



Hebron United Methodist Church
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The Pastor Ponders... ...Do You Have a Church Home?

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
Ephesians 2: 19 - 20 (NRSV)

I'm excited!! Many of our "regulars" are returning from vacation, State Fairs, and other summertime pursuits and our sanctuary is beginning to fill up with smiles, hugs, laughter, "I've missed you," and "welcome backs." Singing is more enthusiastic, and renewed energy is filling our space. Worship during the summer has been inspiring and joy-filled, but it's not quite the same when any of us are missing. And, while I hate to say good-bye to the lazy and/or crazy days of summer, I do enjoy the beauty and the moderate temperatures of the fall.

Notice that I didn't use words like "peaceful," or "laid-back" to describe the fall, because we've already started to fill in our calendar for the last several months of the year. Rally Day, Laity Sunday, and a new start to Church Works and Sunday School are in the planning stages as are programming for Productive Aging, the Community

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Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, September 3rd

9:00 -10:00 a.m. CHM Health Event at St. John's
"Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia"

Learn the difference as well as the
10 warning signs

To register call/text: 815-715-2956

Sunday, September 8th

10:30 a.m. RALLY DAY!

Luncheon & open mic after worship!
Bring your voices & your instruments!

Sunday, September 15th

Church Works (7th grade +) begins 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School (pre-k - 6th)
begins during worship

Saturday, September 21st

Fall Hebron Fest at the park
Come visit the HUMC booth!

Sunday, September 22nd

Church Council Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Save the Date:

Church Conference with District Superintendent

Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann

Sunday, November 17th

SPRC meets 6:00 p.m.

Church Conference 7:00 p.m.

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

Thanksgiving Service, and the Christmas Program. (And, yes! food will probably be involved!) This fall, we are going to introduce new music ministries and mission projects. And, with some luck and hard work, we will have a new church directory before December.

The past couple of weeks, I have challenged you to think about what having a church home means to you. How do you feel about it? What makes it special to you? Why do you consider it your church home in the first place? What brought you there? What keeps you there? What makes your life different because that is your home? How do you find God there? If not, where do you find God? How have you grown? What do you need from your church home? What do you wish for it? What are you willing to do to make that happen? How would you feel if your church home was no longer there? What would you do?

When we have discovered something that gives us joy, a reason for being, a sense of belonging, an incentive to learn and grow, or makes us better, we want to share it. And so it should be with our church home. Many of us come in contact with persons who don't have all the positives a church home can provide. This fall HUMC provides many opportunities for you to invite folks to get to know us, to know our church (your church home), and to get to know the abundant acceptance, forgiveness, love, and healing that knowing Jesus and his friends can provide. In the coming weeks, think about what your church home means to you and then share it with someone.

(And, if you haven't been here in a while, come on home! We'll leave the light [of Christ] on!)

Blessings! Pastor Char

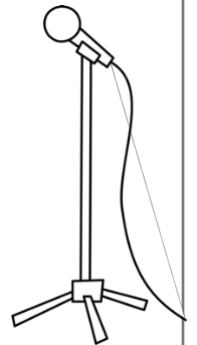
HUMC Youth & Kids

O sing
unto the
Lord a
new song,
for he has
done
marvelous
things!
Psalm 98



Rally Day is Sunday, September 8th during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Join us as we kick off our Church School Year with a Joyful Noise to the Lord! After worship, you are invited to a luncheon and open mic event where all ages can share their musical gifts and we can kick off our HUMC Kids/Youth Mission Program. So **WARM UP** those voices, **TUNE THOSE INSTRUMENTS**, and don't forget to bring something for the "tip jar" a.k.a. mission donation jar. Let's make some NOISE!

As we kick off "Make a Joyful Noise" Rally Day 2024 we are also kicking off our HUMC Kids/Youth Mission program: **Kids Making Noise for Kids!** Our first mission will support *Hope for Warriors*, an organization created in honor and memory of Rylie Hope "Hopie" Mogan to help support kids or "young warriors" and their families during their cancer battle. Many of us at HUMC knew Hopie when she and her family attended our church and we hope you will consider making a donation - and some noise! - to and for this organization after worship on Sept. 8th in Fellowship Hall!



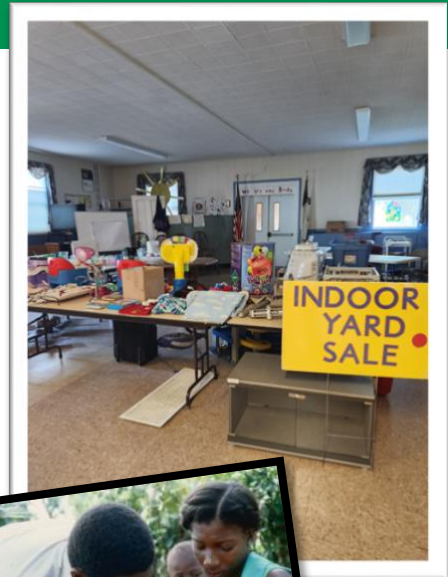
Church Works begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 15th. Sunday School begins on Sept. 15th during worship.

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

A BIG thank you to everyone who came together in August to make our Garage Sale day a great success! We had people setting up tables, moving sale items, cleaning, organizing and pricing. We had people shopping, donating, baking, and running the sale. After all that effort we are pleased to announce that we raised just over \$700.00 for our HUMC missions! Thank you all for supporting these missions so generously: Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Clinic \$250 (with matching); Global Refugee/Migration Response \$230 (with matching); UM Global Aids Fund \$150 (with matching); UM Student Day \$100; World Communion \$100 and Repair the Harm \$279.00.

In September, we look forward to supporting our youth/kids mission for Rally Day on September 8th for Hope for Warriors as well as our Noisy Can mission for United Voices for Children on September 29th - so don't forget your coins!

We hope to see you all at the annual Hebron Fall Fest: Saturday, September 21st at the Hebron Community Park. Stop in to see us at our HUMC booth!



The Cost of Discipleship

My recent copy of a nature magazine contained a notice about renewing the subscription. As I looked at it, the words at the top of the page caught my attention: *"Enjoy the benefits of membership."* These words could also describe the attitude we sometimes take toward the church. We may indeed enjoy the benefits of membership - a church wedding, baptism, pastoral calls when we are sick or troubled, a Christian burial for our loved ones. But being a part of the church is more than this. Being part of the church means making a daily and continuous commitment to follow Christ.

The words Jesus spoke to the crowd and his disciples remind us of the cost of this discipleship. (Refer to Mark 8:34) Jesus did not come to found a club which offered benefits and appealed to our self-interest. He came to call us to deny many of the pleasures of life for ourselves and to care for the needs of others.

I believe many of us have done exactly that. We are seeing a renewal within our church because we do take seriously Jesus' words and we have responded to them in faith and obedience. With Christ's guidance, let us continue to be People of the Pentecost and Celebrate not only on Sunday mornings but on each and every day of the week with all we come into contact with.

May the Peace of God be With You All.

Your brother in Christ,
Roy Bailey



Cultivating Health Ministries

*****Last chance to register for our next health event on September 3rd*****

We are joining again with Cultivating Health Ministries and St. John's Lutheran Church to provide this educational program from the Alzheimer's Association. Aileen Zei will guide us through Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, learning the difference between the two, and teaching us the 10 warning signs to look for. This one-hour event takes place on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. Please register by calling or texting 815-715-2956.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



COMING SOON!

We are currently planning our Fall Productive Aging Program for October/November. Check our website, FB page, or church bulletin for updates and announcements.



Did you see us at the 4th of July Parade?

Do you know a Senior who would like to go for a bike ride?

Registration is open for seniors for FREE rides on the HEBRON TRAIL two Saturdays a month this summer and fall. If you and/or a senior you know would like to register, call our friends at the Harvard Senior Center at 815-943-2740 or contact Stephanie at the church.

Presenting

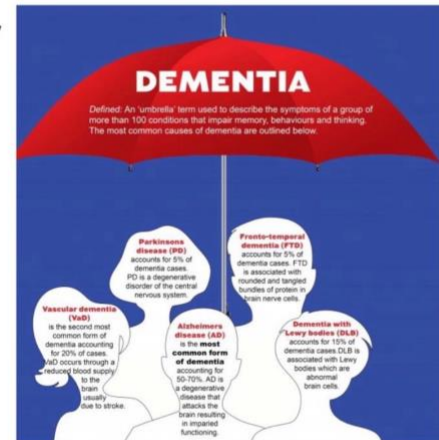


Aileen Zei, Manager, Education and Community Alzheimer's Association®

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, learn the difference as well as the "Ten Warning Signs."



ALZHEIMER'S and Dementia



September 3rd 2024
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Room: Fellowship Hall
9812 St. Albans Street, Hebron, IL

Register Today for this informative event.
Stephanie Claussen: juststephers@gmail.com
Phone: 815-715-2956



Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital



G.R.A.C.E.

Interested in being a part of our reconciling team? Stay tuned for our next G.R.A.C.E. meeting where we will plan our next educational events and book/film discussions.

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



Dale Walker's friend Sandy's mom on her diagnosis of cancer
Marj O'Halleran recovering from cancer surgery
Dan Staten's son, Nick
Alberta Austin at Alden Terrace ***Anyone wishing to send a card see below***; and her son, Donny, experiencing health problems
Erin Englehardt's co-worker, Pat Kerney, diagnosed with esophageal cancer
James Hampton; his mother, Marjorie; the family of his Aunt Deborah, on her recent passing; his brother, Gregory, his wife and family, on the passing of her mother
Karen Vipond; her nephew, Mark and family on the passing of his wife, Maria, and experiencing health problems; her friend, Fred, experiencing health problems; her nephew, Garry, experiencing health problems
Roy Bailey
Harold & Juanita Bailey; Juanita's friend, Betty Recob's husband, Jim, recovering from cancer surgery
Dave Dickey; and his friend, Jay Pierce, diagnosed with cancer
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 their daughter, MaryBeth
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 for Ukraine and Israel during these trying times 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. Wendy Hardin Hermann, our Bishop Dan Schwerin, 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

***Alberta Austin
803 Royal Drive
McHenry, IL 60050

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M



Opportunities to Give

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our missions and those who worked and baked for the August Garage Sale for missions! We raised just over \$700 which means, with matching from HUMC, the following will be sent to these missions: Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Clinic \$250; Global Refugee/Migration Response \$230; UM Global Aids Fund \$150; UM Student Day \$100; World Communion \$100 and Repair the Harm \$279.00. Thank you for your support! Here are the upcoming ways you can give this month:

- 1) Rally Day Mission: Hope for Warriors - September 8th
- 2) United Voices for Children/Noisy Can - September 29th
- 3) Local Giving - Hebron Community Food Pantry (any Sunday - baskets in back of Sanctuary)

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



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