

Hebron United Methodist Church
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NOVEMBER 2023

The Pastor Ponders...

...When was the last time you just
praised the Lord?

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6

Following our ordination as Elder, Bishop Sprague invited our class to a preaching retreat with him. He suggested that we might find it helpful to keep a small notebook with us at all times in which we could write down some random thoughts, quotes, or other sayings that we might find helpful when it came time to preparing future sermons, newsletter articles, and the like. Nowadays, most clergy probably keep this stuff on their phones or tablets. I keep it on little pieces of paper scattered all over my desk.

Today I ran across a snippet from some old Church School material that I cut and taped to a piece of paper. "This is our story, the story of God's people whose very purpose is to *praise God*." (italics mine) I'm not so sure that I have thought of that as my primary purpose for being for a while. I have a tendency to get caught up in evangelism – my task is to share God's forgiveness, (continued on page 2)

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, November 5th All Saints Sunday
Church Council 9:00 a.m.
(Daylight Savings Time Ends)
Organ & Tissue Collection Begins

Mondays, November 6th & 13th
Productive Aging Matter of Balance 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, November 7th & 14th 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Choir Practice/Praise & Worship

Saturday, November 11th
Memorial Service for Dick Border
Visitation 1:00 p.m. / Service 2:00 p.m.
Hebron United Methodist Church

Honoring Veterans Day, Woodstock Harley
Davidson 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12th
Charge Conference 7:00 p.m. (SPRC 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 21st 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Worship Service at Alden UMC

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

acceptance, and love with others. Or sometimes I focus on the purpose of the church – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Or it may be the direction in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, visit the sick and imprisoned, and so forth. But praise, hmmm, when was the last time that I intentionally took that as my *primary* purpose of being? How about you?

The Bible is filled with examples and admonitions to praise God. Psalm 113 instructs us to praise the name of the Lord all day long, from today until the end of time. Psalm 100 tells us to praise God because it is God that made us and we are God's possession. Psalm 115 talks about the fact that God has mighty power far above all other gods and yet, God also sees us, hears us, cares for us, and can be trusted by us, therefore God is due our praise. The Psalms go on to talk about praising God with prayers, and singing, and dancing, and instrumental music, with arms outstretched or heads and hearts bowed. Deuteronomy 10:21 says, "God is your praise; God is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen." An aid to prayers suggests that we use the acronym ACTS to help us decide what to pray about - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication.

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God (and then to love others). "Well, if praising God is my primary purpose in life," I thought, "then I better get busy and do it." Last week as we drove to North Carolina and spent many hours in the mountains, I marveled at all the iridescent colors of the trees, smelled the earthy smells of fallen leaves, listened to the sounds babbling brooks and birds chirping, and felt the gentle autumn breeze as the sun started to set. Every now and then I could hear the sounds of cars whooshing down the road, and folks calling out to one another. What an amazing and complex world our Creator has created! What an awesome God God is! Praise the Lord! What was even more miraculous was the way in which my perspective shifts when I engage in a period of praise. I am not alone in my observation. The psalmist captured my feeling exactly in Psalm 8. What a difference practicing our primary purpose of life can make. What a change pausing to praise can effect.

Praise the Lord! *Pastor Char*

I would like to tell you all how much I appreciated the Pastor Appreciation recognition on October 28. It was fun to hear all the wonderful things that were expected of the perfect pastor, to enjoy the delicious dessert (Thanks Shirlee! You can never go wrong with strawberries and whip cream!), to read all the precious comments on the card, and to view the movie of all the fun activities I missed while I was gone (Thanks, Steph!). You are all a special blessing to me (+ Glenn)!

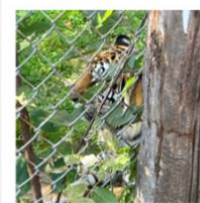
Award-winning Scarecrow!



Here's what we did while we were away!

HUMC FIELD TRIP

What an incredible experience to encounter God's Creation on our HUMC Field Trip to The Valley of the Kings Sanctuary in Sharon, WI on October 15th. A big thank you to Jeff & Debbie for providing this opportunity to our HUMC Kids, Youth, and Congregation. Thank you to our Sunday School class for making PB&J sandwiches which were fed to some of the animals, and thank you to everyone who participated and who donated to this special mission.



Cultivating Health Ministries

St. John's Lutheran Church hosted our most recent health event on October 26th. About a dozen community members learned about the signs and symptoms of an overdose and how to use Narcan to save lives. We are very grateful for this education!

Our Productive Aging Matter of Balance class wraps up this month - only two more meetings left. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page to learn about our next Productive Aging offering, as well as our next A1C Screening/Diabetes clinic coming soon!



You are invited to join HUMC, St. John's Lutheran Church and Alden UMC for a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Alden UMC, 16532 Rt. 173 Alden, IL on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.



Let's sing a song of praise at the Thanksgiving Service! Choir rehearsals will be at HUMC on Nov. 7th & 14th at 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**HUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE - November 12, 2023 at HUMC
SPRC meets 6:00 p.m. - Charge Conference 7:00 p.m.**

HUMC Youth & Kids



This article was submitted by our first youth contributor, Isela Elverman.

The [Forbeck Foundation](#) is a foundation that has raised funds and awareness towards cancer research since 1985. The NJHS (National Junior Honors Society) Chapter at Lake Geneva Middle School participated in this year's shoe drive through the Forbeck Foundation. Students from the NJHS Chapter met for three weeks before and during the drive, spreading the word and collecting and packaging shoes. Students placed drop boxes around the Middle School, at our administration building, and at the Hebron United Methodist Church. In two weeks, we were able to collect 213 pairs of shoes to be donated to those in need. The Lake Geneva Middle School NJHS Chapter would like to thank all who donated and participated and for all your support. *-Isela Elverman*

It was a busy month! The HUMC Youth & HUMC Kids entered into the Hebron Village Scarecrow decorating contest and won Most Creative and Best Overall entry! On October 15th, Roy Bailey and the HUMC Youth & Kids led the Laity Sunday Worship service, and afterwards, the congregation took a field trip to see the Valley of the Kings animal sanctuary. On October 21st, we participated in the Hebron Haunted 5K run/walk to support VBS and we enjoyed beautiful weather outdoors and fun crafts & treats indoors after the run at the Hebron Library. A big thank you to St. John's Lutheran Church and to the Hebron Library for this wonderful community event!

In addition to all of this, the Sunday School class has been learning about faith & blessings through the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob & Esau. The HUMC Youth have been busy with Confirmation classes and Church Works, where we have been exploring the first and second books of Timothy. Our older students also learned how to put together a church bulletin! Our next challenge: putting together a Christmas Program!



Important Dates:

Confirmation Classes:

November 12th, November 26th

December 3rd - during classes

Rehearsal for Christmas Program

December 10th - during worship

Children's Christmas Program!

Sunday School & Youth plan to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for dress rehearsal

In one of our favorite songs, *Think About His Love*, are the words, "Think about His love, think about His goodness, think about His grace that's brought us through." When we think about what we've accomplished this year it amazes me. We're near the end of our latest remodel project; have implemented programs to assist Seniors; participated in community activities; supported various Mission projects; have active Sunday School and Youth programs; creation of the Praise and Worship team; and many, many more activities. None of this could have happened without our faith - and hard work. To everyone who has worked so hard and prayed continuously to make all of this happen we want to extend a big THANK YOU!!! This month is Organ and Tissue Month to bring awareness for Organ and Tissue donations. It's also to bring awareness of the needs of the Hebron Community Food Pantry - tissues (toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels, etc.) and other products are gladly accepted. For all who will be contributing we want to thank you. For all who graciously agreed to purchase gifts for the Secret Santa program, sponsored through the A-H schools and the pantry, we should have all the information by Nov. 9th. Anyone who would like to participate in another way we will be collecting money to purchase tins of popcorn for each family, as we've done in the past. God bless all of you and may you have a meaningful Thanksgiving.

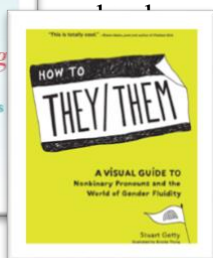
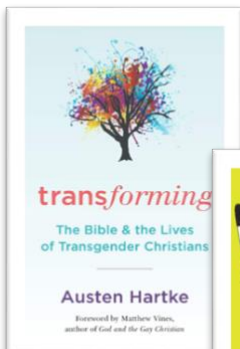
As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.
- John F. Kennedy

Shirlee Correll and Alberta Austin, *Nurture Team*



RMN Working Group

With the holidays fast approaching, our RMN Book Club has decided to push the next meeting date into the new year. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 28th after worship** to discuss the following books: *How to They/Them* by Stuart Getty (a "quick read" that uses fun graphics to teach the hows and whys of using they/them pronouns) and *Transforming* by Austen Hartke (a "longer read" that explores the lives of transgender Christians).



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or you
borrow a copy from
the church. In addition to
our book discussion, we
will also have a
pronoun usage
shop. Even if you
haven't read the

NOVEMBER IS ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR MONTH

Because our Hebron Community Pantry is limited on items available to purchase and also because of supply and demand, we'll be collecting during the entire month of November. Listed below are the items they need the most:

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Kleenex
Deodorant
Shampoo
Ketchup
Mayo
Mustard
Hamburger helper
Chips/Cookies
Cleaning Supplies

They also appreciate monetary donations to help pay for these items. The Hebron Community Food Pantry appreciates any and all donations made throughout the year. God bless you for your generous giving!!



With Deepest Sympathy

Richard Eugene Border (Dick, Shorty, PeeWee), 89, passed away peacefully on October 19th, 2023, at his home in, Elkhorn, Wisconsin. He was born August 30, 1934, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin to Ellis and Olive Border. He grew up in Elkhorn and attended Elkhorn High School, graduating in 1952. He married Jeneil M. Champeny in Lake Geneva, WI on September 11, 1955. The celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary this year.

He served on town committees of both Hebron, Illinois and Avon, Wisconsin. He enjoyed working on old tractors, competing in the tractor pulls at the Walworth County fair and the antique tractor rides.

Surviving is his wife, Jeneil Border, children, Richard A (Judy) Border, Ellis (Esther) Border, Debora (Jeff) Arnold, George (Debra) Border, Jeffery (Jenny) Border, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, along with multiple nieces, nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Dairl, sister Frances (Gail) Meyer and brothers, Keith and Earl.

Special thanks to Aurora At Home Hospice care and the many neighbors and friends who helped to care for him in his final weeks.

A memorial service will be 2:00PM on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Hebron United Methodist Church in Hebron, IL. Visitation will be 1:00PM until service time Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hebron United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 323 Hebron, IL 60034. Online guest book at www.haaselockwoodfhs.com.

Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 IL ★ RollingThunderIL2.org

Honoring Veterans Day

11.11.2023

Woodstock Harley Davidson
2235 South Eastwood Dr.
Woodstock, IL 60098
woodstockharley-dav.com

Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

- ★ 10:30 am
Guest Speaker:
McHenry County VSO
- ★ 11:00 am
POW/MIA
Remembrance
Ceremony
- ★ Chat With Your
Local Veterans
- ★ Food/Music
- ★ 20 Veteran
Organizations
 - American Legions
 - County Veteran
Services Offices
 - Lovell VA Hospital
 - VFWs
 - Military Recruiters
 - Military Displays

The term "Stand To" is a military term indicating the highest level of combat readiness. We use it in this event to reflect that this is the highest level of recognition and support of our Veterans.

We Support All Veterans Who...

“STAND TO”

Building Committee Update

Progress continues on the Wesley Room this month as we install the final trim and carpeting in the entryway over the next two weeks.

Thank you to everyone who came out in October for the final work day on the rental property! Photos were taken and submitted and we are now waiting on the county to send an inspector. After that, we will be ready to welcome renters!



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



Alberta Austin; and her son, Donny, experiencing health problems

Erin Englehardt's friend, Dan and his wife Beth, as he deals with the effects of Parkinson's

Deidre Bugar's friends, Sharon & Vim Nademanee on the passing of their son, Kian

Marge O'Halleran in recovery from cancer
James Hampton and his family as they make a decision re their mother's well being

Wayne who is experiencing medical problems

Karen Vipond's nephew, Mark, recovering from cancer; John Button, experiencing health problems

Roy Bailey

Harold and Juanita Bailey

Jeneil Border and the Border family on the passing of Dick Border ** Anyone wishing to send a card see below

Dave Dickey experiencing health problems

Joan O'Halleran; and her niece, Heidi, recovering from back surgery

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 and Patty Garrett, both recovering from surgeries

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; and Israel during this trying time of war. Surround those affected by these 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 all children who have been victims of abuse.

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.

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

**Jeneil Border, 18 West Street, #211
Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Debbie Arnold, P.O. Box 53
Zenda, WI 54195

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M
Sunday School during Worship/Confirmation and Youth meet at 9:00 a.m.



Opportunities to Give

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and worked so hard to support our missions in the month of October: World Communion (\$88.00), Repair the Harm (\$261.00), Valley of the Kings Animal Sanctuary (\$103.00), Noisy Can (\$75.52). Thank you to everyone who supported VBS through the 5K Walk/Run, for donations to the Valley of the Kings Sanctuary, and to the Hebron Food Pantry. Thank you! Here are the upcoming ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday - Organ & Tissue Day/Month (see list of items needed in this newsletter)
- 2) Local Giving - A-H Secret Santa donations for Popcorn Tins
- 3) Local Giving - Hebron Community Food Pantry (baskets in back of church)

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



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