



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist: October, 2021

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Prone to Wander

"My brothers and sisters, if any of you wander from the truth and someone turns back the wanderer, recognize that whoever brings a sinner back from the wrong path will save them from death and will bring about the forgiveness of many sins." James 5:19-20

These are the final words in James' letter to the early believers shortly after Jesus died. I tend to think that final words — in a letter, in a sermon, in a song, the last thing we say to our kids when we drop them off to school or talk to them on the phone, or in our long Minnesota goodbyes — are pretty important. Perhaps it's an afterthought, or something we wanted to say, and it's now or never. Whatever the reason or occasion, I pay attention to the last thing people say. So, with that in mind, I read the final words in the book of James.

James knows that we, human beings, are prone to wander. Yet he also knows that we were made to be in relationship with God, to be connected to our Creator. That is the most important relationship we will ever have. And when we, or someone we know, wanders off on their own, James says, "go and get 'em." This life is hard enough, and when we try to go it alone, it is even harder. Connecting to each other — caring, serving, calling, praying for each other — is what saves us. Don't give up on each other.

The super-duper good news is that God does not give up on us. It is true that we are "prone to wander." That phrase comes from Robert Robinson's hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." (My all-time favorite hymn!) In that hymn, Robinson also wrote this: "Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God." He knew that, though we turn to our own way again and again, God keeps bringing us back. And so we do the same for each other.

Peace,
Your Pastor Cynthia

HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



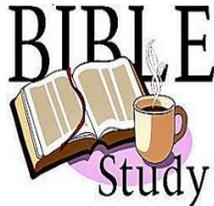
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November 2021 Livewire deadline is Monday, October 25

Tuesday Bible Study to Focus on Hebrews

Tuesday Bible Study resumes in October and will meet 11 AM each Tuesday at Hillside United Methodist Church. For the month of October, the Bible Study group will take a deep dive into the little book of Hebrews. This month's focus on Hebrews will go along with Pastor Cynthia's Sunday sermon.



COVID POLICY REMINDER

Your Ad Council has updated our COVID policy due to the rise in cases in St. Louis County, the Bishops recommendation, the CDC and the MDH. We are asking everyone, vaccinated or not, to wear masks whenever in the building. We will continue to have Fellowship time before church at 10:30 AM, but will not be serving coffee and treats. Please come and gather with your friends, but keep masks on. We also will continue to offer childcare for our kids, but also ask kids, who can keep them on, to wear masks. Our staff will wear a mask and have all toys sanitized each week for the safety of your children.

New Hillside UMC Adm Assistant

Hillside UMC has a new administrative assistant, Jeannette Spalding. She has worked in writing/publications most of her career, and had lived in the Kansas City area much of her life. Earlier, she earned degrees in media communications from Missouri universities. Jeannette had vacationed occasionally to the North Shore, and when she retired from full-time employment in January 2020, that provided her the opportunity to move to Duluth last year. She has been United Methodist most of her life, and she welcomed the opportunity to serve the denomination in a unique way as a church administrative assistant. She looks forward to meeting and working with members of the Hillside UMC family.



Swedish Meatball Dinner: What an Accomplishment

We had a very successful, first time, Drive-Thru only Swedish Meatball Dinner this year, thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who stepped up and worked so hard; there are too many to list them all. Everyone who



worked at the dinner, ate the dinner, and sold tickets, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! It would not have been the success it was without you.

We had a profit of approximately \$3,300.00, which will help fund out obligations for the coming year.

If you enjoyed volunteering with us this year, maybe you would like to volunteer for the September 12, 2022 dinner! It's never too early to plan ahead.

**Thanks again,
Your Finance & Stewardship Committee**

Sympathies Extended to Family of Joyce Negard

We are sad to announce that we have lost a long-time member of Hillside Church – Joyce Negard who passed away last week following a long illness. No funeral is planned by her family.

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Claren Suomala, Cleo Smith, Bea Jacobson, Dee Johnson, places affected by extreme weather, all who are sick, and all our men and women in military service and their families.

Replenishing the CHUM Donation Table

Please bring your donations to the CHUM table in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who continue to support this vital ministry for those in need.

October Sunday Worship

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

October 3 – The Book of Hebrews

World Communion Sunday

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

October 10 – The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 4:12-16

October 17– The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 5:1-10

October 24 – The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 7:23-28

October 31 – The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 9:11-14

YouTube Link to find the Sunday online Coppertop worship services:

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



Help UMCOR Help Those Affected By Hurricane Ida

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to the needs in the U.S. after Hurricane Ida. The Category 4 hurricane caused extreme winds and heavy flooding after making landfall on the Gulf Coast.

You can help by sending a check made out to Hillside with "Ida" in the memo line or go to:

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx> donate directly.

A full 100 percent of donations to UMCOR goes directly to disaster relief.

Dinner/ Food Events at Neighboring United Methodist Churches

FIRST UMC (COPPERTOP)

230 E. Skyline Pkwy, Duluth

Fall Roast Beef Dinner

4:30 - 6:30 PM, Thursday, October 7.

Meals (\$12 each). Purchased onsite only.

Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, cole-slaw, dinner roll, and homemade apple crisp.

