



The Activator

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A monthly newsletter from the United Methodist Church of Hudson

Mission Statement of the Church:

As followers of Jesus Christ we want to lead our community to a growing faith.

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PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

Our new superintendent is in place and here is his greetings. Paul is a great guy and we will enjoy him as superintendent.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Dear friends, both lay and clergy, of the North East District,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since coming on the District two weeks ago! My wife, Gayle, and I are so grateful for the kindness (and occasional forgiveness) you have extended upon our arrival. A special thanks to the NE parsonage committee and its chair Dennis Burns for welcoming us with a clean and beautiful home! We are very much enjoying getting re-acquainted with the Cedar Falls community. Both Gayle and I spent a good part of our early lives growing up around here! Now I find that I will need to continue to grow up some more if I am ever going to be equal to the task before me. Please keep Gayle and me in your prayers as we put down new roots among you!

It has been a real blessing to worship with you these last three Sundays. I've heard three very fine sermons and felt a genuine spirit of love, acceptance and family among you. Don't be surprised if you see me slip into your church some Sunday morning in the future. I'm not there to spy on you; my heart is hungry for God's Word in the preaching moment, and for a Spirit of community and belonging—just like everybody else. I just want to worship among God's people!

I am looking forward to meeting so many of you in the next couple months and having the opportunity to know you better and dream together of what can be possible when God moves among the Churches of the NE district!

May God Bless and Keep you all for the journey ahead!
Paul Wilcox

Welcome



& Birthdays
Anniversaries

in August

BIRTHDAYS

- 9 - Marlys Smith
- 13 - Mishayla Robbins
- 14 - Matthew Armstrong
- 18 - Gabe Watts

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Jim & Judie Raymond
- 5 - Robert & Ruth Chittenden
- 8 - Dylan & Catherine Armstrong
- 17 - Terry & Mavis Floss
- 31 - Alan & Jean Clausen



REMEMBER
TO PRAY FOR...

Becky Lundberg Nook -
treatment for health issues.

Sue Roberts
Carol Ann Cowling
James & Mandy
Carolyn Mumm
Morris family
Pastor Mike's mother-in-law
Dave Tolander
Lila Epling

Our shut-ins:

Mel Bartels
Margaret Mumm
Barb Doughty
Richard & Dee Vandenberg

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



MEDIA OPERATORS FOR AGUST



August 5 – Dave Tolander
 August 12 – Nancy Patterson
 August 19 – Mavis Floss
 August 26 – Nancy Patterson



Food Bank Sunday August 5, 2018

"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness. -- Isaiah 58:10 (NRSV)

We continue to request your support of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank by donating non-perishable food and non-food items and money through the church. The first Sunday of the month, August 5, 2018, will be designated "Food Bank Sunday".

The annual Personal Care Drive ends August 6th and provides essential hygiene products used on a daily basis. Items needed include toilet paper, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and facial tissue.

Thanks to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for partnering with us again this year for our Summer Sack Lunch Mission.

There is a container in the entryway for your donations of food and non-food items. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church with a notation that it is for the Food Bank. Your donation will show on your statement of giving to the church.

For every \$10.00 the food bank receives, they can provide approximately 40 meals. Your donations do make a difference. Can you help this month?





for **July 2018**



We will host our annual school staff breakfast on Tuesday, August 21st, at 7:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet for helpers and food items in Fellowship Hall.

Offering:

July	1	\$	1,400.00
	8		1,160.00
	15		3,392.00
	22		50.00
	29		255.00
		\$	<u>6,257.00</u>

The men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, August 25, at 8:00 a.m.



Breakfast

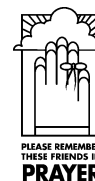
Also received:

Apportionment:	\$	1,130.00
Lions' Club		25.00
Hudson Days		561.00
Men's Breakfast		9.00
Ingathering		50.00
Rent		1,000.00
TOTAL	\$	<u>2,775.00</u>



Congratulations to Great-Grandma LaVonne Kerr (and parents James & Mandy Kimpston) on the arrival of twins, Lillian Nova and Thomas James on July 5th.

Please remember the families of Melissa Siler and Naomi Morris in your prayers during their grief. Melissa passed away on July 1st and Naomi on July 17th.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Approved 2018 budget:	\$84,947.00
Approved budget through July:	\$49,552.00
Apportionments due for 2018:	\$12,582.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 1,048.50



As reported in the July Activator, we will be participating in our 39th Ingathering on November 3, 2018 at Cedar Falls 1st UMC.

	<u>Monthly</u> (thru 7/24)	<u>YTD</u>
Giving towards budget:	\$ 6,002.00	\$31,985.00
Budget Expenses:	\$ 9,168.00	\$39,489.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,030.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 4,405.00	\$ 4,405.00

The following are the items for the August school kits:

- Blunt-tip Scissors
- Box of 24 Crayons
- One-subject notebooks
- Loose-leaf paper
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Unsharpened Pencils
- Eraser
- 2-gallon re-sealable plastic bag

FROM THE PASTOR

August Preaching Schedule

5	The First Breakfast	John 21:2-3
12	Ninevites and Ne'er-do-wells	Jonah 3:10 – 4:1
16	God's Sharecroppers	Matthew 21:34-3
26	Dreaming the Dream	Genesis 28:10-12

If you would prefer to have me purchase the items, I am glad to do so. Please make your donations by noting on check or envelope that it is for the Ingathering. Thank you for helping with this important work of our church.

Jan Petry
Mission Chair

