

Hebron United Methodist Church
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***In-person worship remains suspended until further notice.
Our online worship services are available at www.hebronmethodist.org***

The Pastor Ponders...

...Is patience possible?

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5: 22 - 23

Two significant things happened yesterday.

- 1) I met with Hebron's Health Team which is tasked with determining when and how HUMC will return to in-person meetings and worship.
- 2). Entities in Wisconsin and Illinois began discouraging travel (and encouraging consequences) over our mutual state line due to COVID concerns, which impacts many of us as we have friends, family, and employment on both sides of the border.

As I pondered these topics, I remembered an article that I read a few months ago by Brett McCracken. In his article, he cited a few scripture passages.

Building Committee Update

The church building project is well underway with the renovated Wesley Room roof complete and waiting for the arrival of the previously ordered "Granite-Ridge Timberwood" metal shingles from Boral Steel by way of ABC Supply Company in Crystal Lake. Once the materials are delivered (10-14 days) the contractor will begin roofing. After the roof is installed the work of insulating, followed by the drywall in the sanctuary, can begin. It is reasonable to believe this work could be done by mid to late September. As was reported at the August 2nd Church Council meeting the estimated cost of roofing the entire building is \$36,000. The contracted cost of insulation and dry-wall is \$9,500. If this is completed in September the capital fund balance on 9/31 will be over \$38,000 which should be enough to complete the remainder of the project, i.e., entry way doors, paint sanctuary, electrical, flooring.

The next Building Committee meeting will be in September.

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

McCracken observes that, "Patience is one of the rarest virtues in today's insta-everything world. And yet patience has rarely been more needed, as many of us are antsy to break free of "stay home" isolation and get back to normalcy as soon as possible. To be sure, it is good and right to be eager to gather again as churches. We should take Hebrews 10:25 seriously when it says we ought not neglect meeting together."

He goes on to say, "That day will come. But we should be careful to not rush it. We should be careful to not go faster than governments allow, or faster than those in our community can understand. We should be patient with a timeline that might be slower than we'd prefer; patient with a reopening process that will doubtless be clunky; patient with leaders feeling the pressure of this complex situation; and patient with one another as we figure out the new normal. Those who are not comfortable with physical gatherings should be patient with those who are, and vice versa. As hard as it will be to practice patience, remember that in the scheme of eternity this season—whether it's months long or years—will be but a blip."

McCracken concludes his article with a quote from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4: 1-3.

So often we find ourselves asking the Lord to give us patience. Rarely does God just drop it into our beings. Instead, God gives us plenty of opportunities to practice, practice, practice, until we get it. In other words, with God's help, and some work on our part, patience is possible.

Blessings to you this day.
Pastor Char



N.O.W. - Nurture

Since our last newsletter we have had to say good-bye to Pastor Jim, Char and Mary Beth. The car parade we had past Pastor Jim's house was fun - thank you Stephanie for organizing it. I'm sure the neighbors thought we were either crazy or just plain noisy!

On July 26th we had the opportunity to welcomed Pastor Char and her husband Glen via a virtual Café on Zoom. We are looking forward to the day when we can greet both of them face to face.

In the near future we will be putting together a new Directory of church members and constituents. There hasn't been an updated Directory since 2013 and many changes have taken place since then. We're looking forward to creating the new and improved Directory!

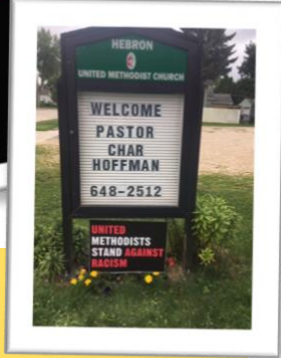
With all that is going on in the world today we need to be kind to one another and show God's love to EVERYONE!!!

Shirlee and Alberta
Co-Chairs of Nurture





N.O.W. - Outreach



A new sign, “United Methodists Stand Against Racism”, can now be found under our regular Church sign. Though it is small, it is a reminder for all of us to remember our baptismal vow to “accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.”

We at HUMC denounce racism and commit to working for racial justice through pray and self-reflection, education, outreach, and action.

More information about the United Methodist Church’s antiracism campaign can be found here: <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/advocating-for-justice/racial-justice/united-against-racism>

Kate Johnson, Outreach co-chair

N.O.W. - Witness

Evangelism doesn't need be scary

Let's be honest. Lots of church members rather go to the dentist for a root canal than invite friends to come to in-person church. It's hard. It's awkward. But it occurs to us that we have a great, no sweat solution to the jitters we feel over that “E” word – evangelism. It's social media! Now that we are posting weekly worship services on our website and U-Tube we can share with our on-line friends just how much we love our church. Posting the service on your social media is comfortable and it takes away the stress of those one-on-one "won't you visit our church" chats. And it's also great for your social media people who click the links, especially for those who do not normally attend church. Your social contacts can explore their faith without the fears associated with visiting a church in person for the first time. So...we'd like to encourage you to make our virtual worship experience available on all your social media. Post the service and briefly add a personal note of how the sermon or some other part of worship touched you or helped you. Your note doesn't need to be lengthy to touch someone. Our friends over at United Methodist Communications suggest that this type of evangelism (there's that E word again) reaches far more people than you possibly could in one-on-one conversations. Won't you be a Hebron Witness Warrior?

David Dickey, Witness Co-Chair

HUMC KIDS

September 13 will be Rally Day for our 2020-2021 Sunday School year! We know that many things are uncertain with regard, and we are planning for both virtual and in-person elements for our celebration. This fall, Stephanie and Kate have decided to use Cokesbury’s virtual Sunday School program to allow flexibility depending on the comfort level of the family. Stay tuned for more information and updates as we get closer to September 13th!

Kate Johnson & Stephanie Claussen, Sunday School Teachers

With Deepest Sympathy...

David W. Moore

David W. Moore, 66, of Hebron died Monday, July 27, 2020 at JourneyCare in Barrington, IL, surrounded by family.



David (Dave) was born September 23, 1953 in Chicago, IL to Wayne and Frances (Russo) Moore. He married Margie Johnson on July 24, 1976.

Dave was the eldest of six children and he and his family lived in many areas of the Chicago suburbs before moving to Solon Mills when Dave was 16 years old. During his high school years he was an avid swimmer and diver. After high school, he attended McHenry County College for one year, where he met Margie, in volleyball class. After they were married, they moved to Florida and Dave attended the Florida Institute of Technology. He studied Oceanographic Technology and completed hundreds of scuba dives throughout Florida and the Caribbean. After graduating, Dave and Margie moved back to the Midwest and settled in Hebron, IL to welcome three children; Deidre, Luke and Nick.

Dave shifted his focus to chemistry and spent the majority of his career working for ANGUS Chemical/DOW in Buffalo Grove, IL. He started his career as a chemical technician and retired as an engineer. His creativity and knack for solving difficult technical problems was widely recognized. Many new products and processes started with his imagination and ended up as commercial products. His work also took him to Germany and Louisiana many times, to oversee the scale up processes. Along the way he built lasting friendships with his colleagues and was nicknamed "The Professor" due to his calm nature and knowledge on every subject.

Dave was a lover of adventure and traveled to 20 countries during his lifetime, but found the most happiness in the country on the family farm where he lived for 28 years. He loved problem solving and fixing things, sports and fantasy football, the Bears, fishing, animals, a rare steak and a cold Guinness. He was an incredibly devoted father who would do anything for his three children in his 39 years as a parent. He loved his family most of all and celebrated his 44th wedding anniversary three days before his passing.

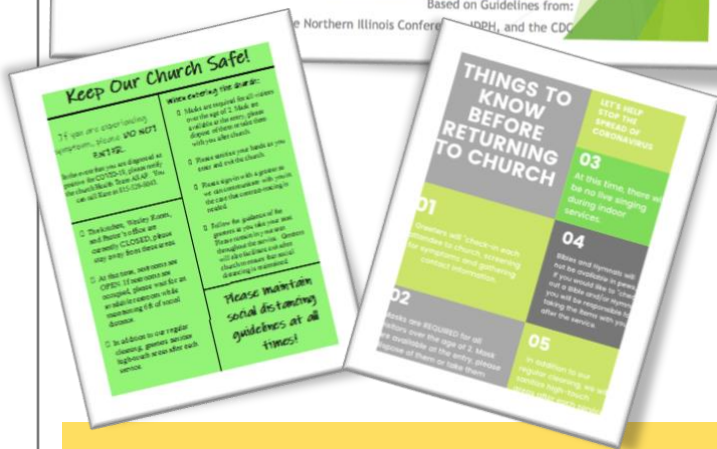
Survivors include his wife Margie, three children, Deidre (Lucas) Moore, Luke Moore and Nick (Shannon) Moore; two grandchildren Natalia and Anastasia Moore; and five siblings Doug Moore, Greg (Carolyn) Moore, Rick (Karen) Moore, Sandy (Bill) Formella and Debra Wightman and many dear nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother-in-law, David Wightman and sister-in-law, Jackie Moore.

Due to the current COVID19 restrictions, the family will be holding a private funeral service at the Hebron United Methodist Church on August 8. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Dave's name to the Hebron United Methodist Church, 9811 Main Street, Hebron, IL 60034.

Hebron United Methodist Church ReTurn to Church Plan



Based on Guidelines from:
the Northern Illinois Conference, IDPH, and the CDC



Happy Birthday!

Chaylee Klemesrud 8/2

Jonathan Claussen 8/4

Stephanie Claussen 8/7

Juanita Bailey 8/21

Bob Claussen 8/24

Margie Moore 8/26

Denise Staten 8/26

Bill Elverman 8/28

Dr Dan Staten 8/29

Dorothy Peterson 8/29

Happy Anniversary!

Ray & Myrna Hoeft 8/20

HEALTH TEAM (Re-Opening Committee)

The Health Team presented its draft proposal of the HUMC ReTurn to Church Plan at the August 2nd Council meeting. Included in the presentation was a discussion of the new “safety actions” as well as adjustments to our in-person worship (and other activities) that would allow us to gather in-person during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All present agreed that in-person activities are important to our spiritual well-being, but it is imperative that we gather safely. We will need to train greeters on new safety procedures as well as gather the necessary supplies to safely disinfect our spaces following worship.

The Health Team hopes to have a final draft of our plan, and all the necessary supplies, training, etc. in place by the end of August. The Church council will approve a start date for a return to worship (likely some time in September or October).

In the meantime, the Health team welcomes your thoughts and feedback! The presentation is available on our website here: <http://hebronmethodist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ReTurn-to-Church-plan.pdf>

Any questions/comments, please contact Dave at dadickey1@gmail.com or Kate at 815-529-8043/Katherine.eileen.johnson@gmail.com.

Submitted by The Health Team
(Kate Johnson, Dave Dickey, Kris Bottlemy, and Pastor Char)

Dear Lord, please hear our prayer for the following...

The family of Dave Moore who passed away July 27th. **Anyone wishing to send a sympathy card the address is listed below.**

The Bailey family on the passing of Juanita's nephew, Charles, and cousin, Faye, on July 28th
** Anyone wishing to send a sympathy card the address is below.**

The family of Omar Logan, friend of Pastor Jim and Char, as they mourn the loss of Omar Logan

Linda Wappler whose rehab is progressing

Richard Tibbitts who suffered a stroke. He is currently at the Geneva Manor Rehab facility. There is a possibility of surgery to put in a shunt to relieve the fluid on his brain.

Nora Winn who is in the Fair Oaks Nursing facility

Katelyn (Winter) Sampson now at home. We pray for her continued recovery and safety.

Kate Johnson's grandparents, Barb and Ed Goodwin, who are recovering from Covid-19

Luke Moore

Cheri Espe who broke both her ankles

Anita Landry & her son-in-law, Emil. Because of lung problems he is on oxygen 24/7

Ron Petty who is recovering from a fractured fibula and complicated eye surgery

Our former Pastor Paul and Lynn

Jeanne and Marlo Johnson

LaVerne Schmarje

Dorothy Peterson's family

Betty Garrett's family

Arlyne Mummer

Denise Staten

With the unrest we're experiencing we pray for protection and safety for all those who defend and protect us.

We pray for the victims and families of all who have been affected by and from violence. We also pray for the return of goodwill among all people

We pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and their families; and we pray for the safety of all medical staff and personnel during the care of all patients.

We pray for our church, the Village of Hebron, and all leaders - local, state and national; our church leaders in Hebron, our Elgin District Sup't., our Bishop and the entire UMC.

We pray for all the names in our hearts that they will be kept safe from all harm. God bless us all. Amen

If you wish to have someone added to our Prayer List please contact Shirlee on our Nurture Team at (815) 648-5009 or at offcqueen@aol.com.

During a mental health crisis, anyone can call the 24-hour National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. Veterans crisis line is 800-273-7255.

** The Moore Family, 8914 Johnson Rd., Hebron, IL 60034

** The Bailey Family, 3001 Tilden Ave, Delavan, WI 53115



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ONLINE ACCESS

Do you know someone over 60 who would like to see our online worship service but doesn't have access? Contact Sharon Smith about a free tablet, free internet and a free tutorial.
(815) 701-6627.

Please continue to make your church offering. We are looking into online payment options but for now, please make your generous giving via mail to: Hebron United Methodist Church, P.O. 323, Hebron, IL 60034 Attn: Dawn



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