



Livewire

Hillside United Methodist
October 2026

WORSHIP AT 11 AM EVERY SUNDAY



Thinking about Fall by Rev Jan Barker

One of the things I link the season of Fall with is hospitality. From beginning to end, a common theme of Fall is being thankful for what we have and to be ready to share in the bounty. The days are getting shorter and the nights a little longer and the smell of pumpkin spice fills the air everywhere we go. And we prepare ourselves for the first of those Fall festival days — **Halloween**.

Halloween hasn't always been a sugar-charged trick or treat free-for-all. It actually traces back to the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced SAH-win) and was a threshold festival, when the boundary between this world and the Otherworld blurred, making contact with 'spirits' or 'fairies' more likely. At Samhain, the spirits were appeased with offerings of food and drink to ensure the people and livestock survived the winter. Fall and Halloween make me think about Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:37-40 about when he would come again and separate the sheep from the goats. What this whole teaching is about is hospitality. Jesus said, "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and gave you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.' Just like the fairies coming during Samhain or the children for Halloween night or someone new to the neighborhood coming to introduce themselves, all they are seeking is hospitality. Christ is all around us, even in the little devil or the zombie or the clown on your doorstep Halloween night. It's our job always to be the hands and heart of Jesus Christ and show what Christian hospitality really is. You never know. It could be Jesus knocking at the door. Yours In Christ, Rev Jan

YOU ARE INVITED and we certainly hope you will be able to attend!!!

On Sunday October 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and in the fellowship hall, you will be able to hear a short presentation on the closing of our church. What, why and how will be addressed and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions for the plan going forward. **TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED!!**



Please plan to attend this important meeting. Our Committee is made up of members of the Administrative Council – please feel free to contact any one of us: **Carolyn Dahl – Chair, Rev. Jan Barker, Jim Leland – Treasurer, Dave McKowski – Finance, Diane Boris – Recording Secretary, Sandy Wilmot – Staff Parish Relations, Carole Hawkinson - Trustees.**

The Great 2026 Meatball Dinner Update!

A very special thank you to all who had any part in making this fundraiser such a success. This is as much a fellowship time as it is a fundraiser, so I hope you are proud of yourselves and had fun as we raised over **\$3,543** to help heat our building and pay for other utilities through the coming winter months. Since this was our last meatball dinner, my thanks to our planning committee for many years we have been providing this Swedish Meatball Dinner, and to each of you who have been so helpful over the years we have doing this. Carole Hawkinson



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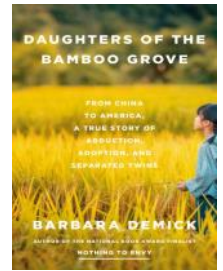
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November 2026 Livewire deadline is **Thursday October 22nd. 2026**

BOOKCLUB

The book club is back in full swing! The book club will meet on **Thursday, October 1st** and the book they will be reading is **Daughters of the Bamboo Grove: From China to America, a true story of Abduction, Adoption, and Separated Twins** by Barbara Demick. If you would like to read ahead, the November book will be **Mad Mabel** by Sally Hepworth. For more details about anything, contact **Sandra Wilmot** at 218-348-2712.



Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes has come to an end. They were given two frozen pans of Lasagna on the 8th of September and on the 15th, we brought the leftovers from the Meatball Dinner. **Diane Boris**

World Communion Sunday October 4th

October 4, 2026 will be a special day of worship! We will be recognizing the unity and interconnectedness of all Christians all over the world by gathering around the communion table for World Communion Sunday. It's especially important that we celebrate our commonalities in a time when there are so many things that divide us. Hope you can join us to take communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ who are part of Hillside UMC with you.



Please Keep Us in Your Prayers

Clareen Suomala, Vi Lyness, Bill Palusky, and Ron and Jan Mattson.



Join us at 10:30 Thursdays for Bible Study & Fellowship.



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 **October** includes: **Cooking oil, PAM, salad dressing, condiments.**



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

Thank you!

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



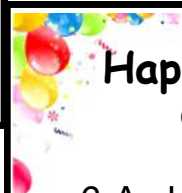
FINANCIAL GIVING AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2026.
AMOUNT NEEDED PER MONTH \$8,686

Total Received	\$4,234.00
Balance	– \$4,452.00



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.



Happy October Birthday to our Hillside Friends!

6 Andrea Wilmot	20 Warren Peterson
9 Pat Merrier	28 Dawn 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.



MISSION PROJECT FOR OCTOBER

Again we will be collecting warm clothes, etc. for the Gospel Mission and those folks who need them the most. You can start bringing anything you think may help to keep people warm and put them on the designated table in the fellowship hall at Hillside. Think sweaters and sweatshirts, jackets, hats and mittens, socks and boots, blankets and sleeping bags or any other things you can think of. Let's fill the table!!

WINTER CLOTHES



Asbury UMC Is Cooking! Give them a call to pre-order some tasty treats! 218-624-0061

We all know how much Asbury folks love to share their baked goods, but they're on fire this month!

1. **Apple Pie Sale:** Pick up dates are October 2nd, 10 to 11, or October 10, 9 to Noon! \$16 each.
2. **Fall Pantry:** Freshly fried donuts, pasties, pickles, jams, jellies, cookies, breads, baked goods, crafts and knit items, a Mini Rummage Sale with books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, games, and more! 9 to Noon.
3. **Fall Pantry Donut Sale:** October 10 from 9 to Noon. \$7 a dozen. Order by October 8th.
4. **Silent Auction:** During the event on October 10, they are also holding a Silent Auction!



CUSTODIAL HELP

Our custodian has resigned to go back to school so our building is in need of a person to fill this position. It is for three hours per week and pays \$18.00 per hour. If you are interested, please see Sandy Wilmot or Carole Hawkinson.

In the meantime, we need to keep the place presentable!! One person has volunteered to clean the toilets and sinks in the bathrooms. Another empties the wastebaskets. If you are able to vacuum one floor or do some dusting please let Carole know 218-606-1236. Many hands make the work be accomplished and in good time. We don't want our building to look messy!!



Hillside United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting – September 2026

Hillside United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
September 1, 2026

Attendance: Diane Boris, Jim Leland, Carolyn Dahl, Carole Hawkinson, Sandy Wilmot, Pastor Jan Barker

Carolyn Opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. The \$16,596.92 for apportionments that we have held in escrow will be sent to the conference.

Finance Report: No report.

Lay Leader: No report.

Pastor's Report: LeRoy will be doing the Sunday service the 1st

Sunday in September. A new person that has been coming to church, who is a Lay Leader, will be asked to do the Sunday service the 2nd Sunday in October. We don't know much about closing the church yet.

SPRC: The Janitor will be ending his job probably at the end of August. We need to have someone to clean the church. We will see if anyone knows of someone who would like to do this for a while and earn some extra money.

Trustees: Mathew, a boy scout would like to do his Eagle Scout project at our church. He needs to know what we could need. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Jim that we have Carole coordinate with the Eagle Scout person. All approved.

Lamplighters: No one was visited in August. After the meatball dinner they will try to visit again. The shut-ins are Bill Palusky, Ginnie Thibideau, Vi

Lyness & Linda Tomazak. Missions: Loaves & Fishes is coming to an end. They will be given two frozen pans of Lasagna on the 8th of September and on the 15th they will be brought the leftovers from the Meatball Dinner. That will be the end of our mission with Loaves & Fishes. We will send Union Gospel Mission hats & mittens this year. Our Thanksgiving offering will go to the Bob Tavani House, the same place we sent our offering to last year.

Worship: Worship is going well. Pastor Jan Barker has agreed to do the Sunday worship for a few months.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 6, 9:30 AM

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Boris
Ad Council Secretary

If you have an emergency...

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

Hillside UMC August 2026 Treasurer's Report

Hillside UMC Aug 2026	Current Mth	YTD last mth	New YTD	Budget
1000 Apportionments	2421.92	\$ 2421.92	\$ 4843.84	\$ 9,436.00
1040 TPUMM		\$	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Sub Total	\$ 2421.92	\$	\$ 4918.84	\$ 9,511.00
Worship/Music				
2130 Pulpit Supply	716.00	675.00	\$ 1391.00	\$ 450.00
2140 Worship Supplies		\$	\$ 183.93	\$ 300.00
2150 Copying License			\$	\$ 170.00
2180 Accompanist	\$ 415.57	\$ 4938.26	\$ 5353.83	\$ 8,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1131.57	\$	\$ 6928.76	\$ 9,020.00
Committees				
2300 Stewardship			\$	\$ 100.00
2400 Bree/ Membership	\$	\$	\$ 576.00	\$ 864.00
2900 SPRC			\$	\$ 150.00
Sub Total	\$	\$	\$ 576.00	\$ 1,114.00
Pastor's Compensation				
3010 Salary	\$	\$	\$ 14089.12	\$ 26,000.00
3020 Housing	\$	\$	\$ 5408.37	\$ 10,000.00
3030 Pension	\$	\$	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,890.00
3070 Continuing Ed.	\$	\$	\$ 57.93	\$ 350.00
3080 Personal Exp./Mileage	\$	\$	\$ 867.60	\$ 2,805.00
Sub Total	\$	\$	\$ 21368.02	\$ 41,045.00
Serving Our Congregation				
4010 Administrative Assist	\$ 614.13	\$ 5046.73	\$ 5660.86	\$ 9,100.00
4020 Staff Social Sec.		\$	\$ 1270.39	\$ 1,600.00
4025 Payroll Proc.	\$ 61.00	\$ 1061.50	\$ 1122.50	\$ 1,350.00
4030 Office Supplies	\$	\$	\$ 111.79	\$ 500.00
4040 Office Equipment	\$	\$	\$ 216.00	\$ 1,000.00
4050 Postage	\$	\$	\$ 186.96	\$ 500.00
4070 Annual Conference	\$	\$	\$ 897.76	\$ 1,300.00
4080 Child Care	\$	\$	\$ 510.03	\$ 1,100.00
4090 Website	\$	\$	\$ 141.53	\$ 300.00
4095 Misc.	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00
SubTotal	\$ 695.13	\$	\$ 10137.82	\$ 16,850.00
Maintaining our build				
5010 Custodian's Salary	\$ 201.78	\$ 1863.00	\$ 2064.78	\$ 3,600.00
5020 Custodian's Sup.	\$	\$	\$ 54.76	\$ 200.00
5030 Utilities	\$ 592.46	\$ 6295.28	\$ 6887.74	\$ 9,340.00
5040 Insurance	\$	\$	\$ 2940.32	\$ 5,000.00
5060 snow removal	\$	\$	\$ 1722.00	\$ 4,000.00
5080 Elevator Maint	440.00	\$	\$ 440.00	\$ 1,500.00
5090 Building Maint	\$	\$	\$ 130.45	\$ 3,100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1234.24	\$	\$ 14240.05	\$ 26,740.00
Totals	\$ 5482.86	\$	\$ 58169.49	\$ 104,280.00

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