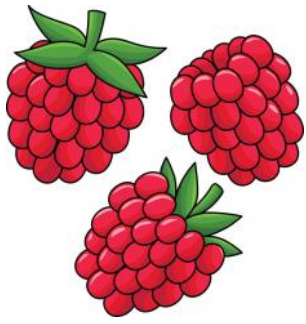




Livewire



Hillside United Methodist
August 2026

WORSHIP AT 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY

Here's what we're all about!

Sunday Worship

Worship with us at 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.



The Great 2026 Meatball Dinner SAVE THE DATE! please!!!

It's that time of year when we start to think of fall things and are glad for the summer months with which we have been blessed. It also makes us realize that our annual SWEDISH MEATBALL DINNER is just around the corner – this year on **September 14th**.

It is the wish of "The Committee" that you will be able to help make this mighty effort a success. Please plan ahead and watch the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for your opportunity to work along side your fellow members and friends to make everyone's job a bit easier – sign up for your FAVORITE thing to do and it would be great if you can help with more than one thing – we don't have as many people to help any more so do "double duty" if you can.

Thanks for your help in planning ahead. To get more details, call Carolyn 218-727-6342 or Carole 218-606-1236.



Here's how we share!

On a nice warm weekend in July, we were hosts to a group of folks from United Methodist Church in Annapolis Maryland. This was a youth group, with adults of course, who were here to do mission work within our City. Since it was so warm, and we had decided to meet in worship in the fellowship hall, our guests were kind enough to help carry things down from upstairs.

On the weekend of July 24th, a Scout Troop from Illinois stayed overnight on their way to their Council camp in Canada. We are happy to be able to give all these folks a place in which to lay their heads after a full day of travel.

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September 2026 Livewire deadline is **Tuesday August 25th, 2026**



The book club is currently on hiatus for the summer. The book club will start up again in September, and the book they will be reading then is **The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett**. For more details about anything, **contact Sandra Wilmot at 218-348-2712**.

Service Opportunities

We're always grateful to have our community members helping out around the church. We have so many opportunities for you to get involved:

-Scripture Readers -Coffee Servers -Greeters -Ushers -More

Sign up in Fellowship hall, or ask any church member! Thanks in advance!

SIGN UP SHEET

EVENT	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE

Help Out With PRAYERS: Become a Prayer Warrior

We all know how much prayer helps us at special times. Hillside has a prayer chain that we start when someone needs these special prayers but we need more of us on that "chain." Could you be a prayer warrior?

It works like this: Either Carolyn or Carole receives a call from one of you to start our prayer chain. We would call you and ask you to say a prayer for the person that needs it and then call one other person (to pass on the message). So, you would only be calling one person but more prayers are better than one person praying. Right now, we are down to six people on our prayer chain and we really want more of you to participate.

If you are willing, please call: **Carolyn** at 218-727-6342 or **Carole** at 218-606-1236.

Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Clareen Suomala, Shirley Olson, MJ Kuhlmeier, Vi Lyness, Bill Palusky, Don Harriss, and Ron and Jan Mattson.



Service Project Opportunity for Piedmont Elementary

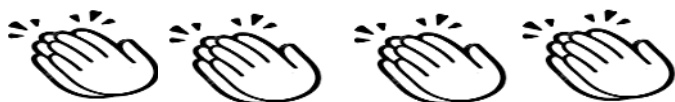
SCHOOL IS OUT BUT NOT FOR LONG!

For several years, we helped the teachers and parents, and children at Piedmont Elementary by supplying the necessary items needed on a daily basis for the children to do their work.

As the summer sales begin on school supplies, please keep in mind any donations you can make. Please bring your donations to church and leave them on the designated table in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting school supplies through August 17th for Piedmont Elementary School such as:

backpacks, boxes of crayons, markers, composition books, spiral notebooks, plastic and regular folders, glue sticks, bottles of glue, rulers, pocket-size facial tissue packets and boxes of Kleenex, markers, pencils, plastic pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, colored pencils, scissors, dry erase markers, highlighters, watercolor sets, and more.

Thank you for your generosity helping children as they return to school well supplied!



Thank you!

Thank you to all those who quietly give their time, effort, and skills to our church and our community.



FINANCIAL GIVING JULY 26 TO JULY 26 2026.
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686

Total Received	\$3,928.00
Balance	- \$4,758.00

Happy August Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

4 Zoie Pederson	22 Carole Hawkinson
11 Cindy Giuiani	24 Ginny Tibodeau
17 Todd Manisto	25 Jon Peterson
21 Kathie Gajewski	25 Ellie Pederson

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.





A Thank you Note from Chum

Thank you for Hillside United Methodist Church's donation of \$200.00. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents.

Our vision is a future where every person has food, shelter, dignity, and hope; where racial disparities are eliminated; and where everyone lives in a just and compassionate community.

In uncertain times, your support shines even brighter. Every donation to Chum is a powerful act of compassion - helping our neighbors find shelter, food, stability and dignity when they need it most. Your generosity ensures we can continue walking alongside those in crisis.

Thank you for standing with us. Sincerely, Gracia Swenson, Donor Relations Manager

Chum is people of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community

Chum Had an Amazing Turnout for the Rhubarb Fest for 2026!

On June 27th, our community came together for the 21st Annual Chum Rhubarb Festival — and once again, it was remarkable. And, with complete honesty: none of it happens without the people who show up, year after year, to make it happen. The 2026 Rhubarb Festival was a super success! We had 3,400 attendees and raised \$79,000. If you attended the festival, you may have seen the stickers on the food products that listed the impact of your purchase. The funds from a rhubarb crisp, for instance, provided a person with hygiene supplies for two weeks, and a jar of jelly provided a week's worth of first aid and wound care for someone staying in our shelter. You can imagine, then, the impact of \$79,000. And we could not do it without you. It is thanks to your support, volunteering, baking, encouraging, attending, sharing the word, and so much more that we were able to host this festival.



Loaves & Fishes

For Loaves & Fishes in July, Cliff & I made spaghetti & meatballs with garlic bread & a garden salad. For dessert I made a cake & with ice cream. Extras sent were parmesan cheese, salad dressing, coffee, sugar, butter, vegetable oil and toilet paper. We brought the meal to the Dorothy Day house. They are always glad to get a prepared meal. *Diane Boris*

Thursday Bible Study & Fellowship is taking a break for the summer.

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 **August** includes: **hot or cold cereal, breakfast foods.**



Monetary donations are always welcome, and anything you can give is very much appreciated.



Items to Donate

Warm socks are always needed. Please drop off new or used men's and or women's socks at the church. Other items that are in great need right now include gloves, sleeping bags, and hand warmers for those who are living outside as the weather is so cold. Some of the other items in high demand are personal hygiene items. These items can also be dropped off at church or **you can drop items off at 21 W 1st street (ring bell).** Please let me know if I can be of help in any way at 218-390-6308. Thank you, Phyllis.

Western Garden Tour & Continental Breakfast: Saturday August 1, 2026

Norton Park UMC is hosting this Garden tour and Continental Breakfast. The breakfast is from 9 to 11 am, with homemade muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. You will have the opportunity to "Ask A Master Gardner," as well as check out the garden and craft items for sale. This is a self guided garden tour that starts at 9 am and is open until 2 pm. Cost is \$10 at the door and there are no presale tickets. For more information, call Kathy at (218) 590-1964. This is a rain or shine event!



Jumpin' Jehosafats: At Hope UMC August 18th @ 7 PM

Mark Your Calendar! For a guaranteed toe-tappin' time, Hope UMC is hosting the renowned **Jumpin' Jehosafats** for an outdoor parking lot concert! They have been blending traditional jazz and gospel music for more than 40 years, raising money for charity and lifting spirits. The band consists of clergy members, pastors, and church musicians from across the region. This is a free-will offering to support local families.



