



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist August 2022

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Believing "in" Jesus

After [Jesus] was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. – John 2:22

I asked Jesus into my heart when I was 4 years old. As a teenager in an evangelical youth fellowship, I was repeatedly encouraged to believe in Jesus and to accept him as my personal Lord and Savior.

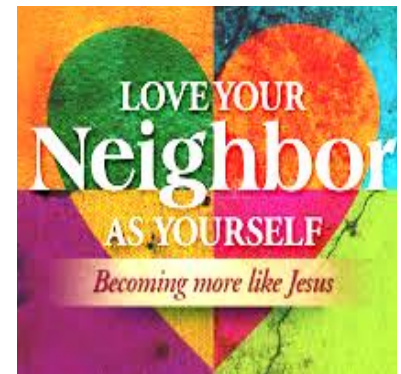
I read the Bible and went to church every Sunday. In college, I began to wonder, what now? What is the next step after believing in Jesus? Is that all Jesus wants? And why had I been encouraged to accept Jesus as "personal Lord and savior" when Jesus himself never asked that of anyone?

I concluded that believing in Jesus was not what Jesus wanted most from his followers. What Jesus urged, time and time again, was faith in God, trusting God, and loving God. Even in the Gospel of John, where Jesus is the most self-referential, he describes himself as a channel for divine love.

If that was Jesus' main interest, why had no one ever asked me to believe Jesus and believe what he believed, instead of, or in addition to, believing in him?

I'm a little older now (ok, a lot older) and a pastor. I use to tell everyone to believe in Jesus. Now, I'm more interested in leading people simply to believe what Jesus said is important and how to live. In my experience, that is what saves us.

Your Pastor,
Cynthia



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September 2022 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, August 25, 2022**



Wanted: Back Packs and School Supplies for Children



We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for children for the next few weeks. Place your backpack and school supplies donations in the Fellowship Hall at church by Sunday, Aug. 21.

Good choices for school supplies include pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pencil boxes/pouches, glue sticks, kids scissors, and pocket-size facial tissue packets. Thank you for your generosity in helping children as they return to school.

Summer Outreach: July BBQs

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Hillside UMC BBQs July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Great fellowship in our church family and outreach to our neighbors!



"In my mind, it was a great success! We ate together, shared stories with each other, and met several new people from our neighborhood," said Pastor Cynthia.

COMING RIGHT UP! The Great 2022 Meatball Dinner



Mark your calendars now for September 12 so you can pick up great food as we work together to make this annual fundraiser a huge success.

If you are willing to help, please notify either Carolyn or Carole, and we will get your name on "the list" of volunteers before it is posted.

Watch for the envelope containing tickets for the dinner. You will have the opportunity to invite your family and friends to drive through and pick up a great dinner.

Carolyn Dahl
218-727-6342

Carole Hawkinson
218-345-6874

Major CHUM Event Supports Food & Shelter Ministry



The 17th annual Rhubarb Festival was a success with nearly \$70,000 raised. Every tasty rhubarb treat was sold!

CHUM's "Thanksgiving in July" provided matching funds for all donations up to \$4,000 made in the month of July through the Open Your Heart Summer Challenge. Funds will be used to prepare ahead for Thanksgiving needs, projected to be especially costly this year due to ongoing inflation and the end of several pandemic relief programs.

CSA shares have added locally grown, fresh produce to CHUM

Food Shelf offerings. Nine farms have been bringing in 80 shares per week with nearly 1,500 pounds given away during the first three weeks! It is projected that 10,000 pounds will be given away by the end of the summer. So wonderful to see the very best of the best available through CHUM's Food Shelf.

Thank you Hillside United Methodist Church for your generous support both financially and with food donations. We are making a difference!

Phyllis Peterson
CHUM Delegate from HUMC

August 2022 Sunday Worship Schedule

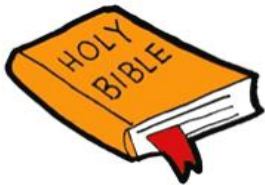
We continue to worship in-person in the sanctuary at Hillside 11 AM Sunday mornings in August. We will also offer Fellowship time at 10:30 am each Sunday. Here's what we can look forward to this month:

- August 7 – Holy Communion – Learning From Moses, Rev. Jeanine Alexander presiding
- August 14 – Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- August 21 – Luke 13:10-17
- August 28 – The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:5-13, Rev. MaryAnne Korsch preaching



Wait for It: Bible Study!

Out Bible Study at Hillside United Methodist Church is a lively group! Don't let the boring name turn you away. Everyone is invited!



Our August schedule is:
August 9 – 5:30 PM
August 16 – 11 AM
August 23 – 5:30 PM

HYMN SINGS: Final Call

Last chance to pick your favorite hymn! We will have a short hymn sing at the beginning of the service on the second and fourth Sundays of August.



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.

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WESTERN GARDEN TOUR & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Breakfast 9-11 AM
Muffins, fruit, juice & coffee
"Ask A Master Gardener"
Garden & craft items for sale

Self-guided garden tour: 9:00 - 2:00 pm

NORTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
436 North 79th Avenue West, Duluth

Cost: \$10.00 at the door
No presale tickets

Information: Kathy (218)590-1964

This is a rain or shine event!



A Thank You from CHUM

Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church’s donation of \$375. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth’s most vulnerable residents.

Homelessness and food insecurity in Duluth are increasing, and because of you, we are able to continue to find innovative ways to continue to respond and serve our neighbors in need.

CHUM is proud to be 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. Thank you for being part of that community.

Gracia Swensen
CHUM Development Director

Because of the critical need to replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, please give generously by placing your food donations on the CHUM Table in our church’s Fellowship Hall. Your contributions are taken to the CHUM Food Shelf on a timely basis.

Our Support of Second Harvest Continues

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank received continued food donations from Hillside United Methodist Church in June.

- 39 pounds June 2
- 8 pounds June 13
- 61 pounds June 20

Recently, the Food Bank reported that it is feeding more Northland families, children and seniors than ever.

CHUM Contact Information:

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



Because of the generous gifts of cash donations that we have received for our mission project of Loaves & Fishes on July 12, we were able to purchase all the ingredients needed to make a nice summer meal for the men at the Dorothy Day House. Without posting a sign-up sheet, I bought groceries to make a chicken salad, cranberry pineapple jello salad, rolls, and cookies. We also sent a large can of coffee and, as always, needed toilet paper.

Thank you to the ladies who helped make and deliver this meal and to those who have been sending cash. We will be able to do the same for the meal in August.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Hillside United Methodist Church accepts food and cash donations for Loaves & Fishes, which in turn enables us to continue this project. Please keep the homeless and the hungry in your prayers.



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 Wil-mot, 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.



Our Current 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 good-ies 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.

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Dee Johnson, Marge Dahl, Barb Kent, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Ron Scott, and Shirley Olson.



Happy August Birthday to Hillside Friends!

4 Zoie Pederson	22 Carole Hawkinson
11 Cindy Giuliani	24 Ginny Tibodeau
17 Todd Manisto	25 Jon Peterson
19 Bea Jacobson	25 Ellie Pederson

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 July

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH **\$7,854.16**

July 3	giving	\$ 868.00
July 10	giving	\$ 740.00
July 17	giving	\$ 2,375.00
July 24	giving	\$ 870.00

Total \$ 4,853.00

Balance - \$ 3,001.16

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

SWEDISH MEATBALL DINNER



TAKE OUT ONLY

Hillside United Methodist Church
1801 Piedmont Avenue – Duluth

Monday, September 12
4:30–6 PM



Cost: Adults \$15
Children 6 and under: \$8



Enjoy Swedish meatballs with gravy
over mashed potatoes and all the extras.