



Hebron United Methodist Church
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NOVEMBER 2025

The Pastor Ponders...

...What Did Jesus Mean by
Woe to You?"

Do to others as you would have them do to you.
Luke 6:31(NRSV)

Luke 6: 20 – 31 is one of the suggested texts in the lectionary for All Saints Day. In reading through it, you'll notice portions of it sound fairly familiar. "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, ... blessed are you who weep now, ... Blessed are you when people hate, revile, and defame you," This sounds like the "beatitudes" which are found in what we call Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5 ff. Luke concludes this portion by Jesus' teaching that, while the "blessed" folk were struggling now, they would experience God's abundance in the future.

We call this section of Luke the Sermon on the Plain. But, in addition to the "blesseds" of the Sermon on the Mount, it also contains some "woes." "Woe to you who are rich now, ... woe to you who are full now, ... woe to you who are laughing now, ... woe to you when all speak well of you." Jesus went on to predict that those who had lived a cushy life while on earth should not expect to experience similar

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Mark your Calendars

Sunday, November 9th

9:30 a.m. Mission in Motion: Rake & Run

Organ & Tissue Sunday 10:30 a.m.

We will be collecting items for the Hebron Food Pantry this Sunday and throughout the month
See list of needed items in this newsletter

Sundays, Nov. 23rd, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th

Intergenerational Advent study begins
Gather at 9:15 a.m./9:30 a.m. start time

Tuesday, November 25th 7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service
with St. John's & Alden UMC at Hebron UMC
Dessert buffet to follow worship
(HUMC bakers needed!)

Sunday, November 30th

1st Sunday in Advent - Hanging of the Greens

HUMC Church Conference
8:45 a.m. SPRC meets/9:15 a.m. Conference
Church decorating and luncheon after worship

SAVE THESE DATES:

Faith & Football Tailgate Party

Sunday, December 7th after worship

Children's Christmas Program & Cookie Sale

Sunday, December 21st during worship

Christmas Eve Service

The Pastor Ponders (continued)

benefits after they died. However, Professor Matt Skinner observes that the word for “woe” does not mean “doom” as much as it calls attention to, warns about, the consequences of not heeding Jesus’ words. It’s more of a “look out!” as Jesus then went on to teach that we should be better NOW. Love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, turn the other cheek, give to everyone who begs from us, and do to others as we would have them do to us.

Skinner believes that Jesus’ words and actions established a foundation for what a life in Christ, a follower of Jesus, the Church, is supposed to be. Jesus had a heart for those who suffered, those who cried, those who had lost hope, those who were powerless and disenfranchised. By his words and actions he laid the groundwork for hospitality, meal-sharing, justice, liberation, and compassion that are the hallmarks of his ministry.

Skinner asks: “What if money, food, comfort, self-won security, respectability, and the like are things that kill our souls—not just in some far-off afterlife but right here, right now? What a tragedy to mistake them for benefits given by God.” And, if that is the case he asks, “How do we keep our souls alive?”

He concludes that acting out of love, nonretaliation, and solidarity with those on the margin, is what Jesus prescribed. He calls us to a life of experiencing God’s generosity so that we can be as generous towards others, that we can experience tangibly the giving and receiving of God’s mercy amidst a strong and vital community in the here and now.

Every day we are faced with folks who need to be fed, noticed, loved, treated with dignity, seen for the beloved children of God that they are, and raised up to share at our table. In this season of thanksgiving let’s remember all the things with which God has blessed us, and then look out! for ways we can share.

I give thanks for each of you for sharing your lives, our ministry, and the opportunity to experience God’s grace in a warm and welcoming, creative and challenging, inviting and inspiring community.

Gratefully, Pastor Char



To the Veterans we worship with, those in our community and to all Veterans everywhere, we thank you for your service. You've helped make this world a better place with your courage, sacrifice, and dedication to our country and no words could come close to express our gratitude. Thank you.



**You are invited to join HUMC,
St. John's Lutheran Church and
Alden UMC for a Community
Thanksgiving Service at Hebron
United Methodist Church
9811 Main Street, Hebron, IL on
Tuesday, November 25th
at 7:00 p.m.**

HUMC Church Conference with District Superintendent Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann
Sunday, November 30th at HUMC - SPRC meets 8:45 a.m./Church Conference 9:15 a.m.
All are invited and encouraged to attend!



You are invited to join our high school class and our Productive Aging group for an **intergenerational Advent study!** We will be exploring the letters in Ruth L. Boling's book "Season's Greetings" where we will meet and discuss characters that would have likely been present at the birth of Jesus. This study will take place in Fellowship Hall on Sundays November 23rd, December 7th, and December 14th. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. and begin the study promptly at 9:30 a.m. Jeff and Debbie Arnold have generously donated the books for this study so please see Debbie or email churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org if you plan on joining the class and need a book!

HUMC KIDS

Thank you HUMC Kids and Roy Bailey for leading us in worship on Laity Sunday! We enjoyed special music by Logan Klein, Chaylee Klemesrud and Mia Klemesrud, a children's chat led by Riley Elverman, the liturgy led by Jonathan Claussen, and a wonderful message on God's Gifts given by our Certified Lay Speaker and Lay Leader Roy Bailey. The service included many favorite hymns that were "voted in" by the congregation during the previous two weeks. Thank you Roy and kids for a beautiful Sunday worship!

We are planning our first Mission in Motion event for Sunday, November 9th at 9:30 a.m. Kids will bring their own rakes for a "Rake and Run" where the HUMC Kids and Youth will meet and surprise a household in Hebron by raking their lawn and running off to find another!

Lastly, mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas Program and Cookie Sale: Sunday, Dec. 21st!



Cultivating Health Ministries

Our Fall Productive Aging program at HUMC wrapped on Halloween after 5 great sessions of Chair Tai Chi and an exploration in healing ministry. Our final session included a healing service where our seniors joined hands and prayed for healing, both spiritually and physically. Productive Aging will be back in 2026 for the winter/spring session. In the meantime, we are gearing up for an intergenerational Advent study that begins November 23rd at 9:15 am. See Debbie or Stephanie for more details!





November is Organ & Tissue Month! The HUMC is asking for contributions of Tissue products and other items for the Hebron Community Food Pantry. Listed below are the items they need the most:

Soups	Pork and Beans	Stew	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Sugar	Cereal	Personal hygiene products
Shampoo	Conditioner	Diapers	Tooth brushes
Bleach	Kleenex	Toilet Paper	Paper Towels

Monetary donations are also accepted. The Hebron Community Food Pantry appreciates any and all donations made throughout the year! God bless you for your generous giving!!



Thank you to everyone who supported HUMC through the Bowling FUNdraiser in October! We raised \$572.00 while having fun bowling, eating, and discovering what was in the mystery boxes! Thank you Roy, Jeff, Debbie, Chela, Steve, Kate, and Grant for providing these excellent prizes, and to Shirlee for organizing this great event! A big thank you to our 50/50 raffle winner, Leda Synove, who donated her winnings back to the church! (To see more photos, head to our website's photo gallery or visit our FB page).



We will be participating in the A-H Schools Secret Santa program again this year! If you would like to provide Christmas presents to a local child or family this season, please sign up on the clipboard at church on Sunday morning, or you can email us at churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org. Donations for popcorn tin gifts to each family are also being accepted. Thank you Shirlee Correll for coordinating with the school and our church family on this important mission!



Thank you to everyone who put together our "Mission in Motion" scarecrow this year for the Hebron Village Scarecrow contest and congratulations to all the winners!

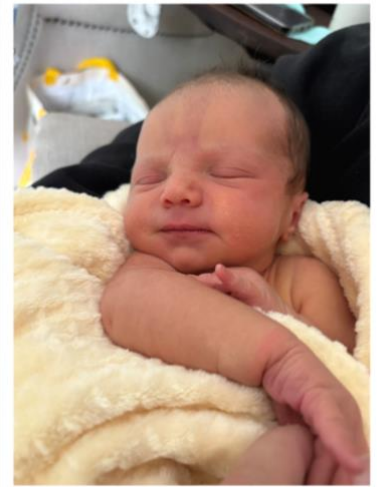


We joyfully announce our newest HUMC family member!

Brooklyn Hilton & Cody Nelson welcomed their daughter Kendall Jay Nelson into the world on October 10, 2025.

She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21.5" long.

Congratulations to the Hilton and Nelson families on this precious new arrival! May God bless you, Kendall as you grow!



With Deepest Sympathy

Rev. Dr. James Wilson, passed away peacefully October 6, 2025 in Barrington. He was born Dec. 29, 1940 in Elgin to James and Marion Wilson. Jim was an avid reader; loved to travel; sports fanatic - following the Cubs, Blackhawks, Bulls, Notre Dame and his beloved Northwestern Wildcats. He adored his cats and dogs throughout his life, especially Annie, his well-loved cat. Jim cherished the time he spent with family

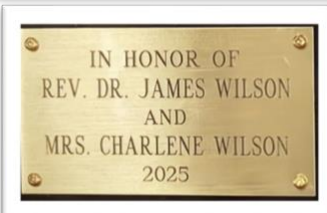
especially at the lake cabin in Michigan. (For full obituary [click here.](#))

We at Hebron United Methodist Church will never forget our dear Pastor Jim who did so much for us while he was our Pastor at HUMC. He helped us to create our vision and mission statements, he started us on our path to becoming a reconciling church, he helped us to never give up hope that we would worship in our sanctuary space again, and then he helped us as we began to rebuild it. He got us through the early months of Covid by offering online worship services. He kept us connected when we felt lost. He kept us faithful when we were discouraged. And he genuinely loved us. We love you too Pastor Jim and we will miss you. We will continue to do our best to "be good people doing good things."



On All Saints Sunday we remembered those saints who we lost this past year, Nora Winn, Pastor Jim, Kipp Smith, Wayne Bailey, and others. We remembered those who have impacted our lives and have shown us Christ's love.

We also took some time during this service to honor Pastor Jim and Char Wilson, and Pastor Char and Glenn Hoffmann for their service to HUMC through these past years by adding their names on plaques above the door to our newly restored Sanctuary. Thank you for your leadership, guidance and love!



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



The family of Rev. Jim Wilson on his passing. Anyone wishing to send condolences

****see address below****

Kris Bottlemey's brother, Jon, recovering from surgery

Debbie Arnold's cousin, Darlene, experiencing medical issues, and her brother, Ellis, recovering from surgery

Harold, Juanita and Roy Bailey, their son/brother, Earle's wife, Tami recovering from surgery; 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 brother, George, diagnosed with cancer, her nephew, Mark, recovering from cancer surgery; the family of her friend, Bob Athey, on his passing

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 Paul & Lynn

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 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.

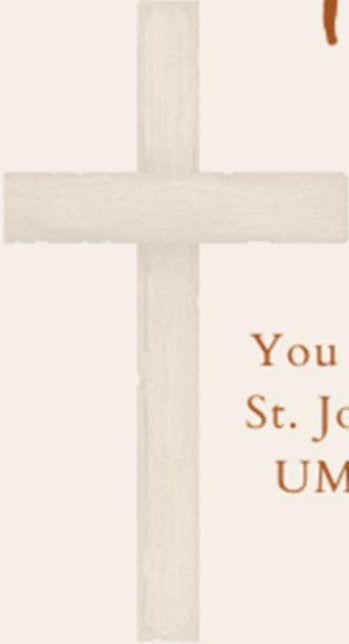
We pray for the names in our hearts that they will be kept safe from harm. God bless us all. Amen

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.

*****The Family of Rev. James Wilson**
25630 N. Wagon Wheel Ct.
Barrington, IL 60010

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



Community Thanksgiving Service

You are invited to join Hebron UMC,
St. John's Lutheran Church, and Alden
UMC for a "Thanksgiving Eve Eve"
worship service.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.
HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9811 MAIN ST., HEBRON, IL

Dessert Buffet after worship.



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



Opportunities to Give

Thank you for your generous giving in the month of October! We raised \$140.00 for Repair the Harm to the Children and \$80.00 for World Communion Sunday. Thank you! Here are some ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday - Organ & Tissue Sunday - November 9 (*donations for food pantry*)
- 2) Local Giving - Secret Santa gifts & popcorn tins for A-H Schools
- 3) Red Bird Mitten Tree - goes up November 30th through December
- 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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