



Hebron United Methodist Church  
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# Catch the Spirit!

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## The Pastor Ponders...

### ...How Can We Grow as Disciples of Jesus Christ?

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God -- what is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
*Romans 12:2*

I will be spending the next several Saturdays at training events, both as a leader and as a participant. Throughout our working careers, many of us have been required to participate in Continuing Education, and that goes for NIC Clergy as well. Pastors have a minimum of CEU's or hours of participation which we report to our DS each year.

I consider Continuing Education to be a blessing most of the time. The world is such a huge, fascinating place and people are such complex creatures, there is so much to see and do and experience, that I'll never know all there is to know or do all there is to do in my lifetime. I appreciate the opportunity and the encouragement to continue to learn and grow as a person, as a leader, and as a follower of Christ. After all, it has been said that to stop learning, to stop growing, to stop changing, is to die, and I'm far from ready to do that yet.

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## Mark your Calendars

**Saturday, January 27th, 8:00 a.m.**  
Prairie Central Leadership Training  
at Barrington UMC

**Sunday, January 28th**  
RMN Book Club & Workshop after Worship

**Sunday, February 4th**  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
Collection for "Soup-er Bowl Month" begins  
Book Drive for Black History Month begins

**Tuesdays in February - 7:00 p.m.**  
Choir/Praise & Worship Team meets

**Wednesdays in February - 9:30 a.m.**  
Productive Aging meets

**Saturday, February 10th, 9:00 a.m.**  
NIC Laity Convocation at Belvidere First UMC

**Sunday, February 11th - 9:00 a.m.** Church Council

**Tuesday, February 13th, 6:30 p.m.**  
Bishop's Day at Lombard First UMC

**Wednesday, February 14th, 7:00 p.m.**  
Ash Wednesday Service at HUMC

**Sunday, February 18th**  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation  
Mission Links: Reconciling Ministries Network  
& Special RMN Worship Service

## The Pastor Ponders (continued)

Training events open my eyes to new possibilities. I hear about the latest technology or thinking on a particular subject. I learn about what people have tried both successfully and unsuccessfully. I have the opportunity to check out new resources. And, most of all, I have the ability to network with people who are in the same situation or have similar interests to my own. I find that my creativity level rises in general, not just in the area targeted by the event. Often, I am able to help others as a result of sharing my experiences.

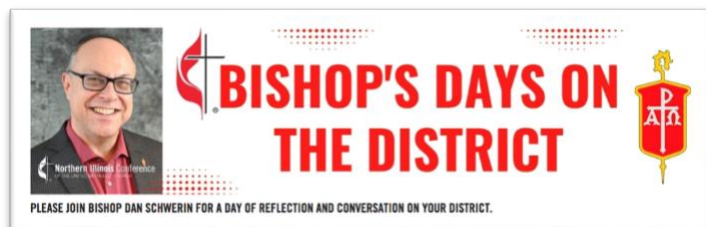
As followers of Christ, as members or leaders in a congregation, we are urged to continue growing in our knowledge and love of God and others and in the practice of our faith. It's hard to do that by ourselves, and sometimes, in the narrow confines of our church building or community. Sometimes, it helps to get the perspective of other persons. Training events are opportunities for personal and communal growth which can stimulate new ideas, give us energy, and cause us to look at our situation in a slightly different manner. They can help us to better define our task and see how it fits in the overall scheme of things. They can assist us to understand why some things work as they do and others don't.

There are a variety of continuing education events offered in the next several weeks. Details may be found in this newsletter or in the bulletin. I hope that many of you will prayerfully consider taking advantage of these occasions to "renew your minds and discern the will of God – that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Blessings,  
Pastor Char



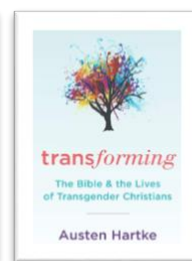
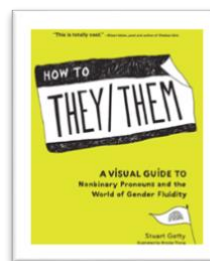
**Prairie Central Leadership Training**  
January 27, 2024 at the Barrington UMC  
98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$15 (box lunch included)  
[Click here](#) to register



**Bishop's Day - Prairie Central District**  
February 13, 2024 at Lombard First UMC  
155 S. Main St., Lombard, IL  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more info.



**Productive Aging at HUMC**  
Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
February 7th - March 13th  
Love God - Body, Mind, Spirit  
Balance & Strengthening Class,  
Scripture, Activities, and healthy  
snacks provided - for 65 years+



**RMN Book Club & Workshop**  
January 28, 2024 at HUMC  
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., light lunch provided  
We'll discuss our book selections and learn more about the lives of Transgender Christians. Then, join us for a fun, interactive workshop as we get familiar with they/them pronouns!



**NIC Laity Convocation**  
February 10, 2024 at Belvidere First UMC  
610 Bonus Avenue, Belvidere  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$15/\$25  
[Click here](#) to register

## N.O.W. Team

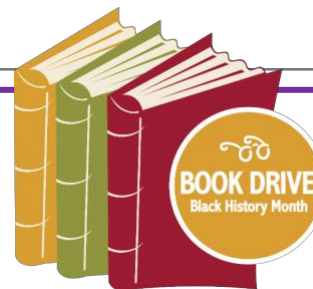
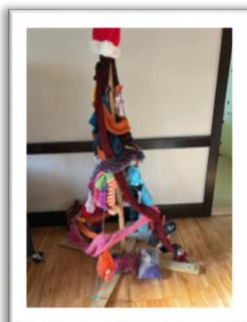
To paraphrase Paul in Ephesians 5:16: Make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. We were so blessed in 2023 with everyone's generosity of giving of their time, talents, and treasures that we accomplished more than we had ever dreamed. And, for that, we want to give a big **THANK YOU!!**

We are starting off this year with our "Soup-er" Bowl event starting February 1st. We are making this a month long event of collecting items to be donated to the Hebron Community Food Pantry. Listed below are some needed items - not just soup!

Progresso soups/Chunky soups/Tomato soup  
Spaghetti/Marinara/Tomato sauces in glass jars  
Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo  
Canned Chicken  
Peanut Butter  
Hamburger Helper  
Lunch bag size variety of chips/snacks  
Canned peaches (no pears/fruit cocktail)  
Cake mixes  
Coffee  
Paper towels  
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste  
Bar soap  
Kleenex  
Toilet paper  
Dish soap/Laundry detergent  
Depends/Poise - Medium or Large  
Always - Moderate to heavy

Thank you for your generosity and love. The mystery of love is that the more you give, the more remains in your heart.

Shirlee and Alberta,  
Nurture co-chairs



Do you have a favorite Black author? A few years ago, Hebron librarian Josh Stevens wanted to fill a book display at the library for Black History Month featuring books written by Black authors. After searching through the library and finding very few books featuring Black voices, he began to expand the library's collection. HUMC is asking you to help with this effort during the month of February! We are collecting new or gently used books written by Black authors. If you don't have a favorite author in mind, we encourage you to take this month to pick up a book and explore! We will have a book basket at our church in the Wesley Room where you can donate your book, or you can send books directly to the Hebron Public Library, 9908 St. Albans St., Hebron, IL 60034.



In February 2023 we became a Reconciling Congregation and adopted a new [Welcoming Statement](#). This year on February 18th, we will be remembering and celebrating this day with a special worship service. We will also be collecting donations for Reconciling Ministries Network, our Mission Links project for the month of February and we'll host a "RUM" drive to help anyone who wants to [sign up online](#) to be a "Reconciling United Methodist."



## Cultivating Health Ministries

We will once again be partnering with Cultivating Health Ministries and St. John's Lutheran Church in 2024 to provide A1C Screening/Diabetes Clinic in Hebron, IL and other important health programs. Our next A1C Screening date will be announced soon, so please check back on our website at [www.hebronmethodist.org](http://www.hebronmethodist.org) for upcoming information and events.



## HUMC Youth & Kids



Our HUMC Kids and Youth did an outstanding job presenting "A Christmas Carol in Bethlehem" on December 10th. We are so proud of all the work they put into this presentation and into the Cookie Sale which raised over \$750.00 for Pets for Vets!

The HUMC Youth continue to meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for Church Works where we learn about the different tasks and jobs at the church, as we also study about the life of the early church through the letters of Paul, Hebrews, James & Peter. We will also do a study on The Passion throughout Lent.

Our HUMC Kids will continue to meet during the Sunday worship service. We are entering into a new unit about Jesus as a teacher of love, inclusion and community!

### Feb/Mar Confirmation Schedule:

February 4th, February 18th

March 3rd, March 17th

### 2024 CHANGES TO VILLAGE OF HEBRON SENIOR BUS SERVICES

The McHenry County Senior Transportation Grant Board has requested the Village of Hebron, Richmond Township, and McHenry Township join forces to create a Northeastern Transportation District. This partnership will allow us to service Village residents more efficiently and effectively, allowing us to expand our services. This will no longer be a weekly service, but this does mean you can request a ride on an as needed basis. Richmond Township Vehicles (buses/vans/cars) will now be employed for transport, and this service will remain free of charge.

### YOU WILL NOW NEED TO CALL TO SCHEDULE RIDE SERVICE.

To schedule your ride, call Diana at 815-678-0077.

Scheduling rides on an as needed basis allows us to provide transportation to pharmacies, doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, etc. at your convenience. If you have any questions regarding the Village of Hebron or the grant process; please contact your Village Treasurer, Katherine Andrus at 815-648-2353 ex. 12.



A big thank you to everyone who participated in filling the church with beautiful music during the Fall and Advent Seasons, and for sharing our music with our community at the Thanksgiving service in Alden and at the 12 Joys of Christmas event at the Hebron Public Library in December.

Have fun singing with us during this Lenten season! Choir/Praise & Worship will meet on Tuesdays in the months of February and March from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. at the HUMC.



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



Alberta Austin, suffering from shingles; and her son, Donny, experiencing health problems

Erin Englehardt's co-worker, Pat Kerney, diagnosed with esophageal cancer

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

Roy Bailey; his Uncle Wayne Bailey recovering from a severe infection and Aunt Regina Bailey

Harold and Juanita Bailey; Juanita's friend, Betty Recob's husband, Jim, recovering from cancer surgery

Dave Dickey, recovering from a broken wrist as a result of a fall

Joan O'Halleran

Debbie Arnold's friend Jean, recovering from a broken ankle

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

Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn

Dorothy Peterson, recovering from a fall

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; 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 [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

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 December and January! We received over \$750 for Pets with Vets, \$76 to Human Relations Sunday, Gifts and Popcorn Tin donations for the A-H Secret Santa program, \$52 to the Noisy Can mission, dozens of items for the Red Bird Mission tree, and donations to the Hebron Community Food Pantry. Thank you! Here are the upcoming ways you can give this month:

- 1) Mission Links - Reconciling Ministries Network on February 18th
- 2) Local Giving - "Soup-er Bowl Month" collection for Hebron Community Food Pantry
- 3) Local Giving - Black History Month book drive for the Hebron Public Library

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



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