

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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In this month of "Getting to Know You," I have been privileged to hear some of your personal stories and I thank you. I have been invited to share meals and conversation and I thank you. I have ridden in parades and enjoyed your children at VBS and I thank you.



One of the most surprising and enjoyable moments of "Getting to Know You," was with Madeline during children's time at JUMC worship. She very innocently disclosed what her parents had been keeping a secret and we are all delighted for them.

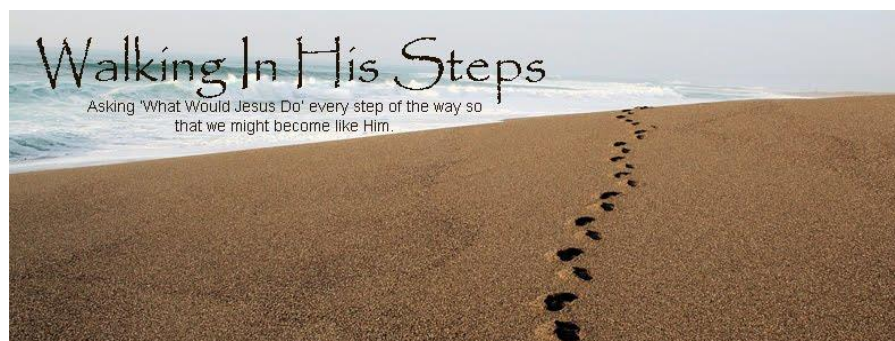
"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:15-18 NIV.

Those verses have been interpreted in many ways. I think it gives us permission to be open and honest, innocent and inviting, silly and humorous, sharing with and caring for one another no matter our age.

I hope our good activities and positive sharing of our personal lives and our church family life can continue as we are "Getting to Know" each other over the coming months and years, that God may continue to bless us abundantly.

I will always pray for you and ask for your prayers for me.
Pastor Audrey :)

P.S. It seems we are enjoying the stories of what happened to the First Church of Raymond when they choose to take up the challenge to ask themselves the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" with every decision in their lives. So I plan to continue the sermon series into August. Charles Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," originally published in 1897, is just as relevant today as it was back then. It changed my definition of Christian Discipleship some 30 years ago. I hope it will change yours too.





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



**Carol Ann Cowling
Carolyn Mumm
Ed Smith
Mavis Floss**



**Mel Bartels
Margaret Mumm
Barb Doughty
Richard & Dee Vandenberg
Lila Epling**



Please remember Ron and Dee Bowers in your prayers. Ron's father passed away on July 23rd.

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



MEDIA OPERATORS FOR AUGUST

- August 4 - Dave Tolander
- August 11 - Nancy Patterson
- August 18 - Dave Tolander
- August 25 -



Food Bank Sunday August 4, 2019

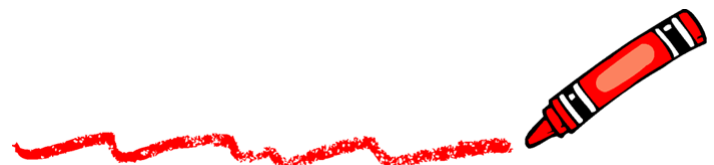
"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness. -- Isaiah 58:10 (NRSV)

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 4th, will be designated "Food Bank Sunday".

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank's 2019 Personal Care Drive ends on Monday, August 12th. Many of the same families that struggle with food insecurity also struggle to provide personal care items for their families. No access to those items lead to poor hygiene, health issues among both adults and children, and damage to a family's well-being. Items needed for the Personal Care Drive are soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and diapers.

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 2019

Offering:

June	30	472.00
July	7	2,066.00
	14	1,609.19
	21	225.00
	28	407.30
		\$ 4,779.49

Also received:

Apportionment:	\$	250.00
Hudson Days		442.00
Matthew 25 Grant		135.08
Lions		25.00
Rent		1,000.00
TOTAL	\$	1,852.08



Approved 2019 budget:	\$85,866.00
Approved budget through July:	\$50,089.00
Apportionments due for 2019:	\$11,912.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 993.00

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving towards budget:	\$ 4,307.49	\$31,680.99
Budget Expenses:	\$ 4,959.00	\$37,457.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 250.00	\$ 810.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 0	\$ 0

We could use a couple more people who are interested in helping out with the Sunday morning media presentation, video recording, or reading during the worship service. If you are interested in media or reading, please let Mary know. If you are interested in video, please talk to Dave Petry or Todd Patterson. Thanks!



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

The men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, August 24th, at 8:00 a.m.



The 40th Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 2nd.

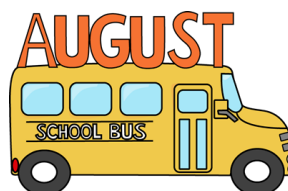
The following are the items for the August school kits:

- Blunt-tip Scissors
- Box of 24 Crayons
- 3 - One-subject notebooks
- Loose-leaf paper
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- 6 - Unsharpened Pencils
- Eraser

Would you like to donate school kits in honor of those special students in your life? If so, please make a \$5 per kit donation and we will do the shopping for you! Please note on your check or envelope that it is for the Ingathering. There is also a donation can in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping with this important work of our church.



Congratulations to Grandma Melissa Boeschen on the arrival of Ethan Dean Smith, born July 22nd at 6:38 p.m. He weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 inches long.



Thanks for your help
this summer!



SUMMER SACK LUNCH MISSION



Through the generosity of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, the Matthew 25 grant, and HUMC members we had another successful Summer Sack Lunch

Mission. We served between 10 and 20 children each week. Once again, they are eager for us to arrive. Several are at the site when we pull in and they help carry in items and set up chairs! This year we provided each family with half gallons of milk each week and served additional sandwiches with their bountiful lunches.

On the last day, July 31, each child was given a school bag filled with supplies.



Thanks to those who helped each week with this mission.

Diane Schulz

HUDSON DAYS THANK YOUS -

- To everyone who helped with the Hudson Days lunch and parade.
- To those who donated hot dogs, pulled pork, buns, chips, potato salad, pickles, baked beans, bars, cookies and water.
- To those who helped serve lunch, especially Charles and Pastor Audrey.
- To those who gave cash donations.
- To Mary Rekers for driving Pastor Audrey and Dustin in her 1999 Mustang convertible in the parade.



Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!
Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____ Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____ 1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____ Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____ Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____ Leviticus 11:22 _____
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Deuteronomy 7:20 _____

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G R A S S H O P P E R
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Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

