



Livewire

Hillside United Methodist May 2022



CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Double Check the Recipe

*God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.
– Psalm 30:5*

The other day, Jojo made her famous chocolate chip cookies. Except they didn't turn out right. Something was wrong. The cookies were flat and crispy. They weren't soft and chewy.

She tried again and discovered her mistake. The difference was just 1/2 cup of flour. But from our first bites of that second batch of cookies, we knew: Yes! That's the way they should be.

Baking is a delicate balance. So is faith.

Easter, like Lent, is supposed to be a season. Fifty days stretching to Pentecost. Seven weeks of celebration, resurrection, and joy. It's called Eastertide. Don't feel bad if you didn't know. I didn't.

Many of us observe 40 days of Lent when we give things up or take things on. We remember we are dust on Ash Wednesday and receive the cross on our foreheads.

Then, for one glorious morning, it's lilies and trumpets and candy-filled plastic eggs; 40 parts Lent to 1 part Easter. Is that the right recipe?

Nope. Check again. The recipe calls for 50x that much! Fifty times as many rolled away stones and empty tombs! Fifty times as many hallelujahs!

Imagine the difference. In your life. In your church. In our world. That's a much better cookie.

The balance is off. It's time to check the recipe. Welcome to Eastertide.

Your Pastor,
Cynthia



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May 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**



Love Offering for Missions Addresses Food Insecurity

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. The theme of the 2022 Annual Conference — which will take place May 24-25 — is “Jesus: Healer.” Pastor Cynthia and Leroy Britton, your lay leader will be attending the conference on behalf of Hillside.



Our Love Offering this year will go to three Minnesota United Methodist food ministries. Funds will also assist those in need in our nation and world by supporting Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia and Volunteers in Mission trips. The funds from this year’s offering will go to:

- The Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia (40 percent)
- Food insecurity across Minnesota (50 percent, divided among the three ministries): Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato (17 percent); Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis (17 percent); and West African Family and Community Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center (17 percent)
- Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent)

Bishop David Bard invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as a generous expression of God’s wild and extravagant love. “Even in difficult times, Minnesota United Methodists have shown themselves to be generous in sharing the healing love of Jesus,” he said. “Our world confronts countless challenges, and though one offering cannot meet or overcome them all, it can do good and bring healing in the name and spirit of Jesus.”

We will take our Love Offering on Sunday, May 15. Or mail your Love Offering to the church by May 19.

Hillside UMC Summer Outreach Fun - July 10, 17, 24 and 31

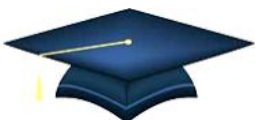
This summer we are going to do a little neighborhood outreach in July. Immediately following worship on July 10, 17, 24, and 31, we will grill hot dogs in the parking lot, have games, and music just for fun.



We will be looking for volunteers to grill and hand out hot dogs. (A grill has been donated by the Hawkinsons.) We will also take an offering and ask for donations to help buy the food.

We Want to Salute 2022 Graduates

Who is graduating this year? High school or college, we want to make sure we have your name so we can celebrate with you and give you a gift from the church.



Please contact Pastor Cynthia by email or text if you are graduating or know someone who is. Contact Pastor Cynthia at 218-260-3114 or pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com.

Hillside UMC's Easter Offering

Thank you to everyone who gave to our Easter offering that will go to The Damiano Center. Total offerings from Hillside United Methodist Church as of Easter Sunday were \$750.



The Damiano 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. We also offer children's programming, a clothing program specifically for people seeking employment, and we provide referrals and other basic assistance as well. Keep this vital ministry in prayers and thank you for your giving.

HYMN SINGS: Coming This Summer



What’s your favorite hymn? Let’s sing it! This summer we will have a short hymn sing at the beginning of the service every second and fourth Sundays of June, July and August.

