



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist August 2023

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Ponderings...

Thank You

On Sunday, July 16, I announced in church that I have accepted a full-time position at Pilgrim Congregational UCC Church here in Duluth, which begins on August 15. I will be the new Faith Formation Pastor, primarily working with kids and youth, but also some adult education and occasional preaching. This means that I will be leaving Hillside United Methodist Church. As of right now, I do not have an ending date. Your SPRC (staff, parish relations committee) will be working with the District Superintendent, Rev. Laurie Kantonen, to find your next pastor. And Pilgrim will be sharing me with you until a good transition is planned.

Please know that this was not an easy decision for me. I LOVE being the pastor at Hillside! I couldn't have asked for a better church to be my first parish. You have taught me how to BE a pastor these past five years. We learn all sorts of stuff in seminary, but it can't teach you everything. You have let me make mistakes, try new things, be a goof ball and serious; you have encouraged me, nurtured me, and followed me; you have let me pray with you, laugh with you, teach you, challenge you, sing with you, and love you. For all that I thank you. You have given me such a gift.

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:8

This is a promise I want us all to remember during this transition and in the days ahead.

Your Pastor
Cynthia



*The Lord Goes
Before You...*

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September 2023 Livewire deadline is **Thursday, August 22, 2023**



Baptism...

Benjamin Clint Gajewski-Kulaszewicz

It was a very special day for Ben and all of us here on Sunday, July 23, when he was baptized by Pastor Cynthia. Ben has been an active part of Hillside Church this year. In addition to attending church regularly, he has served as a scripture reader during several Sundays and as a counselor for Vacation Bible School.



Our Legendary Meatball Dinner: We Need Your Assistance

Hillside Church will serve its customary terrific Meatball Dinner Monday, Sept. 11, which is made possible through dedicated volunteers like you. We need servers, bakers and meatball makers. Mix in traffic controllers and package dinner runners as well. Please contact either Carolyn or Carole if you can assist in any of the roles. We will place sign-up sheets in The Fellowship Hall as well.



We need you to sell tickets as well. 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
218-606-1236

August 22 Social Gathering

We are invited to the home of Cindy Giuliani, for food and fellowship at 5 PM Tuesday, Aug. 22. Plan to bring a side dish. Her address is 2150 Springvale Road, Duluth.



Vacation Bible School

VBS We had a great time and learned a lot about what it takes to plant and grow seeds, literally and spiritually. Thank you to Brenna Harriss, Cindy Guiliani, and Kathie Gajewski for teaching the kids all week.

Pastor Cynthia will be on vacation with her family July 30 - August 6. In case of emergency please call Carole Hawkinson or Carolyn Dahl. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Brian Cornell 1-828-434-6995 or Rev. Katherine Cornell 1-828-263-2035.

Hear Memories About Hillside Over 100 Years of Service



Pastors who have served here received invitations to share their memories of Hillside United Methodist Church during our 100th anniversary celebration 11 AM, Sunday, Oct. 8. So far, Pastor Cynthia, Pastor David Wheeler and Pastor Karen Schuder have accepted our invitations to discuss their Hillside experiences at the Oct. 8 worship and the post-service luncheon. Big Waters District Superintendent Laurie Kantonen will preach the sermon at this worship.

At the catered luncheon after worship, we will have an open microphone for these pastors and other church members and friends to share what Hillside Church has meant to them. Be sure to pass the word along to your Hillside UMC friends and family members, encouraging them to attend the service.

LOST: Looking for Our Card Table

We seem to have misplaced one of our card tables at church. Did you by any chance borrow it? If so, maybe you can return it soon – no questions asked!! If you know where it is, please let us know. The table is Formica-topped and is 4-foot square. There are times when we need both this table and it's twin at the same time, and we currently can locate only one of them. The remaining twin is not happy!



Serving at Union Gospel Mission

A group of Hillsideers lead by Pastor Cynthia served lunch and attended a post-lunch worship service July 7 at Union Gospel Mission in Duluth.

Warren Peterson and Jerry McNeal washed dishes. Mardi Rodman and Phyllis Peterson served beverages.

Daryl Rock, Carole Hawkinson and Jeanette Spalding assembled and distributed food trays. Pastor Cynthia visited with lunch guests and provided a worship service after lunch.



Mardi & Phyllis make coffee for UGM lunch.



