



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist January 2022

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

God With Us: Emmanuel

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. James 4:8

Social distancing has become a way of life. When people come closer than six feet, it might cause a bit of anxiety. What a strange and alienating reality.

But, God created us for connection. Our brains are wired to want and crave mental and physical connection. Even when we can't draw physically near to others, the scriptures tell us that if we draw near to God, God will be there. Nothing is standing in the way.

Jesus came to connect with people. In the flesh, human form, through Jesus God said "I am here with you! You don't need a go-between. You don't need to dress up. You don't need to go to a church building. You don't need to get on your knees and fold your hands. There is no perfect formal formula needed to draw near to God. Social distancing is not required.

Grocery shopping, chopping onions, cleaning your home, watching a show, reading a book, taking a nap....God is there. Sometimes we confuse reverence with formality, but God doesn't need a black-tie affair for a personal relationship. God is with us. That little baby in the manger we celebrated last month gives us the assurance God is indeed with us. Amen. So be it.

Your Pastor,
Cynthia

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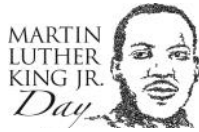
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February 2022 Livewire deadline is **Monday, January 17, 2022**

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast January 17, 2022

Join Virtually for the 32nd Annual MLK Breakfast 9 to 10:15 AM, Monday, January 17, 2022 to eat and hear A Bold Conversation. To find out more information, go to the NAACP website or call the church.



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A Beautiful and Thoughtful Gift

Many of you reading this will remember Dan Holte who passed away about a year and a half ago. Dan truly believed in God and also in Hillside Church – enough so that he left a quarter of his estate to us.

We are the grateful recipients of a check in the amount of \$121,838.94, undesignated and the funds can be used any way we see fit. We know we need to upgrade our laptop computer and consider having one or two retaining walls shored up next summer. If you have other ideas, please let me or one of the other Trustees



know. The funds will certainly help to keep our program running for the near future.

Perhaps you have been making your own estate plans and would like to include our church in them. Your attorney will be able to help you with your decision.

**Carole Hawkinson,
Chair, Board of Trustees**

STEWARDSHIP: Still Taking Commitment Cards

Time, Talent, Treasure are three ways to share what God has provided. Thank you to everyone who has turned in “estimate of financial giving commitment” cards for 2022.

If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so as soon as you are able. It will enable us to

better plan for our mission and ministry in 2022. Extra copies of the commitment cards that provide choices for both estimate of financial giving and service volunteer opportunities are available if you need one. Just email or call the church office.



Tornado Relief: Donate to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to the needs of individuals and communities affected by the more than 60 tornadoes on Dec. 11-12 that struck Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri. You can help by sending a check to the church made out to Hillside with “Tornado Relief, Advance #901670” in the memo line. Or donate directly at the UMCOR



US Disaster Response and Recovery website at:

<https://umcmmission.org/advanceproject/901670>

100% of donations to UMCOR go directly to disaster relief. UMCOR is known for its “early in, last out” presence in serving survivors.

The United Methodist Church's Global Ministries reported in a Dec. 16 story “Blessed to be Alive In Mayfield, Kentucky” that “UMCOR awarded solidarity grants to enable them [communities] to assist with the immediate needs of survivors, many of whom are now without food, shelter and clothing. These grants offer flexibility to the conferences in responding to needs as they emerge.”

January Sunday Worship

After the new year, Rev. Jeanine Alexander and I will be doing a sermon series on caring for the soul. A soul reset is an invitation to slow down — to take stock of what we have given our hearts, time and work to. Together we will take a journey of setting down the burdens of hurry, worry, and the urgent; and taking up the kind of meaningful and free living that Jesus offers all who are willing to accept it.

January 2 – Soul Reset # 1- How Is It With Your Soul? Communion will be shared

January 9 – Hearing from CHUM and how we are a partner with them in ministry. Rev. Patricia Benson will be giving the message.

January 16 – Soul Reset # 2- When Depression Hits ...

January 23 – Soul Reset # 3 - It's Not All On Me

January 30 – Soul Reset #4 - Being Nourished

February 6 – Soul Reset # 5 - Life In Crisis. Communion will be shared.

February 13 – Soul Reset # 6 - Living In The Light

Still Time to Give Christmas Offering for Salvation Army Heatshare Program



Our Christmas offering this year will go to Salvation Army HeatShare program. Thank you to everyone who gave!

There is still time to send in a check if you wish. Just put Christmas Offering in the memo line.

God's heart is that everyone has access to basic needs... food, water, and shelter. This is seen through the life of Jesus and through the Old Testament prophets. Salvation Army provides financial assistance to help people pay for their heating bill in the winter. This is God's work and part of our mission here at Hillside.

Join Us Tuesdays for Bible Study

Everyone is invited to Bible Study each Tuesday at Hillside. We study scripture in a safe environment to ask questions and share with each other.



Here is our schedule for January:

- Jan. 4 – 5:30 PM
- Jan. 11 – 11 AM
- Jan. 18 – 5:30 PM
- Jan. 25 – 11 AM

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Cleo Smith, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, and MJ Kuhlumey, along with our men and women in military service and their families. We especially pray for everyone's physical and mental health during this pandemic and those affected by extreme weather disasters.

Missions: A BIG thank you to everyone who donated toys and warm clothes! Susan Smart and Pastor Cynthia put everything into bags (about 20) and brought them to Union Gospel Mission. They were amazed and so grateful at Hillside's generosity. Thank you again!



Introducing CHUM2GO: Extending Food Access

CHUM2GO is a new food shelf program intended to increase food access and promote food security in Duluth proper. The program is specifically intended to reduce barriers for people who may otherwise have a difficult time visiting the food shelf locations in person, such as families with young children, elderly, people with health complications, or people without reliable transportation. Deliveries will be made on the second and fourth Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month.



If you or someone you know would like to participate in this program, please call the food shelf delivery line at 218-727-2391 and select option 4. Only 30 households that complete the form will be randomly selected for each delivery date. If you have questions about the program or are interested in volunteering, please email CHUM at chum2go@chumduluth.org.

Take in a JRLC Housing Webinar Series Session

CHUM continues to host recordings of the interfaith Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) series for congregations, delegates, and local advocates, and citizens concerned about housing issues in Duluth, St. Louis County and statewide. Each session runs from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The first session Dec. 14 addressed "Racial Equity and Housing" issues. The remaining sessions will discuss "Special Challenges and Opportunities for Inclusion" Jan. 11 and "Legislative Solutions and Advocacy for 2022 Session" Feb. 8. For information, contact Rev. Patricia Benson pbenson@chumduluth.org.



Making Savory Dishes from Food Donations

CHUM Yums is a recipe series that assists people in flavoring the food items they receive from CHUM. Local chefs volunteered time and recipes to the cause. The CHUM Yums recipe cards are available on the CHUM website at chumduluth.org.



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 Dec. 14, we prepared a nice holiday dinner for the Dorothy Day House. We made a pineapple-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, Christmas cole slaw (chopped cabbage with raisins, pineapple and homemade oil and vinegar dressing). We sent dinner rolls, as well as green and black olives as a special holiday treat. For dessert, we sent cookies baked and decorated by the First United Methodist Church (Coppertop) Confirmation Class and ice cream. We also sent toilet paper.

*Thank you and blessings,
Carolyn Dahl*

A Special Thank You

Thank you so much for the constant and thoughtful support year after year. It's amazing to think about how many meals have been enjoyed around our table thanks to your congregation. This Thanksgiving, we are thankful for all of you!

*Peace from Chelsea for All of Us
at Loaves & Fishes*

Check for the Loaves & Fishes donation sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall each month. Food and cash donations enable us to continue this project. Please keep the homeless and the hungry in your prayers.



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.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM, Thursday, Jan. 6, at the church. The book of the month is "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Happy January Birthday to Hillside Friends!

4 LeRoy Britton
26 Christian Durfee
26 Jane Mavec
27 Derry Gilberg



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.

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$7,701.00

Dec 5	giving	\$	820.00	
Dec 12	giving	\$	2,121.00	
Dec 19	giving	\$	991.00	
Dec 24	giving	\$	770.00	
	Total	\$	4,702.00	\$
Balance				-2,999.00

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 at 218-345-6874 or Carolyn Dahl at 218-727-6342. They usually know how to reach the 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.
David Makowski, Your Finance Chair

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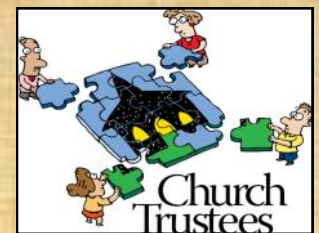
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