



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist January 2024

WORSHIP 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

Happy New Year! The calendar change is a good chance to reflect and project. That's why we see so many lists at this time of year. It seems like everyone makes a list of the top 20 ____ of 2023 – usually things that made us happy, proud, or challenged us. Those are fun lists because they make us feel good, thinking of all the good things about the past year. On the other hand, no one makes a 'worsts' list. The New Year is a chance to sweep our worst moments away and look toward the future. It seems like that is the usual fuel for the next most popular thing in the new year: Resolutions. Resolutions are pretty simple; we don't think we did well enough at something last year, and now we will fix it.

When we put those two kinds of lists together we get: Looking back at the *Positive* and looking forward to the *Positive*. However, as followers of Jesus we need to take a minute and acknowledge the negative so we can move into the new year without bringing any baggage with us. How do we do that? *REPENTANCE*. This is the first step for anyone who makes a commitment to follow Jesus. In Matthew 3, John the Baptist is living into his name, "People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River." John knew this wasn't enough. This confession and repentance wasn't going to enable these people to follow through with their own resolutions to follow God more closely so he said, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit".

As you reflect on your relationship with Jesus over the past year, I pray you will look at the difficult areas where repentance is needed and then project into the new year with renewed determination to follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, that is where the real JOY is!

Breath Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

In the New Year:
Repentance
vs Resolutions



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Once Again

We Bring You Hillside's Baked Potato Extravaganza

We at Hillside all know that “food” is a great way to have fun while adding nourishment to our bodies and souls! With that in mind, we are planning to host a BAKED POTATO EXTRAVAGANZA following worship on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Those we have had in the past have been well received so let's do it again! As in the past we will be asking you to help out by providing one of the toppings for our baked potatoes – please watch for the list on the “sign-up bulletin board” in the fellowship hall and add



- butter
- sour cream
- chives
- broccoli flowerets
- salsa
- frozen peas (thawed)
- diced ham
- diced tomatoes
- chili
- shredded cheese
- bacon bits
- Tot the Tater

your name. We will furnish the potatoes and bake them while we are worshipping!

Some suggestions for toppings are as follows, but certainly are not limited to:

We are also asking for a few cakes for dessert. Is this enough to entice you to participate? We sure hope so – plan ahead!!

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast Monday, Jan. 15



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Join the community for the 33rd Annual MLK Breakfast from 7-9:30 AM Monday, Jan. 15, at First United Methodist Church, “The Cop-pertop,” 230 E Skyline Parkway. Eat breakfast and hear an inspiring message.

The breakfast will feature a brief local program and a community viewing of the broadcast of the program in Minneapolis (The keynote speaker is still being confirmed). The food will be served starting at 7 AM. The broadcast runs from 8-9:30 am. A freewill offering will support the United Negro College Fund which supports students of African Heritage throughout Minnesota to attend college. For more information, you can visit:

mlkbreakfast.com

The breakfast is sponsored by General Mills Foundation, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Duluth NAACP, and UMD Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

If You Have an Emergency...

Please call Pastor Jeremy on his cell at 281-825-2174. If you cannot reach him, contact Carole Hawkinson at 218-606-1236 or Carolyn Dahl at 217-727-6342. They usually know how to reach the pastor!

STEWARDSHIP: Commitment Cards Still Being Accepted

Thank you to everyone who has turned in an “estimate of financial giving commitment” card for 2024. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so as soon as you are able. It will enable us to better plan for our mission and ministry in 2024. Extra copies of the pledge card are available if you need one. Just email or call the church office.



Pick up your personalized offering envelopes in the back sanctuary entry. If you would like offering envelopes printed for you for 2023 giving, please contact the church office at 218-727-4257

January 2024 Sunday Worship Schedule

Bring in the New Year by worshipping with us 11 AM Sunday mornings at Hillside United Methodist Church. It may be cold outside, but we work hard to make our space warm with hospitality.

- January 7 – “Beloved,” *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22,*
- January 14 – “True Love,” *1 Cor. 13:1-13,*
- January 21 – “I am What I am,” *1 Cor. 15:1-1*
- January 28 – “The Linchpin,” *1 Cor. 15:12-20*



Your Missions Participation Is Generous & Much Appreciated

Thank you everyone for giving to the toy drive, making cookies for the St. Louis County Jail, warm clothes and children’s toys for Union Gospel Mission, meals for Loaves and Fishes, and the Christmas offering to the Heat Share program through the Salvation Army. You have given much!



For January, we will take a break, except for the CHUM food shelf table. You are always invited to bring a food item and place it on the CHUM table in the church’s Fellowship Hall.

DON'T GET TOWED

Winter Rules!! As snow makes the roads surrounding Hillside Church a bit narrower, we hope that you all will remember the parking rules for Duluth – Alternate Side Parking. In the winter, it’s even more critical to know when to switch to the even or odd side of the street so that snowplows can clear the streets as quickly as possible.



Instructions for Winter Parking Rules, complete with a 2024 calendar of alternate side parking schedule, are available on the City of Duluth website: duluthmn.gov/parking. Instruction and schedule fliers are located in the back church narthex.

Still Time to Give Christmas Offering for Salvation Army Heatshare Program

Our Christmas offering this year went to Salvation Army HeatShare program. Thank you to everyone who gave!



There is still time to send in a check if you wish. Just put Christmas Offering in the memo line.

God’s heart is that everyone has access to basic needs... food, water, and shelter. This is seen through the life of Jesus and through the Old Testament prophets. Salvation Army provides financial assistance to help people pay for their heating bill in the winter. This is God’s work and part of our mission here at Hillside UMC.

Keeping Us All in Prayers

We pray for Hillside’s Marge Dahl, Clareen Suomala, Bea Jacobson, and Shirley Olson. We also remember in our prayers the men and women in military service and their families.



Additionally, we pray for everyone’s physical and mental health during these winter months, as well for those affected by war or natural disasters in various parts of the world.

Coming Soon: Lent & Easter

Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter will come earlier for 2024. Ash Wednesday will be Feb. 14, which ushers in the season of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday March 24 and moves to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, culminating in Easter on March 31. Stay tuned to Livewire and Sunday Bulletin announcements for Lent, Holy Week and Easter events and activities.

Wanted: Seeking Custodian

Beginning in spring, we are looking for a custodian to work a few hours a week keeping our church clean and the lawn mowed. If you are interested in this position at Hillside Church, please see either Sandy Wilmot, Chair, Staff-Pastor Relations Committee or Carole Hawkinson, Chair, Board of Trustees.

Kiana Langdon-Larson has served in the custodian role for the past several years. She will be graduating in the spring, and we are wishing her well in her adventures following graduation.

FINANCIAL GIVING FOR DEC. 3-24 AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,177.83

Dec. 3	giving	\$ 2,640.00
Dec. 10	giving	\$ 1,235.00
Dec. 17	giving	\$ 611.00
Dec. 24	giving	\$ 414.00
Total		\$ 4,900.00
Balance		- \$ 3,277.00

Happy January Birthday to Hillside Friends!

5 Leroy Britton 26 Christian Durfee
24 Kiana Langdon-Larson 26 Jane Mavec

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.



Loaves & Fishes

The meal we prepared for the Dorothy Day house on the second Tuesday of December was a nice Christmas dinner. We baked a ham that was donated to us. We made scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes with brown sugar, and grated orange rind. The salad was Christmas coleslaw made with chopped cabbage, Craisins, chopped apple, and creamy dressing. For dessert, we sent three plates of cookies and peppermint ice cream. Accompanying the dinner were two dozen rolls, a gallon of milk, and a pound of butter. We also sent two rolls of always-needed paper towels. During this holiday season and always, remember the homeless and the hungry in your prayers.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Loaves & Fishes' Note of Thanks to Hillside UMC

All of us at Loaves & Fishes and Dorothy Day House are so grateful for the generous, delicious meals you provide us each month. Your food nourishes so many folks who are truly "feeding the hungry." We hope you have a blessed and joyful holiday!

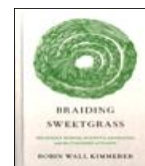
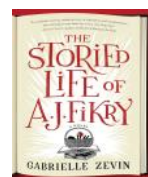
Anne & everyone at Loaves & Fishes



Hillside UMC Book Club

The Hillside UMC Book Club will meet 7 PM Thursday, Jan. 4 to discuss January's book, "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. If you want to read ahead, the February book will be "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

If you would like to join the book club or have any questions, please contact Sandra at 218-348-2712.





Chum Offers Impressive Services

Food Distribution

Services: With two emergency food shelf locations in Duluth, MN, Chum delivered over 500,000 pounds of food to those in need in 2022. This program also delivers food to those who cannot get to our locations.



Shelter: Chum’s Stabilization Services include the emergency shelter program for families and individuals, homeless street outreach, the Chum Drop-In Center, the Chum Clinic, family and individual case management, employment services, and benefits advocacy.

Housing Services: Chum offers those escaping trauma and crisis a roof over their heads and a place of their own. Chum helps families at the Steve O’Neil Apartments break cycles of homelessness. At the St. Francis Apartments, Chum provides a safe place for seniors to create a home and accomplish their goals.



Congregational Outreach, Advocacy, and Organizing:

Forty Duluth area congregations reach out, advocate, and organize for justice for those in need.

The congregations that support Chum are core to who what the organization is.

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

Chum Works Hard to Bring Warmth & Services to Homeless

November brought a notable increase in Warming Center guests, averaging 59 individuals each night – a significant rise compared to the previous year. The trend has continued into December, with nightly numbers surpassing 70 or more.

To address health concerns, Lake Superior Community Health Center and the University of Minnesota Mobile Clinic have been offering clinic hours while the Warming Center is open. St. Louis County Public Health nurses have initiated monthly COVID and flu vaccine clinics. Despite these efforts, capacity challenges loom on the horizon.

This year has witnessed 25 unaccompanied youth (under 24 years old), including two 18-year-olds seeking shelter. Chum’s Stepping On Up intern is dedicated to this demographic, fostering relationships with youth-serving agencies to expedite their transition to more suitable shelter and housing options.

A commendable team of volunteers raised over \$1800, earmarked for essential supplies like new sleeping mats. Their contributions have been immensely valued. Chum’s staff is fully equipped and has a new site coordinator who transitioned in that role from her previous role as the shelter’s wellness coordinator.

Because of the critical need to replenish the CHUM Food Shelf, please give generously by placing your food donations on the CHUM Table in our church’s Fellowship Hall. Your contributions are taken to the CHUM Food Shelf on a timely basis.

Hillside United Methodist Church

Church/Charge Conference, December 7, 2023
District Superintendent, Rev. Laurie Kantonen, presiding

Attendance: LeRoy Britton, Kathy Gajewski, Dave McKowski, Jon Hawkinson, Carole Hawkinson, Carolyn Dahl, Jim Leland, Phyllis Peterson, Warren Peterson, Jeannette Spalding, Diane Boris, Pastor Jeremy Woodley

Pastor Jeremy opened the meeting. He said what a joy it was to talk to us and was glad that we would continue to remain on the Admin. Council again next year. Then he turned the meeting over to District Superintendent, Rev. Laurie Kantonen.

The Pastoral Compensation Package was shown to those present. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Carole to approve the Pastoral Compensation Package. All in attendance approved the package.

A copy of the church leadership for 2024 was reviewed. A motion

was made by Carole and seconded by Carolyn that the Church leadership be approved. All in attendance approved.

Our Lay Servant is LeRoy Britton. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Carolyn that LeRoy be approved as our Lay Servant. All in attendance approved.

In our Inactive/Unresponsive Membership Report Lillian Talarico was listed as inactive. A motion was made by LeRoy and seconded by Dave that Lillian Talarico be removed from membership. All in attendance approved.

The 2024 Church Budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Dave that the 2024 Church Budget be approved. All in attendance approved the Budget.

The District Superintendent asked if there were any questions. Treasurer Jim Leland asked if apportionments would stay the same in 2024. She thought they would be the same but would check into it.

Pastor Jeremy asked her to talk about people who are lonely. Loneliness is at near epidemic levels in our country. She talked about entry points churches have done to get people out and socializing with other people. Talking about Jesus shouldn't start at these entry points.

The District Superintendent gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

A detailed copy of the reports will be sent with these minutes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Administrative Council Secretary

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – Dec. 6, 2023

Attendance: Diane Boris, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Pastor Jeremy, Jim Leland, Sandy Wilmot, LeRoy Britton

Carolyn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The November 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.

Stewardship Report: No Report.

Pastor's Report: We went through the Annual Reports for the Church Conference with Jere-

my. All the Ad Council Chairs were called and agreed to keep their job again next year. He enjoyed talking to the people.

Lay Leader: Kathy Gajewski is registered to be a Lay Servant.

SPRC: We are going to need a new janitor in May. We have two possibilities lined up.

Trustees: We have a new tree in the sanctuary that was an anonymous donation. The snowplowing is lined up for the winter.

Lamplighters: They visited Bea Jacobson. She is always so glad to see us. We weren't able to see Shirley. MJ doesn't drive anymore so she can't get to church.

Missions: We are collecting toys for the Union Gospel Mission. They need to be brought to the church by December 10th.

Worship: We enjoyed the Children's Sermon featuring Mr. Rogger's Neighborhood.

Other: Our next meeting will be January 3, Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary