



Hebron United Methodist Church  
9811 Main Street, P.O. Box 323, Hebron, IL 60034

# Catch the Spirit!

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MAY 2022

## The Pastor Ponders...

### ...What version of the Bible should I read?

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*

(2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17, NRSV)

May 8, Mother's Day, several of the students in our Church School program will be receiving their very own Bibles. The version of the Bible they will be receiving is called the *Action Bible* and has been selected because it records most of the major events in the history of God's people in chronological order with plenty of eye-catching illustrations and easy to read explanations in a way that appeals to kids in the 5 – 11 year old age bracket. The idea of giving our students this version of the Bible is to give them a foundation for our faith and an accessible way of encouraging them to make Bible reading and study a regular part of their daily lives.

As our students grow older (ie Confirmation age), a more appropriate version of the Bible

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## **\*\*Mark Your Calendar\*\***

### **Sunday, May 1st**

Native American Ministries Sunday  
Lay Speaker Roy Bailey  
SPRC meeting 9:30 a.m.

### **Sunday, May 8th - Mother's Day & Bible Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Worship - Bring your favorite Bible along with your favorite memories of sharing Bible stories with your mother or other women in your life. We will be gifting new Bibles to our new readers in Sunday School on this special Sunday.

### **Sunday, May 15th**

Church Council 9:00 a.m.  
A-H School Survey & information will be made available for Hebron residents in the Fellowship Hall after worship

### **Tuesday, May 17th 9:30 a.m.**

N.O.W. Meeting

### **Sunday, May 22nd**

Last day of Sunday School  
Noisy Can Sunday (bring coins)  
[Welcoming Statement Workshop](#) in the Fellowship Hall after worship

### **Wednesday, May 25th 1:00**

[Cultivating Health Ministries Event](#) on combating isolation for Seniors and Suicide Prevention

## *The Pastor Ponders (continued)*

will be necessary. Most curriculum for the UMC uses the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the Common English Bible (CEB) in the lessons. Other curriculum may use the New International Version (NIV). All of these (and several others) use up-to-date translation practices with an attempt to make them highly readable by a large percentage of English-speaking people, making them good Bibles for study, as well as devotional reading.

Several folks appreciate the *Living Bible* or Eugene Peterson's *The Message*. Both books use good scholarship methods, but they are paraphrases or interpretations of passages, rather than translations. However, there are passages in which the paraphrases may more accurately describe the concept in our language and thought processes than an actual translation does.

*The Bible* is the best-selling book of all time. It really is more of a library of books than just one book. It consists of history, letters, poems, prophecy, all of which gives us insight into who God is, how God has interacted with God's people in the past, and how God wishes us all to relate in the future. It was originally written in Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek. Eventually, the entire book was translated into Latin, and from there it has been translated into more than 500 languages, with parts of it translated into as many as 2,500 languages!

Those of us who speak more than one language know that it is impossible to translate what we want to say word for word from one language to the next. Add to that the fact that, for many years, the Bible was copied by hand, leading to a few more interpretive challenges. Over time, access to original manuscripts became obsolete, while knowledge of ancient cultures became better understood. English, as well as other contemporary languages, change. Voila! The text of the Bible continues to evolve, and new translations continue to be produced.

If the version of the Bible you are using encourages you to read it often, helps you to understand God, yourself, and your faith better, is age-appropriate, and is one of the many approved translations or paraphrases, by all means, stick with it. (You can Google your version, or read the notes in the front to learn more about it). Try comparing your version with another version, and see which is more helpful. The idea is to draw closer to God and strengthen your faith.

May God bless your journey into God's Holy Word!  
**Pastor Char**



### **RMN Working Group**

On Sunday, May 22nd, everyone is invited to a Welcoming Statement Workshop after worship in the Fellowship Hall where we will discuss the newly drafted HUMC Welcoming Statement, give feedback and learn more about the reconciling process. In last month's article, we shared the first three of the "Top 10 Reasons to Affiliate with Reconciling Ministries." Here are the next 4 reasons: To build and strengthen relationships within our church family; To increase momentum in the local and national Reconciling movement to reflect our connectional nature and covenant; To take up the Ministry of Reconciliation and move beyond "welcoming" to "advocating" and finally, to live out our Wesleyan heritage of evangelism. As founder John Wesley said, "there is no holiness but social holiness." The RMN Working Group will share the final 3 Reasons to Reconcile and the draft of our Welcoming Statement in church on May 1 and in the next newsletter. We look forward to your feedback!

## N.O.W. - Nurture, Outreach, Witness

I read that true Christian faith is contagious! When you are loved by the one true God everything about your existence changes. As it states in Galatians 5:13, “Dear brothers and sisters, you have been given freedom; not freedom to do wrong, but freedom to love and serve each other.” One way we can share our love is through mission giving. During the month of May we are supporting the following missions:

**Native American Ministries Sunday, May 1st** - Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church. Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ’s love.

**United Methodist Homes & Services, May 15th** - United Methodist Homes & Services is a nonprofit, faith based parent organization of Chicago Methodist Senior Services that supports, improves and enhances the quality of life for older adults by empowering them to live with dignity and respect.

**Noisy Can Sunday, May 22nd** - All coins (and paper money if you wish) collected will benefit United Voices for Children. United Voices for Children serves as a catalyst generating support for the NIC child serving agencies (Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ), MYSI Corporation and Rosecrance Health Network) and enlisting members in the local church to become advocates, trained to speak on behalf of children and their families in their communities.

God bless all of you for your loving spirit!  
Shirlee Correll & Alberta Austin - Nurture

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## Reasons We Celebrate

### Native American Ministries Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday is a very special day that United Methodist churches across the country celebrate every year. With a special offering on a designated Sunday in April, we honor and empower the Native Americans in our church community.

Native Americans — with many unique languages and cultures — honor Jesus and live as Christians led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors. It is a joy to celebrate and embolden their congregations on this day!

*Here are five reasons we believe in the importance of this Special Sunday:*



#### 1. We celebrate in commitment to racial reconciliation.

The struggles of First Americans are often invisible. As a result of historic and ongoing institutional racism, our Native communities experience high rates of poverty and suicide. As United Methodists, we have vowed to seek reconciliation with Native Americans and are committed to represent their community in a way that befits their proud heritage. This offering specifically supports Native American seminarians, strengthens, develops and equips Native American rural, urban, and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American Ministries.



#### 2. We believe in funding justice efforts for Native Americans.

“Social justice” is more than a buzzword for United Methodist congregations. With this offering, we are saying YES to creating programs that enrich, empower and educate. So many people want to support our First Americans, but don’t know where to start. Giving generously on this Sunday is an easy way to show our support.



#### 3. When we give together, we do more than any individual can.

Connectionalism is a high priority for our denomination. We believe in joining together, as congregations all over the world, to celebrate together on six Special Sundays throughout the year. This particular Special Sunday provides the biggest impact we make together for Native American communities.



#### 4. We believe in taking care of our own family.

As United Methodists, we are committed to serving and giving all over the world, but we are committed to shepherding and caring for our own community first. 1 Timothy 5:8 challenges us to take care of our own family. On Native American Ministries Sunday, we do just that.



#### 5. We want to model generosity for our communities and future generations.

Generosity leaves a legacy. When we give as a community, we tell our local mission field that we care. When we give as a community to diverse causes, we are making sure people know that our churches are externally focused. We believe in diversity, and we believe in supporting all people. On this day, we make sure to support our First Americans.

**JOIN US TO GIVE GENEROUSLY ON  
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY.**

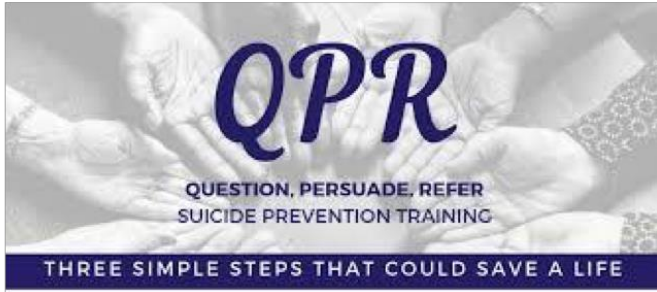
**TOGETHER, WE DO MORE.**

For more information, visit [umcgiving.org/NAMS](http://umcgiving.org/NAMS).



**HUMC is partnering again with Cultivating Health Ministries and St. John's Lutheran Church to bring this important health event to our community on May 25th!**  
**This program will provide suicide prevention training as well as education on combating isolation for seniors.**

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**Suicide Prevention  
QPR Gatekeeper Training  
Special Guest, Sharon Smith,  
presenting  
Combating isolation for seniors**

**YOU CAN MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE**

**How much time does the remote training require?**

“Gatekeepers” are trained to recognize individuals who may be at risk of suicide, persuade them to seek and accept help, and refer them to appropriate resources. In 1 hour, individuals can learn to recognize the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide.

**Hebron United Methodist Church  
& St. John Lutheran Church Location:  
HUMC 9811 Main Street, Hebron, IL  
Room: Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, May 25th**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Please register: 815-355-5554**

**Send text message or call.**

Across the country nearly **45,000** people die by suicide each year.

Suicide is a Public Health Problem. Suicide is the **10<sup>th</sup>** leading cause of death.

In Illinois suicide is the **3<sup>rd</sup>** leading cause of death for people ages **15 – 34**.

**123** completed suicides each day. For each completed suicide, we can estimate approximately **25** people will have made an attempt.

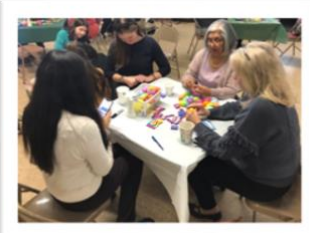
**Palm Sunday**



**Easter Sunday**



**Stuffing Eggs for VBS Easter Egg Hunt**



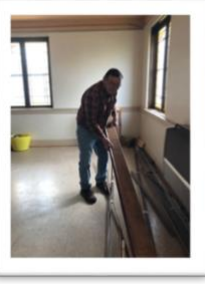
**Festival of Creation Sunday!**



**Maundy Thursday**



**Good Friday**



## Thank you Choir Members!

It was a great blessing to bring back the choir for Holy Week! We want to thank everyone who gave the gift of music this Spring for all to enjoy! Do you have an interest in Summer Choir? Are you looking for a flexible and casual way to share some of that hidden musical talent once or twice or more this summer? Are you aching to sing more songs from the Worship & Song hymnal? If so, starting in June, come to church 30 minutes early and enjoy our improvisational Summer Choir experiment! Learn a song. Share it with the congregation later during worship!

**MAY 7th**

9:00 - 11:00AM

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS DROP-IN**

**JOIN THE DISCUSSION.**

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR INPUT.

STOP BY TO:

- Ask Questions
- Pick up Facilities Information/Packet
- Talk with D19 Board Members
- Enjoy donuts and coffee

NOTE: Children will be able to play in the children's section.

**LOCATION**

**HEBRON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

9908 St Albans St,  
Hebron, IL 60034

Kate Johnson will be at our church after worship on May 15th to hear your input, provide information, and provide assistance to those filling out the online survey from D19.

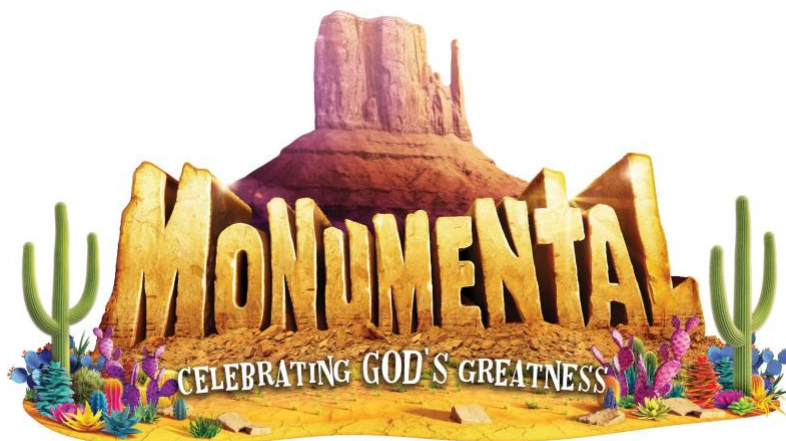


## HUMC Kids

We are wrapping up our Sunday School year! We will be exploring the book of Acts this month until our last Sunday School class on May 22nd. But the learning doesn't end there - we will be joining St. John's Lutheran and Alden United Methodist Churches to provide a "Monumental" Vacation Bible School in June. Registration is open for students and volunteers - [click here!](#)

Also mark your calendars for Sunday, May 8th. We will be presenting our new readers with Action Bibles during the worship service. The HUMC kids will also be singing "The Books of the Bible" that Sunday - a song they have been working to memorize all year long!

### Alden-Hebron Community VBS



**JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 11:30 AM**

**(4 years – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)**



**Register Online - Opens April 4th**

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/aldenhebron22>

Located at St. John's Lutheran Church  
9812 St Albans Street, Hebron IL 60034



**Alden-Hebron Community VBS**

*Sponsored by Alden United Methodist, Hebron United Methodist & St. John's Lutheran Churches*

VBS 2022 is a free program thanks to generous donations by the community. Interested in donating to VBS? [Click here!](#)

**Happy Birthday!**

Ray Hoeft 5/9

**Happy Anniversary!**

Wendy & Mark Schaid 5/23



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



Erin Engelhardt's nephew, Jordan, experiencing health problems; and on the passing of her friend, Mary Lee Meusling McCauley

Former Pastor Kay Dillard, diagnosed with lung cancer

Roy Bailey's Uncle Wayne and Aunt Regina as they transition to assisted living

Karen Vipond's nephew, Mark, diagnosed with cancer; and friend, Jim, experiencing health problems

Shirlee Correll's father-in-law, Gene, now on Hospice care

Alice Johnson's friend, Nancy, receiving experimental cancer treatment

Sue Stear

Kris Bottlemey's brother, Jon, experiencing health problems

Alberta Austin

Wendy Schaid's friend, Alberto, diagnosed with cancer, and his family

Gordie Johnson

Harold & Juanita Bailey

Dick & Jeneil Border

Dave Dickey

Joan O'Halleran

Katelyn Winter Sampson

Pastor Char & Glenn's daughter-in-law, Julie, and her family, as they deal with the effects of MS

Nora Winn at Fair Oaks Nursing Facility

Luke Moore

Our former Pastor Jim & Char

Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn

Dorothy Peterson & her family

Betty Garrett & her family

We pray for all who have suffered as the result of natural disasters.

We pray for protection and safety for all those who defend and protect us

We pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia. Surround those affected by this and all conflicts with your precious love.

We pray for the victims and families of all who have been affected by and from violence.

We pray for the return of goodwill and unity among all people.

We pray for all those affected by illness; 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 Prairie Central District Sup't., our Bishop and the entire UMC.

We pray for the names in our hearts that they will be kept safe from 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](mailto:offcqueen@aol.com).

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. / SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.

We livestream our Scripture Lesson and Sermon on most Sundays around 11:00 a.m. on Facebook @9811MainStreet



## Opportunities to Give

Thank you to those who gave so generously to missions in April! We raised \$167 for UMCOR Special Sunday and, with our matching funds, we raised \$920 for UMCOR-Ukraine. Thank you also for the cash donations to the VBS Easter Egg Hunt and for helping to stuff candy in the eggs! Here are ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday - Native American Ministries - May 1st  
- Noisy Can Sunday - bring your coins in on May 22nd
- 2) Mission Links May/June - UM Homes & Services (HUMC will match up to \$250)
- 3) Local Giving - Donations for VBS ([Click here!](#))  
-Hebron Community Food Pantry (place items in baskets at back of church)

More information on our [2022 Mission Program](#) check out our website at [www.hebronmethodist.org](http://www.hebronmethodist.org).

**[Click here](#) to give to any of these missions through HUMC.**



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