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Hillside United Methodist November 2023

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Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

It occasionally happens that a hymn or song gets so associated with a thing that without that song, the THING doesn't work. Have you ever been to a wedding where the traditional 'bridal march' wasn't used? Did it make the wedding seem less official? For those events and many more, we associate music with what's happening; without it, it can feel like we didn't do it right.

Nov. 5 is All Saints' Sunday. One hymn that has been long associated with this day is, "His Eye is on the Sparrow." This hymn has become closely associated with saying goodbye to people we love. If you look at the bottom of the page in our hymnal you see the song is based on John 14 and Luke 12. John 14:1-3, "Jesus speaking to his friends: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.'"

What a wonderful promise; it blesses us with hope of continued life with Jesus! Is there any better place, than being where Jesus is? This is a wonderful truth, but it is also true that we grieve the loss of those we love. An interesting thing about "His Eye is on the Sparrow" is that it was written for us; the living, not the dead. It reminds us that as we live with grief, we are not unseen. Even if we hide it really deep, where people may not see it... Jesus sees it. It is in drawing nearer to Jesus that hope returns because then we hear again how much he loves us.

Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley



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Grand 100th Anniversary Celebration at Hillside UMC

Nearly 70 present and past members and friends gathered for the 100th anniversary of Hillside United Methodist Church Sunday, Oct. 8. The event was superbly chronicled by television journalist William Lien in the lead story appearing on the Sunday, Oct. 8, WDIO television evening news.



2023 – 100th Anniversary Worship Celebration

During her sermon, Rev. Laurie Kantonen, our District Superintendent, praised our 100 years of service and challenged us to be open to new ways of doing church to serve our community. Former HUMC pastor Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, emphasized in the children’s message what great things can come from meeting in a chicken coop. As the legend goes, our forebearers first met in a chicken coop for prayer and bible study before they met in Frank Johnson’s house in 1923 for a more formalized Sunday school. The children were given squeaky toy chickens to celebrate our 100th.

The action continued during lunch in The Fellowship Hall. We played video interviews with former pastors Rev. David Wheeler (1987-1995), Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder (1993-2011), Rev. Sam Kautz (2011-2017), and Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay (1996-1998). Pastor Wheeler said that we were a people of faith, service and commitment, praising Ellen Olson, Emma Tallakson, Joe & Liz Gomer, John



Rev. Laurie Kantonen, (middle), Rev. Jeremy Woodley (right), Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon (left)

Downs, Rod & Pat Olson, Tricia and family, Carolyn Lockett, and Marvin Tibodeau. Pastor Schuder shared her hope that our next 100 years would involve new discoveries of where God is moving through our lives. Pastor Kautz said he had so many memories of dinners, gatherings, and educational activities and celebrates our being a LAMP on the hillside. For Pastor Macaulay, it was her first ministry experience, and she said, we were the best teachers she could have ever asked for in beginning her ministry.

The taped interviews also included Virginia “Ginny” Tibodeau, 93, Hillside’s, longest member, and Shirley Olson, 94, Hillside UMC’s oldest member. Ginny has attended our church since she was age 5. She particularly remembered beloved Sunday School teacher Mrs. Seymour who would routinely ask Ginny, “Have you said your prayers every night?” Shirley was married in 1947 and had her wedding reception at what was then Christ Community Church. Her wedding was at First UMC because our church at that time was a basement with a cap on top and wasn’t as conducive to a wedding. She says that the people here are so caring and she



1923 – Sunday School: Beginnings of Our Church

wishes for Hillside UMC to always be here.

Our Ad Council Chair Carolyn Dahl kicked off the open mic portion of our Sunday centennial lunch, followed by Pastor Cynthia (2018-2023). Carolyn Dahl talked about how it’s been a pleasure for her to attend and serve in this welcoming neighborhood church. Pastor Cynthia expressed her joy about serving Hillside UMC in all its worship, service and fellowship activities. Other current and past members shared their experiences about how the church has been there for them in serious illness, in their childhood with the church’s youth activities, and as an inspiration to go into the ministry.

The WDIO reporter interviewed Carolyn and our pastor, Rev. Jeremy Woodley. Carolyn said she hoped we will continue our ministry for another 100 years, and Pastor Jeremy shared how our church has been welcoming to him and his family and how our church works to be a LAMP on the hill.

Dedication Sunday Nov. 19

You won't want to miss Dedication Sunday on Nov. 19. You will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship team soon, which will include a commitment card. Please bring or send it to the church by Nov. 19. We will have a special time of dedication during the service. It is also a time of celebration and thanks to all of you who continue to help Hillside grow and be a LAMP on the Hillside. If you didn't receive a letter and card, there will be extra cards at church.

Commitment



All Saints Sunday: Nov. 5



We will honor the Hillside United Methodist Church saints who have left us in the past year: William Schilling – Nov. 20, 2022, Delores “Dee” Johnson – Dec. 2, 2022, Nancy Frink – December 19, 2022, Rodney Olson – February 13, 2023, Ron Scott – March 14, 2023, and Barbara E. Kent – June 22 2023. We will have a special time in the service to remember Hillside members who have died this past year and an opportunity for all of us to name loved ones who have gone before us.

Thanksgiving Offering to UGM Aids Duluth's Food-Challenged

Every year we take a special Thanksgiving offering in November. This year our offering will be given to Union Gospel Mission to support their ministry. Please bring or mail in your offering to church by Sunday, Nov. 19.



Union Gospel Mission offers a hot meal ministry for lunches and dinners for those in need. The Mission currently distributes over 5,000 nutritious meals each month. Many of the Mission's patrons come from food-challenged households. The majority of these households include children or seniors on limited incomes. Guests often rely on the meals, and groceries, distributed at the Mission to meet their nutritional needs.

In addition to the meal program, UGM operates the Martin Inn, located upstairs of the dining hall. The Martin Inn provides low-income, community housing to people of all different backgrounds. Upon arrival, residents are provided with a warm bed, stocked kitchen, and free laundry.

The Mission provides a host of additional supportive resources. Children, seniors and families visit the Mission each day to access warm clothing, personal hygiene essentials or spiritual support.

UGM always seeks volunteers and food donations, too. Thank you for being generous!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

When we the people of Hillside make an offering to our church, each of us makes an investment for the care and upkeep of our church building, our Sunday services, and our outreach to the community. We are also paying salaries to our staff; pastor, secretary, custodian, musician, and childcare attendant. Please continue to show your generous support each Sunday, or monthly as you are able. Thank you.

Your Finance Team

Investing Your Time and Talent to Hillside

Are you looking for more ways to get involved at Hillside? More ways to live out your faith in word and action? Have you considered serving on a leadership team?



If you would like to explore this idea, please talk to Pastor Jeremy. Our teams at church are Finance, Trustees, Staff/Parish Relations, Congregation Care, and Education. We would love to start a Worship, Missions, and Garden Team. Think about it. Pray about it. Talk about it. Your gifts, talents, and passions are wanted here!

November 2023 Sunday Service Schedule

We will worship in the sanctuary at Hillside United Methodist Church at 11 AM Sunday mornings in November. We will also offer fellowship time at 10:30 AM each Sunday. Here's what we can look forward to this month:

- November 5 – All Saints Sunday & Communion, “Unbind Them,” *John 11:39-44*
- November 12 – “Influence: Jesus and Peter,” *Acts 9:36-43*
- November 19 – Dedication Sunday, “Influence: When Prayer Moves Us,” *Acts 11:1-18*
- November 26 – “Influence: The Voice of the Church,” *Acts 15:1-35*



Evening Thanksgiving Services

Attend an evening Thanksgiving service of your choice. Offering collections at both services go for the benefit of Chum.



6 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 21:

The Community Thanksgiving Service for West Duluth will be at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6822 Grand Ave, and will give thanks in word, song, prayer, scripture and message. Six churches in West Duluth join efforts to provide this worship service.

7 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 21: The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for the Twin Ports will be at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E. 4th St. Each Thanksgiving, many Twin Ports faith communities collaborate to offer a meaningful, inclusive evening Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

Decorating Hillside UMC for Advent & Christmas



On Sunday Nov. 26, immediately following worship, we will decorate our church with greenery, and other symbols of the season: everlasting life, love, joy, hope, and peace, so our decorations proclaim: Jesus is born! God is with us! All ages are encouraged to pitch in.

A Good Cause: Are You a Baker?

Kathryn Bell, the Chaplain for the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is asking the churches in the area to help make this coming Christmas just a little bit better for the inmates at the jail. She is asking folks to please donate homemade Christmas cookies on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 9 AM– 4 PM in the jail lobby. She requests that no cookies contain nuts or coconut, please.



If you can donate some cookies, please call Kathryn at 218-725-6106 or email her at bellk@stlouiscountymn.gov with where you are from and the number of cookies you intend to bring. This would be an easy mission project for us. If anyone would like to bring donations to the church on Sunday, Dec. 10, we will see that they are delivered to the jail on Wednesday.

UGM: Winter Wear Collection

The cold weather items are piling up in the Fellowship Hall for Union Gospel Mission. Feel free to keep those donations coming for the next few months. Those without homes or in homes with little heat can use them. Bring in 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.





Food & Shelter a Priority

Many Chum volunteers give their time and energy to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Over the past 10 years, there has been a 157 percent increase in chronic homelessness coupled with disability (often mental illness or substance use disorder). So far in 2023, 53 homeless persons have died in Duluth. Safe Bay parking space in Duluth is due to close in November, so the need for winter-safe shelter space will increase for the 188 individuals living in their vehicles.



Chum's Warming Center opens Nov. 1 and seeks volunteers and staff. To volunteer, sign up online at <https://steppingonupduluth.org/volunteer-1>. To seek employment, sign up online at <https://steppingonupduluth.org/site-coordinator>. Helping hands are also needed at the Warming Center, Steve O'Neil Apartments, and St. Francis Apartments. Contact Pat Benson at 218.206.5349 or pbenson@chumduluth.org for ways to help.

Chum Events for November

The Chum Fall Assembly will be 6:30 PM on Thursday, Nov. 16 at First Lutheran Church. Hillside's Chum representative Phyllis and Warren Peterson, plan to attend. The event will include updates from Chum Executive Director John Cole and discussion of challenges and advocacy initiatives for the coming year.

Food Distribution

Hillside United Methodist Church is among many churches taking non-perishable food to the Chum Food Shelf. A number of Duluth churches are involved in food preparations and food distribution. On Second Saturdays of each month, volunteers from different congregations gather from 9 AM – Noon to cook or bake food. Some prepare meatball dinners, monthly community meals, brown-bag breakfasts or frozen meals.

CHUM Contact Information:
 Administration 218-720-6521
 CHUM Center 218-726-0153
 Food Shelf 218-727-2391
chum@chumduluth.org, www.chumduluth.org



Loaves & Fishes

What would taste better on a cool fall day than a nice bowl of chili? Well, that is what we prepared for the homeless men at Dorothy Day House on Oct. 10. We made chili, a green salad, and cookies. Also, we sent two boxes of saltine crackers, dressing for the salad, and the always needed toilet paper. Let's pray for all the homeless people as the weather turns cold, and let's hope we can continue this mission project to help at least some of the homeless men. Thanks for your support. It helps!

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Disaster Relief for Israel/Gaza

The United Methodist Committee on Relief recently said about the war in Israel and Ga-



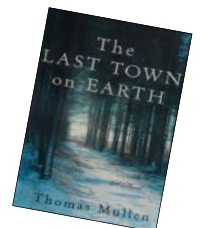
za: "We are saddened by the significant loss of life caused by the ongoing violence in the region... UMCOR is processing a grant for one humanitarian aid partner and is in communication with others to determine how best to deliver desperately needed food and emergency supplies to the many innocent victims of this crisis."

Contribute to Israel and Gaza relief efforts through Hillside UMC for the UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. In your offering to Hillside UMC, write Advance # 982450. UMCOR ensures that 100 percent of each gift is used for its intended mission or ministry.



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet at 7 PM Thursday, Nov. 2. The book of the month is "The Last Town on Earth" by Thomas Mullen. 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, and Shirley Olson.

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR OCT. 1-29
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

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| Oct. 1 | giving | \$ 2,372.84 |
| Oct. 8 | giving | \$ 2,035.00 |
| Oct. 15 | giving | \$ 660.00 |
| Oct. 22 | giving | \$ 639.00 |
| Oct. 29 | giving | \$ 503.00 |
| | Total | \$ 6,209.84 |
| | Balance | - \$ 1,967.99 |



Happy November Birthday to Hillside Friends!

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

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meetings – Oct.3, 2023

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

Carolyn opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Finance Report: Stewardship is coming up. Dedication Sunday will be November 19th. A letter, pledge card & envelope will be sent out by the 29th of October. A few words on stewardship will be said by Dave during the church services of November 5th and 12th.

Pastor's Report: An Annual Conference will be held on ZOOM November 13th. Church affiliations expire on December 31. Only the clergy and lay leaders can vote.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: Starting January 1st employees will be given one hour of sick time or family leave for every 40 hours they work.

Trustees: The load test on the elevator has been completed. The light was changed again by the back door. It is supposed to last one year but needs to be replaced every six

months. We got a permit for the elevator. The sheetrock at the top of the stairs that was damaged last winter has been repaired again. The thermostats for daylight savings time ending will need to be changed. Someone in a white car had an altercation with the postal worker who takes a break in our parking lot.

Lamplighters: No visiting has been done lately with our two shut-ins. Loaves & Fishes is going well.

Missions: A heavy box of Food was brought to the Chum Food Shelf. We are collecting warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, mittens, hats, sweaters and jackets for the United Gospel Mission for the cold weather.

Other: We are working on our 100th Anniversary celebration. Emma will not be able to be at the service on October 22nd. Pastor Jeremy will call around to find an accompanist that day. Our Ad Council meetings are changing to mornings. The next meeting will be November 1 at 10:30 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

**Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary**