

Livewire

Hillside United Methodist: July, 2021

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Jesus: Way Maker

"Jesus crossed the lake again, to the other side...". Mark 5:21

Jesus the Way Maker. That was the theme of this year's Minnesota Annual Conference. LeRoy Britton, Hillside's lay leader, and I met for three days online (and some in person too) with the rest of the clergy and lay leaders around Minnesota. We spent these days being inspired by Bishop Bard, other speakers and preachers, and each other.

Bishop Bard noted that the Minnesota Conference has been working with a map of our Journey Toward Vitality. *(You can view the map on page 2 of this newsletter)* It has a river running through the center—a river of vitality that identifies the mission of the church as growing in love of God and neighbor, reaching new people, and healing a broken world. The map identifies core values affirmed by the conference: being rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. The map is beautiful, and yet, just as Minnesotans know firsthand the havoc that both winter and construction have on roads, we know there will be unforeseen portages, unmarked rocks in the streams, unknown rapids to navigate, unexpected potholes and detours in our journey as a conference.

The stories of Jesus teach us time and time again to embrace new learning and be willing to cross boundaries. "We live in a time where adaptive change is needed in the church and in the world, and the essence of adaptive change is learning. We need to learn, be open to the new, and be willing to cross boundaries as we draw maps of where we are and where we need to go."

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August 2021 Livewire deadline is Monday, July 26th

We always need to be prepared to revise our maps, said Bard. “My vision for the future of the Minnesota Conference is that we are a spacious conference. God has a mission in the world, and love is at the heart of that mission. It is a heart-enlarging mission. It is a world-shaking mission. It is a mission that leans into trauma, that embraces learning and crosses boundaries, that allows hearts to be broken open to create new spaces—spaces for grace and healing. And friends, our manner must always match our mission...This way Jesus is making, we know, will still have potholes and orange barrels and lane shifts and detours. And yet we go, we go this way together, welcoming any who will walk with us.”

Let us continue to put our hope and faith in Jesus, the Waymaker.

With love, Your Pastor Cynthia



July Sunday Worship

We continue to worship in-person in the sanctuary at Hillside 11:00 am Sunday mornings in July! We will also offer Fellowship time at 10:30 am each Sunday.

July 4 – Communion

How To be Truly Free

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

July 11 – Values to Live By: #1 – Integrity

John 8:31-38, Matthew 5:6

July 18 – Values to Live By: #2 Passion/Enthusiasm

Philippians 3:12-4:1

July 25 – Values to Live By: #3 Faith

Exodus 16:2-20

YouTube Link to find the Sunday online worship services:

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



Summer Coppertop Parking Lot Concerts - This summer FUMC is holding a monthly series of outdoor concerts in our parking lot. *All concerts will occur on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, with food available from Paul Sapyta's "Room at the Table" Food Truck. Paul will serve his regular menu all afternoon, with a special menu beginning at 6:00pm.* There will be activities for kids. Chairs will be available or bring your own. We will be taking a freewill donation.

The July 28 concert (rain date July 29) will feature the Randy Lee Jazz Combo, with guests.

The August 18 (rain date August 25) concert brings us Acoustic Ingeborg, better known as our very own, Emma Rustan, folk songwriter.

Don't miss these opportunities to hear fabulous music, enjoy tasty food provided by Room at the Table, appreciate the beautiful view of Lake Superior, and enjoy each other's company.

**Steve O'Neill
 Monthly Literacy Event**



Summer started off with a bang at the Steve O'Neil Apartments. Recently, the families had some special visitors during the monthly Literacy Event. Miniature Therapy Horses from Rocky Run Stables, Maggie and Gracie, came and paid us a visit. Their handlers taught us a little about a day in the life at the stables and brought some neat items to show - like their pajamas and nail trimmers - to demonstrate how they keep their hooves looking nice. We then got to learn how to brush and properly pet the horses. Everyone who wanted to was given an opportunity to brush and interact with the mini horses. While some were mingling with the mini horses, others were having their faces painted, or playing with chalk & bubbles! The event ended with a story being read aloud and a meal! Overall, it was a great experience for the families, and we are excited to have them back soon!

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

The meal that Hillside UM Church provided for the Dorothy Day House on June 8th was a ham dinner. We had a nice ham donated, so we purchased boxes of scalloped potatoes, bags of frozen corn, cole slaw, milk, butter, rolls, grapes and cookies for dessert. As the note that follows says, they appreciate all we do for them. Let's continue to do all we can to help feed the homeless and the hungry. Linda Tomasek did all the grocery shopping for me. Thanks Linda.

God is good.

Love , Carolyn

Dear Hillside Friends:

Thank you for another array of food for the residents of Dorothy Day House. We miss seeing you and the lovingly prepared hot meals, but are grateful for what you have provided this past year in spite of it all. Here's to a hopeful healthy summer.

Joel Kilgour

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.



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 June.
- 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.



Happy July Birthday to Hillside Friends!

- 6 Natalie Benson
- 12 Sandra Dahl
- 17 Alice Tomczak
- 23 Joe Mavec
- 24 Marcus Giuliani



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, Delores Johnson, Cleo Smith, places affected by extreme weather, and all our men & women in military service and their families.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC book club will not be meeting during the summer

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

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH **\$7,701.00**

May 28	giving	\$ 355.00
June 4	giving	\$ 650.00
June 6	giving	\$1,561.00
June 13	giving	\$1,500.00
June 20	giving	\$2,434.00
	Total	\$ 6,500.00
Balance		-\$1,201.00

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
In-Person & Zoom Administrative Council Meeting
June 1, 2021**

Attendance: In-Person - Diane Boris, Julie Manisto, Pastor Cynthia, Jim Leland
ZOOM on line – Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson

Carolyn opened the meeting with a prayer.
Pastor Cynthia asked all of us how we are doing?

The April Admin Council minutes for May were approved. The motion was made by Carole and second by Julie.

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the treasurer's report. Giving for May was down again. We are having trouble with the post office delivering mail timely. Sometimes it takes 16 days to get the mail we send to pay a bill and then we have to pay a late fee because it is late.

Finance Report: The haven't heard yet if the PPP loan will be forgiven.

Pastor's Report: The people planning Day Camp meet regularly. The Annual Conference is June 22-24 this year. June 23rd for our area will be onsite at the Copper Top church. The 22nd and 24th will be streamed online. There will not be a General Conference again this year. Our new District Superintendent will be Lauri Cantinen. The men's group met this morning and then will not be meeting again until fall.

SPRC: No report.

Trustees: No report.

Mission: We will be sending food for a meal for Loaves & Fishes again this month. Hopefully in July we will be able to send a hot prepared meal again.

Worship: In-person worship will begin June 6th. Since our meeting in May the Covid policy has changed. We went over and updated the in-person policy that was sent out in the June newsletter. Coffee will not be available the first Sunday but it is hopeful we can get volunteers to take a turn making coffee and bringing something to eat with it. It doesn't need to be homemade. Store bought is just fine. Attendance cards will be handed out to everyone who comes to church. They should be filled out and put in the offering plates when the service is over.

Other: Pastor Cynthia's family has found new health insurance. We don't know yet if Duluth will have National Night Out. It is the 1st Tuesday in August. We couldn't make any plans not knowing if it will happen. We probably won't have a meatball dinner this year. We don't have enough help to make it happen.

Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer.
The next meeting will be July 13th at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary