

# Pastor's Ponderings...

## Not Forgotten

"Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for remembrance. ... Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breast piece of judgment on his heart when he goes into the holy place, for a continual remembrance before the Lord." - Exodus 28:12b & 29 (NRSV)

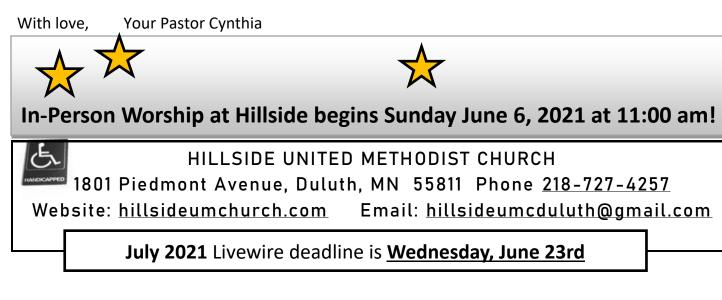
I use to write on my hands; in high school and college. Phone numbers, addresses, someone's name, "Left" and "Right" (I still have a hard time remembering which is which!) That was how I would remind myself of something important, so I wouldn't forget. How I would remember to call someone or put an important date in the calendar when I got home.

I guess Aaron was the same way. Susceptible to forget the ones God gave him to look after. So, God writes their names on his body. Aaron carries his people on his shoulders, over his heart, so he doesn't forget.

We have not been together in person at church since March 15, 2020. But, I haven't forgotten you! I carry you on my shoulders and in my heart. The truth is, I carry you in my cell phone. Your name. Your address. Your phone number. Your email. Kathleen, the church secretary, reminds me when someone is having a birthday. Carole Hawkinson, Carolyn Dahl, and I divided the names of our people and called you each week to check in. And I know that you all have called each other too, written letters, emailed, and prayed for each. No one forgotten. You are loved.

I love my cell phone... maybe a little too much. But it's almost always on my person. Held close to my body and a constant reminder of the ones that God has given me to carry on my shoulders and in my heart.

I hope to see you at church in June! But, please, whatever your comfort and health situation is, do what is best and most safe for you. You will not be forgotten!



### 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 start <u>Sunday</u>, 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 and No. We will no longer pre-record worship with Coppertop, but Coppertop will live stream their service at 10 am every Sunday that anyone can watch. Hillside at this time does not have the technology and staff to live stream their service.

#### 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) inside the building. There will be sanitizing stations. Everyone is expected to maintain social distance guidelines (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. As CDC guidelines change, we will constantly re-evaluate safety protocols, but for now we would like everyone to still mask in doors.

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

 $\mathbf{A}$  – You do not need to be vaccinated to attend. You need to make the right decision for yourself, as we also think about others. 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, but we would like to offer it soon. (We are looking for volunteers to prepare coffee) If you feel comfortable, there will be a few chairs in the fellowship hall to sit and chat with one another and feel free to socialize outdoors. We ask that you follow all safety guidelines.

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

 $\dot{A}$  – 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 in June, but that may change as guidelines and COVID numbers change.
- Hymnals and Bibles will not be available in the pews in June(you may bring your own) Communal singing will be limited to light singing while wearing masks.

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

We will collect names and phone numbers for contact tracing as the CDC and MPHD requires.

#### 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?

 $\mathbf{A}$  – 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 on your way in or on your way out.

#### **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.

#### June Sunday Worship

We will be back in the sanctuary at Hillside 11:00 am Sunday mornings in June! Please see the Q & A sheet on page 2 of this newsletter.

June 6 – Communion & Welcome Back! 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

June 13 - Dandelions Mark 4:26-34

June 20 – Crossing to the Other Side Portions of 1 Samuel 17 Mark 4:35-41

June 27 – Don't Touch Me! Mark 5:21-43

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 will take a break this summer. Our last meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1 at 9:00 am. We plan to meet at Ginny Tibodeau's house unless bad weather we will be at church. Bring your own coffee and Bible!



Thanks to Julie Ault and the scouts & scouters who were part of the team who swept and cleaned up our parking lot in May. This was their service project for their chartered partner – Hillside UMW. If you see any of these scouts, give them a high-five!



#### Food • Shelter • Dignity • Hope

COVID-19 has changed our entire operation, including our Food Shelf and the way we distribute food, which is now low-contact distribution of pre-packaged 50-pound food boxes for clients to pick up.



#### CHUM 2 GO

**CHUM** started a new Mobile Food Shelf Program— "CHUM 2 GO", for low-income people who are homebound, disabled, or unable to access our brick-andmortar locations, allowing us to serve more people who are facing hunger and food insecurity.

Since Mid-March of 2020, CHUM's Food Shelf has not allowed shoppers inside our building. Every day that our doors are open, we are serving on average, 130 clients. Most of our clients live within 5 blocks of our distribution sites. We distribute 50-pound food boxes out of our side alley door. On distribution days, people sometimes wait an hour in cars and on foot in the alley or in a parking lot for their turn to pick up food. For many of our clients, the food boxes are too heavy for them to carry home. We need drivers, box packers, schedulers, and client interviewers. If you want to help or want to learn more, please email chum2go@chumduluth.org.

**Thank you** for the Hillside United Methodist Church's donation of \$300. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents.

Gracia Swenson, Development Director

CHUM Contact Information: Administration 218-720-6521 CHUM Center 218-726-0153 Food Shelf 218-727-2391 chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org

# Loaves and Fishes

On the second Tuesday in May, Hillside was able to provide a meal for the Dorothy Day House. Thanks to Julie Manisto and Sandy Wilmot for taking care of this for me. I am sure we will be able to do a meal in June.

#### Thank You!

Dear Friends, thank you for all your concern, prayers and cards that I received while a was in the hospital and at the Benedictine for rehab therapy for three weeks. I am now home and receiving Home Care and therapy and getting stronger and in less pain. Prayers help. Keep them coming.

Love , Carolyn

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 May.
- 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.





#### ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - SAVE THE DATE

Adventure Day Camp for kids finishing Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is this summer from July 13-16. The camp will be out at Park Point this year with all the fun stuff we usually have; games, crafts, story time, beach time, snacks, singing, and new this year is wacky Olympics and a field trip to the Aquarium! 10-3pm Tuesday-Friday. Talk to Pastor Cynthia or Julie Manisto for more info.

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY			
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH			\$7,701.00
May 1	giving	\$ 500.00	
May 8	giving	\$1,479.00	
May 15	giving	\$ 780.00	
		Total	\$ 2,759.00
Balance			-\$4,942.00

#### Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Carolyn Dahl, the country of India facing a COVID nightmare, places affected by extreme weather, and all our men & women in military service and their families. We also pray for everyone's physical and mental health 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.

June's book is "Next year in Havana" by Chanel Cleeton



Tuesday: June 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.

**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 Hillsiders;

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 In-Person & Zoom Administrative Council Meeting May 4, 2021

<u>Attendance</u>: In-Person - Diane Boris, Sandy Wilmot, Julie Manisto, Pastor Cynthia ZOOM on line – Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson

Pastor Cynthia gave the opening prayer. She asked us how we are doing?

The April Admin Council minutes were approved. The motion was made by Carole and seconded by Julie.

<u>**Treasurer's Report:</u>** We reviewed the treasurer's report. We have used up the PPP stimulus loan. The income for April was low, approximately \$4,500.</u>

**Finance Report:** The papers are being filled out for the forgiveness of the PPP loan.

**Pastor's Report:** Day Camp will be July 13-16 at Park Point this year for 3 days and one day at Bayfront. The Annual Conference is June 22-24 this year. June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be onsite at multiple locations. Our site is the Copper Top church. The 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be streamed online. The men's group met this morning.

**SPRC:** Emma has been told we will have in-person worship beginning on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We still need to contact Brenna. The Coffin-Langdon kids will still be doing the janitor work this summer. We need to have Kathleen put together the replacement for the bulletin for Sunday worship on the screen above the alter.

**<u>Trustees</u>**: The lock on the file cabinet has been repaired today. The Cub scouts will sweep the parking lot this week.

**<u>Mission</u>**: We will be sending a picnic meal for Loaves & Fishes this month. Julie will do the shopping.

**Worship:** In-person worship will begin June 6<sup>th</sup>. We went over the needs and protocols for opening on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Coffee will not be available but it is hopeful we can bring it back soon.

Carolyn gave the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM both ZOOM online and in-person at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris, Admin Council Secretary



# Saturday, June 26, 2021 10 AM to 2 PM Hosted at First United Methodist Church 230 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth, MN 55811

#### **Rhubarb Festival**

#### **Rhubarb Fun for Everyone!**

Get your photo taken with Rhubarbara, the giant Rhubarb Stalk!

This year we will have a family fun outdoor carnival with games for the kids and adults, Including: Coloring Contest for children and adults

Largest Stalk and Largest Leaf Contests Carnival games AND MORE!

#### Did we mention food?

Rhubarb Brats, Rhubarb Lemonade, rhubarb crisps, and jams and scones, and so many more rhubarb treats! Get your taste buds ready to tackle the tangy tartness of every known rhubarb delicacy. This festival is sprinkled with tasty morsels for the entire family.

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# **OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS**

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