CHUM: Summer Food Drive

CHUM launched its Open Your Heart Summer Food Drive that will continue into November. CHUM is gathering food and monetary donations for Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes to be distributed in November for 350 families. Last Thanksgiving, the Food Shelf served 998 families – 411 children and 158 seniors.



Contribute money to the CHUM Food Shelf through your offering to our church, and we will make sure it goes to CHUM. (Write "CHUM Food Shelf" in the memo line of your check.) As for Thanksgiving food donations, place those on the CHUM food table in fellowship hall. Examples are boxes of stuffing and mashed potatoes, canned pumpkin, corn, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, cranberry sauce, evaporated milk, and applesauce, macaroni & cheese. We'll make sure those items get to CHUM.

CHUM also sent us a thank you July 6 for our \$148 donation toward services to the hungry and homeless.



Loaves & Fishes

For the July meal, we made a picnic dinner for the men at Dorothy Day House. We prepared chicken salad with broasted chicken from Sam's Club. We boned the chicken and cut it into bite-size pieces and then added cooked macaroni shells, chopped onion, chopped celery, grated carrots, frozen peas and whipped dressing. We also heated some baked beans. We sent two dozen rolls, a watermelon, a box of potato chips and three dozen cookies. Additionally, we sent a large jar of peanut butter, a large Dawn dish soap, and always needed toilet paper. As usual, the meal was gratefully received. Thanks to all that helped make this mission project possible.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Strikepoint Handbell Concert

7 PM, Monday Aug. 17

First United Methodist Church
"The Coppertop"

Suggested Donation \$18



August 2023 Sunday Worship

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

- **August 6:** Guest Preacher Kelby Werner, Pastoral Intern at First United Methodist Church, The Coppertop
– *Judges 4: 3-9 & Luke 6:20-23*
- **August 13: Hymn Sing.** Communion Sunday
– *Matthew 14:22-33*
- **August 20:**
– *Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28*
- **August 27: Hymn Sing**
– *Matthew 16: 13-20*

Service Project Opportunity for Piedmont Elementary School

During the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies for Piedmont Elementary School. We will collect boxes of crayons, markers, folders, glue sticks, Kleenex, pencils, and colored pencils. You can bring these school supplies Sunday mornings. Deadline Aug. 20.



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 the second and fourth Sundays in August.



Hillside UMC Book Club News

Book Club will have a potluck dinner at 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.


Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, 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
21 Ace Bowen	

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.



FINANCIAL GIVING FOR JULY 2-23

AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

July 2	giving	\$ 1,027.00
July 9	giving	\$ 1,087.00
July 16	giving	\$ 2,373.00
July 23	giving	\$ 635.00
Total		\$ 5,122.00
Balance		- \$ 3,055.83

Hillside United Methodist Church

Zoom Administrative Council Meeting – July 11, 2023

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The March 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: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Giving is less every month now.

Finance Report: We are looking for volunteers for the meatball dinner on September 12th. A sign-up sheet will be made up and put in the bulletin board on the lower level.

Pastor's Report: She is enjoying summer although it is busier. 19 kids went on the mission trip. HUMC contributed \$245.00 to the trip. Vacation Bible School is next week. She will attend a Spiritual Retreat this week. She will be on vacation the first week in August. She will be gone the Sundays of July 30 and August 7. Kelby, the

intern at Copper Top will give the sermon on August 7th. Kathy Gajewski's son will be baptized on July 23rd.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: No report.

Trustees: We found someone to take the Ping pong table but then we discovered it was broken so it will be thrown out. The blackboard doesn't have a home yet. The heat tape on the roof by the stairway roof is no good. No one wants to go up on the roof anymore. We are going to have the foundation and entry doors painted. The doors have faded badly. The new building use fees were discussed and everyone thought they were good. The garbage cans have been filled up by other people. The garbage service informed us we will be charged extra if this continues. Someone put old insulation in them. A camera is being put up and a sign saying no trespassing, violators will be prosecuted. The screen in the kitchen is missing. We need to

open the windows in the kitchen for the meatball dinner.

Lamplighters: They will visit Shirley tomorrow. They haven't seen Bea. They talked to MJ. Ron Mattson is doing OK.

Missions: We sent a heavy box of food to CHUM. We brought a meal to Loaves & Fishes today. We helped serve a meal at Union Gospel Mission.

Worship: Sunday attendance is about 30 this summer.

Other: We have invited our past Pastors to our 100th Anniversary in October. Several have said they would like to come. The new Church Directory is almost done. We plan to have a chili cook off in the fall. Our next meeting will be August 8th at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary