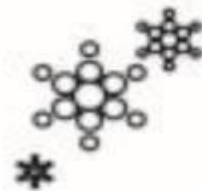




# Livewire



Hillside United Methodist February 2025

## Pastor's Message

Greetings friends,

The beginning of every new year is a busy time. This new year has been even busier as we have gone through another election cycle in our country and we see daily changes taking place as we always do in these years. In the life of our church, we have prepared for and held our annual Charge Conference to take care of some of our official 'business' of the church. During it all, and under it all there is one thing that is constant in the midst of change (and no it isn't Methodist committee meetings). As followers of Jesus there is an unchanging foundation that we stand on: the Bible!

I received a challenge from a daily devotional text that we have extended to our weekly Bible Study group here at Hillside. The challenge goes like this:

"Build your life on the one thing—the one thing that endures forever—the Word of God. It stands to reason that anything on that which endures forever will also endure forever. How does one build one's life on the one thing that endures forever—the Word of God? We have to get it out of the bindings of a book and into our lives. So how does one build one's life on the one thing that endures forever? One verse at a time. Start with a verse—a constellation of God-breathed words. Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight a verse."

I encourage you to make this a goal for 2025, to listen for the Holy Spirit to reveal a verse of the Bible that will carry you through this year. This will almost certainly mean spending time reading through your Bible. Giving it time to speak to you. For me, the verse of the year is Psalm 46:10, "He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'" What verse will the Holy Spirit bring to you? There is only one way to find out: Ask.

Breathe Peace,  
Rev. Jeremy Woodley

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March 2025 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**FINANCIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 29  
THROUGH JANUARY 26  
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686**

December 29 giving	\$ 210.00
January 5 giving	\$1,070.00
January 12 giving	\$1,550.00
January 19 giving	\$1,181.00
January 26 giving	\$1,827.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ \$5,838.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ - \$2,848.00</b>

**Youth Ministry/  
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, February 2nd:** Creation Care in the Bathroom/ God and Church Lesson 7

**Saturday, February 19th:** Creation Care in the Bathroom Part 2/United Methodist Traditions Part 1 Focusing on relationships, sharing meals, sharing thoughts, and Growing in the Love of God and neighbors.

**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.

**We're so close! Thank you for Helping us to Save our Lovely Windows**

Now that the holidays are behind us, please consider making another small donation toward the repair of the cathedral windows in the front of our building. We have already raised \$7,442 or the necessary \$9,465 but need that extra \$2023 to make the repair happen. If you can give just a bit more it will help so much.



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.

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

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 2 Jan Mattson      | 15 Barb Carlson  |
| 13 Phylis Peterson | 19 Sandra Wilmot |

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**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, we made a Chicken Noodle hot dish for the men at the Dorothy Day House. We used cut up chicken, egg noodles, cream of chicken soup, milk, frozen broccoli, and grated parmesan cheese. We also made an orange jello cottage cheese salad by mixing dry orange jello into cool whip. Then we added cottage cheese and fruit cocktail and mandarin oranges. Two dozen rolls were also included. For dessert we made two bundt cakes. We also included some Mexican extras--enchiladas, salsa, sour cream, and cheese.

The usual toilet paper and much needed paper towels also went along.

Thanks to Jane and Diane for helping make these meals, and to for Cliff and Diane who deliver all this each month.

*Blessings from Carolyn Dahl*

**Thank you from Union Gospel Mission**

Thank you for your recent donation of \$505.00 to the Union Gospel Mission. We are driven by a belief that everyone deserves food, shelter, and hope. Please thank your congregation for making a difference in the Northland.

# 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.

- **February 2** – “Call and Response”
- **February 9** – “One God, One Glory”
- **February 16** – “Repeated Praise”
- **February 23** – “God Sent”



Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church’s donation of \$100.00. 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*

## Chum Expansion Extravaganza

The Expansion Extravaganza is coming soon, and we couldn’t be more excited! This Mardi Gras-themed fundraiser will help us raise critical funds for Chum’s operating budget and expansion. If we are able to raise enough, we will be able to continue caring for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness while preparing to expand our shelter.



### Event Details:

**When:** Thursday, February 27th, at 5:00 PM

**Where:** Clyde Iron Works, 2920 W Michigan St, Duluth, MN 55806

**What to Expect:** Live music, delicious food, a silent auction, and the vibrant energy of Mardi Gras. Come dressed in your best festive attire to enjoy an unforgettable evening!

