



Hebron United Methodist Church  
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# Catch the Spirit!



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## The Pastor Ponders...

...When was it important to  
you to have others  
praying for you?

*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus  
and your love toward all of the saints, and  
for this reason I do not cease to give thanks  
for you as I remember you in my prayers.*

Ephesians 1:15-16

*When in your life was it important to you to have others praying for you?* A friend of mine asked that question of all his friends on Facebook. Then he published some of the top answers. 1) Every day. 2) When I'm making tough decisions. 3) When facing a health crisis or long illness. 4) When I lost my job. 5) When I couldn't pray for myself. My guess is that, not only will most of us resonate with some or all of these answers, we also could add at least 5 more occasions when we have truly appreciated the fact that others are praying for us.

A couple of weeks ago, I was one of several pastors who officiated at the Memorial Service of Jean Bush Norris. *(continued on page 2)*

## Mark your Calendars

**Sunday, June 4th 10:30 a.m.**

**CONFIRMATION DAY!**

Lunch & Celebration after worship

**Week of June 5th**

Vacation Bible School

Northern Illinois Annual Conference

**Saturday, June 10th 8:00 a.m.**

Church Property Work Day & Lunch

**Sunday, June 11th 10:30 a.m.**

**PRIDE SUNDAY**

Wear your Rainbow Colors!



**Monday, June 12th 9:00 a.m.**

Healthy Aging Summer Program

**Sunday, June 18th 10:30 a.m.**

Juneteenth & Father's Day

**Sunday, June 25th after worship**

RMN Educational Event & Lunch:

Gender Identity 101 - Session 1

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

Jean was very active in Annual Conference. For many years, she led workshops, music and worship seminars, and Volunteer in Mission training. She also served as the NIC Director of Leadership and Program Development. We spent many years together attending workshops and leading many programs throughout the country and the NIC. We all learned a lot from Jean. When she retired in 2010, she moved away and stopped attending Annual Conference (one of our many shared events) regularly. I, and my colleagues, missed seeing her and working with her on a regular basis.

However, beginning in 2011, and every year until last year when she got sick, Jean has blessed me with a letter or an email or a phone call saying that she will miss me at Annual Conference, affirming the gifts I have and the work I will be doing at Conference, and telling me that she will be keeping me in prayer throughout the event. My heart is always warmed. This year, my heart will be a little bit sad, because there will be no phone call or letter. Instead, we will be lifting her name to God during the Memorial Service on the last day, and I will be praying for her husband, Patrick, and the rest of her loved ones, as well as, thanking God for all she meant to me.

It is always an extra special blessing when someone tells me that they are praying for me “out of the blue.” Sometimes it feels good because I am dealing with something that I may not have told others about and it gives me the “boost” I need, kind of like an affirmation from the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it’s just because it feels good to know that someone is thinking about me and caring for me “just because....” When I know others are praying for me, my burdens are lightened. Often, when I’m in a crisis situation, there are times when I can’t pray, or at least pray in a way that I think is effective. Now, I know that God hears my prayers, understands them, perfects them, and acts on them whether I am eloquent or not. But, there is just an extra touch of comfort knowing that someone else is interceding on my behalf. I feel more like I’m not in the situation alone.

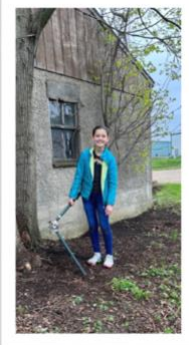
So, I am asking your prayers for all of us who are attending Annual Conference this year. (Kris is HUMC’s Lay Member to Annual Conference.) In addition, why not take a few minutes to RAP (Random Acts of Praying) right now for a friend, a relative, someone God brings to your heart. And if God puts it in your mind, maybe write them a note. I’m sure both of you will be especially blessed.

— ***Pastor Char***

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A BIG THANK YOU to the confirmation class, their families and HUMC volunteers who came out to help spruce up the exterior of the church property and a special thanks to Zeke Nickels for delivering the mulch! With so many hands the work was done so quickly and so joyfully! We move to the interior of the property for our next work day which will be on Saturday, June 10th at 8:00 a.m. See you there!

### **CHURCH PROPERTY WORK DAY!**



**NEXT CHURCH  
PROPERTY WORK  
DATE: SATURDAY,  
JUNE 10th 8:00 a.m.**





## Cultivating Health Ministries

HUMC is kicking off a **Healthy Aging** program for the summer! This will be a program geared for ages 60+ but all ages are welcome. In partnership with the Harvard Senior Center, we will be providing a class focusing on balance, stretch and strengthening, a meal, and an education/resource time which will go over a number of different topics important to our attending Seniors such as SHIP counseling, fall prevention, technology questions, spiritual health, and more. This program will take place twice a month at HUMC Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the following Mondays: **June 12th, June 26th, July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, August 21st.** For those interested in helping sponsor or make meals for these programs, please contact the NOW Team or email [churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org).



## N.O.W. Team - Outreach

Thank you for supporting our Mission Links! We are happy to announce that with matching funds from HUMC, we have raised just over \$300 for Missionary Helen Roberts-Evans. This month's Mission Links program is for the African American Methodist Heritage Center (AAMHC). The AAMHC was organized and incorporated in 2001. The mission for the AAMHC is to establish and provide for the maintenance of an African American Methodist Heritage Center, connected with a historically Black institution, that will preserve and protect artifacts and be accessible for research about African American people in Methodism. Also, to develop a library of video interviews with African American laity, clergy, and bishops recounting their experiences in the United Methodist Church since the creation, and subsequent dissolution of the segregated Central Jurisdiction. To continue this vital ministry the Center survives on small grants from the General Commission on Archives and History and contributions from individuals.

On June 18th we will be recognizing Juneteenth as well as Peace with Justice Sunday. We know the presence of political and social turmoil can be caused by a number of issues including economic disparity, environmental degradation, gender inequality, racism and xenophobia, and illness and disease. If we want peace, we must be committed to disrupting these conditions and systems that perpetuate injustice. Donations for this special Peace with Justice Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities.



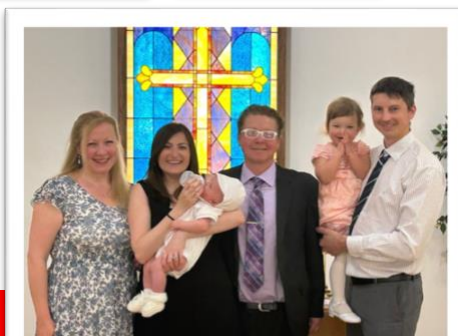
## RMN Working Group

June is Pride Month and HUMC has so much to celebrate this year: We adopted a new [Welcoming Statement](#), we have participated in several educational events and discussions, and we voted unanimously to become part of the [Reconciling Ministries Network](#)! On June 11th come to church in your rainbow colors and celebrate that God's inclusive love is at work within us, our church and our community. After worship, we will caravan to Pride Fest in the Woodstock Square. Also, mark your calendars on **June 25th** after worship for our next educational event: **Gender Identity 101**. This 45-minute session is the first of three video presentations which gives an overview of what gender identity is and what it isn't. The information in this presentation is helpful for anyone on a gender identity journey, anyone who would like to know how to best support someone on a gender identity journey, or anyone who is curious and open to learning more about this topic. This educational series is provided by the two mission partners of Reconciling Ministries Network: Parents Reconciling Network and United Methodist Alliance for Transgender Inclusion.





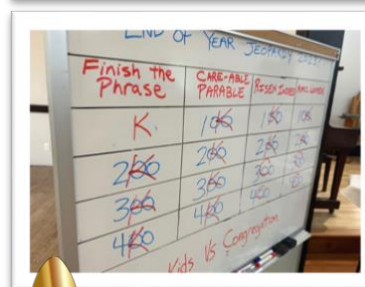
**Welcome Mateo Miguel Bugar! Your church family is blessed by you! We are excited to watch and care for you as you grow in faith!**



## HUMC Kids

We wrapped our 2022-23 Sunday School Year on May 14th. That day we presented the Action Bible to two of our Sunday School students and then we challenged the congregation to a game of Bible Jeopardy! It has been an incredible experience to have a front seat to the growth, discovery and discussions these children have each Sunday and I would just like to thank them and their parents for giving me this opportunity. I would like to thank some key supporters to our Sunday School year: first to Jeff and Debbie who provided breakfast snacks and began the ever-popular hot cocoa station that the kids can't live without! Thank you both also for being a part of our Christmas program this past year and for all the secret goodies the kids found from time to time in the Wonder Box! Thank you to Shirlee for getting the kids involved in the worship services through liturgy, special music, greeting, ushering and serving as acolyte. The kids have now found this participation to be integral to their worship experience! Thank you to Dave, Dawn, Karen, Kris, Glenn, and to the HUMC parents for jumping in to provide support in many forms, and lastly, thank you to Pastor Char who blessed us with her leadership of Confirmation Class, who connects with the children each Sunday, and who has provided me with such kind encouragement and guidance. Finally, thank you HUMC Congregation for being YOU! I am already looking forward to next year as we continue Sunday School and expand to include a youth group as well - so stay tuned!

It's not too late to sign up for Vacation Bible School! The Alden-Hebron Community VBS will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church in June from the 5th-9th 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. [Click Here](#) to register as a participant and/or volunteer!



We are starting a Praise & Worship Team for the summer! If you are interested in joining, please see James or contact us at [churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org) or come to our next rehearsal **Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m.**

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



Bobette VonBergen, recovering from a broken wrist  
Erin Englehardt's friend, Dan and his wife Beth, as he deals with the effects of Parkinson's  
Kris Bottlemey's Aunt Raynie recovering from a fall  
Sharon Smith's brother, Mike  
Deidre Bugar's friend, Sharon's 2 year old son, Kian, diagnosed with cancer  
Marge O'Halleran in recovery from cancer  
James Hampton  
Karen Vipond's nephew, Mark, recovering from cancer; Mary Dade, diagnosed with cancer; Ron Dedina, recovering from open heart surgery  
Alberta Austin and her son, Donny, experiencing health problems  
Harold and Juanita Bailey  
Roy Bailey; Roy's friend Nick G, recovering from an auto accident; baby Jordyn born prematurely  
Dick & Jeneil Border and their friend, Holly, diagnosed with cancer  
Dave Dickey  
Joan O'Halleran and her niece, Heidi, for successful cancer treatments  
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 their daughter, MaryBeth, experiencing health problems  
Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn  
Dorothy Peterson  
Betty Garrett  
Bob Garrett

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

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).*

*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.*



***On May 6th, the family of Marge Lopeman held a Celebration of Life at the Hebron Public Library. This special time was filled with stories, pictures, and memories, including some of the amazing work she did here at HUMC. We were blessed to have flowers from this celebration given in honor of Marge on our altar the next day.***



## 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

We raised \$302.00 for Missionary Helen Roberts-Evans and \$49.93 for Untied Voices for Children/Noisy Can. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously! To see our full Mission Program for 2023 [click here](#). Here are the upcoming ways you can give this month:

- 1) June Mission Links - [African American Methodist Heritage Center](#)
- 2) Special Sunday Juneteenth (June 18) - [Peace with Justice Sunday](#)
- 3) Local Giving - [Alden-Hebron Community Vacation Bible School](#)
- 4) Local Giving - Hebron Community Food Pantry (baskets in back of church)
- 5) June is Pride Month! Consider a donation to [Reconciling Ministries Network](#)

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



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