



Livewire

Hillside United Methodist February 2022

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Some Thoughts on Love

"And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it." Colossians 3:14

Love, love, love. All we need is love. Love me tender. Crazy love. Endless love. Nobody's love. Stupid love. Make me love you.

All song titles about love. I figured with Valentine's Day coming up, I had better say something about love. A couple things come to mind.

Jesus said to love God and love your neighbor, as yourself. The apostle Paul said the greatest of all things is love. Jesus even said to love your enemies.

Basically, there is no bad time to say, "I love you." I know Valentine's Day is the day to go all out with the chocolates, flowers, and cards. But really, for those of us who follow Jesus, every day is the day to say I love you.

Love is our way. Love was Jesus's way, and if we are followers of Jesus, then love has to be our way, even when it is hard and we don't feel like it. It is a way of life. It is

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March 2022 Livewire deadline is **Monday, February 14, 2022**

Please Remember CHUM in Your Hillside Church Mission Support

Hillside United Methodist Church is a member of Churches United in Ministry (known as CHUM), and as such, we support CHUM through both financial and food donations. Please keep this in mind as you are planning your mission support each month/year. Financial donations can be included in your regular offering making note of it in the memo portion of your check.

You can support the CHUM Food Shelf by donating items and placing them on the designated table in our fellowship hall. Of particular notice is that March is Food Shelf Month. All donations will be matched, pound-for-pound. So it is a great time to bring lots of heavy items! CHUM operates Duluth's largest food shelf and provides emergency shelter and supportive services for homeless individuals and families.

Meet Our New CHUM Delegate – Phyllis Peterson

She will be attending the quarterly meetings where all the church congregations send their pastors and delegates to learn about the current ministry of CHUM. She then will bring back any info to Hillside that we need to be aware of, such as volunteer opportunities and ways we can partner in ministry. Thank you Phyllis!

CHUM was founded in 1973 when 10 churches located in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood pooled their resources to meet the needs of the neighborhood's many low-income residents more effectively.

CHUM now offers emergency food, shelter, advocacy, support, and outreach throughout Duluth. CHUM is Duluth's primary safety-net organization where people who are homeless or who have very low incomes can come for

assistance and a welcoming, safe community. CHUM helps people find housing and employment, access public benefits, and receive basic medical care. At CHUM's Drop-In Center (day shelter), people can pick up mail (both physical and e-mail), do their laundry, have a hot meal, socialize over games or conversations, and perhaps most importantly, find a warm and welcoming community where they can be safe, heard, and respected.

Hillside Prepares Meals for Loaves & Fishes

Hillside United Methodist Church delivered a hot meal to the Dorothy Day House on Tuesday, January 11. Church volunteers prepared Spanish rice with white rice, bacon, onion, green pepper, tomatoes and picante sauce. They also made a tossed salad with lettuce and tomatoes and provided two bottles of dressing. Along with that, Hillside Church sent two large bags of taco chips

and two jars of queso cheese sauce. Diane Boris made a nice strawberry cake for dessert. I did not put up a sign up sheet for this January meal because there was enough money in the fund to pay for this meal. BUT... Be sure to look for the sign-up sheet for the February meal posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you and blessing from Carolyn Dahl

Payroll Protection Program Loan Reduced Expenses

After reviewing 2021 expense totals, a positive element emerged. According to the Treasurer's Report: "The actual church expenses for 2021 were \$84,000, to which a ppp (payroll protection program) loan of \$9,400 was used to help cover these expenses. The actual income for 2021 was \$62,400 envelope offering, \$1,400 Memorial money undesignated, the meatball dinner \$3,200, the PPP loan of \$9,400 for a total of \$76,700. to pay our bills. This means we were short a little over \$4,000 to pay our bills in 2021. The PPP loan had to be used to pay utilities and salaries only. The PPP loan did not have to be paid back." Thanks to everyone who gave in 2021 and continues to support our ministry.

THE SEASON OF LENT STARTS SHORTLY AFTER FEBRUARY ENDS THIS YEAR. ASH WEDNESDAY ON MARCH 2 LAUNCHES THIS CHRISTIAN SEASON OF PREPARATION FOR EASTER. LENT IS A TIME TO REFLECT THROUGH PRAYER, REPENTANCE, MODERATION AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PRINTED AND VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S OBSERVANCE OF LENT.

February Sunday Worship

We continue our sermon series on caring for the soul during the first part of February. 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.

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

February 13th: Soul Reset # 6 – Living In The Light

February 20th: Scout Sunday

February 27th: Transfiguration Sunday – Luke 9:28-36

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our calling. As it says in Colossians, "Wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment."

So, don't put it off! Don't assume someone knows how you feel about them. Tell them. Tell them right now. And if you don't get it done on Valentine's Day, for heaven's sake, don't wait another year.

Wear love. Breathe love. Be love. Choose love. If we want a different world, it starts with us and how we love.

**With love,
Your Pastor,
Cynthia**

Global Ministries & UMCOR Extends Thanks

***Editor's Note:** UMCOR sent the following letter to Hillside Church for its donations of \$85 for the UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery effort.*

Dear Friends in Mission,
Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of the United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your finan-



cial support, *you* are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly frequent and destructive storms – sharing 100 percent of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

**Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes,
General Secretary of Global
Ministries and UMCOR**



CHUM February Assembly

The CHUM February Assembly will take place virtually on Feb. 24 hosted by St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church. Check-in will be at 6:30 PM for a meet-and-greet social before the 7 PM meeting. Organizations can do far more together than by working alone. Love thrives on strong supportive congregations, strong service collaborations, and strong community partnerships. Hillside United Methodist Church participates in the assembly.



Happy New Year from the Food Shelf



The CHUM Food Shelf continues to serve the ever-increasing needs of those experiencing hunger and food insecurity in our community. In 2021 CHUM found more creative ways to get food into the hands of those who need it, adding mobile food drops around the city, a food delivery service, and "Fresh

Food Fridays," while continuing the onsite service at CHUM's two food shelf locations. CHUM did not skip a beat or allow people to skip a meal this past year.

2021 for Food Shelf by the numbers:

- Almost 18,000 people served — 1,423 more than in 2020
- 453,000 pounds of food distributed — almost 63,000 more pounds than in 2020
- Almost 412,000 pounds of food donated — 8,000 more pounds than in 2020

JRLC Housing Webinar Series Wraps Up

The final session of the interfaith series addressing housing issues in Duluth, St. Louis County and statewide will be 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Feb. 8. The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) will take on the issue of "Legislative Solutions and Advocacy for 2022 Session" during the webinar. For more information, contact Rev. Patricia Benson at pbenson@chumduluth.org.



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Join Us Each Tuesday at Church 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. Our February schedule:

- Feb. 1 – 5:30 PM
- Feb. 8 – 11 AM
- Feb. 15 – 5:30 PM
- Feb. 22 – No Bible Study

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Cleo Smith, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, M.J. Kuhlmeier, Shirley Olson; along with our men & 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.



A Special Thank You

Dear Hillside Family,

I'm so happy to tell you our granddaughter Alex is at home after 79 days of hospital care.

The last repairs to her lung thankfully are working, and although she still suffers from an air space that is questionable, she is recovering and is no longer feeling the fatigue and pain of the Valley Fever.

It's been such a blessing knowing many of you have been holding up Alex, her family and us in prayer and kind, loving words of support. We all thank you so very much.

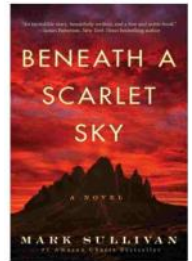
*Wishing you peace, joy and hope with gratitude and love,
Cathy and Neal Foster
(Alex is Jan Mattson's Niece)*

PS: We just received word that Alex will need to have a lung removed. Continued prayers for the family.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM, Thursday, Feb. 3 by Zoom. The book of the month is "Beneath the Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Happy February Birthday to Hillside Friends!

- 2 Jan Mattson
- 15 Barb Carlson
- 19 Sandra Wilmot
- 24 Cleo Smith



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 JANUARY

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH **\$7,854.16**

Jan 2	giving	\$	620.00	
Jan 9	giving	\$	720.00	
Jan 16	giving	\$	2,725.00	
Jan 23	giving	\$	763.00	
	Total	\$	4,828.00	\$
Balance				- \$3,026.16

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!

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 McKowski, Your Finance Chair

**Hillside United Methodist Church
Zoom Administrative Council Meeting
January 4, 2022**

Attendance: Diane Boris, Pastor Cynthia, Sandy Wilmot, Jim Leland, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave Mckowski, LeRoy Britton

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

Pastor Cynthia asked each of us what a highlight or something we would like to celebrate that happened this past year. Highlights mentioned were the Christmas program, reopening the church, the meatball dinner, new members, having Eben upstairs with LeRoy and the Christmas Eve service with the sanctuary full of people. She also asked us what we would like to see happen at Hillside in 2022. Items were coffee and fellowship time, National Night Out, more new members, children's Christian education and keeping things going good in 2022.

The November Ad Council minutes were reviewed. There was one correction. The projector light up high in the sanctuary is very high to change and the outside LED light goes out every year. It should last longer than that. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that the minutes be approved. Motion approved. The minutes from the November 2021 Charge Conference were also approved. The motion was made by Carole and seconded by LeRoy to approve those minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The actual church expenses for 2021 was \$84,000, to which a ppp (payroll protection program) loan of \$9,400 was used to help cover these expenses. The actual income for 2021 was \$62,400 envelope offering, \$1,400 Memorial money undesignated, the meatball dinner \$3,200, the PPP loan of \$9,400 for a total of \$76,700. to pay our bills. This means we were short a little over \$4,000 to pay our bills in 2021. The PPP loan had to be used to pay utilities and salaries only. The PPP loan did not have to be paid back.

Finance Report: We welcome Dave to the Finance Committee. Sue Patullo met with the secretary on sending out Thank You notes. A thank you note needs to be sent for Dan Holte's gift.

Pastors Report: Bible study will continue on Jan 11th and is going well. Patricia Benson, the coordinator of CHUM will be the speaker next Sunday. Children's Education needs to start. We still need two more members for our committees. A CHUM representative and a Mission Chairperson. LeRoy has taken the TPUMM, and Tim McLoughlin has joined the Finance Committee.

SPRC: Envelopes were sent out. The staff is doing well.

Trustees: The choir robes have been put in a box in the attic. We are now able to use that closet for other storage. The Cub Master called us and asked if the Boy Scout troop that normally meets at Trinity Church could use our church until sometime in February. The Pastor of Trinity Church doesn't want the Boy Scouts using their church until a decision on the lawsuit is made. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that we allow the Boy Scouts to use our church until the sometime in February. Motion passed.

Mission: We make a meal each month at the church for Loaves & Fishes. This month we will be making Spanish Rice. We will use the money from donations to Loaves & Fishes to buy the food this month. March is the month when the Food Shelf gets matching funds and food for donations.

Worship: Diane Boris has agreed to be the communion steward.

Other: With the COVID situation getting worse again we will continue to have the same policy of wearing masks at church and not having coffee or food for a fellowship time. LeRoy meets on ZOOM with the lay delegates around the state each month. Our next meeting will be February 1, 2022.

Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary