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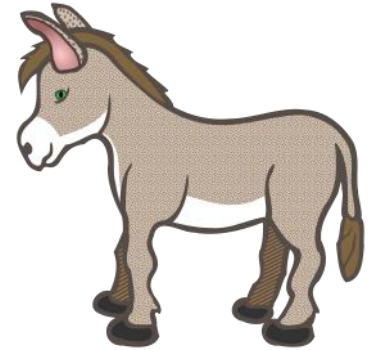


Hillside United Methodist April 2023

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Donkeys on the Loose



"When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me." Matthew 21:1-2

Have you ever felt unequipped for a task? Have you ever felt unready to do something that you had to do? Have you ever felt like God was calling you to do something that you didn't feel qualified to do? Yup. Yup. And yup again. I feel like that all the time.

But, then I think about donkeys. Sometimes I think, if God can use a donkey to bring Jesus to the people, then God can use me too. If God needed a donkey to bring Jesus to others, maybe God needs us too?

Did you know that the village of Bethphage, where Jesus gets his donkey, means "house of un-ripe figs" – fruit that is not yet ready? Interesting. When I don't feel ready or qualified for a task, again, I think of donkeys. I think about how Jesus got his donkeys in Bethphage. Especially, the young donkey, the colt, which probably wasn't ready to carry anyone. But, Jesus used him anyway. If God can use a little baby donkey, surely God can use us too, even when we don't feel ready, or ripe, or qualified.

Donkeys. They teach us much about God's kingdom and who is qualified to share the good news. May God help us to untie that which holds us back, so that we may be set loose to spread the good news and be used for the work of God. Hee-haw!

Your Pastor,
Cynthia



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



Hillside UMC 100th: Let's Celebrate!!

Let's celebrate our humble beginnings – from the chicken coop to where we are now.



On October 1, 2023, we will be honoring those who started Hillside Sunday School, in 1923, and all those who have worked hard through the years to carry on the vision and bring Hillside United Methodist Church to where it is today.

The nucleus of a committee of volunteers has been formed, and the planning has begun.

Easter Offering: Damiano Center

Our Easter offering will go to The Damiano Center. It was built by the community for the community. It is the largest emergency meal provider in Northeastern Minnesota and has the largest free store in Duluth.



Damiano Center also offers children's programming, a clothing program specifically for people seeking employment, and it provides referrals and other basic assistance as well. Keep this vital ministry in your prayers and thank you for your giving.

Please Keep Us in Your Thoughts & Prayers

The family of Ron Scott, who passed away on Tuesday, March 14, Marge Dahl, Barb Kent, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, and Shirley Olson.

Hillside UMC One of Many Churches Represented at Winter Assembly



Pastor Cynthia, Phyllis and Warren Peterson, Tim McLoughlin and Bob Sherman attended the CHUM Winter Assembly Feb. 28.

The Assembly drew more than 100 representatives from many of the more than 40 churches represented in CHUM. Holy Apostles

Greek Church was welcomed as a new member congregation.

Easter Morning Celebration

Easter is April 12, and you are cordially invited to begin the day with some fruit and muffins at Hillside. Serving will be from 10:15 – 10:45 AM – a great way to fellowship first and then get ready for worship. There will be an



Easter egg hunt for kids at 10:30 AM. Worship will be at 11 AM. Come and celebrate the life Jesus offers!

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services

Even though Hillside UMC will not host any mid-week services, we have several opportunities to participate in:

- First UMC: 7 PM Maundy Thursday; 12 PM Noon Good Friday
- Asbury UMC, 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday
- United Protestant Church, Ecumenical Service, 6 PM Good Friday

Smile for the Hillside UMC Directory



It's time for an updated church directory, and this year the plan is to incorporate photos in it. The plan is to take photos before and after the 11 AM worship Sunday, April 9 and April 16 in the conference room up-

stairs. If either of those times is inconvenient, call the church office so we can arrange a time for you to drop by and have your photo taken. If you have a recent picture, feel free to send us an email with a digital photo attached, or send a hard copy photo by mail.

We will be taking these photos ourselves; while these may not rival portrait photographs, we are optimistic we can take some nice photographs for the directory. The photos are helpful so that some of our newer members can identify who they may be sitting next to in church.

The 2023-2025 Strategic Plan was discussed. The plan includes increasing staffing, updating the current shelter and creating more staffed indoor and outdoor spaces to serve the increasing number of homeless people in need. Two million dollars in federal funding has been received, and state funds are being sought to help make these projects possible.



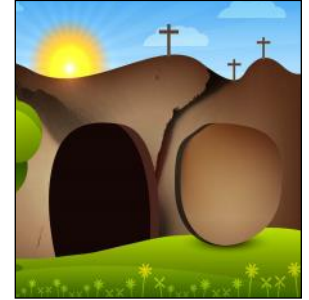
CHUM will celebrate its 50th anniversary this coming June.

Phyllis Peterson, Hillside UMC Delegate to CHUM

April 2023 Sunday Worship Schedule

- **April 2:** Palm Sunday – “Jesus Taught Us... Follow Me” Communion Sunday *Matthew 21:1-11*
- **April 9:** EASTER SUNDAY – “Jesus Taught Us...How to Find Life” *John 20:1-18*
- **April 16:** *John 20:19-31*
- **April 23:** *Luke 24:13-35*
- **April 30:** *Psalms 23, John 10:1-10*

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



Condolences to Ron Scott Family

Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Ron Scott, who passed away on Tuesday, March 14. He was a longtime member of Hillside UMC. In recent years, he was frequently visited by the church's Lamplighters and Pastor Cynthia. Our church will have a Celebration of Life service for Ron later this spring.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, April 6. The book of the month is “The Mitford Affair” by Marie Benedict. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Loaves & Fishes

Tuesday, March 14, we made scalloped potatoes with ham, along with baked corn. We also made a jello salad with canned peaches and canned pears, topped with a Cool Whip-mayonnaise mix. For dessert, we made two Bundt cakes. We also sent fresh red and green grapes. For extras, we bought toilet tissue, dish detergent, pine cleaner, bowl cleaner, paper towels, toilet tissue, and a can of coffee.

Thanks to the volunteer helpers and the cash donations, we are able to continue this important mission project. Let's keep up the good work.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Tuesday Bible Study & Fellowship

Everyone is invited to attend Bible Study on Tuesdays at Hillside. For the month of April, we will meet at 5:30 PM on April 4, 18 and 25. No Bible Study on April 11.



Happy April Birthday to Hillside Friends!

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| 9 Trevor Manisto | 24 Rick Carlson |
| 9 Bailey Manisto | 25 Jeff Tibodeau |
| 11 Shirley Olson | 27 Stephanie Giuliani |
| 18 Claren Suomala | 27 David Dahl |



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.

Drive-Thru Meatball Dinner

4:30-6 PM Tuesday, April 18
Asbury United Methodist Church
 6822 Grand Ave., Duluth

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children/youths. Call 218-624-0061 to purchase tickets. Prepayment is required. A limited amount of tickets are available for onsite sales, but no guarantee. Advance ticket purchase is advisable.

Hillside United Methodist Church

Zoom Administrative Council Meeting – February 7, 2023

Attendance: Diane Boris, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave Mckowski, Pastor Cynthia, Jim Leland, LeRoy Britton

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The January 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 and Jim answered some questions about a couple line items.

Finance Report: A meeting will need to be set up with the people on the Finance Committee.

Pastors Report: She attended the MLK Rally, we had the funeral for Bill Schilling. Bible Study is going well. There will be a new member class after church on February 19th. She is asking for some people to make a light lunch for those in attendance. She is going to the clergy gathering at Camp Koronis on March 21st. The new Bishop will be there. Our new Bishop will be in Duluth at the Copper Top church on Saturday, February 25th. Pastor Cynthia will be taking a few days of vacation at the end of March.

Lay Leader: LeRoy will be attending the new member meeting in February. He will try to go to see the Bishop in Duluth. He plans to attend the online statewide Lay Leader meeting in March. The Annual Conference this year is Wednesday and Thursday, May 31 & June 1.

SPRC: No report.

Trustees: The elevator had its semi-annual maintenance check and there are no problems. The water is still leaking at the top of the stairs and has ruined the new wall repair. Jim has been up in the attic to see if he can find the leak. The water heater was dripping water at a fast rate from the overflow tube. The water pressure valve was replaced. Now the dishwasher doesn't work. The error message says there isn't enough water pressure. The water pressure was checked and it is within the normal range. The dishwasher repair man will be here next week. Our current insurance carrier (Guide One) will be raising our rate by 71% for the same coverage. We will be going with a new insurance company and our rate will only be going up 10%.

Lamplighters: They visited Ron Scott last week and will see Shirley Olson this week. They will

visit Rod Olson when he comes out of the hospital.

Missions: The Loaves & Fishes mission is going well. Jim is taking the food to the Chum Food Shelf. March is the month that any food for the Food Shelf is matched.

Worship: Scout Sunday is February 19th. This will be the last time our church will be sponsoring scouting. Our Charter will end on March 1st after 98 years. We first sponsored the Scouts in 1925. Ash Wednesday services will be at noon at Hillside UMC and 7 pm at the Copper Top. The Lenten sermons will be a Parable series.

Other: We will serve a light breakfast for Easter Sunday. We are looking into where we should buy Easter Lilies this year. It was decided the Easter Offering should go to the Damiano Center. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that the Easter Offering goes to the Damiano Center. Motion approved. The next meeting is March 7th at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary

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 MARCH & END OF FEB AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

Feb 26	giving	\$ 1,313.00
March 5	giving	\$ 1,045.00
March 12	giving	\$ 1,067.00
March 19	giving	\$ 780.00
March 26	giving	<u>\$ 1,525.00</u>
	Total	\$ 5,730.00
	Balance	– \$ 2,447.83