



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist November 2022

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Gratefulness, Generosity and Gifts

I am so grateful for all of you. I really think I'm the luckiest pastor in town. I tell all my clergy friends I have the kindness people here at Hillside. Seriously, I am blessed beyond measure to be part of this faith community.



God's spirit is upon us. I feel God's spirit strong every Sunday when we are together. (If you haven't been to a Sunday morning service in a while, you should really get here!) The energy, the love, the sincerity and desire to follow the teachings of Jesus is evident and growing in each of you. We continue to dream what our church is going to look like in a post-pandemic world. As we continue to adapt to the times and think of being good stewards with what God has given us, we reflect and discern what is really important, what we want to give up, and what new things we want to try.

It's important for us, to take care of the poor, feed the hungry, clothe those who need clothing. We do this through our warm clothes drive for Union Gospel Mission, our food shelf donations to CHUM, a hot meal made and delivered to Loaves & Fishes, and taking special offerings. This summer, we started a garden and hope to "grow" bigger to donate fresh produce to our neighbors in need.

And these things are just a tiny part of how Hillside is Christ's light, a LAMP, in Duluth. Then there is YOU! Our reach gets even wider when we think of how each one of our members and friends, in your personal and professional lives, reaches out even further in our community to bring love and hope and kindness to people. You do this through every relationship you have, your job, your volunteer work, you're giving to charities, etc... I am so grateful for you and all the lives you touch. You are a LAMP and have the light of Christ inside of you; and that light, your gifts, and your kind generosity is what our world needs so badly right now.

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December 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2022**



All Saints Sunday: Nov. 6

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12, the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.



And so, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday on Nov. 6. We will have a special time in the service to remember Hillside members who have died this past year and an opportunity for all of us to name loved ones who have gone before us.

Pastor Appreciation Month

During worship Oct. 16, Pastor Cynthia was presented with a card and certificate for a massage, in appreciation of how she has given of herself, how much we love her and how we respect her so much. Thank you so much Pastor Cynthia.



Pastor's Ponderings

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To keep our LAMP shining brightly, literally and spiritually, our Stewardship & Finance Team invites you to GENEROUSLY share the gifts you have been given. You may have received a letter from the stewardship team this past week. We invite you to be generous with your gifts because generosity is central to the heart of God and Jesus' ministry. We want to embody and carry this generosity in how we live and how we give, and let it fill EVERY aspect of our lives; our finances, time and talents.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to live out your faith. We invite you to give generously to Hillside, and other charities that are close to your heart, so that we may keep dreaming and adapting to the current times. We invite you to pray for Hillside and it's future.

Thank you for continuing to help our church be a LAMP on the Hillside.

Your Pastor,
Cynthia

Dedication Sunday Nov. 13

You won't want to miss Dedication Sunday on Nov. 13. You received a letter from the Stewardship team this past week, which included a commitment card. Please bring or send it to the church by Nov. 13. where we will have a special time of dedication during the service. It is also a time of celebration and thanks to all of you who continue to help Hillside grow and be a LAMP on the Hillside. If you didn't receive a letter and card, there will be extra cards at church.



Stewardship & Finance



When we the people of Hillside make an offering to our church, each of us makes an investment for the care and upkeep of our church building, our Sunday services, and our outreach to the community. We are also paying salaries to our staff; pastor, secretary, custodian, musician, and childcare attendant. Please continue to show your generous support each Sunday, or monthly as you are able. Thank you.

Financial Chair, Dave McKowski

Investing Your Time

Are you looking for more ways to get involved at Hillside? More ways to live out your faith in 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, and Education. We would love to start a Worship, Missions, and Garden Team. Think about it. Pray about it. Talk about it. Your gifts, talents, and passions are wanted here!



Charge Conference

On Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 PM, the Ad Council will hold its monthly meeting. At this meeting we will also have a very short charge conference to approve pastoral compensation. Everyone is invited to attend and members may vote. In January, we will hold a church conference to approve the budget, membership, and leadership board for 2023.



November 2022 Sunday Worship Schedule

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

- November 6 – All Saints Sunday with Communion
Ephesians 1:11-23
- November 13 – Dedication Sunday
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- November 20 – Thanksgiving Sunday
Philippians 4:4-9
- November 27 – Hanging of the Greens
First Sunday of Advent – Hope
Matthew 24:36-44



Decorating Hillside for Advent & Christmas: Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday Nov. 27, immediately following worship, we will decorate our church with greenery, and other symbols of the season: everlasting life, love, joy, hope, and peace, so our decorations proclaim: Jesus is born! God is with us! We will have pizza and salad for all who stay and help. All ages welcome.



Annual Thanksgiving Offering

Every year we take a special offering around Thanksgiving. This year our offering will be given to Union Gospel Mission to support their ministry. Please bring or mail in your offering to church by Sunday, Nov. 20. Katie Hagglund, Executive Director, was at Hillside this past month and shared with us that they are starting up their hot meal ministry again. They need volunteers, food donations, and financial support to make this a reality and keep it going. Thank you for being generous!



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: Singers Wanted

Everyone is invited to the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Spirit of God Lutheran Church on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 7 PM. This meaningful and inclusive service involves many faith communities in the Twin Ports. **SINGERS WANTED.** The anthem is "Let All Things Now Living" with one rehearsal before the service at 6 PM.



Mission Project for All

Every fall we ask our members to donate items to help keep folks warm in the cold months that are approaching quickly. This year we have combined the "warm clothes" and the "hats and mittens" projects and have provided a table in the fellowship hall to receive them.



A Thank You from the Pastor

I want to thank you all for the thoughtful cards and phone calls this past month. And thank you for the gift certificate for a massage. I love massages! I feel so lucky to serve this congregation and have your support. Thank you for just being you.

With much love and fondness, Cynthia

PLEASE look through your closets and drawers and consider donating warm items that you no longer use. **Hats and mittens, warm clothing, sleeping bags, and blankets.** All items received will be delivered to the Union Gospel Mission to really help keep folks warm this winter. Thanks for any help you can give to this worthy project.

Our December mission project will be unwrapped toys for Union Gospel Mission.



CHUM StreetOutreach Dinner

The 2022 CHUM StreetOutreach Dinner will take place on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Greysolon Ballroom by Blackwoods (231 East Superior Street, Duluth, MN). This event is an effort to raise \$60,000 for CHUM's Street Outreach Program. Even though the Oct. 25 deadline has passed, there may be room for a few additional reservations between now and the event. No guarantees, though. To inquire about availability, send an email to gswensen@chumduluth.org or call the CHUM administrative office at 218-720-6521. Pastor Cynthia will be attending and would love you to sit with her at her table! Please let her know if you purchased tickets. Even if you cannot attend the special dinner, you can contribute by sending an offering to Hillside United Methodist Church and designating CHUM StreetOutreach on the envelope.



Deb Holman, CHUM street outreach specialist, works with people who are living on the streets or in the woods in Duluth. She works to keep them safe and assist them with appointments that help them move from homeless to housed. This is often a long process with many small successes each year. During the dinner, you will hear about the program, its history of success, and future plans. Deb will answer your questions about this important work.

Our Food Donations Make a Difference

Second Harvest Northern Lakes gathers and distributes food donations, many of which go to the CHUM Food Shelf downtown and in west Duluth. Your donations to the CHUM Food Shelf table in Fellowship Hall contribute to that effort. Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank sent Hillside United Methodist Church a thank you letter Sept. 14 for 18 pounds of food we gathered for them and another letter Oct. 3 for 34 pounds of food we donated. Second Harvest thanked Hillside for our donation and support of Northland families and seniors facing food insecurity.

CHUM Contact Information:
 Administration 218-720-6521
 CHUM Center 218-726-0153
 Food Shelf 218-727-2391
chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org



We cooked a taco hot dish on Oct. 11 for the Dorothy Day House. The hot dish included ground beef with taco seasoning, elbow macaroni, picante sauce, black beans, corn, and grated cheese. We also prepared a salad with lettuce, homegrown tomatoes and cucumbers. Two bunt cakes were also baked. We sent taco sauce, French dressing and ranch dressing.

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry and homeless people. Also remember them in your prayers.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Join Us for Tuesday Bible Study & Fellowship

Everyone is invited to attend Bible study on Tuesdays at Hillside. The first and Third Tuesdays we will meet at 5:30 PM and the second and fourth Tuesday we will meet at 11 AM. For the month of November, we will be studying the scripture for each Sunday. No study on Nov. 29.



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.




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 November Birthday to Hillside Friends!

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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 "Mrs. Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Thinking of Our Staff Members...

Dear Church Family,
The holidays are coming, and we are hoping you would like to contribute to Christmas bonuses for Emma, Kiki, Jeannette, Brenna and Pastor Cynthia. If so, please place your contribution in your giving envelope and write "Christmas Bonus" in the "Other Offering for..." section. We request that you send your offering envelope with this designated contribution by Dec. 4.



Thank you for thinking of our support staff and pastor during this holiday season.

Karen Bailey, Staff Parish Relations Co-Chair

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.

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 OCTOBER AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$7,854.16

Oct 2	giving	\$ 900.00
Oct 9	giving	\$1,018.00
Oct 16	giving	\$1,670.00
Oct 23	giving	\$ 890.00
	Total \$	\$ 4,478.00
	Balance	– \$ 3,376.16

Hillside United Methodist Church
Zoom & In Person Administrative Council Meeting
October 4, 2022

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The September 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:

Finance Report: Pledge cards will need to be sent out. A budget meeting will be scheduled for the Sunday, October 16th after church. The SPRC and Trustees need to make their request for the 2023 Budget.

Pastors Report: The Lord's Prayer study is continuing. She represented Hillside UMC at the peace rally. She gave the sermon at Hope UMC and Coppertop.

Lay Leader: He got together with the Lay Leaders in our district online and will again this Thursday. Laity Sunday will be October 30th and LeRoy will give the sermon.

SPRC: They need to know who has a list of the people who have keys to the church. The Trustees have a list and who has signed for one.

Trustees: We need to revisit the policy of use of building and the charge for the use. The county will be re-doing concrete on Piedmont Avenue next year. We may see people around measuring and surveying for this project. We United Methodist Program is switching insurance from Suracy to Sovereign. Insurance. We will change to Sovereign for our insurance. We need to have some workers compensation injury forms printed for future use.

Lamplighters: They visited Ron Scott, Bill Schilling twice and Dee Johnson. They tried to see Bea Jacobson but she had covid and they couldn't visit her. They will see Shirley Olson tomorrow.

Missions: We will be collecting warm clothes in October and hats and mittens in November. Toys will be collected for December. All these items will be brought to Union Gospel Mission for distribution. This will be put in the newsletter. We decided on where the Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings will be collected for. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that we give the Thanksgiving Offering to Union Gospel Mission and the Christmas Offering to the Salvation Army Heat Share. Motion approved.

Worship: November 6th is All Saints Day. We will be remembering the four members of our church who passed away this past year. They are Cleo Smith, Dave Mavik, Pat Olson and Derry Gilberg. Commitment Sunday is November 13th.

Other: The Conference Youth Committee would like to use our church for their connecting with youth in our area on Saturday, January 21st. They expect 50-100 youth. This is a statewide youth conference with meetings held in Duluth, St Cloud and Minneapolis. The next meeting will be on November 1 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary