



Livewire

Hillside United Methodist July 2022



CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Faith Stories

"As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he was determined to go to Jerusalem. Along the way..." Luke 9:51

It's the time of year for family vacations. On vacations with our kids, I've learned that most of the time, the journey to our destination is what we often remember. "Remember when we got that flat tire?" "Remember when we saw that storm and wall cloud coming right for us?" "Remember when...?"

Our faith journey is similar. It's the process of getting there and not just the destination that matters. All the twists and turns, disagreements, doubts, questions, "aha" moments... that's what it's all about. The people we meet, the times we feel close or abandoned by God, the valleys and the mountain tops; those are what make up our faith story.

In worship in July, we are going to hear "real life" faith stories. Situations and experiences when people felt like God was guiding them, when God loved them, when everything was turned upside down. Guests and folks from our congregation will share stories from their lives to inspire us, make us think, comfort us, amaze us, and hopefully encourage us to keep on the journey of following Jesus. Remember, the journey matters just as much as our final destination.

On the journey with you...

Your Pastor,
Cynthia



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August 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, July 23, 2022**



Summer Outreach Fun: July BBQs Are HERE!

This summer we, as in the people of Hillside, are going to do a little neighborhood outreach in July. Connecting to community makes us all stronger.

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

WE NEED HELP to pull these off! There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall with all our needs. Please stay for some or all of these Sundays. Make a difference in our community!



Still Time to Register For...

Twin Ports United Methodist Churches

Vacation Bible School

July 18-22 – 9 AM-3 PM

The Coppertop 230 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth



- **Morning Fun:** Singing, games, bible stories, crafts and lots and lots of fun.
- **Afternoon Fun:** We will explore DULUTH with activities in the afternoon – swimming, Canal Park, going to local playgrounds, and “Bring Your Bikes Day” with obstacle course and bike safety pointers.
- **Bring your own** lunch, sunscreen and water bottle each day.

Charges are \$50 for the week, \$40 for each additional child. (Extended care is an option if needed! \$10 extra)

Camp is for children going into kindergarten through 5th grade. Those who have completed 6th grade and above can volunteer as "Counselors in Training" (CIT). Please contact Pastor Cynthia if you are interested 218-260-3114!



A Big Thank You to Hillside UMC

Dear Hillside Family,
We thank the good people of Hillside for supporting our mission trip to the cities through sponsorship and prayer. We had a blast serving at three shelters and also packing food for Ukraine. Thank you, thank you!

Ace Bowen and Pastor Cynthia

HYMN SINGS: Keep Those Favorites Coming

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 July and August.



Stay Tuned for Bible Study

We will be back soon! Our Bible Study is a lively group! Don't let the boring name turn you away. Everyone is invited!



Our summer schedule is a little different, and we are taking off the month of July.

July 2022 Sunday Worship Schedule

Join us for in-person worship at Hillside United Methodist Church 11 AM Sunday mornings in July. Each Sunday in July, Pastor Cynthia has invited a special guest to share a story of faith, a time when they really felt God or saw God working in their life. You won't want to miss these Sundays! We will also offer a pre-worship Fellowship time at 10:30 AM each Sunday. Please stay after worship July 10, 17, 24 and 31 for the Hot Dog BBQs to share a meal with our neighbors and church friends. Here's what we can look forward to this month:

- July 3 – Holy Communion
- July 10 – Faith Stories
- July 17 – Faith Stories
- July 24 – Faith Stories
- July 31 – Faith Stories



Words of Appreciation from the Damiano Center

Dear Hillside United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the generous gift of \$825 to the Damiano Center. Each week, hundreds of people visit the Damiano seeking to have their most basic needs met on these cold days.

Because of your donation, Damiano can continue to offer hearty nutritious meals to anyone who is hungry, activities for children, free apparel, essential hygiene items, much more.



Thank you for partnering with us to strengthen our community by providing dignity for the most vulnerable among us. We could not do this without your support.

Gratefully,
Jennifer Burlak, Office Manager
The Damiano Center

Pastor's Vacation Coming Up

Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation with her family July 31 – August 7. In case of emergency, please call Carole Hawkinson or Carolyn Dahl. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Jeanine Alexander.

Church Cleanup: Thanks to All



A very big thank you to all of you who helped to cleanup parts of our church recently. The windows were all cleaned, inside and out – not an easy task!! Fingerprints were wiped from around doorways and light switches and the “block house” was cleaned out. (This is the cement block building addition just outside of the lower entrance). We enjoyed pizza and a salad first and then went to work. Lots of hands made for an easier time to accomplish these tasks. Thanks again to all who helped!

– Your Board of Trustees

Second Harvest Food Bank Extends Thanks Hillside UMC

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank Executive Director Shaye Moris expressed appreciation to Hillside Church for our food donations.

- 23 pounds May 16
- 19 pounds April 11
- 47 pounds March 23



She shared the appreciation one participant of the Food Bank expressed.: “I’m so thankful we have places like this that help people who are hungry.” Ms. Moris also said that the Food Bank is feeding more people than ever and thanked us for our support of Northland families, children and seniors facing food insecurity.

CHUM Food Shelf Needs Our Help

Thank you Hillsideers for each and every food item donation. We are small in number but generous in our giving. ♥



The need is especially great now. On June 1 for the very first time since the start of the pandemic, the CHUM Food Shelf found it necessary to limit the amount of food clients were able to take home to their families. Since March, CHUM has received 8,000 fewer pounds of food than during the same time in 2021, yet we have served more than 500 new individuals. Some items that are in low supply and are especially helpful: peanut butter, soups (especially chunky, more filling types), macaroni & cheese, pastas and sauces, canned ravioli & others.

Thank you all for your helping hands and giving hearts!
CHUM Delegate – Phyllis Peterson

Coppertop Summer Parking Lot Concert July 18 to Benefit CHUM



Big Wave Dave and The Ripples will perform 6:30 PM, Monday, July 18 for a Summer Parking Lot Concert at First United Methodist Church, "The Coppertop." A food truck will be onsite at 5:30 PM. The freewill donation will go to the CHUM Food Shelf. Chairs available or bring your own. (The rain date will be July 25.)

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



What did the men from the Dorothy Day house have for dinner on June 14th? Barbecued beef, baked beans, potato chips, watermelon, dessert bars and cookies. We also sent sliced dill pickles, coffee, and always toilet paper. All of this put smiles on their faces, and as always, they gave us a big thank you.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible by donating time, food and cash. Thanks to Diane and Cliff Boris for delivering these meals each month. Many hands make light work.

Blessings Carolyn Dahl

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Family of Derry Gilberg, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, Shirley Olson, Katie Peterson and the 148th Fighter Wing deployed in the Middle East.



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.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will have its picnic 6 PM, Thursday, Aug. 4, at the home of Sandra Wilmot, 2712 Exhibition Drive, Duluth. This is the time to share your ideas for books to read for the approaching year. If you would like to join or have questions about Book Club, please call Sandra at 218-348-2712.



Current Hillside UMC Covid Policy

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 strongly encouraged but not required on Sunday mornings.
- Masks are available at the back foyer or the lower main entry. 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.

You may provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people by contributing to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund goes directly to aiding to those in Ukraine and those Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Give to this effort by designating "Advance #982450 – Ukraine" in your offering to Hillside Church. We will make sure UMCOR receives the donation. 100% of UMCOR donations go directly to disaster relief efforts.

Happy July Birthday to Hillside Friends!

12 Sandra Dahl
17 Alice Tomczak
23 Joe Mavec
24 Marcus Giuliani



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 JUNE

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$7,854.16

June 5 giving	\$ 1,495.00
June 12 giving	\$ 1,095.00
June 19 giving	\$ 955.00
June 26 giving	\$ 1,850.00
Total	\$ 5,395.00

Balance -2,459.16

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
June 7, 2022

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Jim was not present tonight to answer any questions.

Finance Report: There was nothing to report on. The Meatball dinner containers have been purchased and are stored in the church.

Pastors Report: Ace is going on the Mission Trip and has sold 10 shares to help pay for the trip on July 21st. A big thank you to Pastor Nicole and the others in our church who helped out while Pastor Cynthia was ill with Covid. The Day Camp is July 18-22. One afternoon the kids will go to the Cloquet Pinehurst swimming area. There are 15 kids registered so far. The Annual Conference was May 25th and 26th. The UMC softball team has been cancelled because there are not enough people interested in being on the team. Pastor Cynthia is going to the United Church of Christ for their Conference on June 9-11. Thursday will be Boundary Training. Friday and Saturday will be the Conference. She is an ordained United Church of Christ Pastor.

Lay Leader: LeRoy met with all the Lay Leaders in the state again. The Annual Conference will be June 20th next year. We are looking for people to help with the BBQs in July. LeRoy and Jim will be the cooks. One raised bed garden has been planted in the church yard.

SPRC: No report.

Trustees: The scouts swept the driveway and raked the yard. Sunday is work day. Friday Wayne and Russ will wash the windows outside. There will be lots more to wash on Sunday. Pizza and salad will be served to the workers on Sunday.

Lamplighters: Carole and Carolyn visited Delores Johnson and were thanked by her daughter. Pat and Rod Olson received a visit and also Shirley Olson. MJ received a phone call.

Mission: There is a sign-up sheet for donations for the BBQs. The neighborhood will be invited. We hope our members will stay and interact with them. If Hillside UMC is gone, what gap will there be in the community. A couple answers were mentioned. There would be no Scouts or Meatball Dinner. There will be no sign-up sheet for Loaves and Fishes in July. There is enough money in the fund to pay for the food for a meal.

Worship: There will be a hymn sign the 2nd and 4th Sundays in June, July and August.

Other: We don't know yet if Duluth will have a National Night Out in August. The Cub Scouts are wondering if they could meet later in the afternoon on Sundays. There weren't any objections. It was decided not to have a meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 9th at 7:00.

Pastor Cynthia gave the closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary