

Livewire

Hillside United Methodist: August, 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."

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



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September 2021 Livewire deadline is Wednesday, August 25th

August Sunday Worship

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

August 1 – Values to Live By: #4 - Vulnerability

Communion

Matthew 5:1-10

August 8 – Values to Live By: #5 – Hope

Pastor Jeanine Alexander leading worship as Pastor Cynthia is on vacation.

Matthew 14:22-33

August 15 – Values to Live By: #6 – Compassion

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 22 – Values to Live By: #7 – Humility

Philippians 2:3-8

August 29 - Values to Live By: #8 – Rap it all Up! Values Recap!

James 1:17-27

YouTube Link to find the Sunday online worship services:

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



Summer Coppertop Parking Lot Concerts - You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear our very own Emma Rustan (Hillside musician) in concert! Emma is known as Acoustic Ingeborg and writes her own folk music. The concert will be in the Coppertop parking lot on Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30pm, with food available from Paul Sapyta's "Room at the Table" Food Truck. (rain date August 25) There will be activities for kids. Chairs will be available or bring your own. We will be taking a freewill donation.

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

Swedish Meatball Dinner is BACK!

This year we will be helping to fund our heating and other costs through efforts at our 13th Annual Swedish Meatball Dinner on September 13th! Although this year will be a little bit different as we will be providing dinners via drive thru service only (there will be no dine-in service).

You should have received a letter in the mail with 5 tickets for you to buy or sell to your friends, neighbors, and relatives. (Remember this is how we make money!) You can turn in your ticket sale money by mailing it to the church or dropping it off at church anytime. Please make checks payable to HUMC.

Please check the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for food items you may be able to donate as well as meal prep and other volunteer opportunities that will make this fundraiser a great success. We REALLY DO NEED YOU! You may also contact Julie Manisto at (218)393-0179 or Sandra Wilmot at (218)348-2712 to volunteer.

Thank you for your support!

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee

Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation August 2 – August 8. In case of emergency please contact Carole Hawkinson 218-428-2706 or Carolyn Dahl 218-727-6342. In case of pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Jeanine Alexander 763-443-0570.

New Member Class – Sunday, August 22nd
Are you interested in joining Hillside UMC? What does it actually mean to become a member? Join Pastor Cynthia for a light lunch and discussion on membership after church on Sunday, August 22nd. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board, or call the church office at 218-727-4257

Please note! The basket for Food Shelf items is no longer on the shelf inside the front door of the church. Please bring your donations to the CHUM table in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who continue to support this vital ministry for those in need.



2021

WESTERN GARDEN TOUR & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Breakfast: 9 am - 11 am
Muffins, fruit, juice & coffee
"Ask A Master Gardener"
Garden & craft items for sale

Self-guided garden tour: 9:00 - 2:00 pm

NORTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
436 North 79th Avenue West, Duluth

Cost: \$10.00 at the door
No presale tickets

Information: Kathy (218)590-1964

This is a rain or shine event!



Food • Shelter • Dignity • Hope

The Muffin Ladies Return!



For many years, the self-named Muffin Ladies from the Vineyard ministry in Duluth have come to offer homemade muffins, juice and water bottles to all the tenants in the Steve O'Neil building. When we were faced with the shelter-in-place mandate, all outside services came to a halt. We are SO EXCITED that our Muffin Ladies have returned! Everyone in the building is so happy to see their smiling faces again.

FOOD SHELF UPDATE

Due to a 30% increase in costs for durable goods, the increased cost of fuel, and the intense climate changes we are currently experiencing, the cost to provide all of the food and supplies for our drive-through & delivery service across Duluth, has put a burden on our ability to handle the load. We have all noticed these small increases in our own lives, but covering the cost of a simple can of soup for every visitor to the CHUM Food Shelf... almost \$900 a month, and that is with our Second Harvest discounts! We need your help to keep the supplies coming through our doors and out to our friends and neighbors in need throughout the community.

BACKPACK DRIVE UPDATE: The Backpack Drive disbursement will take place on August 24th. CHUM has received funding to accomplish this drive and asks that you donate to the food shelf in place of your regular donation to the Backpack Drive.

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

Good News! For the first time in 15 months, we were able to prepare a hot meal & deliver it to the Dorothy Day House. On July 13, 2021 we used the Hillside United Methodist Church kitchen to prepare a meal of chicken with Stove-Top dressing, a cranberry jello salad, rolls, milk and two Bundt cakes. Also a large package of toilet tissue. The homeless men were very glad to see us return with the meal ready for them to enjoy together. During the pandemic we were only able to provide the groceries for them to prepare a meal. We know they really appreciate receiving a complete hot meal. We hope we can do this mission project each second Tuesday of the month. I will make up a menu for each month and post a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall with all ingredients needed for each month. If you can donate anything on the sheet it helps to keep the meal costs down. Thank you for your help.

God is Good!

Blessings from 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.



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 July.
- 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.



**Mary Circle/UMW
Pot Luck Salad Luncheon
Thursday, August 12, 12:00 noon**

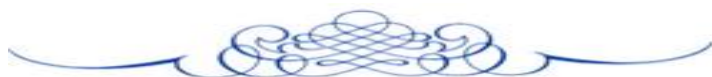
After more than a year we will restart our Mary Circle/UMW meetings with a potluck salad luncheon. Come join us for a planning & fellowship meeting at the church. Bring a salad or something to share. We will provide paper plates and disposable silverware so no one will have to do dishes. Lemonade and coffee will also be provided. It will be great to be together again. If you would like a ride, just let Carolyn know. 727-6342



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.




Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Delores Johnson, Cleo Smith, Bob Lyness, Jon Hawkinson, Bea Jacobson, places affected by extreme weather, and all our men and women in military service and their families.

Happy August Birthday to Hillside Friends!

- 4 Zoie Pederson
- 11 Cindy Giuliani
- 11 Kaitie Marsaa
- 19 Bea Jacobson
- 22 Carole Hawkinson
- 24 Ginny Tibodeau
- 25 Jon Peterson
- 25 Ellie Pederson



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

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY		
	AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH	\$7,701.00
June 27	giving	\$ 431.00
July 4	giving	\$ 975.00
July 11	giving	\$2,129.00
July 18	giving	\$1,205.00
July 25	giving	\$ 495.00
	Total	\$ 5,235.00
Balance		-\$2,466.00

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: July 13, 2021

Attendance; In-Person - Diane Boris, Julie Manisto, Pastor Cynthia, Jim Leland, Sandy Wilmot, ZOOM on line – Carolyn Dahl

Carolyn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Admin Council minutes for June were approved. The motion was made by Sandy and second by Julie.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. The Love Offering total to date is \$165.00. There is \$390.00 left to buy food and make dinners for Loaves & Fishes. We are sending 78% of our apportionments to the conference each month. They now need it broken down as to how we are dividing this money.

Finance Report: The PPP loan has been forgiven. We do not have to pay it back. \$100.00 has been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jack Frestedt.

Pastor's Report: The day camp for the kids had to be cancelled. There were only 11 children signed up and we need at least 20 to make it feasible. Possible reasons for so few children were – no vaccines for younger children, no transportation this year, we could not use the Horace Johnson Boy Scout Camp at Island Lake, other activities and family vacations. They have planned to have a Wednesday evening session at Park Point for the children. The city is going to have National Night Out again. We will not be participating this year. Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation that week. We held the funeral for Jack Frestedt at our church and served the luncheon. There were 100 people in attendance. The family was pleased with the funeral. It was quite a challenge getting to the Veteran's Cemetery in Saginaw with all the construction going on.

SPRC: We need a secretary again. We will pay \$15/hr for 10-12 hours a week. We will ask other Methodist churches if they know of anyone who would like the job. Otherwise, we need to advertise for one. Kathleen will work for us until the middle of August.

Trustees: No report.

Mission: We prepared and sent a hot meal to Loaves & Fishes today. They were happy to receive a hot prepared meal again. It has been almost 1½ years since we have been able to send a prepared meal. We are still collecting food for the Food Shelf. We need to ask Bill Palusky if he and his friend still want to deliver the food each month.

Worship: In-person worship attendance has been from 20 to 40 people each Sunday. Fellowship time has started again. We are still not passing the offering plates. One is put at the front of the church and one at the back for people to put their offering in.

Other: We would like to have a modified meatball dinner this fall (take out only) but Carole and Carolyn need someone to take over the responsibility. There would be no serving meals in the dining room. We don't have enough people to do this. Julie, Sandy & Jim offered to meet with Carole and Carolyn to learn what needs to be done on July 20th. Pastor Cynthia asked us spend time in prayer each day asking God for guidance, help and wisdom for Hillside UMC. Next month Ad Council will meet on Aug. 10 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary