



Livewire



Hillside United Methodist January 2025

Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

We have found our way into a new year! This is the time that we tend to look back at the past year and ahead to the next. Every news outlet puts together their 'best' lists of the last year, and some of them are pretty interesting. If Hillside did a Best of 2024 List, what would ours look like? I think we would start with the people who have served the church in the past year who have kept our ministries going. Trying to name every person would be too difficult so instead we can focus on the results of their hard work. Our Trustees have met every challenge they faced this year to maintain and improve the church campus. Our Finance and SPR committees, along with the Administrative Council have met faithfully through the year making decisions that have allowed us to be good stewards of all God's gifts to Hillside UMC. The ministry committees continued efforts to reach out to our members and community with Christ's love and caring. Over the last year we were able to re-launch youth ministry for our Middle and High School students, partnering with three other area Methodist churches. 2024 set a record for Meatball Dinner profits. Hillside brought on two new staff members to replace longtime staff and we continue to be blessed with wonderful music for worship and loving care for our children who have a place to call their own each Sunday because of our wonderful staff. When we add up all the people who were served by Hillside in 2024 through Loaves and Fishes, food pantry, and other donations it is overwhelming to see how far reaching our ministry has become. Thank you to everyone who has made it all possible! I can't wait to see what Jesus has instore for us in 2025. Please join me in praying for every opportunity we will have to share our faith with the world.

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Breathe Peace,
Rev. Jeremy Woodley



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February 2025 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**



**FINANCIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 1
THROUGH DECEMBER 22
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686**

December 1 giving	\$ 2,186.00
December 8 giving	\$ 976.00
December 15 giving	\$ 605.00
December 22 giving	\$ 570.00
Total	\$ 4,337.00
Balance	\$ - \$ 4,349.00

**Happy January Birthday to
our Hillside Friends!**

5 Leroy Britton
26 Jane Mavec

26 Christian Durfee

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

For the men at the Dorothy Day House on December 10th, we prepared a Christmas Dinner. We had a ham donated so we heated that and made a large pan of scalloped potatoes and peas and carrots. The salad was "Christmas Cole Slaw." For dessert Diane made two angel food cakes and we sent Chocolate Mint ice cream. We also sent rolls, butter, and milk. As an extra treat we sent Christmas napkins and some Christmas candy. The extras this month were paper towels, toilet paper, a spray can of disinfectant, and a can of coffee. As the new year begins, be sure to include the homeless, hungry, and sick people in your prayers, and thank God for all your blessings. God is good.

Blessings from Carolyn Dahl

Dear Staff and Members of Hillside United Methodist,

It's this time of year that we especially think of and are grateful for the folks like you who nourish us with a yummy meal- month in and month out. Diane and Cliff make all of us happy when we see them arrive.

From all of us at Loaves and Fishes,
Have a blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

**STEWARDSHIP: Commitment Cards
Still Being Accepted**

Thank you to everyone who has turned in an "estimate of financial giving commitment" card for 2025. 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 2025. 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.

*Discovering Joy through
Simplicity & Generosity*



Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

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



Coming Soon: Lent & Easter

Ash Wednesday will be March 5th, which ushers in the season of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday April 13th and moves to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, culminating in Easter on April 20th. Stay tuned to Livewire and Sunday Bulletin announcements for Lent, Holy Week and Easter events and activities.

Thank you for Helping us 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 \$7,380 toward our goal of \$9,465! Only \$2,085 to go!!!



Thank you to everyone for the lovely and generous Christmas Bonus! It's a pleasure to work in such a helpful and active community. Much Appreciation, Sue Brewer

January 2025 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.

- **January 5** – “Grace and Truth”
- **January 12** – “Baptism of the Lord”
- **January 19** – “Restoration Projects”
- **January 26** – “Star Gazing is God Gazing”



Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church’s donation of \$200.00. 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

Scripture Readers Requested

Here at Hillside United Methodist Church, we enjoy the participation of our members and friends in various facets of church service. And that includes reading scripture during Sunday morning worship.



We invite adults and children to give their different voices to reading scripture passages as we learn what God wishes us to understand. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for a turn at scripture reading.

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 January includes:

Canned Goods: such as tuna, any canned meats, beef stew, etc



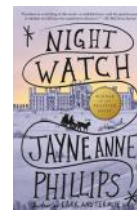
Monetary donations are always welcome at CHUM, and anything you can give is very much appreciated. And it seems they are currently in dire need of **toothpaste** at the shelter, if you’re looking for something to donate to help out!



The Hillside UMC Book Club is back with the regularly scheduled Thursday evening meetings. January 2nd at 7 PM they will be discussing “**The Caretaker**” by Ronald Rash at Sandra Wilmot’s house.

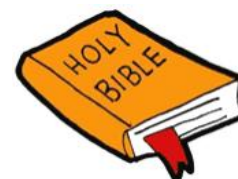


If you would like to read ahead for next month, February’s book of choice is “**Night Watch**” by Jayne Anne Phillips. If you would like to join the Book Club or have any questions, please contact Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712.



Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship

Join us for a weekly study and Fellowship **Thursdays at 10:30 AM** in 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.



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, January 19th.

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 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:

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

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

Activities Around Duluth Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

The Duluth NAACP is leading the organizing of a series of events on January 19-20, 2025 to honor and carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE - Sunday, January 19, 2025 Time and location TBD.

This service will be a modern-day expression of the Black Church tradition that nurtured the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - Monday, January 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM at First United Methodist Church - 230 E Skyline Parkway.

GATHERING AND MARCH - Monday, January 20, 2025 Time: 10:00 - 11:45

AM Location: Gather at Family Freedom Center (Washington Center Gymnasium) - Entrance between 3rd and 4th Street on 1st Ave West; We will begin on Lake Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue.



"A MORNING WITH THE FELGEMAKER" An Interactive Program for Accompanied Children

The Friends of the Felgemaker will host "A Morning with the Felgemaker" at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 West 4th St., Duluth, MN) on Saturday, January 18 from 10:00am-11:30 am. This FREE interactive program for children features Sacred Heart Music Center's historic Felgemaker pipe organ. It is geared towards younger children (K-5th grade) and is all about animals. The morning activities will include:

- Listening to humorous organ music about animals, including the famous "Carnival of the Animals" by French composer Camille Saint-Saens
- Seeing live zoo animals provided by the Lake Superior Zoo Education Department
- Creating animal drawings while listening to music
- Touring the inside of the Felgemaker organ
- Seeing up close how a pipe organ works by experiencing an Orgelkids miniature organ
- Animal crackers and juice will be served

This event is FREE. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No tickets are required.



Hillside UMC November Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC Nov 2024	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments		\$ 6,177.30	\$ 6,177.30	\$ 9,627.00
1040 TPUMM		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ 6,252.30	\$ 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	\$ 511.16	\$ 6,401.94	\$ 6,913.10	\$ 7,560.00
Sub Total	\$ 511.16	\$ 6,658.27	\$ 7,169.43	\$ 8,368.00
Committees				
2300 Stewardship	\$ 126.53	\$ 19.99	\$ 146.52	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 72.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC		\$ 15.50	\$ 15.50	\$ 250.00
Sub Total	\$ 198.53	\$ 683.49	\$ 882.02	\$ 1,214.00
Pastor's Compensation				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,166.69	\$ 21,666.89	\$ 23,833.58	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 8,333.40	\$ 9,166.74	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 189.55	\$ 1,895.50	\$ 2,085.05	\$ 2,274.60
3070 Continuing Ed.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
3080 Personal Exp.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,189.58	\$ 31,895.79	\$ 35,085.37	\$ 38,474.60
Serving Our Congregation				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 664.92	\$ 8,037.21	\$ 8,702.13	\$ 9,936.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		\$ 1,516.80	\$ 1,516.80	\$ 1,400.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 51.00	\$ 1,289.00	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,312.00
4030 Office Supplies		\$ 290.41	\$ 290.41	\$ 600.00
4040 Office Equipment		\$ 1,300.56	\$ 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	\$ 66.50	\$ 786.61	\$ 853.11	\$ 1,081.00
4090 Website		\$ 108.86	\$ 108.86	\$ 135.00
4095 Misc.		\$ 159.46	\$ 159.46	\$ 150.00
Sub Total	\$ 782.42	\$ 15,066.24	\$ 15,848.66	\$ 18,114.00
Maintaining our build				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 157.92	\$ 1,716.38	\$ 1,874.30	\$ 2,500.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.		\$ 181.85	\$ 181.85	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 564.55	\$ 7,711.95	\$ 8,276.50	\$ 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		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5090 Building Maint		\$ 3,515.78	\$ 3,515.78	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 722.47	\$ 17,338.02	\$ 18,060.49	\$ 28,500.00
Totals	\$ 5,404.16	\$ 77,894.11	\$ 83,298.27	\$ 104,372.60
Envelopes	\$ 4,721.00	\$ 46,335.00	\$ 51,056.00	
Other income	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 1,126.00	
Total	\$ 5,731.00	\$ 46,451.00	\$ 52,182.00	
Difference			\$ (31,116.00)	