## 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 February includes:

**Macaroni and cheese, boxed dinners, ramen noodles**



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 **gloves, mittens, and warm clothing** 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. February 6th at 7 PM they will be discussing “**Night Watch**” by Jayne Anne Phillips at Sandra Wilmot’s house.



**ATTENTION: March meeting will be held February 27th.**

The next book of choice is “**The Underground Library**” by Jenifer Ryan. 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.



## IT WAS FUN AND FILLING



Our recent Baked Potato Extravaganza was so much fun – with all the twelve different toppings, and cake to finish it off! The fellowship with everyone was an added bonus to the filling large potatoes. We hope to continue this tradition and perhaps add some more easy-peasy meals for us!

## WELCOME TO A NEW CLUB MEETING AT HILLSIDE

As of February 1st a Bridge Club will be meeting in our fellowship hall every Monday. They were looking for a new home, our building was suggested we made it work! Some of their equipment will be locked up and others you may notice around the room. WELCOME BRIDGE PLAYERS.



## ALWAYS THANKFUL

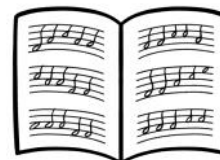


If you enter Hillside through the front doors, you may have noticed our new lanterns on each side of the doors. If you don't enter that way, take a look as you come around the building. Thanks to Jim Leland for replacing the lights.

Thanks, also, to Rick Carlson, Russ Lindgren, Scott Patullo and Wayne Wilmot for all they do, working behind the scenes, to keep our building in good repair for us to enjoy. These Trustees are invaluable to Hillside Church and please thank them when you can.

## MUSIC TO GIVE AWAY

Have you ever considered singing during our worship services? Perhaps you want a copy of a favorite anthem our former choir performed. Any other reason to want some sheet music? We have decided to clean out all the unneeded music stored in cabinets and drawers but first want to offer to anyone who might want some of it. Please see Carole Hawkinson before she starts cleaning it out.



## Fun Events Around Town in February

**Cold Front:** February 1st 12 Noon to 6 pm at Bayfront Festival Park. Celebrate the best of winter fun. Come join us at the eighth annual winter event at Bayfront Festival Park which features family-friendly activities such as sledding, s'mores, fat-bike tire demos, curling, and more. There are activities for everyone!



**Duluth Boat, Sports, Travel & RV Show** February 13th through 16th at the DECC. Not only a great event but it's indoors to keep you warm! It will be held in conjunction with the **Northland Outdoor Duluth Deer Classic** on February 14th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

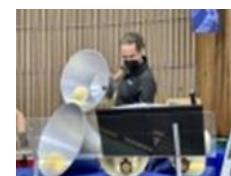
### Waging Peace with Diana Oestreich

Author, activist, and peace-maker Diana Oestreich presents reflections from her book, *Waging Peace*. Join us for this third event in the 2024-25 series "What is Peace?" Mitchell Auditorium, College of St. Scholastica 1200 Kenwood Ave., Duluth Cost: FREE

**Matinee Musicale**, Sunday February 23rd 3 PM at Pilgrim Congregational Church, presents **Marko Topchii**: Born in Kyiv, Ukraine, Marko Topchii has tallied an incredible 126 awards worldwide in international classical guitar competitions. Topchii has released three solo albums and has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Salle Cortot (Paris), Yamaha Ginza Hall (Tokyo), and Tchaikovsky Hall (Moscow).



**The Joy & Art of Handbell Ringing** 3:40pm Fri. Feb. 28th. Scholastica Library Raven Room. Have you heard of handbells? Do you know CSS has a handbell ensemble? Come learn for free about these amazing melodic percussion from Dr. Derek Bromme and maybe even play them. Contact Email: [kquarmby@css.edu](mailto:kquarmby@css.edu).



# PASTY SALE \$6.00 each

Asbury United Methodist Church will be holding a pasty sale. You need to order by **February 2nd**. This time we have someone who will pick them up for us! They will be here and can be picked up at Hillside on Sunday February 9th. SEE Carole Hawkinson to order!



## Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting – January 8, 2025

Hillside United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council Meeting  
January 8, 2025

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

Carolyn gave the opening prayer.

The December 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.

Finance Report: We approved the Compensation package for Pastor Jeremy. The motion was made by Carole & seconded by Dave that we approve the Compensation Package. Motion approved.

Pastors Report: . We reviewed the Charge Conference reports. A couple

things had to be changed. A motion was made by Carole & seconded by Sandy that the amended Conference reports be approved. Motion approved. The kids from our area churches had a get together at Best Bread in Superior during the holidays.

Lay Leader: No report.

SPRC: Sandra was pleased with the amount of money that was given for the staff bonuses for Christmas.

Trustees: A new light was put in the parking lot. The other one was tested several times and MP&L said it worked but we found it wasn't working.

Lamplighters: During the holidays we didn't do much visiting.

Missions: Toys and school supplies that were dropped off after we delivered them will be given to Union Gospel Mission to save for next year. They have a storage place for extra toys and school supplies.

Worship: Rose Schilling's funeral will be on Saturday.

Carole is looking into new candle holders for the Christmas Eve service. So many are broke. The worship committee is responsible for putting the candles together and putting a basket of candles by each row of pews. Then putting them away after the service. Dave needs a key to the church. He will be given one.

Other: The drum in the sanctuary hasn't been used for years. We will ask the Torvick's who gave it as a memorial if they would like it back. Also, the piano by the drum isn't used anymore. We received a letter from a man who wants money to go to 1st Responders School. We took no action on that.

The next meeting will be February 5 at 10:30 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris,  
Admin Council Secretary

**Check out our website! [HillsideUMChurch.com](http://HillsideUMChurch.com)**

# Hillside UMC December Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC Dec 2024	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments	\$ 1,235.46	\$ 6,177.30	\$ 7,412.76	\$ 9,627.00
1040 TPUMM		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,235.46	\$ 6,252.30	\$ 7,487.76	\$ 9,702.00
<b>Worship/Music</b>				
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	\$ 626.45	\$ 6,913.10	\$ 7,539.55	\$ 7,560.00
Sub Total	\$ 626.45	\$ 7,169.43	\$ 7,795.88	\$ 8,368.00
<b>Committees</b>				
2300 Stewardship		\$ 146.52	\$ 146.52	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 72.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 792.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC		\$ 15.50	\$ 15.50	\$ 250.00
Sub Total	\$ 72.00	\$ 882.02	\$ 954.02	\$ 1,214.00
<b>Pastor's Compensation</b>				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,808.96	\$ 23,833.58	\$ 26,642.54	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 9,166.74	\$ 10,000.08	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 196.33	\$ 2,085.05	\$ 2,281.38	\$ 2,274.60
3070 Continuing Ed.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
3080 Personal Exp.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,838.63	\$ 35,085.37	\$ 38,924.00	\$ 38,474.60
<b>Serving Our Congregation</b>				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 706.48	\$ 8,702.13	\$ 9,408.61	\$ 9,936.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		\$ 1,516.80	\$ 1,516.80	\$ 1,400.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 51.00	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,391.00	\$ 1,312.00
4030 Office Supplies	\$ 54.61	\$ 290.41	\$ 345.02	\$ 600.00
4040 Office Equipment	\$ 190.72	\$ 1,300.56	\$ 1,491.28	\$ 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	\$ 853.11	\$ 919.61	\$ 1,081.00
4090 Website	\$ 366.31	\$ 108.86	\$ 475.17	\$ 135.00
4095 Misc.		\$ 159.46	\$ 159.46	\$ 150.00
SubTotal	\$ 1,435.62	\$ 15,848.66	\$ 17,284.28	\$ 18,114.00
<b>Maintaining our build</b>				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 207.79	\$ 1,874.30	\$ 2,082.09	\$ 2,500.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.		\$ 181.85	\$ 181.85	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 806.24	\$ 8,276.50	\$ 9,082.74	\$ 11,000.00
5040 Insurance	\$ 891.00	\$ 3,010.06	\$ 3,901.06	\$ 5,200.00
5060 snow removal	\$ 82.00	\$ 702.00	\$ 784.00	\$ 5,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint		\$ 3,515.78	\$ 3,515.78	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,987.03	\$ 18,060.49	\$ 20,047.52	\$ 28,500.00
Totals	\$ 9,195.19	\$ 83,298.27	\$ 92,493.46	\$ 104,372.60
Envelopes	\$ 4,547.00	\$ 51,056.00	\$ 55,603.00	
Other income	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,126.00	\$ 1,626.00	
Total	\$ 5,047.00	\$ 52,182.00	\$ 57,229.00	
Difference			\$ (35,264.00)	