes has \$400 with which to provide the monthly meal to Dorothy Day House.

Pastor Cynthia reported that the Lenten Book Study went well with 34 people participating, in three groups, for the combined total of Hillside and First UMC. The Men's Fellowship and Bible Study group started meeting again this morning and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month going forward. The Clergy Group continues to meet once a month and recently enjoyed our District Superintendent being a part of that group. Day Camp will be held July 13-16 this year and take place at the Park Point beach house and surrounding area. Olivia Dahl has volunteered to be a counselor this year. Annual Conference will be held on June 22-24 with a hybrid model of Zoom and in-person meetings. Asbury UMC is meeting in-person and Forbes UMC is doing a combination of in-person and live streaming. Over 400 people have viewed the Thursday, Friday and Easter Sunday U-Tube services.

SPRC reports that Brenna Harriss will make on-line videos for children in April and May.

Carole said ArrowLift has done their semi-annual maintenance of the elevator with no surprises! We have subscribed to a cloud service that will store one week's worth of pictures from our security cameras. We currently only got a day so nothing showed when the food bins were stolen from outside the back door. Our insurance with Guide One has been renewed for another year. The Scouts have agreed to sweep our sidewalks, sweep the parking lot and bring up the cement block and parking bumper that have been pushed over with the snowplow.

UMW will be supplying a ham dinner for Loaves and Fishes in April and hope to go back to cooking in our own kitchen after that. There is money in the general account that should go to UMW. Carolyn will purchase the flowering plants for the front door area and send the bill to Jim.

First UMC intends to keep up the U-Tube worship services until the end of May, at which time they will switch to live-streaming. We can continue to work with them and view the combined services on the U-Tube link. When we return to in-person worship it is thought that our people are anxious to return to Hillside and will come there. We will then discontinue our participation with worship at First UMC. This Ad Council will meet at church on April fourteenth to make plans for re-opening. The plan will then be published in our May Livewire.

A note from Jeanette Stish of Coleraine was read letting us know how much she enjoys watching our U-Tube service. She also supports financially and is a friend of Jan Barker.

Our meeting ended with a prayer given by Pastor Cynthia.

Notes taken by Carole Hawkinson
Never to replace Diane Boris!