



# Livewire

Hillside United Methodist July 2023

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

## Remembering and Forgetting

*"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. Matthew 6:2*

On the youth summer mission trip, we got to do a lot of giving. We cooked and served lunch at the Simpson House shelter. We removed loads and loads (and more loads) of garbage from the old shelter that is going to be demolished to build a new shelter. We packed more than 2,000 bags of food for children in Haiti. We told our families, our friends, our churches all about it. We tooted our horn. We have received our reward.

But we also received a different reward. We received gratitude. We received hugs. We received new experiences. We received new learning. We received true life stories about being human. We received new relationships. Our hearts were cracked open.

Elizabeth Bibesco wrote, "Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting." One of the speakers we heard on the trip said his mother would always tell him this, and it stuck with him. He has built his life around the idea of giving without expecting anything in return, and never forgetting what others have given him or what he has taken.

My prayer for all the kids who went on the summer trip is that they will never forget what they received, learned, and how they felt; AND that they will find so much joy in giving. My prayer for all of you reading this is the same. "Give without remembering and take without forgetting."

Your Pastor  
Cynthia



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August 2023 Livewire deadline is **Thursday, July 20, 2023**



## Coming Right Up

### The Great 2023 Meatball Dinner

Mark your calendars now for Sept. 12 so you can pickup great food as we work together to make this annual fundraiser a huge success. And it's a downright legendary event!



If you are willing to help, please notify either Carolyn or Carole before sign-up sheets are posted. Watch for the envelope containing tickets for the dinner so you have the opportunity to invite your family and friends to drive through and pick up a great dinner.

Carolyn  
218-727-6342

Carole  
218-345-6874



**THANK YOU** from Ace Bowen (above) and Pastor Cynthia. We thank the good people of Hillside United Methodist Church for supporting our mission trip to the Twin Cities through sponsorship and prayer. We had a blast serving at Simpson shelter and also packing food for Haiti. Thank you, thank you!

### July 27 Social Gathering

Leroy Britton and Kathie Gajewski have invited Hillsideers to their home for food and fellowship at 5 PM, Thursday, July 27. Plan to bring a side dish to share and your best jokes. Their address is 1616 N. 22nd St., Superior, Wis.



## Hillside UMC to Celebrate 100th Anniversary Oct. 8

Sunday, Oct. 8 – save this date! We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Hillside United Methodist Church in Duluth. So far, plans call for a special worship service that will feature recorded interviews from various members about their lived experiences with Hillside Church and the sermon delivered by Big Waters District Superintendent Laurie Kantonen.



And that's not all! A catered lunch will follow in The Fellowship Hall. During lunch, we will have an open mic (microphone) for people to share their memories of Hillside United Methodist Church and what it has meant to them. These are current plans, which may evolve or change. We will keep you posted as we get closer to celebrating our 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 11 AM. If you have any questions, let us know.

## Union Gospel Mission - July 7

Join Pastor Cynthia at The Union Gospel Mission from noon to 2 PM Friday, July 7.



We will help serve lunch and then participate in a short worship service led by Pastor Cynthia. Everyone welcome. We need at least five volunteers to help serve lunch.

## Bible School Fun July 17-21

For all teens and kids, put on your calendar July 17-21 for Vacation Bible School. It is from 9 - 12 PM at the Coppertop, where kids will experience stories, crafts, games and food to help them grow in their faith.



We need teen counselors too! All United Methodist Churches in the Twin Ports will be doing this together. Talk to Pastor Cynthia for more information and let her know if you plan to send your kids. The registration deadline has passed, but we still have room.

**SUMMER PARKING LOT CONCERT SERIES  
AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Freewill offering proceeds go to CHUM and the Summer Parking Lot Concert Series.

**MONDAY, JULY 17** 6:30 - 8 PM  
(raindate July 18)

## CHUM Rhubarb Festival

This year's Rhubarb Festival was great success. The morning of the festival, \$15,000 of food was sold by 10:30 AM. The festival also brought in nearly \$7,000 on donated baskets, which exceeded their \$5,000 goal. Hillside UMC's basket was one of the top 3 in the basket sales. On another note, CHUM sent thank you letters Hillside UMC for \$100 donations dated May 8 and June 2.



