



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist February 2023

CHURCH IN-PERSON 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings... R.A.K.

"With what should I approach the Lord and bow down before God on high? He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:6,8

What if we lived in a world where kindness was the norm? Some folks worldwide are asking the same question. There is a kindness movement happening. R.A.K. Random Acts of Kindness. It's been around for a while now. It's not new. And actually, the scripture verse from Micah comes to us from the 8th century BCE. Kindness is not new, but apparently, we need constant reminders to be kind. It's something that every religion can get behind, every government, every country, every town, every church, every synagogue, every mosque, every human being.

Hillside folks are kind. That is one of our greatest strengths. Let's continue to bring that kindness out into the community and not save it all for each other. Here are some suggestions for RAK. Small acts of kindness can have big impacts. Not everyone can do everything on this list. We all have our gifts and abilities. Pick one, or two; and make up your own. Do something you don't normally do. And tell me about it! Send me an email, or call me, or stop me on a Sunday morning, or invite me over for tea and tell me about your RAKs.

Invite a friend out for coffee. Compliment someone you see today. Bake a delicious treat to share. Offer to babysit for parents of any age. Send an encouraging text message. Donate clothes to shelters in your city. Cheerfully greet someone in the elevator. Shovel snow in a neighborhood. Let someone ahead of you in the checkout line. Hide encouraging notes at home, at work, at school, or church. Call your parents just to talk. Build a birdhouse for your local birdwatchers. Take your siblings out for ice cream. Mail out a thank you letter. Pick up litter along the road. Leave spare change at the laundromat. Email an under-appreciated co-worker. Take care of yourself with mental breaks. Leave a positive comment on blogs and Facebook. Leave a large tip for a struggling waiter. Pay for the person's food behind you in the drive through. Run errands for busy family members. Make an effort to learn others' names. Offer to pet sit for vacationing friends. Keep an extra umbrella around for others. Pick up a friend for church. Just be present and listen to each other.

Love Kindness
Your Pastor
Cynthia



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March 2023 Livewire deadline is **Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023**



Meet Our New Bishop Feb. 25

"I want to be where our people are, hear their hopes and dreams for our conference, and see the places they live, love, and worship," said Bishop Lanette Plambeck, who began her assignment as resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area on Jan. 1. She has set up gathering across the state to do just that.



Bishop Lanette Plambeck

You are all invited to come and meet Bishop Lanette, hear some of her story, worship together, enjoy warm hospitality and good conversation, and leave with a renewed sense of hope for the future. She will visit on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 2-4 pm at First UMC, the Coppertop. This event will also be livestreamed if you would like to stay home and watch it. Please let Pastor Cynthia know if you would like the link.

A Union Gospel Mission Thank You

Dear Hillside United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$905 to Union Gospel Mission. Because of the generosity of our religious partners, Union Gospel Mission celebrated its 100th year of service on Nov. 1, 2022. Your ongoing support ensures we can contribute 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. And by working together, we can make certain access to spiritual support is available when our neighbors need it most. Please thank your congregation for making a difference in the Northland!

With sincere gratitude,

Katie Hagglund, UGM Executive Director

CHUM Thanks Hillside for Recent Donations

CHUM Development Director Gracia Swensen thanked Hillside UMC for its donations of \$1,325 in November and December 2022 and early January this year.

"Homelessness and food insecurity in Duluth are increasing; because of you, we are able to continue to find innovative ways to respond and serve our neighbors in need," Ms. Swensen said. She also thanks us for being part of a diverse community that welcomes all comers and demonstrates generosity.

At Either Hillside or Coppertop

Observe Start of Lent Feb. 22 at an Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which begins a time of reflection leading up to Easter. We will have two services Feb. 22: One at noon at Hillside and one at 7 PM at First United Methodist – Coppertop. Both will include the imposition of ashes, scripture readings, music and prayer.



This is the day we are reminded that life is short, and we want to live it to the fullest. From dust we were made and from dust we shall return. Come, all are invited to worship together in our humanity and know that we are held in the loving hands of our Creator. Historians generally agree that the 40-day period before Easter, known as Lent, emerged shortly following the Council of Nicea in 325 CE. Earliest observances of Lent focused on fasting.

Learn about Our Church

New Member LUNCH Feb. 19



Are you interested in joining Hillside UMC? What does it actually mean to become a member? Join Pastor Cynthia for a light lunch and discussion on membership after church on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Attending this lunch does not mean you are officially becoming a member! It is informational. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board, email Pastor Cynthia, or call the church office at 218-727-4257.

February MISSIONS: Kindness Right Here

For February, I invite everyone to random acts of kindness. Here are some ideas:

- Send a card to a friend or church member you haven't seen in a while.
- Pay for someone's food in the drive through.
- Leave a valentine for the postal worker.
- And, you are always invited to bring a food item Sunday for the CHUM food shelf table.



Be creative! Spread love.

Pastor Cynthia

February 2023 Sunday Worship Schedule

Join us 11 AM Sunday mornings at Hillside United Methodist Church for worship. The season of Lent starts Feb. 22 with Ash Wednesday.

- February 5 – Communion Sunday – Matthew 5:21-37
- February 12 – Matthew 5:13-20
- February 19 – Matthew 17:1-9
- February 26 – 1st Sunday of Lent – Introduction to Sermon Series; “Jesus Taught Us...”
Scouting Sunday



Baked Potato Extravaganza A Good Time Was Had by All

We had a wonderful time of fellowship and plenty to eat at our January Baked Potato feed! Fourteen different toppings made for great and filling potatoes – like you would never have at home! Our hope is that next time we do this, more of you will be able to attend. It was such fun, and we're sorry you missed it!



Your Administrative Council

Wanted:

Scripture Readers for Worship



We welcome scripture readers from the young to the very seasoned to read bible verses during the 11 AM worship each Sunday at Hillside United Methodist Church. We love to hear reading voices from that diverse group as they read aloud the scripture chosen by Pastor Cynthia.

So that Pastor Cynthia will know who to count on each Sunday to read the scripture, please place your name on the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for the Sunday of your choice. If you have any questions about reading scripture during worship, feel free to ask Pastor Cynthia.

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Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers



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

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!



Loaves & Fishes

Share the Love! Think Laundry

Laundry Love invites you to work alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. Spin City Laundry has opened Tuesday mornings for Laundry Love and reserves the use of a block of washers and dryers. Congregations and community groups staff Laundry Love, and Earth Breeze supplies CHUM with laundry detergent sheets at no cost. Pick a Tuesday each month to host the event from 8:30 – noon.



Your volunteers will collect funds to run machines, manage the machine reservations, distribute detergent and dryer sheets, and feed coins into machines. A monthly commitment is preferred. Sign up online to host an event:
<https://www.tfaforms.com/5030221>

Second Saturday Meeting at Coppertop

For the Feb. 11 Second Saturday Meeting, CHUM congregations will gather at First United Methodist Church, “The Coppertop,” to explore and plan activities: Who might be able to plan a nice meal and cater a staff meeting at the Steve O’Neil Apartments? Or plan a snack-drop every day for a week for the staff at St. Francis Apartments? Or stitch up some of those nice microwaveable grain-filled cotton bags to warm tight muscles? Preregister online for the even by visiting this website:
<https://www.tfaforms.com/5039813>

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On Jan. 10, we started the New Year off with a nice hot meal for the homeless men at the Dorothy Day House. We prepared Spanish rice with five pounds of bacon that was donated. We cooked the bacon with onions and garlic and then added 12 cups of cooked rice. To that, we added one jar of medium spiced picante sauce, diced tomatoes and tomato sauce. We made a green salad with lettuce, cucumber and grape tomatoes and sent a bottle of ranch dressing. We also included two bags of Tostito chips and a jar of Salsa Con Queso. The dessert was cookies. We also sent a large can of coffee. Be sure to remember the homeless and the hungry in your prayers as we continue to serve those who we can. Thanks to everyone who helps.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

**CHUM Food Shelf Donations:
 Thank you for your continuing donations to the CHUM table in our Fellowship Hall.**

Greetings to Hillsiders

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 THE MONTH OF JANUARY AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

Jan 1	giving	\$ 965.72
Jan 8	giving	\$ 586.84
Jan 15	giving	\$ 1,430.00
Jan 22	giving	\$ 3,015.00
Jan 29	giving	\$ <u>350.00</u>
	Total \$	\$ 6,347.56
	Balance	– \$ 1,830.27

Happy February Birthday to Hillside Friends!

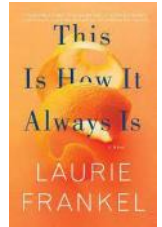
2 Jan Mattson
13 Phyllis Peterson
15 Barb Carlson
19 Sandra Wilmot



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.

BOOKCLUB Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, Feb. 2. The book of the month is "This Is How It Always Is" by Laurie Frankel. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Hillside United Methodist Church

All Church Charge Conference, January 15, 2023
Presiding Elder, Pastor Nicole Anderson

Congregation Attendance: Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Diane Boris, Jim Leland, LeRoy Britton, Rod Olson, Sandy Dahl, Jon Hawkinson, Cliff Boris, Jeannette Spaulding, Karen Bailey, Dave McKowski, Jane Mavec, Warren Peterson, Phyllis Peterson, Bob Sherman, Mary Lange, Jerry McNeal, Brian Tallman, Sandra Wilmot, Ace Bowen, Kai Bowen, and Susan Smart.

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon opened the meeting with a prayer. Then she turned the meeting over to Presiding Elder, Pastor Nicole Anderson.

The Pastoral Compensation Package was shown to the congregation. No motion was needed to accept the Pastoral Compensation Package. It was approved on December 6, 2022. The total for 2023 is \$38,277.14.

Jim Leland, Treasurer, presented the financial position of the church. In 2022 we received income of \$76,398. Our actual expenses were \$93,944.72. The shortfall was covered by the bequests in our bank account. The anticipated income for 2023 is \$67,840. The 2023 Budget for the church is \$98,134.14. Any shortfall will be taken from the bequests in our bank account. The congregation unanimously approved the Budget.

The Church Leadership Committee members were presented by Pastor Cynthia. The Mission and Education chair positions remain open. She asked if anyone would like to fill one of them. There were no volunteers. A motion was made by Carolyn Dahl and seconded by Carole Hawkinson to accept the members on the Committees. Motion unanimously approved. Pastor Nicole Anderson said a prayer for those on the Committees.

The Inactive/ Unresponsive Members report was reviewed by Pastor Cynthia. On the two-year list of inactive/unresponsive members ten people were removed from membership list. Two people wish to remain as constituent members, not official members. A motion was made by Sandy Wilmot and seconded by LeRoy Britton to remove the ten members on the two-year list. Motion unanimously approved. Pastor Cynthia said there will be a membership meeting in February for any new people wanting to become members of our church. Pastor Nicole Anderson said a prayer for those on the Inactive/Unresponsive list. To see a full report on membership, pastoral compensation, church leadership election, and the 2023 budget, you may request a charge conference packet from the church office at 218-727-4257.

The congregation was given an opportunity to celebrate what they liked about Hillside UMC. The Meatball Dinner, an Opportunity to Celebrate, the Mission trip for Ace, new faces, a new person felt very welcomed, the many donations on the CHUM food shelf table, having a building to come to, preparing, donations and delivering a meal for Loaves & Fishes each month, weekly Bible Study, Emma, our accompanist, the Board of Trustees who are right there when needed.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Administrative Council Secretary

Hillside United Methodist Church
Zoom Administrative Council Meeting
January 3, 2023

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The December 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: We spent \$93,944 in 2022 which makes us \$800 over our budget of \$93,140. The offering in 2022 which includes envelope and miscellaneous giving amounted to \$71,475. This was \$22,500 less than was needed to pay the bills.

Finance Report: We have \$34,300 pledged for the 2023 Budget. The Budget for 2023 will be around \$97,000. A number of people give to the church but don't pledge.

Pastors Report: December was a busy month. The Christmas Eve service was great. 91 people were in attendance. It was nice to see the church this filled. Bill Schilling's funeral service will be this coming Saturday January 7th.

Lay Leader: No Report.

SPRC: The extra \$75 bonus for the staff was handed out at the Christmas Eve service. We need to change the janitors name for the payroll. It is still in her sister's name.

Trustees: The Cub Scouts have found a new home at Salem Lutheran Church.

Lamplighters: Don Harris is at Lakeshore for rehab after breaking his hip.

Missions: There are no new projects. Loaves & Fishes had someone with COVID last month. We will check to see if everyone is well now.

Worship: Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Easter is April 9th. We need to schedule a new member day to see if any of our new attendees would like to join the church. We know of five people who are coming to church on Sundays.

Other: The forms need to be filled out for the Church Conference packet. We also need an Elder to take charge of the All-Church Charge Conference after the Church service on February 15th. We need to buy potatoes for the Potato Extravaganza on February 15th after the Conference. The next meeting is February 7th at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary