

Livewire

Hillside United Methodist December 2024

Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

One of the things that many of us do during the holiday season between Thanksgiving and Christmas is travel. We may be visiting friends or family; near or far away. This Christmas we are blessed to have family coming to spend time with us and we can't wait to show them the beauty of the Duluth area covered in snow... unless we don't have any like last year.

To prepare for our Christmas gatherings there is much to be done. The same is true for our preparations for celebrating the birth of Jesus. That is what the season of Advent is all about; a time to focus our attention on what it means to receive Jesus into our world. Our Advent theme this year is 'Closer'. As we worship together we will journey from Jesus' existence outside our cosmos to his birth in a little out of the way town called Bethlehem.

This journey is the most important and impactful journey that has ever been undertaken and the motivation for Jesus' travels is Love. The gospel of John launches us into Advent with this image, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Join us as we move 'Closer' to Jesus this Advent!



Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley



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January 2025 Livewire deadline is Tuesday, December 24, 2024




**FINANCIAL GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 3
THROUGH NOVEMBER 24
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686**

November 3 giving	\$ 2,541.00
November 10 giving	\$ 875.00
November 17 giving	\$ 490.00
November 24 giving	\$ 815.00
Total	\$ 4,721.00
Balance	\$ - \$ 3,965.00

Happy December Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

4 Joanne Holmes	18 Amanda Pederson
8 Doug Wendland	19 Linda Tomasek
14 Christine Lindgren	31 Julie Manisto
15 Karen Bailey	31 Sue Patullo

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**

What better month of the year than November is there to be thankful for all that God has blessed us with. On November 12th, we prepared a one pan turkey meal for the men at the Dorothy Day House.

In a large pan, we put gravy, turkey, corn, Stove Top stuffing, mashed potatoes, and a lot more gravy. We also made a cranberry, pear, Jello salad with mayo mixed with Cool Whip on the top of the Jello. We sent cranberry sauce, black and green olives, and rolls too.


Diane Boris made four pumpkin pies for their dessert. Two cans of Redi Whip were the topping for the pies.

Extras this month included candy bars, toilet paper, and paper towels.

As the days are getting shorter and the nights longer and colder, always remember all the homeless and hungry people in your prayers. God is good.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Hanging the Greens at Hillside




On Sunday, **December 1st**, we will celebrate the first week of Advent with our sermon series titled "Closer." 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.

If you have an emergency... Please call Pastor Jeremy on his cell at 218-825-2174. If you cannot reach him, contact Carole Hawkinson at 218-606-1236 or Carolyn Dahl at 218-727-6342 for assistance.


Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Marge Dahl, Claren Suomala, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmeier, and Vi Lyness.



Thank you so much for your Help to Save our Lovely Windows

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated so far to the repair of our cathedral windows in the front of the church. To date we have received **\$6,880** toward our goal of \$9,465! Only \$2,285 to go!!! If you can add to this total by using your pink envelope please do so. There are more of them in the pews and on the table in the narthex if you would like to make an additional contribution. Checks can also be mailed to the church and marked for Window Repair. **THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO KEEPING OUR BUILDING SECURE AND DRY.** Please help where you can. Your Finance Committee



December 2024 Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship with us 11 AM each Sunday morning at Hillside United Methodist Church. Join us for coffee and conversation at 10:30 AM before worship. We work hard to make our space warm and hospitable for all-comers.



- **December 1** – “Closer – the Cosmos”
- **December 8** – “Closer – the East”
- **December 15** – “Closer – Nazareth”
- **December 22** – “Closer – Bethlehem”
- **December 24** – “Closer – Emmanuel”
- **December 29** – “TBA”



Monthly Donation Ideas for CHUM

CHUM has compiled a list of ideas for donations for each month of the year. The list of items for the month of December includes

Baking supplies: flour, any type of sugar, chocolate chips, Hershey’s kisses, peanut butter, almond bark, marshmallow cream, etc.



Monetary donations are always welcome at CHUM, and anything you can give is very much appreciated. And it seems they are currently in dire need of **toothpaste** at the shelter, if you’re looking for something to donate to help out!



Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church’s donation of \$230.00. Your gift has been designated for Chum’s Food Shelf.

Chum responds to the needs of the hungry, poor, homeless, and isolated, providing life-saving services to our most vulnerable neighbors. Our vision is a future where every person has food, shelter, dignity, and hope. Chum is proud to be a diverse community that celebrates together, welcomes all comers, stands in solidarity with our neighbors, demonstrates generosity, practices fellowship, and spreads love in the world.

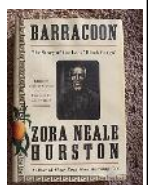
Sincerely, **Gracia Swenson Development Director**

BRING JOY TO CHILDREN WITH A GIFT FROM SANTA

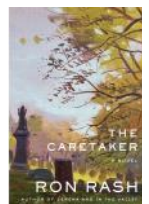
December 8th is the deadline for our drive for unwrapped toys for distribution December 13th to children who may not receive another gift. These will be taken to the Union Gospel Mission for their annual Christmas party with Santa Clause. The mission table in the Fellowship Hall will be waiting for your donation!!!



The Hillside UMC Book Club is back with the regularly scheduled Thursday evening meetings. December 5th at 7 PM They will be discussing the book **“Barracking: The Story of the Last ‘Black Cargo’”** by Zora Neale Hurston at Sandra Wilmot’s house.



If you would like to read ahead for next month, the January book will be **“The Caretaker”** by Ronald Rash. If you would like to join the Book Club or have any questions, please contact Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Thinking of Our Staff... Dear Church Family,

The holidays are coming, and we hope you would contribute to Christmas bonuses for Emma, Sue, Hayes, Brenna, and Pastor Jeremy. If so, place your contribution in your giving envelope and write “Christmas Bonus” in the “Other Offering for...” section. Please send your designated contribution by **December 15**. Thank you for supporting staff during the holidays.

THINK RED ...to help Hillside Church look more festive this year! If you willing to buy a poinsettia, just place your check (or cash) for \$10.00 per plant in an envelope. You can either drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church by **December 15th**. We will then buy them and place them around our building. The more the merrier!



Spread Sweetness and Joy to St. Louis County Jail Inmates This Season

In December we have the opportunity again to take Christmas cookies to the Federal Prison to share with the folks who are incarcerated there. Show your support and generosity of sugary goodness on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Last year we took a wonderful assortment of cookies and bars, so let's show even more love this year.

St. Louis County Jail Chaplain Kathryn Bell is asking for donations of cookies (homemade or from bakeries). Frosted cookies, chocolate chip cookies – the choice is yours. Bring your cookie donations to Hillside church by Sunday, **December 15th**.



Chaplain Bell requests that no cookies contain nuts, peanut butter, or coconut, please. The cookies will be served for Christmas parties in units at the jail. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board of the Fellowship Hall.

Chaplain Bell also wrote "The angel brought good tidings of great joy to all people with the news of Christ's birth. I do what I can to dress festive and sing my best Linda Ronstadt version of Feliz Navidad, but I am only part of the equation. Your support makes a difference as they know they are not forgotten by the world outside these walls."

WHERE
PEACE &
HOPE &
LOVE
ABIDE

FESTIVAL
OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 6:00PM

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1710 EAST SUPERIOR STREET
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

An Invitation to Singing by Candlelight

Once again, St Paul's is celebrating Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15th, at 6pm. Please join us for this festive service, which foretells the story of the birth of Jesus in scripture and song. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems. In the tradition of King's College in Cambridge, England, we present this annual event at St. Paul's, gathering by candlelight in the freshly-greened church. A festive cookie reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please attend and bring a friend.

Christmas Cookie, Craft & Vendor Fair: Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join us at the 13th Annual Norton Park United Methodist Church Christmas Cookie, Craft, and Vendor Fair! Indulge in a plate of a dozen freshly baked homemade cookies for just \$4.50. Explore a variety of handmade holiday treats, baked goods, and delicious breads. Come hungry and enjoy breakfast and lunch while you shop! It's the perfect place to stroll, eat, and find unique gifts—convenience and festive fun all in one spot! Find more information on the Norton Park Facebook page.



Still Time to Complete Giving Cards to Show your Dedication to Hillside UMC Discovering Joy through Simplicity & Generosity

Thank you to everyone who has turned in "estimate of financial giving commitment" cards for 2025. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so as soon as you are able. The commitment cards will enable us to better plan for our mission and ministry in 2025. Pledge cards are available if you need one., email or call the church office. Your offering goes toward an investment for the care and upkeep of our church building, our Sunday services, and our outreach to the community.

Hillside UMC October Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC Oct 2024	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments	\$ 617.73	\$ 5,559.57	\$ 6,177.30	\$ 9,627.00
1040 TPUMM		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ 617.73	\$ 5,634.57	\$ 6,252.30	\$ 9,702.00
Worship/Music				
2130 Pulpit Supply			\$ -	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies		\$ 91.33	\$ 91.33	\$ 200.00
2150 Copying License	\$ 165.00		\$ 165.00	\$ 158.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 580.81	\$ 5,821.13	\$ 6,401.94	\$ 7,560.00
Sub Total	\$ 745.81	\$ 5,912.46	\$ 6,658.27	\$ 8,368.00
Committees				
2300 Stewardship		\$ 19.99	\$ 19.99	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership		\$ 648.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC		\$ 15.50	\$ 15.50	\$ 250.00
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ 683.49	\$ 683.49	\$ 1,214.00
Pastor's Compensation				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,166.69	\$ 19,500.20	\$ 21,666.89	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 7,500.06	\$ 8,333.40	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 189.55	\$ 1,705.95	\$ 1,895.50	\$ 2,274.60
3070 Continuing Ed.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
3080 Personal Exp.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,189.58	\$ 28,706.21	\$ 31,895.79	\$ 38,474.60
Serving Our Congregation				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 839.19	\$ 7,198.02	\$ 8,037.21	\$ 9,936.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.	\$ 375.78	\$ 1,141.02	\$ 1,516.80	\$ 1,400.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 236.00	\$ 1,053.00	\$ 1,289.00	\$ 1,312.00
4030 Office Supplies		\$ 290.41	\$ 290.41	\$ 600.00
4040 Office Equipment	\$ 185.44	\$ 1,115.12	\$ 1,300.56	\$ 1,700.00
4050 Postage		\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 600.00
4070 Annual Conference		\$ 1,320.33	\$ 1,320.33	\$ 1,200.00
4080 Nursery Care	\$ 85.76	\$ 700.85	\$ 786.61	\$ 1,081.00
4090 Website		\$ 108.86	\$ 108.86	\$ 135.00
4095 Misc.		\$ 159.46	\$ 159.46	\$ 150.00
SubTotal	\$ 1,722.17	\$ 13,344.07	\$ 15,066.24	\$ 18,114.00
Maintaining our build				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 181.94	\$ 1,534.44	\$ 1,716.38	\$ 2,500.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.	\$ 24.57	\$ 157.28	\$ 181.85	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 953.48	\$ 6,758.47	\$ 7,711.95	\$ 11,000.00
5040 Insurance		\$ 3,010.06	\$ 3,010.06	\$ 5,200.00
5060 snow removal		\$ 702.00	\$ 702.00	\$ 5,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint		\$ 3,515.78	\$ 3,515.78	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,259.99	\$ 16,078.03	\$ 17,338.02	\$ 28,500.00
Totals	\$ 7,535.28	\$ 70,358.83	\$ 77,894.11	\$ 104,372.60
Envelopes	\$ 4,951.00	\$ 41,384.00	\$ 46,335.00	
Other income	\$ 25.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 116.00	
Total	\$ 4,976.00	\$ 41,475.00	\$ 46,451.00	
Difference			\$ (31,443.00)	

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – October 2, 2024

Hillside United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
November 6, 2024

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

Carolyn gave the opening
prayer.

The October Ad Council minutes
were reviewed. There was one
correction. Commitment
Sunday is the 4th Sunday in
November not the 3rd Sunday.
A motion was made by Carole
and seconded by Dave that the
minutes be approved. All
approved.

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

Finance Report: The letter for
stewardship is ready and will be
sent out soon.

Pastors Report: Pastor Jeremy
will be starting to give Sunday
Service at the Moose Lake UMC

the first Sunday in December.
They will have a 9:00 Sunday
service.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: We would like to give
the staff a Christmas bonus. A
motion was made by Sandy and
seconded by Carole that we ask
the congregation to donate
money for the bonuses. Motion
was approved. We will also put
this in the Livewire and Sunday
bulletins. There will be a
meeting on Sunday, November
10 to discuss raises for the staff
in 2025.

Trustees: Nothing to report on
at this time.

Lamplighters: Shirley Olson and
Vi Lyness were visited. The
shut ins were called.

Missions: We were given a list
of all the missions we support at
this time. On the list was CHUM
food shelf, school supplies for
Piedmont School in August,
warm clothes etc. for the Union
Gospel Mission in October &
November, unwrapped toys for

Union Gospel Mission in
November & December, and
cookies for the Federal Prison in
December. We need to find a
Mission Chairperson to promote
these projects.

Worship: All Saints Day was
reviewed. We will add new
things next year. There will be
three weeks of stewardship.
The third Sunday in Advent we
are going to put something
together with the kids.
Christmas Eve service is
tentatively set for 4PM.

Other: We are working on
updating our directory. We want
E-mails, Phone numbers and
addresses of the congregation.
We need to get permission to
put the phone numbers in the
directory. Our next meeting will
be December 4th at 10:30 AM.

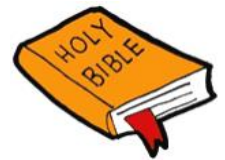
Pastor Jeremy gave the closing
prayer. The meeting was
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary

Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship

Join us for a weekly study and Fellowship **Thursdays at 10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to enjoy each other's company and to learn more about what the bible has to teach us.



Youth Ministry and Confirmation Schedule

We are excited to join with the churches of the Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries as we come together to provide programs for our youth! These events will be at Norton Park UMC from 5 to 7 pm. Here are some important dates to remember:

Sunday, December 1st: Program with a speaker from CHUM who will teach the kids about what they do there.

Saturday, December 15th: Loving One's Self and Selfless Love: "Yep, Green Eggs and Ham"

Sunday, December 29th: After Christmas Party (Swap a Gift Time), Christmas Leftovers

Focusing on relationships, sharing meals, sharing thoughts, and Growing in the Love of God and neighbors.

Check out our website! HillsideUMChurch.com