Hillside United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – December 4, 2024

Hillside United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
December 3, 2024

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

Carolyn gave the opening
prayer.

The November Ad Council
minutes were reviewed. 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.
We looked at the Minnesota
Paid Leave Program sheet. We
have a couple employees who
would qualify for the paid leave
time off

Finance Report: Pledge cards
we have received so far total
\$29,040. We will have a church
conference on January 19,
2025. The 2025 Budget should
be done and approved by the Ad
Council December 15th after
church.

Pastors Report: Pastor Jeremy
talked about his new Pastor
assignment at Moose Lake
UMC.

Lay Leader: No report.
SPRC: It is suggested we give a
raise to our employees. The
accompanist would be paid
\$150 a Sunday up from \$140.
The hourly employee's salary
would be raised one dollar per
hour from \$18 per hour to \$19
per hour. A motion was made
by Sandy and seconded by
Carole that we give the
employees a raise in 2025,
accompanist from \$140 to \$150
and hourly employees \$18/hr. to
\$19/hr. Motion approved. The
Christmas bonuses for our
employees will be handed out
on Sunday, December 15th.

Trustees: A group of bridge
card players would like to rent
our building on Mondays for
\$100 per week. They will use
the building from 10:30 am to
3:30 pm each Monday They
are unable to stay in the building
they are playing in now. We
need to look into this further
before we can agree to this. We
will be paying the Compensation
for Pastor Jeremy for both
Hillside UMC & Moose Lake
UMC and Moose Lake UMC will
be reimbursing us for their
share. The Pastor
Compensation package was
revised when Pastor Jeremy
began his Sunday Services at
Moose Lake UMC.

Lamplighters: Violet Lyness was
visited at Bee Hive. Thet saw

the Mattson's at Edgewood.
Shirley Olson will be visited
shortly. They talked to MJ on
the phone.

Missions: The last day to bring
toys for the toy drive for United
Gospel Mission is Sunday. The
kids from the different Methodist
churches that meet together
handed out hot chocolate and
cookies at Bentleyville as a
mission project. The last day to
bring cookies for the jail is
December 15th.

Worship: The Advent greens
were hung the Sunday
December 1st. The projector
got cleaned. The children are
going to put on a program during
the Sunday service on
December 22nd.

Other: A new mission statement
was written up. Instead of the
current LAMP statement which
was wordy, the new one will
read – Living for Jesus.
Assisting the needy. Making
Disciples. Praising God
together. The next meeting will
be January 8th at 10:30 am.

Pastor Jeremy gave the closing
prayer. The meeting was ad-
journed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Boris,
Admin Council Secretary

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, January 5th: Creation Care Program/God and Church Lesson 5

Saturday, January 19th: Creation Care in the Kitchen/God and Church Lesson 6

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

Check out our website! HillsideUMChurch.com