



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist: November, 2021

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Time, Talent, Treasure

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

These are exciting times! Let me pause... I know things are still hard. Covid, with the new variant and probably more to come, is still with us. This pandemic has changed the world and how we do things. It has changed us. There has been so much loss, and we are all grieving. People are angry and lashing out at each other and don't even know why. We are looking for the new normal.



And that is why I feel excited! The possibilities. The dreams.

The hopes. We have the gift of dreaming what church will look like post-pandemic. We have the opportunity to reflect and discern what is really important, what we want to give up, what new things we want to take up. We already have and will continue to adapt to the times, just like God's people have done for ages.

We continue to meet the needs of our community through our warm clothes drive, food shelf donations, toy drive, Loaves and Fishes meals, and special offerings. We continue to worship every Sunday and have Bible study on Tuesdays. We connect with each other through cards, phone calls, emails, and outside visits.

These are just a small part of how Hillside continues to be Christ's light, a LAMP, in Duluth! Each one of you, in your personal lives, reaches out even further in our community to bring love and kindness to an anxious people. You are a LAMP. You have the light of Christ inside of you, and this love, compassion and generosity is what our world needs so badly right now.

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To continue being a LAMP, our stewardship team invites you to share the gifts you have been given in three ways – time, talent and treasure. We invite you to be generous because generosity is central to the heart of God. We want to embody Jesus' generous heart financially, but we also want that generosity to fill EVERY aspect of our lives; our time and talents.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to live your faith and your calling. We invite you to give generously so that we may keep dreaming and adapting to the current times.

Dedication Sunday is Nov. 14. Please mail your commitment card to church by this date. On Dedication Sunday we will have a special time of dedication and celebration during the service. Thank you for continuing to help our church be a LAMP on the Hillside.

Peace, Your Pastor Cynthia

Food for the hungry

Have We Forgotten???

The name Methodists brings with it the name Missions – a long-standing “duty” as servants of God. It is my belief that most of us could give a bit extra from our relative abundance to help folks in real need. How?



- We can bring food items to the special table in our fellowship hall.
- We can add a bit extra to our regular giving check – making note that it is for CHUM.
- We can sign up to bring food items or donate funds to our support of the Loaves and Fishes meal program prepared monthly by the ladies of our United Methodist Women.
- The holidays are coming and it's not too early to plan ahead to donate warm sox, hats and mittens to the Union Gospel Mission in November or toys for children in December.

Folks, again I feel compelled to remind us all to give from the heart to those in our city who need that extra love in these hard times.

Carole Hawkinson

Annual Thanksgiving Offering to Benefit UMD Campus Ministry

Every year we take a special offering around Thanksgiving. This year our offering will be given to United Campus Ministry to support their ministry at The University of Minnesota Duluth.

Please bring or mail in your offering to church by Sunday, Nov. 21. Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Campus Minister, will be preaching on this Sunday and sharing about the ministry at UMD.

Tuesday Bible Study

Everyone is invited to attend Bible study every Tuesday at Hillside. The first and third Tuesday, we will meet at 5:30 PM and the second and fourth Tuesday we will meet at 11 AM. For the month of November, we will be studying the scripture scheduled for the next Sunday.

Help Support Union Gospel Mission

Our focus this month will be Union Gospel Mission. They need help keeping people warm this fall/winter. They are especially needing new or very gently used warm blankets/sleeping bags ...jackets/ coats ... winter Boots ... snow pants ... hats/



mittens/scarves ... socks/shoes ... sweaters... hand warmers. You can drop off donations at church anytime between 9 AM to 2 PM Tuesday and Thursday or on Sunday mornings.

We will also be collecting toys for their Christmas toy drive. Every year Union Gospel Mission collects toys and gift cards and then invites parents to come “shop” and pick out toys for the children. Toys for young kids and gift cards are especially nice for teenagers. You may bring those donations to church anytime this month.



November Sunday Worship

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

- **Nov. 7** – All Saints Sunday/Communion
John 11:32-44
- **Nov. 14** – Dedication Sunday
Mark 12:38-44
- **Nov. 21** – Thanksgiving Sunday – Pastor Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Campus Minister will be preaching and sharing about Campus Ministry at UMD
Matthew 6:25-33
- **Nov. 28** – Hanging of the Greens Sunday. Church Conference right after worship

If you can't make it to church you can always go to YouTube to find the Sunday online Coppertop worship services. The link is:

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

Dedication Sunday

You won't want to miss Commitment Sunday on Nov. 14. You will receive a letter from the Stewardship team, which includes a commitment card. Please bring or send it to the church by Nov. 14 where we will have a special time of dedication during the service. It is also a time of celebration and thanks to all of you who continue to help Hillside grow and be a LAMP on the Hillside.



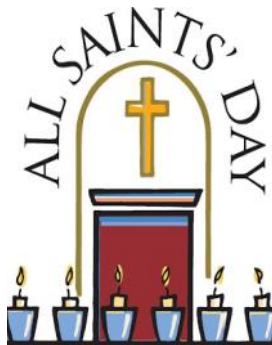
Church/Charge Conference

On Sunday, Nov. 28 immediately following worship, we will hold a church/charge conference to approve pastoral compensation, a leadership board, and the 2022 budget. Everyone is encouraged to stay, and members may vote.

All Saints Sunday Nov. 7: A Time to Remember

All Saints Day Nov. 1 is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us.

For example, in Hebrews 12, the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.



And so we will celebrate All Saints Sunday on Nov. 7. We will have a special time in the service to remember Hillside members who have died this past year and an opportunity for all of us to name loved ones who have gone before us.

Decorating Hillside for Advent & Christmas: Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, Nov. 28 after worship, we will decorate our church with greenery, and other symbols of the season: everlasting life, love, joy, hope, and peace, so our decorations proclaim: Jesus is born! God is with us! After church, please plan to stay and decorate.



Thank You Rod Olson!

The Board of Trustees is a very dedicated group of members who try their best to keep our building in working order and handle any legal matters. I want to thank them all for their many years of service to this task and for being such willing workers on behalf of us all. They are always fixing or doing something around our building.

One particular servant is Rod Olson, who has asked to be taken off this Board. I can't say for sure how many years Rod has answered the call but probably 40 years or more. A long time ago, I was early for choir practice and found something that needed to be repaired. I called Rod and just said, "bring the Makita." It was when battery powered tools first came on the scene, and Rod had that drill in the blue case. He brought the drill, fixed the problem and that was that. Never asked why or what for, just brought the tool and did the job! Rod – thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the hours and years you have given as a servant of God in helping to keep Hillside in good shape.

Carole Hawkinson, Chair, Board of Trustees

CHUM 2021 Outreach Fundraiser Continues

The CHUM 2021 Outreach Fundraiser, presented by North Shore Bank, supports the CHUM Street Outreach program that aids a vulnerable population needing basic necessities for survival. Make a contribution today to help the program reach its goal of \$50,000. Also, you may now bid on items or contribute items for CHUM’s online auction, or participate through a fundraising team. Connect to these CHUM efforts by visiting the website at chumduluth.org, or calling (218) 720-6521.

CHUM Food Shelf Expands Services

Beginning in October, The CHUM Food Shelf expanded its reach again. Every first, second, third, and fourth Tuesday from 11 AM.-12 PM., the Food Shelf van will be traveling to different parts of the city, giving away up to 20 boxes of non-perishable food, fresh milk, meat, bread, and produce at no charge. Food will be given away on a first-come-first-served basis. Food insecurity in Duluth continues to be a challenge. In 2020, CHUM’s Food Shelf program distributed 391,340 pounds of food to 2,046 unduplicated households for a total of 5,801 unduplicated individuals or 6.7 percent of Duluth’s population, and the Food Shelf is on its way to serving even more in 2021/2022. Donate to CHUM through its website at chumduluth.org.

Attend CHUM's Upcoming Assemblies

The Assemblies are a gathering of congregational leaders from each of the CHUM member congregations, along with one to two delegates from each. If you are interested in becoming a delegate and are not connected to a member congregation, visit CHUM to find out more. The events are as follows:



First UMC “Coppertop” to host an Assembly.

November 16, 2021

First United Methodist Church (The Coppertop)

February 24, 2022

Temple Israel

May 3, 2022

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

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

Thanks to the generous donations by our members on Tuesday, Oct. 12, we were able to make two large pans of homemade stew for the Dorothy Day House. We had donations of five pounds of stew meat, six pounds of potatoes, six pounds of carrots, two rutabagas and onions. We also made a nice lettuce salad with home-grown tomatoes from the garden of Amanda Pederson. We sent dinner rolls to go along with the stew, and cookies for dessert. Thank you to everyone who donates ingredients, as well as cash that enables us to purchase items that were not signed up for. The hot meals are very much appreciated by the homeless men at the Dorothy Day House.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl



Thank you

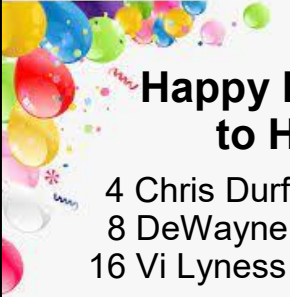
I want to thank you all for the thoughtful cards, emails, and phone calls this past month. I feel so lucky to serve this congregation and have your support. – **Pastor Cynthia**

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

- 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.

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers


Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Cleo Smith, Bea Jacobson, Dee Johnson, MJ Kulumey, Jon Hawkinson, Ron Mattson, Ron Scott, places affected by extreme weather, all who are sick, and all our men and women in military service and their families.



Happy November Birthday to Hillside Friends!

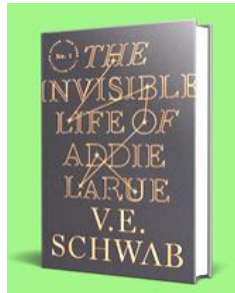
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If you don't see your name here, please call the church office so we can add you to the list. Our phone number is 218-727-4257.




Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM, Thursday, Nov. 4, at the church. The book of the month is "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V.E. Schwab. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER		
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH		\$7,701.00
Oct 3	giving	\$ 1,157.00
Oct 10	giving	\$ 1,265.00
Oct 17	giving	\$ 1,435.00
Oct 24	giving	\$ 295.00
Total		\$ 4,152.00
Balance		-\$3,549.00

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!

Hillside COVID Policy

For the safety of all and erring on the side of caution, we continue to ask everyone, vaccinated or not, to please wear masks Sunday morning and whenever you are in the building. Your Ad Council takes into consideration the case rate in St. Louis County, the Bishop's recommendation, and the CDC and the MDH recommendations. We will continue to have Fellowship time before church at 10:30 AM, but will not be serving coffee and treats at this time. Please come and gather with your friends, but keep masks on. We 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.

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
October 5, 2021

Attendance: Diane Boris, Julie Manisto, Pastor Cynthia, Carole Hawkinson, Sandy Wilmot, Carolyn Dahl, Leroy Britton

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The Admin Council minutes for August were reviewed. There was one correction. The front door was repaired by Scott Patullo not Wayne Wilmot. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Julie to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Finance Report: Stewardship is coming up. A charge conference is needed also. A budget and the pastoral salary package for 2022 both need to be prepared. We have two new people on the finance committee, Dave McKowski and Sandy Dahl. Julie will set up a meeting. There needs to be a stewardship theme. Maybe a couple people could speak on a Sunday telling what they love about Hillside. The third quarter statements have been sent out.

Pastor's Report: The meatball dinner was a real success. A thank you to volunteers who put it on. The take-out dinner only was worked well. We ran out of food before closing and should think about making a larger quantity of food next year. Five people will be joining our church on Sunday, Oct. 17. They are Tim Mclaughlin, Warren and Phyllis Peterson, Karen Bailey and Jeannette Spalding. All Saints Day is the first Sunday in November. We will be honoring those who died during the past year. They are Joyce Negard, Marilyn Torvick, Wauneta Averill, Jack Frestedt, Gerald Christensen and Joyce Benson. Jan Barker will preach on Sunday, Oct. 24 and JoJo will preach on Sunday, Nov. 21. We need a new communion steward; MJ can't continue doing that job. We talked about needing more Christian education for the kids.

SPRC: Churches are having trouble finding pianists/accompanists. We feel lucky to have Emma. The Coffin/Langdon kids are still doing the janitor duties.

Trustees: The license has been renewed to operate the lift. We have had a vandalism problem again. A piece of blacktop was thrown through a sanctuary window on the Piedmont Avenue side of the church. It is getting repaired. We will not charter the Cub Scouts this year.

Mission: We continue to send Loaves & Fishes a prepared meal each month. The month of November we are going to collect warm clothing, hats, mittens, jackets, sweaters, sleeping bags for Union Gospel Mission. We will collect toys and gift cards for all ages for Union Gospel Mission the first half of December. We decided to give our Thanksgiving Offering to Campus Ministries, the Christmas Offering to heat share and the Easter offering to the Damiano center. The motion was made by Carole and second by Julie. Motion approved.

Worship: We don't need to use attendance cards anymore. They should be available for visitors though.

Other: Engwall's wants to know if we want poinsettias for Christmas. We decided it would be cheaper to buy them at the stores in the area. The Charge Conference was set for Nov.28. The Pastoral Compensation package needs to be ready by Dec.1. We will try to get the budget for 2022 ready by then also and have the forms filled out that the conference needs on membership and committees. Then we won't need to have a second Charge Conference.

The next meeting will be Nov. 2 at 7 PM.

Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary