



Hebron United Methodist Church
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The Pastor Ponders...

...What Is Intercessory Prayer?"

Therefore Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
Hebrews 7: 25 NIV

Intercessory prayer is a type of prayer whereby we pray to God on behalf of another person or group. Often we pray for healing, guidance, discernment, or for a particular situation that we would like God to address. In other words, we act as a mediator or intercessor on behalf of others. In the Bible, the apostle Paul asked his friends to pray for him that God would help him and that they all might be blessed. (2 Corinthians 1: 11) In John 17 Jesus prays for himself, for his disciples, and for all who would believe in him in the future – us! On Sunday morning when we pray for our joys and concerns, we are practicing intercessory prayer.

In *The Workbook of Intercessory Prayer*, Maxie Dunnam wrote, “we can’t think very long about prayer without thinking about intercessory prayer. We can’t pray very long or very often without our minds and hearts turning from our own needs and our own relationship with God to others and their needs.” He went on to admit that, even though he studied and practiced intercessory prayer, he never quite understood it. And, as he struggled with

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Mark your Calendars

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

Scarecrow decorating after worship

Every Friday in October

Fall Productive Aging 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Chair Tai Chi by Stephanie and Healing for the
Soul Exploration by Pastor Char
FREE! Contact Stephanie to register:
churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org

Sunday, October 12th 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

HUMC Bowling Fundraiser and 50/50 Raffle
at J's Lanes, Harvard, IL
\$15 Adults / \$12 Children (12 & under)
\$10 for 50/50 Raffle ticket
Tickets on sale after worship or at the door!

Sunday, October 19th - Laity Sunday

Church Council 9:00 a.m.
Worship with Lay Leader Roy Bailey
Repair the Harm Collection

SAVE THESE DATES:

November 23rd - Charge Conference
2:00 p.m. (SPRC meets 1:30 p.m.)
November 25th - Thanksgiving Eve Service
7:00 p.m. at HUMC
Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for
Sunday, December 21st

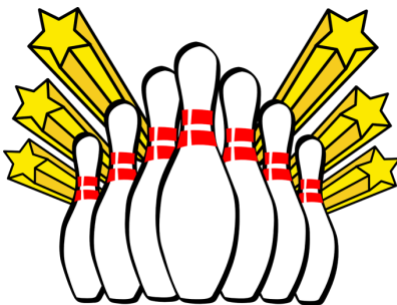
The Pastor Ponders (continued)

making meaning of this form of prayer, he began to ask the questions: What difference does it make? Does it make a difference? And how does it make a difference?

I've been reading Francis MacNutt's book *Healing* in preparation for our Productive Aging class. MacNutt reports that a group of priests got together regularly to intercede for a group of folks and their community. They prayed not only for the healing of body, emotions, and spirits of individuals, but also for the healing of the community, especially concerning its political, economic, and spiritual well-being. They discovered that intercessory prayer did make a difference. As individuals became healthier, so did their relationships. They stopped acting towards others out of their hurt and prejudices which divide and began helping others to heal and build community. The community underwent a transformation where there was less injustice and oppression and more value and appreciation of each other. Overall, there was a return to the spiritual necessity of relationship with Jesus Christ and a knowledge that humans can't fix everything on their own – they need the Holy Spirit. Conversely, God needs the partnership of humans if society is to realize a change for the better.

Intercessory prayer moves our thoughts and actions beyond our own needs and desires to a focus on the concerns of others and the ability of God to act in a positive way to make a change. To that end, I invite us to practice intercessory pray on a daily basis for those we care about and for our country. I found this prayer on the Campus Crusade website. (This is *not* an endorsement of Campus Crusade. I chose the prayer because it was short and simple and conveyed a desire for transformation.) *Lord, please be in our midst as we come together as your body to lift up our country and our leaders. Please protect our country from the division that challenges our ability to live lives pleasing to you. Defend the vulnerable and voiceless, and bring justice to those who have suffered injustice. Realign and unify your people in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the author and protector of our faith, as we cry out to you for our land. Amen.*

Blessings! *Pastor Char*



Get your tickets to our Bowling Fundraiser and 50/50 Raffle!
Sunday, October 12th 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ J's Lanes, Harvard, IL
\$15 for Adults - \$12 for children (12 and under)
Includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza and soda, cookies, and 3 chances to win an "H.U.M.C. Basket!" - \$1 for each additional chance! An additional \$10 gets you a chance to win our 50/50 Raffle! (Do not need to be present to win 50/50 Raffle)
See Shirlee to purchase tickets now. Tickets will also be available at the door. *Proceeds to benefit the HUMC General Fund.*

HUMC will be participating once again in the Village of Hebron Scarecrow Contest! This year our scarecrow entry will be inspired by the Mission in Motion we see in our church and in our community! Help us put together our scarecrow entry after worship on October 5th. Our entry will be completed and on display by October 8th and winners for the Scariest, Most Creative, and Most Humorous will be announced on October 27th at the Village Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



HUMC KIDS

We kicked off our Church School year with an incredibly enthusiastic RALLY DAY! Our Sanctuary was converted into a basketball court/volleyball court/Football Field and our HUMC Kids and Youth burst into the Sanctuary to share with the congregation what school they are attending and how God is putting them into motion this year! We asked ourselves, *What would Jesus be? A quarterback? A cheerleader? A referee?* We also introduced our new mission program: Mission in Motion! During our worship service we gave the kids a challenge - to come up with an HUMC Fight Song, and after worship we packed a picnic lunch and headed to the Never Say Never Playland in Delavan, WI to see what happens when many hands put a mission into motion. It was a great blessing to see the kids explore and understand the importance of an inclusive playground where all kids can play together.

Our high school study this season is on the Bible, how we got it and how to use it. High Schoolers meet before worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School (pre-k - elementary) and Church Works (middle school) meet during the last half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our first unit is about God's protection and how God was with Moses and the Hebrew people.

PARENTS: We are planning our first Mission in Motion event for sometime this fall - when it actually starts to feel like fall! Stay tuned for the date to be announced for our "Rake and Run" where the HUMC Kids and Youth will meet early on a Sunday morning before church with rakes and leaf bags. We'll head out into the community to find a lawn that needs raking! Also, mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas Program and Cookie Sale: Sunday, December 21st!



Check out these community events happening this month in Hebron!



SAVE THE DATE
VILLAGE OF HEBRON
CRUISE NIGHT
and Fall Festival
Sponsored by the Hebron Police Department

SAVE THE DATE for our Cruise Night on Rt. 47 in beautiful Hebron Illinois.
This event will include our Fall Festivities with music, food, animals, costumes and bon fire.
Bring the whole family!

<p>📍 Illinois RT. 47, Hebron, IL 60034</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION: DAWN MILARSKI AT DMILARSKI@VILLAGEOFHEBRON.ORG 815.648.2353</p>	<p>18</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>AT 3PM TO 7PM</p>
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SEE YOU THERE!



Cultivating Health Ministries

HUMC is partnering once again with the Harvard Community Senior Center to provide this season's Productive Aging program at HUMC! Join us **every Friday in October from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for this **FREE** program for seniors 60 and over. Our program begins with chair tai chi classes led by Stephanie, followed by a new program led by Pastor Char: *Exploring the Ministry of Healing: Learning about how we can experience God's gift of healing personally and also share it with others.* Register for this program by calling or texting Stephanie at 815-715-2956.



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



Debbie Arnold's cousin, Darlene, experiencing medical issues, and her brother Ellis, recovering from surgery
Harold, Juanita & Roy Bailey, and Juanita's cousin, Bob, experiencing health issues
Dorothy Peterson
Sandy & Rose Rutherford, experiencing health issues
Candy Wasicak, recovering from surgery
Glenn Hoffmann, experiencing health issues
Norita Farrell's son-in-law, Mark, in Hospice care, and her daughter, Leanna
Karen Vipond's friend, Bob Athey, going through cancer treatments, her brother, George, diagnosed with cancer, and her nephew, Mark, recovering from cancer surgery
Marj O'Halleran experiencing health issues
Dan Staten's son, Nick
Alberta Austin in a nursing home in Oconto Falls, WI **see address 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
Betty Garrett

We pray for the victims and families of all who have been affected by and from violence.
We pray for children, women, and men who've 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 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.

**Alberta Austin
Meadowbrook at Oconto Falls
100 E. Highland Dr. - Rm. 309-1
Oconto Falls, WI 54154

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



Opportunities to Give

As our mission links program enters its final weeks, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your generous giving! So far we have raised over \$2,600.00 for our Mission Links missions and Special Sunday missions. Here are some ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday - World Communion Sunday - October 5
- 2) Repair the Harm - Laity Sunday October 19
- 3) Local Giving - School Supplies for A-H Schools - any Sunday
- 4) 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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