



Hebron United Methodist Church
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MAY 2025

The Pastor Ponders...

...Do You Have A Church Home?

We are fools for the sake of Christ ...
(1 Corinthians 4: 10)

Following the Good Friday service, Glenn and I went out to dinner at Applebee's to break the fast. I was still wearing my clergy collar as we entered the restaurant and sat down to eat. At one point in the evening, our server asked if we had attended Good Friday services at our church and we said that we had. She asked what church we attended and we told her about Hebron UMC. So, of course I asked, "Do you have a church home?" And she answered that she and her mom had been attending The Chapel in McHenry for a while. I asked her what helped her to decide to worship there. She said that it was the music and that she appreciated the Bible-based sermons that the pastor gave. I encouraged her to remain active there and hoped that her job would let her attend Easter worship.

A few years, and a couple of churches ago, I received a phone call from someone who wanted to park in the church lot. One thing led to another and she began telling me about her life and that prayers would really help at this point. After assuring her that I would pray for her and her family I asked, "Do you have a church home?"

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Mark your Calendars

Sunday, May 4th

Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, May 11th - Mother's Day

Children's Chat Sunday School Jeopardy

Sunday, May 18th

Last Day for Church Works/Sunday School
HUMC Kids/Youth Craft Auction & Luncheon
Proceeds go to [Never Say Never Playland](#)

Sunday, May 25th

Mission Links: Northern Illinois Justice for our
Neighbors (JFON)

June 2nd - 8th

BUILD WEEK for Never Say Never Playland
Volunteers wanted - [click here!](#)

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

June 9th - 13th 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School (at St. John's Lutheran)
For info & to register as a volunteer or attendee:
www.vbspro.events/p/aldenhebron25

SAVE THE DATE

HUMC Centennial Celebration & Dedication

July 5th - Parade & Open House

July 6th - Dedication Ceremony during Worship
Service & Luncheon

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

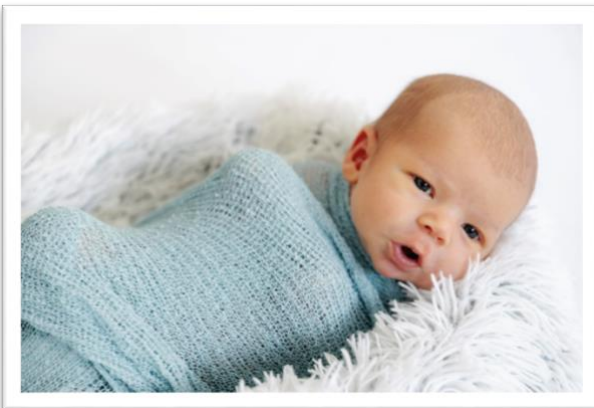
She said that she had been attending a non-denominational church in the area. “What attracted you to that church?” I asked. She said she enjoyed the music during worship, and the fact that the church was involved in a wide variety of outreach activities, as well as the opportunity to grow in her faith through Bible study. She had originally been invited to participate in a small group that met in someone’s home, and then to take part in a couple of mission outreach activities. I encouraged her to remain active in her church, but did invite her to a dinner that my church was hosting.

A while back, I nodded and smiled as I passed a guy and his daughter while walking through the woods. A little later, I heard the dad ask his daughter which path they should take and the daughter said that they should follow me. I figured that I should acknowledge that I could hear them and so I stopped, turned around and told him my name and the fact that I was a pastor. One thing led to another and I asked, “Do you have a church home?” He told me where he worshipped and that it was the strong Church School program that attracted him and kept his family at that church. I encouraged him to keep attending.

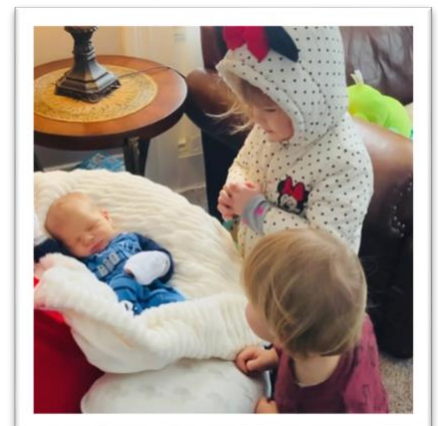
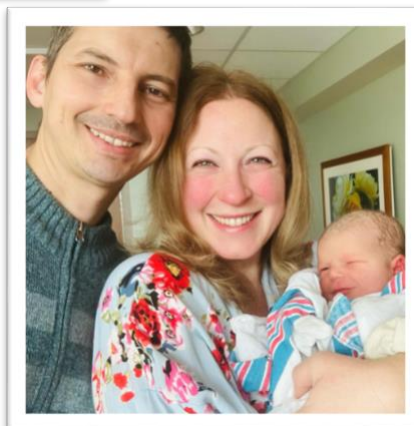
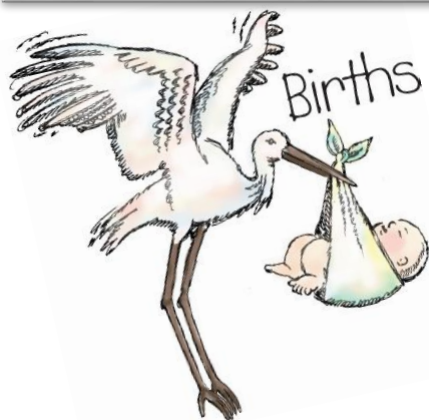
I’ll admit that, just like some of you, it was easier to encourage my extended family to attend church regularly when I lived closer to them, but I consider the fact that they are getting to be regular “Christ-Ers” at Hebron a start. Part of their problem – not all churches are kid-friendly any more, and they know they’ll be welcome at HUMC whenever they show up and so will their kids. Unfortunately, it’s a long drive.

One of these days, I’m going to run into someone who needs a church home and they just might take me up on my invitation. Until then, I’ll just keep practicing my technique, enjoying the opportunity to learn about what attracts and keeps folks at their churches (or not!), and listening for the needs that HUMC just might be able to meet. I hope you will as well.

Blessings! *Pastor Char*



We joyfully announce our newest HUMC family member! Sebastian David Burgar was born February 10, 2025 to Lucas and Deidre Burgar. This 8 lb 11 oz bundle has been attending Sunday worship regularly with his parents, siblings, Francesca and Mateo, and proud grandmother Margie Moore. Congratulations to the Burgar family! May God bless you, Sebastian, with love and happiness as you continue to grow!



HUMC KIDS

Thank you to all the HUMC Kids and Youth for participating in our intergenerational choir during Holy Week! We had a blessed celebration on Palm Sunday, and most especially on Easter Sunday as we learned about Holy Week and the Risen Lord. We are quickly wrapping up our Sunday School/Church Works year! On Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day) during worship, we will go head-to-head with the congregation during Children's Chat for our annual traditional Jeopardy! competition. You'll be impressed by all the kids have learned this year!



Then, on May 18th - our last day of Sunday School/Church Works - we will be hosting our final mission fundraiser for the Never Say Never Playland! Please mark your calendars **on May 18th** after worship for the HUMC Kids/Youth Craft Auction! Lunch and bidding paddles will be provided. Don't miss out on this fun event which will help raise funds for tools needed for the construction of the Never Say Never playground going up this summer! We are also sharing information about the volunteering opportunity with Never Say Never Playland. After years of fundraising and planning, this playground is ready to be built! If you want to help build this dream-about-to-come-true, go to www.neversayneverplayland.com/volunteer.

Also, as a reminder, registration for Vacation Bible School is now open! To register as a volunteer or as a participant, or to make a donation, go to www.vbspro.events/p/aldenhebron25.



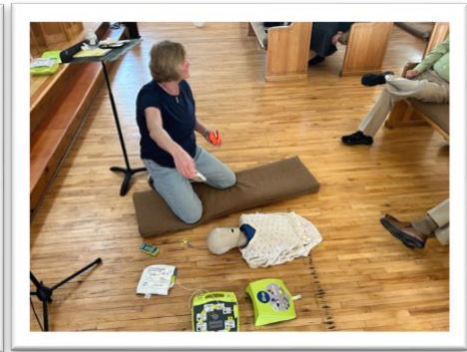
Cultivating Health Ministries



A big thank you to Sharon Smith for training our HUMC congregants to save a life by using CPR and our AED equipment. We will be hosting 2 more training sessions for adults and one training session for our youth. Those dates/times will be announced soon. If you are interested in receiving this free training, please contact Sharon Smith or Stephanie Claussen, or you can email churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org.



Planning for our Summer Productive Aging Program is underway! We are aiming to make this session an intergenerational program as we have done in the past to include a free, healthy meal prepared by the HUMC Youth! Stay tuned for registration information coming soon...

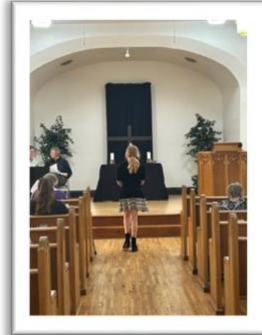




Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday Community Service at Alden UMC

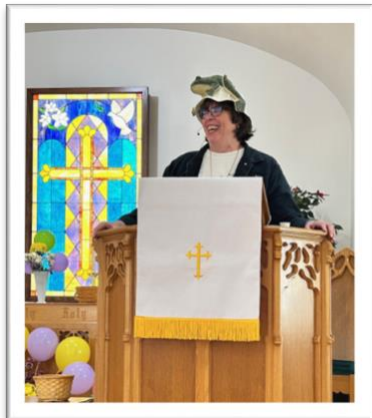


Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday!



Holy Humor Sunday! Celebrating victory over death!



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



Shirlee Correll's friend, Lori, diagnosed with cancer
Stephanie Kasten's friend, Mary, experiencing multiple problems
Harold, Juanita and Roy Bailey
Sandy Rutherford, experiencing health problems, and Rose as she cares for him
Karen Vipond's friend, Bob Athey, going through cancer treatments, and her brother, George, diagnosed with cancer
Marj O'Halleran experiencing health problems
Dan Staten's son, Nick
Alberta Austin at Alden Terrace ***Anyone wishing to send a card see below***
James Hampton; his mother, Marjorie; and his brother-in-law, James, experiencing heart problems
Dave Dickey
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
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 & safety for all those who defend & protect us

We pray for peace for all countries during these trying times of war and unrest. 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, women, men 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 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 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.

***Alberta Austin

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Our Lay Leader, Roy Bailey attending training at Barrington UMC.

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



Opportunities to Give

Thank you to everyone who gave in April to our missions! We collected \$122.00 for UMCOR Where Most Needed. Thank you! [Click here](#) for our full Mission Links Program 2025. Upcoming ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday - [Native American Ministries](#) - May 4th
- 2) Mission Links - [Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors](#) (JFON)
(HUMC will match up to \$200) - May 25th

2) Local Giving - [A-H Vacation Bible School](#) - any Sunday

3) Local Giving - Hebron Community Food Pantry - any Sunday

Baskets to collect items are located at the back of our Sanctuary. Monetary donations to restock the pantry's meat supply will also be accepted and appreciated!

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



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