ASBURY UMC

6822 Grand Ave., Duluth

Fall Pantry

9 - 11 AM, Saturday October 16

Jams, jellies, pickles, baked goods, cookies, crafts, pasties (\$5 each), freshly made donuts* (\$5 dozen), frozen take-and-bake apple pies (\$12 each)

* Note: (Preorder donuts and pies by October 10)

Take-Out Meatball Dinner

4:30 - 6:30 PM, October 26

Advance ticket sales only —

No sales at the door

Call 218-624-0061



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CHUM 2021 Outreach Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser is the CHUM 2021 Outreach Fundraiser this October. CHUM's Street Outreach team, led by Deb Holman, seeks out these most vulnerable of our neighbors to provide basic necessities. These items for survival are food, water, tents, sleeping bags, warm clothing. The CHUM Street Outreach team also connects them with local resources to stabilize their lives and find permanent housing. We walk beside these, our neighbors, on their journey.



Your support makes it possible. Please join us and support the CHUM Street Outreach program with your contribution and help us reach our goal of \$50,000. Contact CHUM at (218) 720-6521 for more information.

Haunted Ship and Shack Return

CHUM will participate again in the Haunted Ship and Haunted Shack experience. After taking a year off due to COVID, we will once again revel in the spookiness of these Duluth attractions that not only provide a scary experience to visitors, but also supply our Food Shelf.

Please be sure to check out both of these fun events, and bring in a non-perishable food item for a discount on your entry ticket. Dates and times of operation are at Haunted Ship and Haunted Shack websites.

Food Shelf Calling for Volunteers

Individuals and groups of volunteers are needed at the Food Shelf to help pack and sort emergency food at the Downtown Food Shelf. To volunteer, please call the Food Shelf at 218-727-2391.

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

Hillside United Methodist Church's Loaves and Fishes provided the September 14 meal for the Dorothy Day House. The food delivered included three pans of frozen lasagna, plus cole slaw, rolls and mashed potatoes left over from the church's Swedish Meatball Dinner. Diane Boris also made pumpkin bars for dessert at the Dorothy Day House meal. As usual, the recipients and volunteers were grateful for the food.

Blessings from Carolyn

Thank you all who send cash donations so we are able to continue the Loaves and Fishes 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:

- Everyone who pitched in to make the Swedish Meatball Dinner a success.
- 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 October Birthday to Hillside Friends!

- 6 Andrea Wilmot
- 9 Pat Merrier
- 18 Calianne Marsaa
- 22 Carmen Wendland
- 28 Dawn Durfee

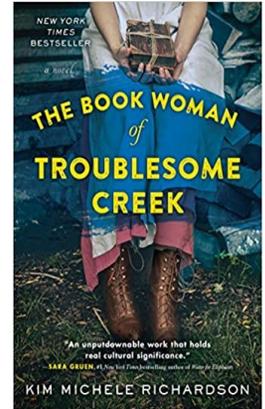


If you don't see your name here, please call the church office so we can add you to the list. Our phone number is 218-727-4257.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM, Thursday, October 7, at the church. The book of the month is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

Sept 5	giving	\$	425
Sept 12	giving	\$	3,259
Sept 19	giving	\$	1,233
Sept 26	giving	\$	820
	Total		\$5,737.00
Balance			-\$1,964.00

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
 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
Zoom Administrative Council Meeting
August 10, 2021

Attendance: Diane Boris, Julie Manisto, Pastor Cynthia, Carole Hawkinson, Sandy Wilmot, Carolyn Dahl, Jim Leland.

Carolyn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Admin Council minutes for July were approved. The motion was made by Carole and seconded by Pastor Cynthia. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance is \$33,687. Dan Holte's gift will not be finalized until November.

Finance Report: No report.

Pastor's Report: There will be a new member's class on August 22. We know of five people who will be invited to attend. JoJo has a new job that offers health insurance. For her and the kids, the premium is \$504. Adding Pastor Cynthia, the premium will be \$955 a month.

SPRC: We have a new secretary. She is one of our new attendees, Jeannette. We are going to give Kathleen a \$50 gift card to Michaels as a thank you for being our secretary. Jeannette says things are going well. She may need help with PowerPoint.

Trustees: The front door has one-quarter to three-quarters of an inch of daylight coming through between the two doors. Wayne will fix it. We have a Boy Scout Troop equipment trailer that we don't need anymore. We are going to give it to the Woodland Troop. Because of the lawsuit pending, we have been advised not to renew our Charter in December. We would give the Cub Scouts a Facility Use Permit instead. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Julie that we do not renew our Charter and sign a Facility Use Permit instead. Motion approved.

Mission: Bill Palusky still wants to continue bringing the donated food to the food shelf. He and a friend deliver the food each month. We have looked into getting a bus to bring members who can't drive to church. The cost would be \$225 a Sunday. This is not feasible at this time. We will visit this again after we get Dan Holte's gift memorial. We made a meal for Loaves and Fishes and delivered it to them this month.

Other: Labor Day Sunday (September 5) is Pride Sunday at Coppertop. We discussed whether to have a joint worship at Coppertop or have a short service at Hillside. It was decided to have a joint service at Coppertop. The motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Carole. Motion approved. We need to start thinking about wearing masks again.

Pastor Cynthia left the meeting at this point. We continued the meeting to discuss whether to pay part of Pastor Cynthia's health insurance. Pastor Cynthia asked that she not be given a raise in salary in 2021. After discussing her cost of her health insurance, it was decided to pay part of the of the premium. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Sandy to pay half of the premium for the Methodist Conference health insurance for a single person which is \$367.00 a month. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be September 7 at 7 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carole and second by Jim. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary