



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist May 2023

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings... The Power of Testimony

The living, the living – they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. – Isaiah 38:19 (NIV)

When buying something, do you read the reviews first? I think most people do when buying something big like a new car or washing machine. In this era where you can buy everything off the internet, shop from your phone, or go to Amazon to buy anything and everything, it is really easy to read reviews because they are attached to the item. If I see something with less than 4 stars, forget it. When trying a new recipe online, I always look at the star ratings and read a few reviews. I want to know if it worked and if it tasted good.



The truth is that testimonies have power. For all the technology at their disposal, for all their resources, for all their global reach, Amazon still relies upon the simple fact that people take personal testimony seriously. People trust one another's motives, and that's powerful.

I wonder, if people want to hear from others before they will commit to trying a new recipe, how much more will they want to hear from others before they will commit to a life of faith, from trying a new church?

The prophet Isaiah reminds us – so many of us quiet, shy, reserved Scandinavians – that today we are alive, and it is the gift of the living that we may praise God and testify to God's goodness. We have good news worth sharing with those who need it. Tell one person today about how God has been a blessing in your life. It's ok, it's a good thing! God will smile and maybe – just maybe – it might help the church a bit too.

**Your Pastor,
Cynthia**



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June 2023 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, May 18, 2023**



2023 Minnesota Annual Conference and Love Offering

Each year, United Methodist churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session.

The theme of the 2023 Annual Conference, which will take place May 31-June 1, is "Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience." Pastor Cynthia, Leroy Britton, and Kathie Gajewski will be attending and representing Hillside.

Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as an expression of our gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. Our Love Offering this year will tangibly share God's extravagant love with a hurting world by addressing the growing mental health



needs in Minnesota. Sixty percent of the Love Offering will fund a new grant that will support churches that have partnerships with mental health services offered in local schools or communities.

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to three Minnesota nonprofits engaged in mental health education

and advocacy: Mental Health Connect, Mental Health Minnesota, and Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health.

Finally, 10 percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants. We will take our Love Offering on Sunday, May 21. You may also mail your Love Offering to the church by May 28.

Shout Out to 2023 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 email or text Pastor Cynthia if you are graduating or know someone who is: Pastor Cynthia 218-260-3114 pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com

Welcome New Members May 21

On Sunday, May 21, we will receive two new members during our worship service. Bob Sherman and Kathie Gajewski will be joining Hillside as full members. Plan to be in church this Sunday to celebrate with them!



Mother's Day Breakfast

Hillside will provide a breakfast Sunday, May 14 in honor and celebration of all our mothers and those who have mothered us. The breakfast is for everyone, begins at 10 AM, and will consist of an egg bake, fruit, and bagels.



If there is anyone who would be willing to help put this on, please let Pastor Cynthia know. The food is taken care of; we just need folks to lay out the buffet and clean up when done.

Union Gospel Mission Thanks Us

Union Gospel Mission Executive Director Katie Hagglund thanked us for a recent \$40 donation.

"Because of the generosity of religious partners like Hillside United Methodist Church, UGM has entered its second century of service in the Northland. Your thoughtful gift ensures we can continue the important work of providing nutritious meals to families, children and seniors in need. Your gift makes it possible for us to offer a safe clean shelter for those without a home."



Teens & Kids Save That Date

For all teens and Kids, put on your calendar July 17-21 for Vacation Bible School. It will be from 9-12 PM at the Coppertop, where kids will experience story, crafts, games and food to help us grow in our faith. We need teen counselors too! All United Methodist Churches in the Twin Ports will be doing this together. Talk to Pastor Cynthia for more info.



May 2023 Sunday Worship Schedule

- **May 7: Communion Sunday**
– Acts 7:55-60
- **May 14: Mother's Day**
– Acts 17:22-31
- **May 21: New Member Sunday**
– Acts 1: 6-14
- **May 28: Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Day**
– Acts 2:1-21

Join us for worship
at 11 AM and coffee
fellowship at 10:30 AM.



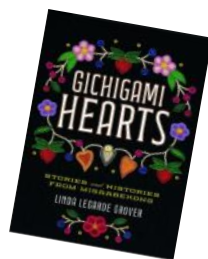
Summer Hymn Sings

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.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, May 4. The book of the month is "Gichigami Hearts" by Linda LeGarde Grover. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



We made a hot taco dish for the Dorothy Day House on April 11. We mixed in cooked ground beef, elbow macaroni, taco seasoning, picante sauce, black beans, canned corn, and cheese. We also made a green salad with cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, and ranch dressing. We also sent large bags of Dorito chips and a jar of salsa and container of sour cream. Additionally, Diane Boris and Sue Nelson each made a pan of dessert bars. We included a pail of ice cream and a large can of coffee. The men of the Dorothy Day House really appreciate the home-cooked meal we prepare for them each month.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Tuesday Bible Study & Fellowship

Everyone is invited to attend Bible Study & Fellowship on Tuesdays at Hillside UMC. For the month of May, we will meet at 5:30 PM May 2, 9, & 16. No study on May 23 and 30.



Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Marge Dahl, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, and Shirley Olson.

Happy May Birthday to Hillside Friends!

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

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



CHUM to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

To: Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon
 This year, CHUM is recognizing 50 years of ministry and service. CHUM was founded in 1973 when 10 churches in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood pooled their resources to meet the needs of the neighborhood's many low-income residents.

Today, CHUM programs serve more than 8,000 low-income, homeless, hungry, isolated, or otherwise marginalized community members in Duluth each year, and it is the largest service safety net in the Northland for those experiencing homelessness. Thank you for your engagement in

this ministry as a member congregation. As we mark this 50th anniversary year, there will be several events to which your congregation will be invited. It all begins with an interfaith thanksgiving service June 4th, which marks the day when CHUM was organized in 1973.

During the next 12 months, we are encouraging each member congregation to highlight its ministry through CHUM by dedicating a Sunday or Sabbath worship time to recognize this milestone in the coming year. There will be opportunities to plan one or more events to connect your members to one of

our programs. We will provide congregations with speakers for such events. ...

We hope that as we recognize these 50 years of ministry together, all of our member congregations and the whole Duluth community will renew its commitments and engagement in our mission to be people of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.

Sincerely,
John Cole, CHUM Executive Director
Rev. Loren Anderson-Bauer, CHUM Board of Directors

CHUM Thanks Hillside Once Again

CHUM Development Director Gracia Swensen thanked Hillside United Methodist Church for our recent donations of \$505 to CHUM. In the letters, she thanked our church for being part of a diverse community that celebrates together, welcomes all comers, stands in solidarity with our neighbors, demonstrates generosity, practices fellowship, and spreads love in the world.

CHUM FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: Thank you for your donations to the CHUM table in Fellowship Hall.

Greetings to 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.

Your Finance Committee

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR APRIL 2-23 AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

April 2	giving	\$ 1,126.00
April 9	giving	\$ 1,725.00
April 16	giving	\$ 785.00
April 23	giving	\$ 1,350.00
	Total	\$ 4,986.00
	Balance –	\$ 3,191.83