May Sunday Worship

We continue to worship in-person in the sanctuary at Hillside 11 AM Sunday mornings in May. We will also offer Fellowship time at 10:30 am each Sunday. Here's what we can look forward to this month:



May 1 – Holy Communion, a faith story, Acts 9:3-10, 17-19

May 8 – Mother's Day, Acts 9:36-43

May 15 – John 13:31-35

May 22 – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

May 29 – Memorial Day Sunday, Annual Conference Report, Luke 24:44-53

Save The Date: Day Camp

For all teens and kids, put on your calendar July 18-22 for Day Camp. It will be from 9-3 PM with extended care available. Talk to Pastor Cynthia for more information.



Join Us for Bible Study

Our Bible Study is a lively group! Don't let the boring name turn you away. Most Tuesdays, we meet and look at the scripture for Sunday and discuss its meaning for us today. Everyone is invited! Here is our schedule for May:

- May 3 – 11:00 AM
- May 10 – 5:30 PM
- May 17 – 11:00 AM
- May 24 – no Bible Study (Pastor will be at annual conference)
- May 31 – 5:30 PM



Thank you for your CHUM food donations! March donations for the Minnesota Food-Share campaign weighed in at 72 pounds. Every item is so appreciated and makes a difference. CHUM also reported, "We all made it through another Minnesota Food-Share campaign, and we couldn't be happier with the community response."



UMCOR Provides Relief to Ukraine

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) continues to accept humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people. Feel free to send your donation to the Hillside UMC's office and mark the donation as UMCOR or Ukraine, Advance #982450. Many of us have already contributed to UMCOR relief projects.

In excerpt from a letter to us, Roland Fernandes, general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, stated appreciation for our latest donation of \$200 as of April 7: "The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be, 'Thank you.'"

Thank You For Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who helped to adorn our Easter Altar with your lilies and other flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The flowers really brightened our chancel area just as the resurrected Christ has brightened our lives.



Blessing of the Animals Service

Save the date Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm at the Coppertop parking lot for a blessing of the animals service. Bring your pet for this short fun service!



Duluth Neighbors Living Unsheltered

The Warming Center has closed, and we are collecting tents and sleeping bags for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. They have returned to living outdoors because there is nowhere else to go.



How can you help? Visit SteppingOnUpDuluth.org and explore the options.

In Duluth, Authorized Outdoor Living Zones are on land owned by an individual, congregation, institution, or business. Let CHUM know of your interest by email and together we'll explore how your land might temporarily serve as a site for an Authorized Outdoor Living Zone.



Seeking Stories from Member Churches about CHUM's Impact

In preparation for its 50-year anniversary in 2023, CHUM is gathering stories from the perspective of member congregations. What about CHUM has been most inspiring to you? How have you shared ministry with CHUM in the past? What changes have you observed over the years, and how has that impacted your ministry?

Patricia Benson, CHUM's Congregational Outreach Coordinator, will be meeting with delegates of each member congregation to invite you to share stories past and present, to gather your insights and wisdom, and seek your vision for the days ahead. You can reach Patricia by email, or phone (218) 206-5349. Hillside UMC is a CHUM member congregation.

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 April 12, we made a tater tot hot dish for the homeless men staying at the Dorothy Day House. We browned ground beef and put it in a large foil pan. On top of that, we put lots of frozen vegetables and then added cream of celery soup. The next layer included tater tots with cream of cheddar soup on top. Along with the hot dish, we sent an orange jello salad made with cottage cheese, canned mandarin oranges, crushed pineapple, Cool Whip, all mixed together. Rolls went along with the meal, too. The dessert was three dozen cookies. Thanks to all the ladies who help make these meals and all who bring the makings for the meals. Also thanks to those who give cash contributions so we can buy what doesn't get donated. Thanks to Cliff and Diane Boris who deliver these hot meals each month. Please pray for all the homeless people in Duluth and for those who do not get enough good food to eat. We are all blessed. God is good!

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

A Loaves & Fishes Thank You

Thanks for dinner. It's amazing to think of all the good food you have fed us and our friends in need over the years. We are grateful!

From Donna & all at L&F

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

The family of Cleo Smith, who died April 12, Jane Mavec, whose husband David died on April 13, and the Mavec family, Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, MJ Kullumey, Shirley Olson, and Katie Peterson and the 148th Fighter Wing deployed in the Middle East.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM the first Thursday, May 5. The book of the month is "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



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.

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!

Happy May Birthday to Hillside Friends!

- 1 Annie Coffin-Langdon
- 1 Katie Smart
- 5 Marge Dahl
- 7 Steven Pederson
- 14 Diane Boris
- 14 Scott Patullo
- 16 Sam Ramsey-Coffin
- 26 DeWayne Tomasek
- 27 Clara Britton
- 29 Carolyn Dahl
- 31 Ted Smart
- 31 Robert Lyness, Sr.



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 APRIL

		AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH	\$7,854.16
April 3	giving	\$1,986.00	
April 10	giving	\$ 1,459.00	
April 17	giving	\$ 1,820.00	
April 24	giving	\$ 765.00	
	Total	\$ 6,030.00	
Balance			-\$ 1,824.16

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
April 5, 2022

Attendance: Diane Boris, Jim Leland, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave McKowski, Karen Bailey, Pastor Cynthia, LeRoy Britton

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

Pastor Cynthia asked us how are we taking care of our spiritual life.

The March Admin 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. Last month we sent \$638 to CHUM and \$650 to UMCOR for Ukrainian refugee support. We have had \$23,000 in expenses for the first three months of 2022. This means we will need to spend the entire 2022 budget to meet our expenses.

Finance Report: A Finance Meeting needs to be set up. We need to order supplies for the meatball dinner in September because of supply delays.

Pastors Report: Bible Study is going well. The Ash Wednesday service went well. On Palm Sunday there will be palms. The Easter Offering will go to the Damiano Center. Day camp will not be at the Boy Scout camp this summer. It will be at the Coppertop mornings and in the afternoons, there will be outings. The Annual Conference will be at St. Cloud on May 25-26. LeRoy Britton and Pastor Cynthia will be attending. Pastor Cynthia would like to have barbeques after church in July. We will send postcards to the neighbors inviting them. Copper Top has a bounce house that we will ask to borrow. The barbeques will be four Sundays after the 4th of July weekend – July 10, 17, 24 and 31. A motion was made by LeRoy and 2nd by Dave that we have barbecues on the four Sundays in July beginning July 10. Motion carried. She is thinking of having a garden in our grassy area to grow some vegetables. Cons are not enough sunny areas, cost and possible vandalism. During Sunday worships she would like us to volunteer to tell our faith story. Ron Scott is at the Aftenro home now and would like to come to church sometimes. We need to have someone to volunteer to pick him up and bring him back. Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation from April 23-30. We will have a service the Conference has made on April 24th and LeRoy Britton, Lay Leader will give the sermon on May 1st. Pastor Jeanine will be on call during her vacation.

Lay Leader: LeRoy continues to meet online with other lay leaders in the state. This coming Thursday is the next meeting. We are getting a few new people at church on Sundays.

SPRC: Nothing new to report on. Things are going smooth and well.

Trustees: We had the snow removed from the parking lot. It will cost between \$1,000-\$1200. The city had contacted us and we need to remove the snow on the Piedmont sidewalk. Bill took the CHUM food to the downtown location this time but it is too hard to find parking. The West Duluth location has closed. He looked into taking the food to the 2nd Harvest Food Shelf in air park. They will come and unload the food from the car so we decided to use 2nd Harvest Food Shelf in the future. The red front doors need painting. The windows need to be washed. They haven't been washed in quite a while. The top ones are too hard for us to do. If anyone needs any small 3 ring binders, we have quite a few that aren't needed. The two green plants don't get watered regularly and didn't look good. They have been replaced with artificial ones. The wall at the top of the stairs is cracked and needs fixing.

Mission: A meal will be made and delivered to Loaves & Fishes the second Tuesday of April. A list is on the bulletin board downstairs for people to sign up to bring food needed to make the meal.

Other: We have started coffee time again before church. People need to sign up to make the coffee, bring a store bought treat and clean up after church. There is a problem that not all people have a key to the church to get in early to make the coffee. We will meet after church this Sunday for planning the meatball dinner. The next meeting will be May 3rd at 7:00. Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary