



# Livewire

Hillside United Methodist April 2022



CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

## Pastor's Ponderings...

### TODAY

*"Mary stood outside the tomb crying. She turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me..." John 20:11-16*



Have you ever heard yourself use the phrase, "the good old days"? Have you ever tried to make something in your life be how it used to be, only to find out that you really couldn't do it? I wonder if Mary, when she realizes she is talking to the risen Jesus at the tomb, thinks that because Jesus is alive, things are going to go back to how they used to be. You know, the good old days!

But you and I know that life isn't stagnant or still. It ebbs and flows; kids grow up and move away, you get a new job, move, retire, people you love die, people get married, people get divorced, people get sick, they get cancer, a deadly new virus attacks the world, and all of a sudden things aren't how they used to be.

But Jesus told Mary, "Do not hold on to me." Jesus says, today is a new day. We can't go back to the past. We must move on, let go. If you must grieve a loss, then grieve. If you want to remember something great, then celebrate it. But we can't get stuck back there. If we believe life was better "back then," then we cannot be fully present today. When we are still holding on to how things were, our arms aren't free to embrace today.

That is what Easter brings us. A new day, a new perspective, a new hope, a new purpose. After Jesus tells Mary to not hold on, he tells her to go. Go, and tell everyone what happened. He gives her a part to play. There is something for her to do now. What is Jesus asking you to do TODAY?

Your Pastor,  
Cynthia

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May 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

# April Features Special Services during Holy Week

Several worship opportunities are available to us during this special month leading up to Easter Sunday. In addition to Hillside United Methodist Church services, First United Methodist Church, The Coppertop, offers Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise services that we are invited to attend as well.

## Maundy Thursday Service – 7 PM April 14

(In-person at Coppertop and online live stream.) The service will include Holy Communion (the last Supper) and journeying all the way to Jesus' death. Pastors Cynthia and Jeanine leading.



## Good Friday Service – Noon Friday, April 15



(The Three Brothers Chapel, Coppertop. In person only). This service will walk us through Jesus' death and the events of the last hours of his life. Pastors Cynthia and Jeanine leading.

## Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 AM Sunday, April 17



(In the Coppertop parking lot overlooking Lake Superior). Dress casually and comfortably. Coffee and donuts will be

available following the service. Pastors Cynthia and Jeanine leading.

## Easter Worship – 11 AM Sunday, April 17

(In-person at Hillside with a 10:30 AM Fellowship time with coffee and goodies). Coppertop will livestream its 10 AM service, which



will be available to view on YouTube any time afterward. Pastor Cynthia will lead at Hillside and Pastor Jeanine at Coppertop.

**You may watch Coppertop's Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Service by visiting [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com) and clicking the Worship Service Stream.**

## Hillside UMC's Easter Offering Will Go to Damiano Center

The Easter offering from Hillside United Methodist Church will go to The Damiano Center. The center was built by the community for the community. It is the largest emergency meal provider in Northeastern Minnesota and has the largest free store in Duluth.

The Damiano Center also offers children's programming, a clothing program specifically for people seeking employment. The center also provides referrals and other basic assistance as well.



Keep this vital Damiano Center-ministry in prayers and thank you for your giving.

## Still Collecting for FoodShare

The FoodShare program continues through mid-April. Please consider dropping off non-perishable foods at the church on Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday mornings.



Making cash donations is especially encouraged because with the help of partners, local food shelves can purchase up to \$7 of groceries for every \$1 donated. Thank you for caring for those who are hungry.

If *YOU* need food, please talk with Pastor Cynthia, and we will see to it that you are well stocked with healthy food.

## Honor Loved Ones

It has been the tradition of Hillside United Methodist to display Easter Lilies, and other spring plants, in our sanctuary – honoring or in memory of loved ones. If you would like to order a lily, please let our administrative assistant, Jeannette Spalding, know by calling the church office or leaving a message on the church telephone at 218-727-4257. Jeannette works Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 2 PM. We will need your order by April 12, so don't delay.

Our hope is that we can purchase these lilies at one of the retail stores at a very reasonable price and then have you pay for yours after Easter. If this way appeals to you, please don't hesitate to order right away. If you prefer to bring your own spring plant, rather than buy a lily, it needs to be at the church by 10 AM Saturday, April 16.



**COVID-19 Protocol Update:** Given the significant decline in positive Covid-19 rates in our area, your Church Council has decided to adopt the following approach as we transition to an endemic way of being together. We are doing this with real time monitoring, so protocols are subject to change if data changes. Your Ad Council takes into consideration the case rate in St. Louis County, the Bishop's recommendation, and the CDC and the MDH recommendations. Here is the current plan:

- Masks will be encouraged and available but not required on Sunday mornings.
- Coffee and goodies will be available before worship in the fellowship hall at 10:30 AM.
- Children's staff will continue to wear masks and sanitize all toys and play area.

## Church Elevator Gets New Shoes

Has anyone in your family ever said they need new shoes? We're guessing that they were then purchased and put to good use. Well, ArrowLift has notified us that our elevator needs "new shoes," and the Trustees have arranged for them to be installed as soon as the "shoes" arrive. This should make for a smoother ride and not so much "chattering" as the elevator nears the top. Just thought you'd like to know!



## April Sunday Worship

On April 3, Hillside UMC will wrap up the sermon series that took us through Lent. In mid-April, our worship services will turn to preparing for Holy Week and later, Earth Day.



- **April 3** – "Changing Our Mind #5 – Humility." Holy Communion
- **April 10** – Palm Sunday
- **April 17** – Easter Sunday
- **April 24** – Earth Day Sunday

## Wanted: Volunteers to Serve at Pre-Service Coffee Gathering

We are looking for volunteers to prepare Sunday's 10:30 AM pre-worship service coffee and treats gathering before the 11 AM worship at Hillside UMC. The sign-up sheet is located by the service counter in Fellowship Hall.



Volunteers are asked to purchase store-bought cookies and then arrive at church by 9:30 AM Sunday to start making coffee. Also, volunteers will need to place a basket in the serving area to collect donations for our pre-service coffee gatherings. We request coffee and treats be ready for self service around 10:30 AM. Volunteers must also provide clean-up either before the 11 AM service begins or shortly after the service ends.



## Pick Up Your Membership Directory on Sunday or Request One by Mail

Updated Membership Directories for Hillside United Methodist Church are available in the Fellowship Hall or the back entry to the sanctuary.

**Church directory update**

If you would like to receive a directory by mail, please call the church office at 218-727-4257 or send your request to the church email address at [hillsidumcduluth@gmail.com](mailto:hillsidumcduluth@gmail.com).





## MN FoodShare March Campaign

Bring non-perishable food items to the CHUM table in the Fellowship Hall at Hillside UMC to support the 41st Annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign that runs through April 10.



CHUM envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one suffers from hunger. The annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign addresses those issues directly. CHUM's goal for March 2022 is to raise \$200,000 and 50,000 pounds of food to stock CHUM's shelves, and CHUM can meet its goal in this campaign with your help.

As part of Second Harvest Food Bank, CHUM's money expands beyond local grocery stores. For every dollar donated, CHUM can buy \$7 worth of food. Place your CHUM offering in the plate on Sunday or send your donation to Hillside UMC.

Also during MN FoodShare month, CHUM will leverage donated dollars and turn them into 20,000 pounds of fresh produce grown by local farm support from up to 15 farming operations, a more sustainable system for local food production and consumption.

### A Thank You for Hillside's Continuing Donations

CHUM continues to express appreciation for donations from Hillside UMC to its mission of providing food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents. CHUM thanked our church for a \$288 donation Feb. 3 and earlier for \$250 Jan. 7. Our church's offerings for CHUM have since continued for February and March. Gracia Swensen, CHUM's Development Director, wrote in a thank-you note, "We are grateful for the support of friends like you who make it possible to fulfill the promise of CHUM's mission to create a future where every person has food, shelter, dignity, and hope."

#### CHUM Contact Information:

Administration 218-720-6521

CHUM Center 218-726-0153

Food Shelf 218-727-2391

chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org

## Loaves & Fishes

The hot meal that we made for the Dorothy Day House on March 8 was scalloped potatoes with ham. We prepared scalloped potatoes and mixed in rolled up ham. We also made a cole slaw salad. We included three dozen rolls. For dessert, Diane made two angel food cakes, and we bought ice cream and chocolate and strawberry syrup for toppings.

Thank you to all who help support this mission project by helping prepare the meal, sign up to bring ingredients or donate cash. We want to keep this project going.

**Blessings from Carolyn Dahl**

**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.**

### Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Derry Gilbert, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Cleo Smith, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, MJ 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.



### 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 Hillside United Methodist Church.
- To all those who quietly give their time, effort and skills to our church and community.
- To everyone who has participated in worship and other activities despite difficult weather and COVID-19 challenges.



## Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM the third Thursday, April 21. The book of the month is "Surviving Savannah" by Patti Callahan. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



### Join Us Tuesdays for Bible Study

We will finish our Lenten study at 5:30 PM Tuesday, April 5. We will return to the regular Bible Study at 5:30 PM Tuesday, April 19. Everyone is invited to these studies in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom.



### Pastor's Vacation Coming Up

Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation with her family April 23-30. If you have an emergency, please call Carolyn Dahl 218-727-6342 or Carole Hawkinson 218-345-6874. Pastor Jeanine Alexander will be on call for any pastoral emergencies.




### Give to UMCOR for Ukraine

To support humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people, including help for Ukrainians fleeing to other countries, please send your donation to the church office and mark "UMCOR" or "Ukraine." Remember there are NO administration costs with UMCOR. Please write advance #982450 on your check's memo line.



## Happy April Birthday to Hillside Friends!

9 Trevor Manisto	18 Clareen Suomala
9 Bailey Manisto	24 Rick Carlson
11 Shirley Olson	25 Jeff Tibodeau
15 Ron Scott	27 Stephanie Giuliani
	27 David Dahl



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 MARCH		
	AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH	\$7,854.16
Feb 27 giving	\$ 356.00	
March 6 giving	\$ 1,774.00	
March 13 giving	\$ 3,475.00	
March 20 giving	\$ 649.00	
March 27 giving	\$ 440.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,694.00</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>- \$1,160.16</b>

### 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 & in Person Administrative Council Meeting  
March 1, 2022

**Attendance:** Diane Boris, Jim Leland, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave Mckowski, Karen Bailey, Pastor Cynthia

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

Pastor Cynthia asked us where do you see God working, Answers: lighting the Aerial bridge yellow and blue for Ukraine, the Food Shelf, having two new visitors, speaking out against the war in Ukraine.

The February Ad Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that the minutes be approved. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The Christmas Offering of \$786.00 was sent to Campus Ministries. The cost of snow removal this season is up.

**Finance Report:** We are wondering if we should start passing the offering plates. Giving in February was down. No action was taken. The computer program we use for membership and financial giving is being raised from \$50 to \$67 a month.

**Pastors Report:** Lent begins tomorrow. At noon tomorrow, Hillside will have an Ash Wednesday service. Coppertop will have their service at 7 PM. It will be live streamed at 7 also. At 5 PM there will be a children's time. Lenten Study begins next Tuesday. They will use the book called Living with the Mind of Christ. Books are not available. An e-book is available. Regarding Summer Day Camp, only Coppertop and Hillside have kids coming back to church since COVID. There will be no Day Camp this year. We will do something for a week with the Coppertop and Hillside kids. Pastor Cynthia would like to have barbecues after Sunday service in July and August. Because the neighborhood is changing, we would like to invite the neighbors also. We are thinking we should order take-out supplies for our meatball dinner in the fall now because of supply delays. We also need organizers.

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**SPRC:** Karen watched the training video for new SPRC members online February 10. The staff is doing well. If Brenna is going to be a Sunday school Teacher, that has always been a volunteer position, not a paid position. We will change her title to Children's Ministry.

**Trustees:** Our insurance is going up \$600 this year. We are not covered for disease or illness that expense that can be traced to our church. The semi-annual maintenance has been performed on the elevator. We have some problem with the building heaving with the frost. The elevator door only opens half way. We don't want anyone to force it open until the frost leaves the building. The laptop has been purchased, installed and is in use. We need to have snow removed from the parking lot. It will cost \$1,000 to have someone remove it. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that we hire the snow removal in the parking lot for \$1,000. Motion approved.

**Mission:** A meal will be made and delivered to Loaves & Fishes the second Tuesday of March. March is a special time for the Food Shelf and CHUM. For each dollar donated to the food shelf, they will be able to buy \$7.00 worth of food.

**Worship:** The sanctuary elements have been switched to Lent. This coming Sunday will be communion Sunday. There are Lenten Devotional books available near the upstairs entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Other:** We discussed starting a social time with coffee before the church service and it was decided we will start it up again and the treats must be store bought. A motion was made by Davd and second by Pastor Cynthia that we start having coffee on March 13. Motion approved. Our next meeting is April 5 at 6:30PM. We are going to try having the meeting a little earlier. Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diane Boris,  
Admin Council Secretary