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Hillside United Methodist October 2023

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

As Hillside UMC prepares to celebrate 100 years of ministry on Oct. 8, it got me thinking about that number. 100 years sounds like, and is, a long time for anything to be around. After a century, we might even say that something is OLD. However, if that something happens to be a church member, we should never use the word old. I learned this truth from a church member who lived to 104. Her name was Mable, and Mable was an amazing disciple of Jesus Christ. In her life she held every official title in the church at one time or another; treasurer, lay leader, trustee chair, etc. All of those years of service were remarkable, but maybe the most remarkable thing about Mabel was when she turned 102 and successfully got her driver's license renewed, "With a little help from the ladies at the DMV." We all marveled at the way Mable was able to continue to surprise us with her vitality and perseverance.



When I think about Hillside turning 100, I wonder how God will keep us marveling at the vitality and perseverance of this faith community. Many of the ways that God has led this congregation in the past are just that, past. Generations have come before us and faithfully served, and now it is our turn to pray for, and listen to God's calling for this church. What an amazing opportunity we have to lead as servants into the next century of Hillside UMC. I hope you will join us on this exciting journey. As we continue to seek out where God is leading this church, we realize that our personal connection to Jesus is of utmost importance. With this in mind, we will begin a new sermon series in October based on Eugene Peterson's book, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." If you are able to get a copy of the book, it would be a great benefit as we walk alongside Peterson through the Psalms of Ascent all the way to the Advent season.

Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

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Join Us for Our 100th Anniversary Celebration Oct. 8

A 100th anniversary is indeed a momentous occasion, and we at Hillside United Methodist Church would like you to join us to observe our centennial Sunday morning Oct. 8 here at the church. We will celebrate our 100 years in serving our neighborhood and community by doing what we do best: Worshiping, sharing memories, and lunching together in fellowship at church. We will have a special worship service at 11 AM that Sunday and then proceed to the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch, compliments of our church.

Our worship plans that day include our Big Waters District Superintendent Laurie Kantonen preaching the sermon, and



then former pastors Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Rev. Karen Schuder speaking about their years at Hillside UMC. Additionally, we plan to show video-recorded interviews with members who have faithfully participated in Hillside Church for a large segment of those 100 years that we have been in service.

One invited former Hillside pastor, Rev. David Wheeler, has contacted us to say that he will

not be able to attend the Oct. 8 celebration. However, he will be in Duluth the weekend before and plans to join us at Hillside United Methodist Church for worship on Oct. 1. The hope is that we will be able to obtain some video recording comments from Pastor Wheeler to play at our Oct. 8 100th anniversary worship.

After worship, we will head to the Fellowship Hall for the luncheon. While we dine, we will have an open mic for those present to share their memories and experiences of our church. So many stories are locked in your memories, and we encourage you to describe what Hillside was like back in the day.

Duluth Schools Letter to Hillside UMC

“On behalf of Duluth Public Schools, we wish to thank you for the in-kind donation for Piedmont School Aug. 28.” [Our Jerry McNeal, a Piedmont School volunteer, delivered the supplies.]



“Donation comments: 12 boxes of Kleenex, four backpacks, 12 plastic folders, eight composition notebooks, four plastic pencil cases; 20 24-count Crayons, two 64-count Crayons; 40 pens, five 10-pack colored pencils, four 10-pack markers, two 20-pack markers, nine packages of pencils; four pencil sharpeners, 14 glue sticks, five bottles of glue, six pair of scissors, six erasers, four rulers, eight Expo dry erase markers, one watercolor, and one highlighter.”

“The entire staff at the Duluth Public Schools works to inspire every student to achieve their potential, and prepare students to lead productive, fulfilling lives as citizens of Duluth and the wider world. Your thoughtfulness will help us in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education for our students. Thank you again for your generosity. It is truly appreciated.”

Sincerely,
John Magas, Superintendent
Jill Lofald, School Board Chair

Swedish Meatball Dinner

WE DID IT, ONCE MORE!!!

Our most recent fundraising effort, the Swedish Meatball Dinner, was the usual amount of work, the usual amount of fun and fellowship, and a very nice profit. At the time of this writing, the profit is \$3,786.84! The weather wasn't as cooperative as it could have been but not so bad that folks didn't enjoyed the 222 dinners we sold. Forty one people helped with the effort, and Hillside Church thanks each and every one of you. If you had fun and want to help in the future, watch for the sign up sheets for the Sept. 9, 2024 event!!



Mission Project: Winter Coming

It's that time of the year again! We will collect winter wear items for the Union Gospel Mission in October and November. They are especially needing new or very gently used warm blankets, sleeping bags, jackets/coats, winter boots, snow pants, socks/shoes, sweaters, and hand warmers. Drop off donations at church anytime between 9 AM-2 PM Tuesday and Thursday or on Sunday mornings.



Chum's Golden Gala

Honoring 50 years of service in the Northern Region. Join us for a fun night of pleasant company, good food, and regional impact.

OCTOBER
TUESDAY | 17 | AT 7 PM
2023

Register by filling out an online registration form at: www.tfaforms.com/5075456

Join us each Sunday at Hillside United Methodist Church for worship at 11 AM and coffee fellowship at 10:30 AM.

Fall Events at Neighboring UMCs

Take in some meals and goodies at these other Duluth UMC Churches.

- **First UMC (Coppertop):** The Fall Roast Beef Dinner (drive through pick-up) will be from 4:30-6:30 PM, Thursday, Oct. 5, at the church, 230 E. Skyline Parkway. The cost is \$15.
- **Norton Park UMC:** The Fall Holiday Harvest Bazaar from 9 AM-1 PM, Saturday, Oct. 7 will feature baked goods and crafts at the church, 436 N. 79th Ave. W.
- **Forbes UMC:** The Cats Meow Fair will be from 12-8 PM Friday and 7 AM-5PM Saturday, Oct. 13-14, at the church, 33 Grove St, Proctor, MN.
- **Asbury UMC:** 1) The Fall Pantry will be from 9 AM-11 AM, Saturday, October 14, Fellowship Hall, at 6822 Grand Ave. Numerous baked goodies, including fried donuts. 2) Drive-Through Meatball Dinner, 4:30-6 PM, Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the lower parking lot. A \$14 prepayment for adults and \$7 for children is required for the dinner. Call 218-624-0061 to purchase tickets.



Loaves & Fishes

On Sept 12, the Dorothy Day House received from Hillside United Methodist Church a delicious meatball dinner with all the trimmings. We were able to send mashed potatoes, gravy, meatballs, corn, coleslaw, cranberry pear sauce, rolls and pumpkin bars. These food items were all left over from our meatball dinner the day before. All we had to do was heat meatballs, potatoes and corn, and then Cliff and Diane loaded the dinner pans in their car for delivery before 6 PM to the Dorothy Day House.

Thank you and blessings from Carolyn Dahl

UMCOR Thanks and Reminder

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, of UMCOR International Disaster Response and



Recovery sent a letter of thanks Hillside United Methodist Church for its gift amount of \$100 received in early August. He writes to us that UMCOR shares 100% of donated funds to those in need.

Donate to UMCOR through your Hillside offering. Just provide the project and number on your check's memo line. Some possibilities:

- Disaster Response and Recovery, Advance # 901670,
- Global Ministries Where Most Needed, Advance # 01138A
- Or visit the Global Ministries website: <https://umcmmission.org>



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, Oct. 5. The book of the month is "The House of Lincoln" by Nancy Horan. If you would like to join the book club, please call Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Claren Suomala, Bea Jacobson, Shirley Olson and Rev. Jan Barker.

Happy October Birthday to Hillside Friends!

6 Andrea Wilmot 22 Carmen Wendland
9 Pat Merrier 27 Kai Bowen
20 Warren Peterson 28 Dawn Durfee

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 SEPT. 3-27 AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

Sept 3	giving	\$ 1,049.99
Sept 10	giving	\$ 1,745.00
Sept 17	giving	\$ 760.00
Sept 27	giving	\$ 3,612.00
Total		\$ 7,166.99
Balance -		\$ 1,010.84

Hillside United Methodist Church

Zoom Administrative Council Meetings – Sept. 5, 2023

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

Carolyn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The August 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. We have been withholding 23% of our dues to the Conference. This amounts to \$10,629.90 as of this date. We are waiting until the next General Conference to see which way the Methodist Church is going. The August giving was \$50,318, expenses were \$63,259. Which means we were short \$13,942 to pay our bills.

Finance Report: We decided the Thanksgiving offering will go to the Union Gospel Mission, the Christmas offering to Salvation Army heat share, and the Easter offering to the Damiano center for CHUM. The Motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that this is where our Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter offerings will go. Motion Approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jeremy is just beginning to serve our church. He has a medical issue that needs to be taken care of and he may miss a few Sundays with us. He can't set up a time for Bible Study yet.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: Sandy & Carole met with Pastor Jeremy and got all the paperwork done. They gave him a tour of the church and gave him a key to the church.

Trustees: The wall by the back stairs has been repaired again. The front doors have been repainted and clear-coated at a cost of \$800. Wayne and Russ reinstalled the doors. The locks got put in sideways and a locksmith had to be called to fix that and replace some worn parts. Cost was \$90. Arrow Lift did their semi-annual maintenance on the lift and the time limit on the batteries is up and they need to be replaced. They will also do a full-load test on the lift. Their cost will be \$822 and the work will be done this month. Some of the ground-level cement blocks around the memorial garden are deteriorating because of salt over the years. We won't be doing

something about this at this time. Peterson Landscaping will do our snowplowing and snow removal again this year.

Lamplighters: Bea & Shirley are the only ones that like to be seen but they haven't been visited this past month.

Missions: Jim brings the food to CHUM every month. Loaves & Fishes is going well. We hope to have leftovers from the Meatball dinner to bring them for their September meal.

Other: We have invited our past Pastors to our 100th Anniversary in October. Pastors Karen Schuder and Cynthia will attend. A couple can't be there but will make a video to be shown at the Anniversary. The superintendent will do the sermon. There will be a catered luncheon after church for the 100th anniversary celebration. We still need some help for the meatball dinner. Please sign up for two jobs if possible. The next meeting will be October 3rd at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary