



# Livewire



Hillside United Methodist October 2022

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

## Pastor's Ponderings...

### Forgive Us Our Debts, as We Forgive Our Debtors

*"Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." – Luke 21:1-2*

I've been thinking a lot about forgiveness lately. Student loan forgiveness. Jojo and I have a great amount of student loan debt from seminary. We are super excited for the potential to have some forgiven. It would make daily living and paying the bills much less of a burden. I feel very happy for everyone who will benefit from this program, if it truly happens.



Not everyone is happy about it. I have read and heard comments like; "It's not fair, I worked hard to pay my debt off the old-fashioned way." "Irresponsible students." "If you forgive all of this student loan debt, won't you just be rewarding bad financial behavior and be sending the wrong signal to the world: rack up all the debt you want, and you never have to worry about paying it back?"

Perhaps we are in the crowd, overhearing Jesus talk about the widow. He's just warned that the elites of the community – who take advantage of widows but like to show off their religion in public – will be condemned. Then this poor widow comes and gives her all to the system that ought to be taking care of her.

I wonder what Jesus would notice in our society today? Would he see a system that privileges education but makes it unaffordable for most? Would he see well-off, well-meaning, and well-resourced people declaring those who are neither to be lazy or undeserving? Would he see our collective resistance to forgiving debts even when we pray for ours to be forgiven every Sunday in church when we pray the Lord's Prayer? I think, maybe, he would see this poor widow, still struggling, still striving.

Grace. Mercy. Compassion. Peace. Forgiveness. They will know we are Christians by our love.

Your Pastor,  
Cynthia



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November 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, October 20, 2022**

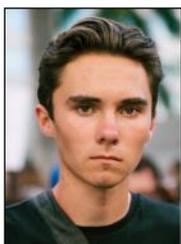


## Hillside UMC Is a Supporting Partner of 'The Rally for Peace'

A survivor of the 2018 Parkland, Fla., high school shooting will serve as the keynote speaker at Peace United Church of Christ's

"The Rally for Peace." The free event will be from noon to 3 PM Saturday, Oct. 1 in Leif

**The Rally  
for Peace**



**David Hogg**  
School Shooting Survivor

Erikson Park of Duluth, and everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a blanket or chair. Hillside United Methodist Church is a supporting partner.

The keynote speaker David Hogg, co-founder of the March For Our Lives Movement, will address "Engage in the Change: Our Generation Must Own Democracy" at 1:30 PM. David is an author, activist, and survivor of the 2018 Marjory

Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla. The music group *Born Too Late* will perform from noon to 1 PM. Other speakers at the Rally for Peace will include Mayor Emily Larson, students from our high schools and universities, among others.

Additional support for the Rally came from Peace UCC's partners Hillside United Methodist, First United Methodist, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Glen Avon Presbyterian, Our Savior's Lutheran, Pilgrim Congregational, St. Mark AME, St. Scholastica Monastery and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth. The event is also sponsored by Zenith Bookstore.

## Getting Involved

Are you looking for more ways to get involved at Hillside? More ways to live out your faith and word and action? Have you considered serving on a leadership team? If you would like to explore this idea, please talk to Pastor Cynthia. Our teams at church are Finance, Trustees, Staff/Parish Relations, Congregation Care, Education, Worship and Missions. Think about it. Pray about it. Talk about it. Your gifts, talents, and passions are wanted here!

## Swedish Meatball Dinner: WE DID IT AGAIN!

We worked hard, had fun and profited approximately \$4240.83 from our recent Swedish Meatball Dinner. This will help fund our obligations for the coming year. It was such a beautiful evening, and we were pleasantly surprised that just over 300 people came to pick up dinners.

Forty-three people helped, and many more of you came to pick up and enjoy the delicious meal. Thanks to everyone for your part in the success we had, whether or not you worked at the dinner, ate the dinner or sold your tickets for the dinner. Every part helped and you should be proud.



If you liked the position you held this year, maybe you would like to volunteer for the same one for the September 11, 2023 dinner. It's just never too early. With folks coming from Texas, Maple Grove and First Methodist to help out, it pays to get your request in early!

**Thanks again, Carole Hawkinson**

## Mission Project: Winter Coming

It's that time of the year again! We will collect items for the Union Gospel Mission in October. 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
- Socks/Shoes
- Sweaters
- Hand warmers



You can drop off donations at church anytime between 9-2 PM Tuesday/Thursday or Sunday mornings.

# October 2022 Sunday Worship Schedule

We worship in-person in the sanctuary at Hillside United Methodist Church 11 AM Sunday mornings in October. We will also offer fellowship time at 10:30 AM each Sunday. Here's what we can look forward to this month:

- October 2 – World Communion Sunday. The Lord's Prayer, *Matthew 6:9-12, 14-15*
- October 9 – The Lord's Prayer, *Matthew 6:9-13*
- October 16 – The Lord's Prayer, *Matthew 6:13 and James 1:13-15*
- October 23 – The Lord's Prayer, *1 Chronicles 29:11*
- October 30 – What's so Hallow about Halloween? Dress up in costume for church!



## Plan to Buy Roast Beef Dinner at First United Methodist Church

Now that you've enjoyed Hillside's annual meatball dinner, it's time to try First United Methodist's fall roast beef dinner.



This year the FUMC "Coppertop" dinner will be drive-through, take home only; there is no dining-in option. On Thursday, Oct. 6, between 4:30 and 6:30 PM, come to the FUMC parking lot (230 W.

Skyline Pkwy.) and a friendly crew will direct you through the drive-in. For \$12 per meal, you'll receive roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, a dinner roll, and homemade apple crisp.

You do not need to buy tickets in advance; payment by cash, check or credit card will be taken at the event. All proceeds go to support FUMC ministries.

## The Lord's Prayer STUDY

This small-group study is based on Adam Hamilton's book: "The Lord's Prayer – The meaning and power of the prayer Jesus taught." Six sessions explore each of the prayers' rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words.



It's not too late to join! We meet on Tuesdays and our schedule in October is: Oct 4 – 5:30 pm, Oct 11 – 11:00 am, Oct 18 – 5:30 pm, Oct 25 – 11:00 am.

## Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Bill Schilling, Rod Olson, Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, and Shirley Olson.





## Thank You Hillsiders!

Every financial or food donation is appreciated. We are a small but generous group. Each donation assists CHUM in its efforts to provide for those most in need in our city! Gracia Swenson, CHUM Development Director sent us another thank you note in mid-September for Hillside UMC's for \$317 donation in August.

## Hats Off to Starbucks

Recently, several Starbucks district managers from across Minnesota came to Duluth for an area meeting and contacted CHUM because they wanted to volunteer. As a result, they prepared and served a meal for the residents of St. Francis Apartments. SFA residents frequently experience food insecurity, especially near the end of the month when their funds don't keep up with expenses. Not only did CHUM's friends from Starbucks prepare and serve the food, but they also visited with residents and delivered door-to-door for those who didn't make it down to the lobby.



## Colder Weather Needs

With at least 500 people spending the nights in the streets of Duluth, CHUM's Street Outreach Teams are gearing up by collecting the following items which can be dropped off at CHUM's administrative office at 102 West 2nd St., Duluth:

- Lightweight tents
- 0-degree sleeping bags
- Reusable water bottles
- Warm jackets (any size)
- Winter hats
- Winter gloves
- New men's and women's ankle socks
- Family-sized toothpaste
- Body wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper

## CHUM Food Shelf Donations

Thank you for your continuing non-perishable food donations to the CHUM table in our church's Fellowship Hall. Foods needed are pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, peanut butter, tuna, spam, SpaghettiOs, chili, stew, chunky soups, Pasta sides, Rice-a-Roni, ramen, cold cereal, and pork & beans.



**CHUM Delegate, Phyllis Peterson**

CHUM Contact Information:  
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CHUM Center 218-726-0153  
Food Shelf 218-727-2391  
chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org



For the September meal for the Dorothy Day House, we were fortunate to provide a wonderful meal of Swedish meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, cranberry pear sauce, rolls and pumpkin dessert.

This food was possible because there was enough left over from the Hillside UMC Swedish Meatball



Dinner the night before. What a treat for the hungry, homeless men at the Dorothy Day House. And our ladies didn't have to cook on Tuesday, Sept. 12. We just heated it and delivered the meal to the house. Thanks Diane & Cliff for all your help.

**Blessings from Carolyn Dahl**

**The Second Harvest Northern Food Bank sent an acknowledgement and thank you to Hillside UMC for its food donations for August. The Food Bank weighed in our donation Aug. 1 at 21 pounds and Aug. 18 at 28 pounds.**

### 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!

## Happy October Birthday to Hillside Friends!

6 Andrea Wilmot  
15 Pat Merrier  
22 Carmen Wendland  
28 Dawn Durfee

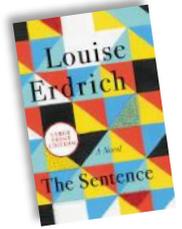


If you don't see your name here, please call the church office so we can add you to the list. Our phone number is 218-727-4257.



## Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, Sept. 8. The book of the month is "The Sentence" by Louise Erdrich. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



## Our Current Covid Policy

**COVID-19 Protocol Update:** 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 are 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 are feeling ill or have any symptoms, please worship at home.

## Norton Park UMC Fall Holiday Harvest Bazaar

The Fall Holiday Harvest Bazaar for Norton Park United Methodist Church will be Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 AM to 1 PM at 436 N. 79th Ave. W., Duluth.

The event will feature holiday crafts, a bake sale, Scandinavian/Fall treats, pet treats, a jewelry table, and Halloween and Christmas Holiday items. There will also be boxed to-go lunch.



### Greetings to my fellow Hillsideers

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that we thank everyone who is giving financially to the church. It has a meaningful impact, and we are so grateful for your generosity and support. We understand that some of you may be experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic; please let us know if you are struggling to meet your basic needs. We are family, and we are in this together. Give whatever you can, help wherever you can, and ask for help whenever you need it.

*Blessings to all of you, and be well,  
David McKowski, Your Finance Chair*

### FINANCIAL GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$7,854.16

Aug 28	giving	\$ 1,120.00
Sept 4	giving	\$ 2,180.80
Sept 11	giving	\$ 1,675.00
Sept 18	giving	\$ 2,380.00
Sept 25	giving	\$ 480.00
	<b>Total \$</b>	<b>\$ 7,835.80</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>- 18.36</b>

**Hillside United Methodist Church**  
Zoom & In Person Administrative Council Meeting  
September 5, 2022

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Derry Gilberg's memorial money will be used for heating the church. The budget amount we pay each month this past year did not fully pay the amount of natural gas we used for heat.

**Finance Report:** Everything is going well. A budget meeting needs to be scheduled by the end of September. Sunday.

**Pastors Report:** It was a nice summer. She enjoyed hearing the faith stories by different members of the congregation. The Lord's Prayer book will be the series for the Sunday Sermons starting in September. It is a 6-week series. She will do the Sunday service at Hope UMC one Sunday in September.

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**SPRC:** No report.

**Trustees:** They haven't had a meeting lately. The garbage rate is going up.

**Lamplighters:** Not a lot of visiting has been done lately. They did visit Delores.

**Missions:** We donated the school supplies collected to Piedmont Elementary School. They were glad to get everything. Chum still needs peanut butter and cereal. We hope there will be some left-over meatballs and fixings to provide Loaves & Fishes with a meal in September. We will be collecting warm clothes, hats and mittens in October and November.

**Worship:** November 6th is All Saints Day. We will be remembering those that passed away this past year. Commitment Sunday is November 13th. There will be no Christmas Day service this year, only Christmas Eve. November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent. We will have "Hanging of the Greens" after Sunday service that day.

**Meatball Dinner Update:** All the positions for the meatball dinner have been filled. The meat and rolls have been donated.

**Other:** There will be a Peace Rally at Leif Erickson Park on October 1st sponsored by Peace Church. The speaker will be David Hogg. He is a survivor of the school shooting in Parkland Florida. He will speak on sensible gun laws and regulations. A motion was made that we become an official sponsor. The motion was made by Carole and seconded by Karen. Motion passed. Then a motion was made that we give the Peace Rally financial help of \$500. The motion was made by Carole & seconded by Dave. There were six yes votes and one person abstained. Our next meeting will be October 4th at 7 PM.

Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diane Boris,  
Admin Council Secretary