



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

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SEPTEMBER 2022

The Pastor Ponders...

...What about COVID now?

*But for you that honor my name, victory will
shine like the sun with healing in its rays,
and you will jump around like calves at play.*

Malachi 4:2

This past couple of weeks, I have been meeting face-to-face with several groups of people who haven't gotten together in person (or at least not without being masked and vaxxed) since March of 2020. We even celebrated Holy Communion in the manner we have been doing at HUMC for several months – real bread and individual cups of juice (not those self-contained supplies that have been so challenging). There is a certain amount of joy and giddiness accompanying these events. While we are happy that many of the COVID restrictions are over, we remain very aware that the disease is still present and able to claim the lives of those near and dear to us. Hand sanitizer, in various forms, appears at meals. We're not sharing drinks, utensils, food with the abandon we did before. Physical contact is kept to a minimum. And, there are times when we remain masked or honor other participants' desire to stay masked, without comment, as well. While we know that continuing to open

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 11th 10:30 am RALLY DAY!

Rise & Shine Rally Day to kick off our Sunday School year. Pajamas optional but encouraged! Pancake breakfast and more fun after worship. We will also be collecting donations for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Saturday, September 17th

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build-a-Bed Event - 8:00 a.m. at Hebron Township Parking Lot.

Hebron Fall Fest 2022 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
HUMC will have a booth there and cookies for all!

Sunday, September 18th

Church Council - 9:00 a.m.
First day of Sunday School 9:45 a.m.



Blessing of the
Backpacks
took place on
August 28th. May
God bless & keep all
our students!

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

up more events and activities with fewer restrictions can lead to some unwanted consequences, we are cautiously optimistic that we will not have to go back to a more restricted life.

I'm sure many of us have had conversations with our kids/grandkids now that they are returning to school and a decrease in restrictions and testing as well. It is our family decision to let our kids choose whether or not to mask at this point (they are fully vaccinated), but we are also engaged in discussions as to how to continue to remain as safe as possible through good sanitation and other healthy practices, as well as how to respond to folks whose decision may not be theirs.

Currently at HUMC, to mask or not mask is a personal decision. To touch or not touch is also a personal decision. Please ask before shaking hands, hugging, etc. We are back to sharing food, singing without masks, and other pre-COVID activities. We also know that cold and flu season will soon be here. Therefore, out of kindness and consideration for all who enter our space, and out of a desire to live out Jesus' command to love one another, please accept each one's decision as to how to navigate this time with grace, please practice good sanitation, and, if you are not feeling well, stay home. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay in love with God. See ya in church! ***Pastor Char***

Building Committee Update

The Wesley Room ceiling and old roof have been removed and replaced with new ceiling joists that are ready for drywall. This coming month we will connect ductwork from the sanctuary ceiling to the Wesley Room ceiling to deliver heat/air conditioning thus eliminating the need for the gas heater on the south wall. Insulation and electric installation will follow. Work on the exterior of the entryway will begin soon. Many thanks to Luke Moore for all his help with this part of the project!

-Steve Johnson, Building Committee



HUMC would like to thank all those who "stepped up" during the summer slump with their generous giving, and to remind everyone to keep their giving current as we look to a fall of exciting ministry activities and the hopeful completion of the Wesley Room!



This month's Mission Links is [Mujeres a Mujeres](#) (Women to Women). It was birthed at Humboldt Park UMC in 2003 to help meet the holistic needs of Latinas. Through ministries such as free professional counseling, domestic violence survivors support group, workshops tailored to help Latinas grow in power, and health and wellness opportunities, Mujeres a Mujeres continues to flourish because they reveal Christ's love in practical ways without forcing anyone to be a part of the church. For HPUMC, Mujeres a Mujeres is one way to truly reveal open hearts, open doors, and open minds to the most vulnerable of their neighbors. HUMC will match funds (up to \$250) for this mission.

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

The more faith you have, the more you believe. The more goals you set, the more you'll achieve. These words from a poem by Alice J. Davidson remind me of us - the Hebron United Methodist Church. We, as a church, have had many challenges these last several years and through faith (and goals) have accomplished a lot. The Sanctuary is almost finished, progress is being made in the Wesley Room, our services have returned to normal, and our mission giving is coming alive again. Every month we have a different mission project we're supporting - Hallelujah!!! On the day of the Hebron Area Garage Sales what started out as a simple bake/yard sale ended up making over \$600 to go toward missions. There aren't enough thank you's to everyone who participated in this by baking, donating items and/or working to make it a great success.

September 17th we will be participating in two events, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Hebron Township Bldg.) and Hebron's Fall Fest. (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Community Park). Anyone wishing to participate in either event please contact either Stephanie or Shirlee. Our "theme" at the park is ***Experience the Sweet Love of God***. We will have info about our church, Sunday School, the missions we support, and will be giving away heart shaped cookies and fudge. I know it seems early but we will be participating in the Secret Santa program coordinated by the Alden-Hebron Grade School. If you would like to sponsor a child or children please let me know by the end of September so I can let the coordinator know. There are from 70 - 100 children each year that benefit from this program. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Don't forget to send a card, make a phone call, or stop in to see our senior citizens who aren't able to come to church or participate in outside activities.

There's a spirit of love in this place, you can't see it but it's there just as precious as the air, there's a spirit of love in this place.
-Words by Mark A. Miller

-Shirlee and Alberta, Nurture Team



Sundae
Sunday &
Holey Donut
Decorating
at the HUMC
this summer!



RMN Working Group

The RMN Working Group is meeting September 9th to review and prepare the straw vote ballots for our [Welcoming Statement](#) and [RMN](#) affiliation. This will not be an official vote, but it will help us to determine HUMC's next steps. We will distribute and collect the ballots throughout the month of September. We appreciate your continued support and participation on our journey to reconciling!



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 also be collecting monetary donations and donations of new twin bedding for [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#). The Hebron community, in partnership with St. Joseph's Ministry, will be building beds for kids in our community who are sleeping on the floor. The build day will take place on September 17th at 8:00 a.m. at the Hebron Township Parking Lot. Those wishing to volunteer (14+ yrs.) please see Stephanie.

We will have our first Sunday School class the following Sunday at 9:45 a.m. on September 18th.

See you there!

-Stephanie Claussen, Sunday School Teacher



Confirmation Class

We are excited to announce that we are forming a Confirmation Class to begin in January 2023! Led by Pastor Char, confirmation class will be for 7th graders and up. The first meeting in January will be with both parents and students, followed by about 9 sessions, a final exam and Confirmation Day. Let Pastor Char or Stephanie know if your child is planning to join and we will reach out with more information!

2022 United Methodist Men Spiritual Congress Sept. 16-18

(Conference Point Center, 300 Conference Point Road, Williams Bay, WI 53191)

MAKING SPIRITUAL LIFE RELEVANT AND SUSTAINABLE



Friday, Sept. 16, 4-9 PM / Saturday, Sept. 17, 7 AM-9 PM / Sunday, Sept. 18, 6-10 AM

For details and to register go to www.nicumm.org
Registrations due by Sept. 9



SAVE THE DATE

2022 Church Conference

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
6:00 p.m. SPRC
7:00 p.m. Church Conference

Happy Birthday!

Steve Johnson 9/10

Evie Johnson 9/16

Happy Anniversary!

Grant & Kate Johnson 9/8


Harold & Juanita Bailey 9/16



RISE & SHINE RALLY DAY!

**Sunday, September 11, 2022 -
10:30 a.m.**

**Hebron United Methodist Church
9811 Main St., Hebron, IL**



Come kick off our 2022-23 Sunday School Year in your pajamas (optional) and bring your favorite stuffed animals, pillows and blankets for this special worship service! A pancake breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall after the service along with more fun and games! We will be collecting donations on Rally Day for this year's Build A Bed event in Hebron - see details below!



ANNUAL BUILD A BED

SEPT. 17, 2022

8am start!
Hebron Township Building
Seaman Road
Hebron, IL.

Building Beds for
Kids in Need

Builders, Twin Bedding
and Donations needed

Building: No skills needed to build!
Youth 14 and up with parent/adult
welcome to help

Donations: Make checks Payable to
St. Joseph's Ministry

Bring **Twin "Bed in a Bag"** and/or
donations to Stateline Insurance
12008 Maple Ave/Hebron, IL 60034
Questions? Contact
Karen: 815.648.2411

501c3 St. Joseph's Ministry
Charitable Donations



Mail Checks to:
Stateline Insurance
PO Box 388
Hebron, IL. 60034

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. - Psalm 143:8

HEBRON FALL FEST 2022

**FREE
ADMISSION**

CRUISE-IN...

- Cars
- Tractors (Antique & New)
- Motorcycle Precision Demo
- No Fee; No Registration
- DJ Music
- Vendors (Food, etc.)
- Cow Chip Bingo



**OPEN TO
VEHICLES OF
ALL AGES!**

SEPT. 17TH 10-4PM

**HEBRON COMMUNITY PARK,
PRICE ROAD**

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



Marge Lopeman recovering from hip surgery
*** Anyone wishing to send a card see below*

John (Juan) Heide experiencing health problems

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 and his family members experiencing health problems

Former Pastor Kay Dillard, diagnosed with lung cancer

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

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

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 ***Anyone wishing to send a card see below*

Luke Moore

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

Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn

Dorothy Peterson recovering at home from a stroke
***Anyone wishing to send a card see below*

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 offqueen@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.

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Portland, OR 97206

****Dorothy Peterson**
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Hebron, IL 60034

****Nora Winn**
c/o Fair Oak Health Care Ctr.
471 W. Terra Cotta Ave.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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 August! We raised \$540 for our August Mission Links mission, UM Global AIDS Fund, and \$175.49 for Noisy Can/United Voices for Children. Thank you also for the continued donations to the Hebron Community Food Pantry. Here are ways you can give this month:

- 1) Rally Day Mission - Sleep in Heavenly Peace (monetary & new twin bedding donations)
- 2) Mission Links for September - Mujeres a Mujeres (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.



FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

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