## Loaves & Fishes

For the Dorothy Day House on June 13, we made beef stew. Five pounds of stew meat was donated by Upper Lakes Foods. We also had a large package of cut up potatoes donated. We browned the stew meat and added two cans of french onion soup to the meat. Then we topped that with frozen carrots and frozen peas, adding beef broth and cooking for two hours. Along with the stew, we made pineapple coleslaw and also sent two dozen dinner rolls. For dessert, we delivered a gallon of ice cream, and Mardi Rodman made seven layer bars. This month we sent the always needed extras: paper towels, dish soap, laundry soap and all-purpose cleaner. The men at the Dorothy Day house are well taken care of on the second Tuesday of each month by Hillside United Methodist Church, and they are always waiting for Cliff & Diane Boris to drive up to their front door and are willing to carry the food in the house. They appreciate very much the mission work we do. Thanks to everyone who helps make this possible by donating money, time and prayers.

***Blessings from Carolyn Dahl***

## July 2023 Sunday Worship

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

- **July 2: Communion Sunday**  
– Matthew 10:40-42
- **July 9: Hymn Sing**  
– Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
- **July 16:**  
– Matthew 13;1-9,18-23
- **July 23: Hymn Sing**  
– Matthew 13;24-30,36-43
- **July 30: Guest Preacher Kelby**  
– Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Damiano Center Thanks Hillside

Jennifer Eaton of the Damiano Center sent us a thank you letter for our "generous gift of \$806," which came from our church's Easter Offering.



Each day, hundreds of people visit the center assistance. "Because of you," Ms. Eaton said, "Damiano can offer nutritious meals to the hungry; dinner, activities, and a safe space for children; free apparel, hygiene items, a hot shower, and connections to community resources for our neighbors in need."

## Summer Hymn Sings

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.



## Hillside UMC Book Club News

There will be no Book Club meeting in July, but there will be a Book Club potluck dinner 6:30 PM Thursday, Aug. 17, at the home of Sandra Wilmot. This picnic is for Book Club participants and anyone interested in learning about the group. Please RSVP to Sandra at 218-348-2712 if you plan to attend. If you want to read ahead for the September meeting, that month's book will be "Hell & Other Destinations" by Madeleine Albright.



## Happy July Birthday to Hillside Friends!

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

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



### Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, and Shirley Olson.

### FINANCIAL GIVING FOR MAY 28 - JUNE 25 AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

|                |        |                      |
|----------------|--------|----------------------|
| May 28         | giving | \$ 335.00            |
| June 4         | giving | \$ 830.00            |
| June 11        | giving | \$ 2,530.00          |
| June 18        | giving | \$ 94.00             |
| June 25        | giving | \$ 430.00            |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>\$ 4,219.00</b>   |
| <b>Balance</b> |        | <b>- \$ 3,958.83</b> |

## Hillside United Methodist Church

Zoom & In Person Administrative Council Meeting – June 5, 2023

**Attendance:** Diane Boris, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Pastor Cynthia, Jim Leland, Dave McKowski

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed. The Love Offering was \$225. This was brought to the Annual Conference by Pastor Cynthia. The plants were paid for by the UMW budget. Loaves and Fishes have \$243 left to buy food to provide meals.

**Finance Report:** Giving is going down each month. In May the budget was short \$2,300. We plan to have another meatball dinner in September.

**Pastors Report:** She has been very busy. The Annual Conference was great. Ace plans to go on the Mission trip June 13-15. Pastor Cynthia needs to go to the United Church of Christ conference June 8-9. She was ordained by the United Church of Christ. We

would like to have Vacation Bible School July 17-21. There are 6-7 kids signed up now. We will have to see if more sign up by July. Pastor Cynthia is Resigning from Copertop Church. Her last Sunday will be in July.

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**SPRC:** No report. Karen Bailey has resigned from co-chairman of SPRC.

**Trustees:** The ping pong table and blackboard still need a home. We will see if a youth center is interested in having these items. The inspection is completed on the elevator. The custodian would like more hours now that school is out. Tables and Chairs need to be washed and it is done outside. Plants need watering, the grass needs cutting. We could offer the custodian 4 hours more per pay period.

**Lamplighters:** They haven't done much calling lately. Barb Kent is not doing well. They will see Beatrice this week.

**Missions:** The Loaves & Fishes is going well.

**Worship:** Funerals go well. The report on the Conference was a very good one. We discussed having a mid-week service during the summer. Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be this fall. The Bishop can't come and the District Superintendent is checking her calendar. They both have busy schedules. We would like to have a dinner or luncheon after church on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration day. The flag in the yard has been torn by the weather and repaired too many times. A new flag has been donated and will be put up soon. Phyllis and Warren are having a social gathering at their house later in June. Cindy Guiliani would like to have a social gathering at her house too.

**Other:** The next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

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

**Respectfully submitted by,**  
Diane Boris,  
Admin Council Secretary