



Hebron United Methodist Church
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The Pastor Ponders...

...What do you expect will
happen during Sunday
worship?

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped
for, the conviction of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1 NRSVUE*

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Many of us vacation during the summer. For some of us, it's an opportunity to check out a worship service somewhere other than HUMC. A while ago, a friend shared with me a challenge that the pastor of the church they were visiting gave to her congregation. She asked, "When you come to worship on Sunday morning, do you HOPE to see God, or do you EXPECT to see God?"

I think that's a great question for us to ask ourselves as we walk through the doors of our building each week, whether it's for worship or for some other activity. What do you HOPE will happen? And what do you EXPECT will happen? Why do you come?

One of the first praise choruses I learned is *He Has Made Me Glad*. It is based on

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****Mark Your Calendar****

Sundae Sunday, July 31st

Noisy Can Sunday (bring coins!)

Stay for Sundaes in Fellowship Hall after worship!

Saturday, August 13th 9:00am-3:00pm

Hebron Area Garage Sale Day

HUMC Missions cookie sale at Shirlee's house

Cycling Without Age will be there with a trishaw.

Come check it out!

Sunday, August 21st

Church Council 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 28th - Holey Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks during worship &
"Holey Sunday" donut decorating after worship

Sunday, September 11th 10:30 am

RALLY DAY!

Rise & Shine Rally Day to kick off our Sunday

Sunday School year. Pajamas optional but

encouraged. Pancake breakfast after worship.

Saturday, September 17th

Stay tuned for more details on our HUMC booth at
Hebron's Fall Fest in the Park and Hebron's Sleep in
Heavenly Peace/build a bed event.

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

Psalm 100 and Psalm 118. "I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter his courts with praise. I will say, 'This is the day that the Lord has made.' I will rejoice for he has made me glad." Each time I enter the sanctuary, I expect to experience the joy of the risen Lord. Not only is it my expectation, I am willing to keep myself open and also to work towards making it happen. Very seldom am I disappointed. Most of the time I encounter God, and oftentimes I am blessed in ways I didn't expect.

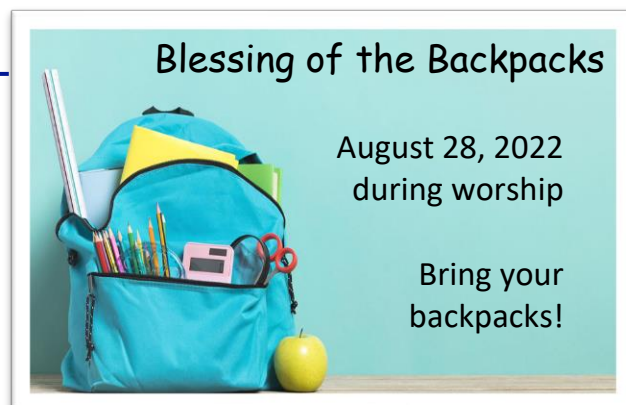
Actually, now that I'm thinking about it, it's a great question to ask ourselves each day. What do we hope will happen? Or, what do we expect will happen? My guess is that if we hope to have a good day, to see God at work, to experience some peace, it may happen. But, if we expect to have a good day, to see God at work, and to experience some peace, the chances that those things will happen will be significantly greater.

So, I encourage us to come to worship with expectation, to participate in worship wherever our travels might lead us, and should you visit a different church, bring back a bulletin or share some ideas of what touched you when you return. Remember that each day is a day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad.

Blessings! ***Pastor Char***



We celebrated Juneteenth on Sunday, June 19th. A special thank you to Gloria Van Hof for sharing her extensive knowledge on the Underground Railroad and its ties to Hebron and McHenry County!



Building Committee Update

As we sang about the walls tumbling down in Jericho last Sunday, preparations were made for the tumbling down of the ceiling in the Wesley Room. Demolition is now underway for the next portion of our building update and accessibility improvements! We appreciate your patience as we work!



You're invited to
Holey Sunday
August 28, 2022

After worship in the
Fellowship Hall

Come decorate and enjoy
some "holey" donuts!

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

On **August 13th** we have the opportunity to tell people about our church and our missions. How you might ask!! A Bake Sale during the Hebron Area Garage Sales. I'll be hosting a Bake Sale and Yard Sale that day in my front yard, with part of the proceeds going toward our mission projects. There will be information pertaining to all our Mission projects we're supporting this year. Anyone wishing to participate please let me know - the more the merrier.

August 28th is "Holey" Sunday. After church there will be plain donuts to decorate with various icings and decorations to create your own edible work of art. It'll be fun and yummy!

On **September 17th** we will be participating in Hebron's Fall Fest. This is another great opportunity to meet people and let them know who we are.

Don't forget to stay in touch with our shut-ins and people we haven't seen in a while. A phone call, card, and a prayer will brighten their day.

If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams!

Shirlee Correll & Alberta Austin - Nurture



Our August Mission Links mission is for the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF). Combating HIV/AIDS globally through prevention, education, support and capacity development is the purpose of the UM Global AIDS Fund. The goal is to promote HIV Awareness and prevent HIV infection and transmission through counseling, testing and follow up services. This work is part of our denomination's Abundant Health Initiative: supporting work to stop preventable disease and death. 25% of funds raised within US Annual Conferences for global HIV work, can be retained by that Conference for their own local HIV and AIDS programs. HUMC will match funds (up to \$250) for this mission.



Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my hospital stay and recovery. It is nice to be back home and back in church. -Chela Johnson



RMN Working Group

The RMN Working Group would like to thank everyone who participated in our Welcoming Statement Workshop on June 26th after worship! The next step on our journey to becoming a Reconciling Church is to hold a straw vote to give everyone the opportunity to let us know if they would like to adopt our welcoming statement and join Reconciling Ministries Network. This will not be an official vote, but it will help us to determine next steps. The RMN Working Group will meet in August to fine tune the draft of the welcoming statement based upon your feedback, and prepare the straw vote ballots which will be distributed in the coming weeks. You can read the first draft of the Welcoming Statement [here](http://churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org). Please feel free to offer your feedback or ask any questions by emailing churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org.



HUMC Kids

Join us for Rally Day on Sunday September 11, 2022 during our 10:30 worship service. Come in your pajamas (optional) and bring your favorite stuffed animal/pillow/blanket to Rise & Shine with the Lord! A pancake breakfast will follow after the service with some fun games and activities! We will have our first Sunday School class the following Sunday at 9:45 a.m. on September 18th. See you there!

Also, bring your school backpacks for the Blessing of the Backpacks during our 10:30 worship service on August 28th. Then join us for "Holey Sunday" Donut Decorating after church!



Happy Birthday!

- 8/2 Chaylee Klemesrud
- 8/4 Jonathan Claussen
- 8/7 Stephanie Claussen
- 8/12 Mia Klemesrud
- 8/14 Dave Dickey
- 8/17 David Menge
- 8/21 Juanita Bailey
- 8/24 Bob Claussen
- 8/26 Margie Moore
- 8/26 Denise Staten
- 8/28 Bill Elverman
- 8/29 Dr. Dan Staten
- 8/29 Dorothy Peterson

Happy Anniversary!

- 8/20 Ray & Myrna Hoeft



Our health ministry continued this summer with two very well received programs. Our QPR suicide prevention training took place June 15th at HUMC and our second A1C/Diabetes Screening took place at St. John's on July 28th. A special thank you to all who participated and to our partners in ministry, St. John's Lutheran Church and Cultivating Health Ministries!

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



Roy Bailey's neighbors whose infant son is experiencing seizures

Dr. Dan and Denise Staten

Erin Engelhardt's nephew, Jordan, experiencing health problems

James Hampton's family members experiencing health problems

Former Pastor Kay Dillard, diagnosed with lung cancer

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

Shirlee Correll's father-in-law, Gene, now on Hospice care; and her sister-in-law, Cindy, experiencing health problems

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

Sue Stear

Kris Bottlemy's brother, Jon, experiencing health problems

Alberta Austin

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

Gordie Johnson

Harold & Juanita Bailey, and their daughter-in-law, Tammy, recovering from surgery

Dick & Jeneil Border

Dave Dickey

Joan O'Halleran

Luke Moore

Katelyn Winter Sampson

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

Our former Pastor Jim & Char; and Jim's brother, Jack, experiencing health problems

Nora Winn at Fair Oaks Nursing Facility

Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn

Dorothy Peterson at Valley Hi Nursing Home

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.

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.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10:30 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 June! We raised \$96.00 for Peace with Justice Sunday and \$160 for our June/July Mission Links mission, Tree of Life. Thank you also for the continued donations to the Hebron Community Food Pantry. Here are ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday - Noisy Can/United Voices for Children - bring your coins in on July 31st
- 2) Mission Links for August - UM Global AIDS Fund (HUMC will match up to \$250)
- 3) Local Giving -Hebron Community Food Pantry (place items in baskets at back of church)

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

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



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