



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist January 2023

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Dreamers

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouths filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy. – Psalm 126:1-2

Are you a “half empty” or “half full” type of person? A pessimist or optimist? I like to define myself as a realist. In my opinion, it doesn't really matter if you see “half empty” or “half full” because either way you have half a glass.

It's not pessimistic or optimistic. It's just realistic.

But, where does dreaming come in? Is it better to dream or to be practical? To hope and envision a new world, a just world, a compassionate and kind world ... or to observe the world as it is without any misconception?

I think calling myself a realist is really just a cover up, a ploy to avoid admitting that I expect to be disappointed by unrealized dreams. Maybe you live that way, too – with the expectation of disappointment?

But I do dream. And God says dreaming is good. I dream of peace. I dream of safety for everyone no matter their race, gender, ethnicity or sexuality. I dream of a government that works together to make this world a kind place for all. I dream of a church that is filled with young and old, rich and poor, black and white people praising God together and serving their community with generosity and kindness and no judgment.

In Advent and Christmas, we dreamed of God sending us a messiah, a deliverer. God did. Our dreams came true. A little baby was born. The word became flesh. And God, Immanuel, is still with us; saving us, loving us, guiding us, walking with us as we continue to dream and envision what the world should be, could be, a world that God loves so much.

So however full or empty you see that glass, let's dream together and work courageously to make those dreams a reality.

Blessings and Happy New Year,
Your Pastor
Cynthia



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February 2023 Livewire deadline is Thursday, January 19, 2023



Let's Eat at Hillside!! FREE!! Baked Potato Extravaganza

We at Hillside all know that "food" is a great way to have fun while adding nourishment to our bodies and souls! With that in mind, we are planning to host a BAKED POTATO EXTRAVAGANZA following worship on Sunday, Jan. 15th.



Those we have had in the past have been well received so let's do it again! As in the past we will be asking you to help out by providing one of the toppings for our baked potatoes – please watch for the list on the "sign-up bulletin board" in the fellowship hall and add your name. We will furnish the potatoes and bake them while we are worshipping!

Some suggestions for toppings are as follows, but not limited to:

- butter
- sour cream
- chives
- broccoli flowerets
- salsa
- frozen peas (thawed)
- diced ham
- diced tomatoes
- chili
- shredded cheese
- bacon bits
- Tot the Tater

We are also asking for a few cakes for dessert. Is this enough to entice you to participate? We sure hope so – plan ahead!!

Church Annual Meeting Sunday, January 15



At the end of worship on Sunday, Jan. 15, we will hold our Annual Church Meeting to pass the church budget and leadership board for 2023. All members can vote, but everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting shouldn't take more than 10 minutes. Then we will head downstairs for a baked potato bar lunch.

Hillside Church to Host Youth Event Sat., Jan. 21

All middle school and high school kids are invited to Hillside United Methodist Church for an afternoon of fun, featuring a hip-hop concert, service project, large group game, inspirational message, and pizza lunch on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 AM – 3 PM.



Invite a friend and connect with other area youth. Cost is \$30 per person, and we have scholarships available. Talk to Pastor Cynthia if you want to come or know of someone who might.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast Monday, Jan. 16

Join the community for the 32nd Annual MLK Breakfast 9 AM – 10:15 AM Monday, Jan. 16, at First United Methodist Church, "The Coppertop." Eat breakfast and hear an inspiring message.



Tuesday Bible Study & Fellowship



Everyone is invited to attend Bible study on Tuesdays at Hillside. For the month of January, we will meet at 5:30 pm on Jan. 3, 17, 24 and 11 AM on Jan. 10. No study on Jan. 31.

STEWARDSHIP: Commitment Cards Still Being Accepted

Thank you to everyone who has turned in an "estimate of financial giving commitment" card for 2023. If you haven't

turned yours in yet, please do so as soon as you are able. It will enable us to better plan for our mission and ministry in 2023. Extra copies of the pledge card are available if you need one. Just email or call the church office.

Pick up your personalized offering envelopes in the back sanctuary entry. If you would like offering envelopes printed for you for 2023 giving, please contact the church office at 218-727-4257.



January 2023 Sunday Worship Schedule

Bring in the New Year by worshipping with us 11 AM Sunday mornings at Hillside United Methodist Church. It may be cold outside, but we work hard to make our space warm with hospitality.