ISD 709 Unity in our Community

Duluth Public Schools Unity In Our Community 2026 back-to-school event will be held at Bayfront Festival Park on Monday, Aug. 24 from 4-7 p.m. At this event we have booths, speakers, school and community groups performing on stage, fun activities for kids, and so much more.

Join us for a free 1-mile Fun Run hosted by Grandma's Marathon and Duluth Community Education! Registration is now open!

With your support, we are confident that this event will be successful and help bring us all together as one city and one district. For further information please contact Camryn Joki at camryn.joki@isd709.org and Shalon Monroe at



Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival - August 21st & 22nd

It's the 16th Annual Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival!

This unique event will take place at Barkers Island in Superior, WI. The festival opening ceremonies and wakening the dragon will start at 6 pm with live music to follow until 11 pm. Races will occur all day on Saturday with closing ceremonies to follow. Enjoy watching the races and there will also be live music, dancing, fantastic food, and other entertainment! Get your oars out and race on over to this weekend long event!



The Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival (LSDBF) is organized, operated and staffed by Rotary Club of Superior for the good of our community. These members who are local residents of the Twin Ports area have created this family fun event to better the community and experiences of the people within it. Since 2002, LSDBF has raised over \$1.3 million to support charitable organizations in the Twin Ports. For more information and a schedule of events, Look up Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival on line!

Bayfront Blues Festival 2026

The 37th annual Bayfront Blues Festival (widely known as the premier blues event in Duluth) takes place from August 14 to August 16, 2026, at Bayfront Festival Park. The outdoor music event features 17 blues and blues/rock acts.

For 37 years, the Bayfront Blues Festival has stood at the forefront of the blues and blues-rock scene, presenting legendary performers and rising stars on our iconic waterfront stage. From Buddy Guy and Luther Allison to Little Richard and Los Lobos. From Susan Tedeschi and Koko Taylor to Wilson Pickett, Leon Russell, Dickey Betts and Solomon Burke, more than 500 artists have appeared on our stage.



If you have an emergency...

Please contact **Carole Hawkinson** at 218-606-1236 or **Carolyn Dahl** at 218-727-6342 for assistance.

Flock Artfest will take over Bayfront Festival Park on August 21 and 22

Flock Artfest will take over Bayfront Festival Park on August 21 and 22, bringing a vibrant weekend of art, creativity, and community to the shores of Lake Superior.

The two-day festival invites attendees to browse original work from a wide range of talented artists, watch live art being created, and take part in hands-on art classes and interactive experiences. Families are encouraged to attend, with activities for all ages, including a dedicated Kid Artist Tent designed to inspire young creatives.

In addition to the art, guests can enjoy a variety of food trucks, beverages, and beer and wine offerings available throughout the event, making it easy to settle in and enjoy the waterfront atmosphere.

Flock Artfest runs Friday from 12:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Whether discovering a new favorite artist, creating something by hand, or simply soaking up the creative energy, there is something for everyone at Flock Artfest. Check it out on line.



Kids, Cops & Cars

Kids, Cops, and Cars will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2026 from 11 - 2 at Bayfront! This event showcases multiple law enforcement and first responder vehicles that will be there to explore and play in. There will also be K-9 demonstrations, tug-of-war, ice cream treats, and other activities! We can't wait for next years event!



Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting – July 2026

Hillside United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
July 7, 2026

Attendance: Diane Boris, Jim Leland, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Dave McKowski, Sandy Wilmot, LeRoy Britton

Carolyn Opened the meeting with a prayer.

The June Ad Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by LeRoy that the minutes be approved. All approved.

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

Finance Report: Nothing to report on

Lay Leader: The General Conference will be in Minneapolis in two years. The love offering given by Hillside UMC was \$220. LeRoy wants to attend speaker

training the first 3 Saturdays in November. It will be online.

SPRC: We no longer have a nursery attendant. We gave a gift to the nursery attendant and Pastor Jeremy.

Trustees: The windows in the back hall have moisture in them. We need to see if there is a leak in them. The lightbulbs were changed in the back pillar.

Lamplighters: People haven't been called on since May. Bill Palusky is going to Diamond Willow. Jeff Thibideau had his hip replaced yesterday.

Missions: The giving to the chum food is low this month. Loaves & Fishes is going well. They always appreciate the meal they receive.

Worship: A Sunday and quarter time pastor can't be found.

Other: Pastor Jeremy's name

needs to be taken off the sign. Regarding the future of Hillside UMC. The income is very low. We can possibly stay open less than 6 months due to financial difficulty. We need to talk to the District Superintendent on how to close. A motion was made by Carole and 2nd by Sandy that the Admin Council Board meet with the Conference Superintendent on what the next step is to close. All approved the motion. Carolyn will contact the superintendent to arrange a date. We are still going ahead at this time for our meatball dinner in September.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be August 4, at 9:30 AM

Sandy gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris
Ad Council Secretary

Hillside UMC June 2026 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC June 2026	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments		\$ 2,421.92	\$ 2,421.92	\$ 9,436.00
1040 TPUMM		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ -	\$ 2,496.92	\$ 2,496.92	\$ 9,511.00
Worship/Music				
2130 Pulpit Supply			\$ -	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies		\$ 183.93	\$ 183.93	\$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			\$ -	\$ 170.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 678.87	\$ 3,392.36	\$ 4,071.23	\$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 678.87	\$ 3,576.29	\$ 4,255.16	\$ 9,020.00
Committees				
2300 Stewardship			\$ -	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$ 144.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			\$ -	\$ 150.00
Sub Total	\$ 144.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 1,114.00
Pastor's Compensation				
3010 Salary	\$ 2,166.68	\$ 10,899.10	\$ 13,065.78	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$ 833.34	\$ 4,158.36	\$ 4,991.70	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$ 157.50	\$ 787.50	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,890.00
3070 Continuing Ed.	\$ 21.06	\$ 36.87	\$ 57.93	\$ 350.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage		\$ 490.60	\$ 490.60	\$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,178.58	\$ 16,372.43	\$ 19,551.01	\$ 41,045.00
Serving Our Congregation				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 491.31	\$ 3,777.74	\$ 4,269.05	\$ 9,100.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		\$ 854.93	\$ 854.93	\$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 61.00	\$ 739.50	\$ 800.50	\$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies	\$ 9.10	\$ 102.69	\$ 111.79	\$ 500.00
4040 Office Equipment	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 1,000.00
4050 Postage	\$ 24.40	\$ 162.56	\$ 186.96	\$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference	\$ 161.82	\$ 735.94	\$ 897.76	\$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	\$ 87.73	\$ 368.30	\$ 456.03	\$ 1,100.00
4090 Website		\$ 141.53	\$ 141.53	\$ 300.00
4095 Misc.			\$ -	\$ 100.00
SubTotal	\$ 943.36	\$ 6,991.19	\$ 7,934.55	\$ 16,850.00
Maintaining our build				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 298.30	\$ 1,285.79	\$ 1,584.09	\$ 3,600.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.	\$ 38.48	\$ 16.28	\$ 54.76	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 699.97	\$ 4,943.81	\$ 5,643.78	\$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance	\$ 1,181.50	\$ 1,758.82	\$ 2,940.32	\$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal		\$ 1,722.00	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 4,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint			\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
5090 BuildingMaint		\$ 130.45	\$ 130.45	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 2,218.25	\$ 9,857.15	\$ 12,075.40	\$ 26,740.00
Totals	\$ 7,163.06	\$ 39,653.98	\$ 46,817.04	\$ 104,280.00

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