



Hebron United Methodist Church  
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# Catch the Spirit!

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## The Pastor Ponders...

### ...What should we give the Pastor?

*We must always give thanks to God for you because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith...*  
2 Thessalonians 1: 3 – 4

Yesterday, I was out to lunch with a group of area pastors. One of them asked: Did your churches do anything for Pastor Appreciation Month? Everyone had a story to tell about the ways that their congregations let them know they were loved and appreciated, including cards, letters, and the very popular Laity Sunday (and I'll tell you why in a minute and it is NOT because we got a week off of preaching, although that is a gift).

Several years ago an article entitled *5 Gifts You Can Give Your Pastor* popped up in my internet feed. Gift #1 - regular attendance at worship. Gift #2 - regular giving. While those are wonderful things to do, I'm not so sure it is the pastor who benefits as much as it is the giver. When we meet together regularly in worship we are reminded that we are not alone, God is with us and we have folks to  
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## \*\*Mark Your Calendar\*\*

**Sunday, November 6th**

All Saints Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**\*\*Don't forget - Daylight Saving Time ends\*\***

**Tuesday, November 8th**

Advent Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

and mark your calendar for practices on Nov. 15, 29, & Dec. 6, 13

Choir sings Tues. Nov. 22, Sun. Dec. 4, 18, 24

**Sunday, November 13th**

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

Bring tissue products for Hebron Com. Food Pantry

**Tuesday, November 15th**

Cultivating Health Ministries A1C Clinic/Diabetes

Screening 2:15 - 6:30 p.m. at HUMC

Call/text to register: 815-355-5554

**Sunday, November 20th**

Council Meeting 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 22nd**  
***YOU'RE INVITED!***

Thanksgiving Community Service 7:00 p.m.  
at HUMC with a dessert buffet to follow!

**Sunday, November 27th**

First Sunday in Advent - Hanging of the Greens  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Chili luncheon to follow

### ***The Pastor Ponders (continued)***

share our good times with (making them even better), and our bad times with (receiving strength and encouragement from others). Most groups with which we are associated ask us to support them financially in some way so that we all can share in the good work that can be better accomplished by a group than an individual.

The gift that resonated with me as a pastor was gift # 5. The author said, "The greatest [gift] you can give to your pastor is to personally be growing spiritually. If you want to really get your pastor excited, let them see you excited about your relationship with Christ."

My call from God (and that of most pastors) is not to fill the pews, balance the budget, or make sure all the committees are functioning effectively and efficiently. Our call is to share God's Word, to encourage you in your walk of faith, to equip you spiritually to do the work of the church in the world. The United Methodist Church puts it this way, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Pastors are encouraged in their God-given task when they see that the people are doing their part – growing in the Lord; doing the work of the church; sharing their faith; helping those who are less fortunate; demonstrating God's love, forgiveness, acceptance; giving God the glory by their words and actions.

Pastors can't force you into doing your part. We can't coerce you into being molded into the image of Christ. We can't demand that you obey the Word of God. We can't pressure you into growing. We can only invite you into a relationship with Christ, encourage, teach, pray, and lead by example. Therefore, the greatest gift you can give any pastor ("me") is to grow in your Christian walk and encourage others to grow as well.

A couple of weeks ago, it was so encouraging and special for me to receive the flowers (2 of them are still alive!), a card demonstrating all the ways we have been in ministry, to see smiling faces, and hear words of encouragement. And, it was also encouraging and special for me to walk in on Laity Sunday and see a group of folks who were growing in faith and excited to take part in worship and to proclaim God's love for all people. Oh, what JOY! THANK YOU!

Blessings, *Pastor Char*

### **Building Committee Update**

The Wesley Room is transforming! This week the entry into the kitchen is being expanded for more accessibility and a pocket door is being installed. New ductwork, electrical work and drywall have been added as well, and the lift company will make its final inspection next week. We have new exterior doors and siding too. Come check out the progress!



### **Looking Ahead to Advent**



Save these  
important dates:

**HUMC Kids  
Christmas Program**  
Sunday, Dec. 11th  
10:30 a.m. with Pizza  
Party to follow

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**  
Saturday, December  
24th at 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day  
Worship Service**  
Sunday, Dec. 25th  
10:30 a.m. in person

**New Year's Day/  
Epiphany Sunday**  
Jan. 1st - online  
Worship Service  
(no in person worship)

**\*\*We will be offering  
an Advent Bible Study.  
Stay tuned for more info  
coming soon!\*\***

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

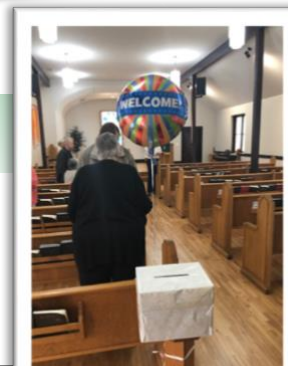
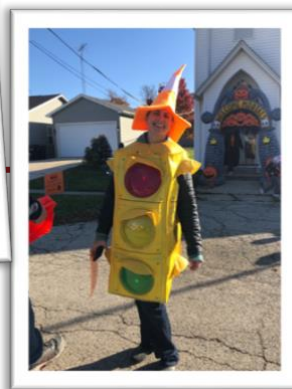
In one of my favorite books, "God Said It, Don't Sweat It" there is a chapter about overflowing with love for others. There are so many ways we can do this: Call and/or visit friends and family; send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, or to brighten someone's day; greet people with a smile and a kind word; offer tangible help; the possibilities are endless. We have the perfect opportunity to show our love for others by participating in the Secret Santa Program. This program is coordinated through the Alden-Hebron Schools and the Hebron Community Food Pantry. If you are interested in participating please let me know by November 8th. I want to thank everyone who has responded so far, your generosity is truly a blessing. There is also another opportunity to share. The 13th of November is Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday. While we really don't want you donating any of your organs that day we would like donations of tissues: Kleenex, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary napkins, hand wipes .....or, use your imagination. All items are greatly appreciated. Some other items the Pantry is in need of are: Toothpaste and tooth brushes, bleach, coffee, pasta (not spaghetti), applesauce, cookies, mayo, pickles, olives, tomato sauce, Progresso soups (or other hearty soups), Spaghetti-O's, cereal. There are two (2) baskets at the back of the Sanctuary where these items can be deposited.

We want to thank all of you who have contributed so generously to the church and to the programs and missions we support. *Let the peace of heart which comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives. Colossians 3:15*

Blessings to everyone,

Shirlee and Alberta, Co-Chairs, Nurture

We had lots of fun at the Haunted Hebron 5K Run/Walk! A big thank you to Laura Leedle and the St. John's Lutheran Church for putting together this fundraiser for the Alden-Hebron Community Vacation Bible School Program! Another thank you to Josh Stevens and the Hebron Library for the story and craft time that followed!



## RMN Working Group

Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot this October in our RMN Affiliation/Welcoming Statement Straw Vote. We will share the results of this vote later this month!



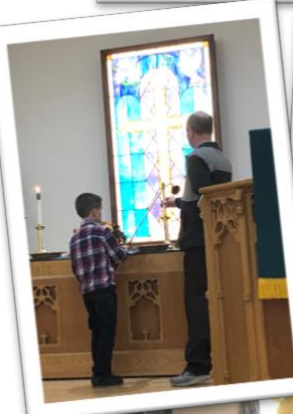
## HUMC Kids

We've had a fun month in Sunday School exploring the stories of Saul and David and what it means to be called by God and to seek God. On October 23rd we brought in our musical instruments and shared our gifts of music while learning about the Psalms and David's musical talent. October 30th was our Popcorn Sunday School. We watched a movie on David & Goliath while eating loads of popcorn and Halloween candy! Afterwards, the children led the worship service and sang one of HUMC's favorite hymns "I Will Call Upon the Lord." The kids also challenged the congregation to a game of Old Testament Jeopardy - and they won by several points. It was a beautiful service and we'd like to thank our Lay Leader, Roy Bailey, for making Laity Sunday so special.

We continue our study in the Old Testament until the end of the month when we begin the story of Jesus' birth. Mark your calendars for the Thanksgiving Community Service, Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. - the HUMC Kids will be participating! Also, don't forget Sunday, December 11th is the HUMC Kids Christmas Program during the worship service!

See you Sunday!

-Stephanie Claussen, Sunday School Teacher



October was Pastor Appreciation Month. The HUMC Kids and the HUMC Congregation presented flowers, a poem, and words of gratitude to our Pastor Char who has guided and strengthened us through so much!

Thank you Pastor Char! You are a blessing to us all!

## Mission Links & Special Sunday

We are announcing our final Mission Links Mission for the 2022 year! [Jane Kies](#) is a United Methodist missionary teaching Intensive English to students from non-English-speaking countries at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, southern Africa. Her spouse Larry is also a missionary with Global Ministries serving as technical advisor to the Africa University Farm at Mutare, Zimbabwe in southern Africa. HUMC will match donations received in the month of November up to \$250 for this mission. Also please consider giving to our final Special Sunday of this year - [United Methodist Student Day](#) on November 27th. You can find out more by click on the above links or check out our [website](#).



United Methodist  
Student Day

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



Chela Johnson recovering from a broken wrist  
Marge Lopeman  
Dr. Dan and Denise Staten and Dan's friend,  
Victor  
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  
Kris Bottlemey's brother, Jon, experiencing health  
problems  
Alberta Austin  
Gordie Johnson  
Harold & Juanita Bailey, their sister-in-law,  
Marilyn, experiencing health problems and  
daughter-in-law, Tammy experiencing health  
problems  
Dick & Jeneil Border and their friend, Holly,  
diagnosed with cancer  
Dave Dickey  
Joan O'Halloran  
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  
Betty Garrett

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](mailto: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.*

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

## Happy Birthday!

Cody Nelson 11/2  
Shirlee Correll 11/13  
Mike Schaid 11/14

Chela Johnson 11/8  
Eamon Johnson 11/13  
Ashley Reins 11/17

Ulysses Johnson 11/10  
Alberta Austin 11/14  
Karen Vipond 11/25

## Happy Anniversary!

Dawn & Danny Nelson 11/10



## 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 October! We raised \$248.00 for the Mujeres a Mujeres, \$31 for World Communion Sunday, and additional \$45 to our Noisy Can/United Voices for Children bringing the yearly total for that mission to \$418. Thank you also for the continued donations to the Hebron Community Food Pantry. Here are ways you can give this month:

- 1) Mission Links November - [Larry and Jane Kies](#) (HUMC matches up to \$250)
  - 2) Special Sunday 11/27 - [UM Student Day](#)
  - 3) Red Bird Mission - Hats, Scarves, Mittens, etc. for our Mitten Tree going up soon
  - 4) Local Giving - A-H Secret Santa Program - See Shirlee by Nov. 8th if interested
  - 5) Local Giving -Hebron Community Food Pantry (place items in baskets at back of church)
- \*\*Bring tissue products for Organ and Tissue Sunday 11/13

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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