- January 1 – Rev. Jan Barker will lead us in the Wesleyan Covenant Service to start the New Year. We will also share in the Lord's Supper during this service.
- January 8 – *Epiphany – Matthew 2:1-12*
- January 15 – Human Relations Sunday and Annual meeting followed by baked potato lunch
- January 22 – *Matthew 4:12-23*
- January 29 – *Matthew 5:1-12*



Your Missions Participation Is Generous & Much Appreciated

Thank you everyone for giving to the toy drive, making cookies for the jail, warm clothes for Union Gospel Mission, meals for Loaves and Fishes, and the Christmas offering to the Heat-Share program through the Salvation Army.

You have given much! For January, we will take a break, except for the CHUM food shelf table. You are always invited to bring a food item and place it on the CHUM table in the church's Fellowship Hall.



We Will Miss You!

The United Methodist Church has chosen to not sponsor Scouting units going forward. With that decision we have now said goodbye to our Cub Scout Pack 29 as they move to Salem Lutheran Church in Hermantown. I believe we have been sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop, and later the Cub Scout Pack since about 1942! We wish them lots of happy days ahead and a successful move into the future.



Carole Hawkinson, Board of Trustees

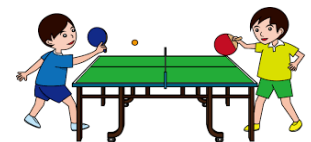
DON'T GET TOWED



Winter Rules!! As snow makes the roads surrounding Hillside Church a bit narrower, we hope that you all will remember the parking rules for Duluth – Alternate Side Parking. Instructions for Winter Parking Rules, complete with a 2023 calendar of alternate side parking schedule, are available on the City of Duluth website. They are also posted on the church bulletin board by the elevator.

It's Free!!!

Did you know that we have a ping-pong table in the fellowship hall? Well, we do but would like it to find a new home! Are you interested? If so, please let Carole Hawkinson know.



Sympathies to Dee Johnson Family

Friends and family of Delores "Dee" Johnson gathered for her Celebration of Life Saturday, Dec. 10. She passed away Dec. 2 at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth surrounded by family members. Dee was an active member of Hillside United Methodist Church, and her presence has been missed. We extend condolences to family and friends of Dee.

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers



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

Hillside UMC Represented at CHUM Fall Assembly

Hillside United Methodist Church was represented at the Nov. 29 CHUM Fall Assembly by Pastor Cynthia, our CHUM delegate Phyllis Peterson, and Warren Peterson.



CHUM reported that it was a fantastic night, and Phyllis concurs. The attendance by Duluth faith communities was robust. CHUM's Strategic Plan was presented for 2023 onward. One key point that Phyllis recalls from the presentation of the plan was the need to work on attitudes toward the homeless by community leaders and the community at large. CHUM's Congressional Outreach and Advocacy Organizer, Rev. Pat Benson led the Assembly in a time of reflection and prayer when considering the question, "How then shall we live?" when responding to people experiencing homelessness.

Second Saturday January: Stable Housing

CHUM will present an informational event on advocacy for stable housing. Having a home affects the ability to learn, maintain health, to work. Learn about shelter, and affordable housing needs and concerns in our community. The event will teach how to share values and priorities with legislators, county commissioners, and city officials via email, phone calls, letters – whatever works for you. People with years of advocacy experience will be here to support those new to the experience.

The CHUM event will be hosted at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E. 4th St., on Saturday, Jan 14 from 9 AM-12 PM Noon. Preregister online by visiting this website: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5026110>

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Loaves & Fishes


We prepared a nice Christmas dinner Dec. 11 for the homeless men of Dorothy Day House. We had a ham donated, so we cooked that. We also made scalloped potatoes and sweet potatoes. For the sweet potatoes, we topped them with brown sugar, orange rind and orange juice. We also made pineapple cole slaw. For dessert, we sent a big tray of cookies. We also sent three dozen rolls, and for an extra Christmas treat, we sent green and black olives. Cliff and Diane Boris were able to deliver the meal to the Dorothy Day House just before the winter snow storm set in.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

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.

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 January Birthday to Hillside Friends!

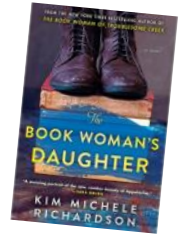
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If you don't see your name here, please call the church office so we can add you to the list. Our phone number is 218-727-4257.




Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, Jan. 5 at the church. The book of the month is "Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michele Richardson. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



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 DECEMBER AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$7,854.16

Dec 4	giving	\$	2,058.00
Dec 11	giving	\$	1,350.00
Dec 18	giving	\$	1,030.00
Dec 24	giving	\$	1,980.00
Total \$		\$	6,418.00
Balance		\$	- 1,436.16

Hillside United Methodist Church Charge Conference, December 6, 2022 Presiding Elder, Pastor Nicole Anderson

Attendance: Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Diane Boris, Jim Leland, Cliff Boris, Jeannette Spalding, Karen Bailey, Dave McKowski, Sandy Wilmot, and Wayne Wilmot.

The purpose of this Charge Conference is to approve the Pastoral Compensation Package for 2023.

Carolyn Dahl gave the opening prayer and turned the Charge Conference over to Presiding Elder, Pastor Nicole Anderson.

Pastor Nicole Anderson presented the Pastoral Compensation Package to the members present.

The Pastoral Compensation Package for 2023 includes a Salary of \$26,007, Housing \$10,000,

Pension \$2,070.14 for a total of 38,277.14. The Conference is paying part of the pension in 2023. Otherwise, the Compensation Package is the same as last year.

A motion was made by Carole Hawkinson and seconded by Dave McKowski that we approve the Pastoral Compensation Package as stated above. Motion unanimously approved.

Presiding Elder Pastor Nicole Anderson gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Administrative Council Secretary

Hillside United Methodist Church
Zoom & In Person Administrative Council Meeting
December 6, 2022

Attendance: Diane Boris, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave McKowski, Pastor Cynthia, Jim Leland, Karen Bailey, Sandy Wilmot, Jeannette Spalding

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: We received \$280 for staff bonus money. \$80 in SPRC budget could be added for a total of \$360. Loaves & Fishes balance is \$596. We don't need to put up a sign-up sheet for food donated for January. The final total for the Meatball Dinner after all the expenses have been paid now is \$4,318. \$1,580 was sent to the Union Gospel Mission for the Thanksgiving offering.

Finance Report: Pledges so far for 2023 are \$34,300. We need \$63,840 for the 2023 budget. A number of people give to the church but don't pledge. We need another signer for the safe deposit box. A thank you note will be sent to those that have pledged.

Pastors Report: A potluck will be held next week for the Bible Study attendees. Phyllis, Warren and Pastor Cynthia will attend the Chum Assembly. Dee Johnson's funeral is this coming Saturday. A youth event will be held at Hillside UMC on January 21 from 10am to 3pm. We have 14 youth registered so far. We need to have someone from Hillside on site during the event. There will be an Xmas Eve Vigil at noon at the Courthouse for the homeless people who died this past year. Cynthia will be one of the people playing the guitar.

Lay Leader: No Report.

SPRC: The evaluation form has been filled out.

Trustees: The wall has been repaired at the top of the back stairs. The repair looks very nice. It was done by Gary Lundstrom. The cost went over the estimate but there wasn't any extra charge. We have permission to hold a candle light service on Christmas Eve. The Cub Scouts have asked Salem Lutheran Church to be their new sponsor. They haven't heard an answer yet. The Christmas tree in the alter needs to be replaced. It is missing a couple branches and some of the light strings don't light.

Lamplighters: Dee Johnson passed away on December 2nd. Pastor Cynthia had communion with her the last time she visited her.

Missions: A meal for Loaves & Fishes will be prepared next week. Warm clothes were brought to Union Gospel Mission. last week. The last time to bring toys will be this coming Sunday.

Worship: We will host a Blue Xmas on December 11, at 3PM. This is for people who is grieving or having bad times so Christmas will not be a happy event this year. JoJo and Cynthia will lead the service, Emma will play along with Cynthia on the guitar. There will be Christmas Eve service at 5PM. There won't be a service on Christmas Day.

Other: We will have a baked potato social on January 15th after church. We will also have the Church Charge Conference that day right after a shortened worship. Brenna asked if the church could be used for a Birthday Party on December 18th for her nephew. The Youth Community Choir has asked to use our church Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 in January. We need to come up with a rental fee for this. Also, the old charge policy we have for people to use the church needs to be reviewed.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary