

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: Wednesdays

Dear HUMC family,

Do you realize that you have an important ministry to do anytime a loved one is hospitalized? Long gone are the days when pastors could go into a hospital and look at a list of patients to see if any of their members are hospitalized. So you or a family or church member need to ask the patient if you can call me. Your ministry is then to please call. It's the only way I will know to visit our hospitalized folk. The ministry importance of passing on potentially confidential information is true in more than just hospitalizations, as you know, but it's the best illustration.

To aid us all in our ministry with one another, I have entered our church family names and phone numbers into my cell phone. Therefore when you call or text me at 641-840-0119, I will see your name and answer. However, like many people now days, if a call is from outside our local numbers, I'll let it go to voicemail.

You can also email me at pastorayoung@gmail.com. Yes, it's my former name, but so much easier than asking everyone to change my e-address on their/your contacts.

Another important ministry for every one of us is to invite, invite, and repeatedly invite other persons to our church events and worship. A simple sentence is, "If you don't have a church home, you'd be welcome at my church. I love my church because..." Personal invitations are the most effective way to bring new people into the church and God's Kingdom.

I know it will be tempting to stay at home under the warmth of the blankets instead of coming to Worship on cold Sunday mornings, but I hope you won't give in to the temptation. We need each other as the body of Christ for love and supportive community in winter as well as the other seasons. I'll still be coming up with Bible-based messages and the children will have their moments. And your offering to God through the ministry of our church will still be appreciated.

HUMC now has the ability to receive your donations through the Internet by going to our website hudumc.org, selecting "Online Giving" and "Donate." So if you/we miss a Sunday for vacation or bad weather, we'll know the church's furnace and lights are still operable and salaries are still being paid for when we get there the next time.

Should there be hazardous winter weather for which we would be wise to cancel, know that when our local school cancels or releases students early, all our activities are cancelled, too. For Sundays, check your email, Facebook or watch KWWL-TV for announcements.

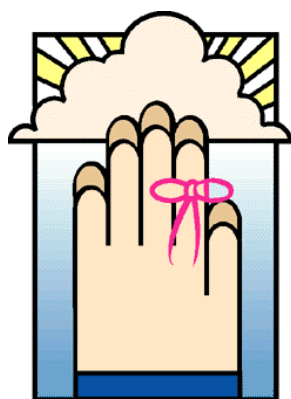
I hope you had a Merry Christmas. Thank you so much for all your generous gifts. May your New Year be the best and most joyous yet!

Pastor Audrey :)

January



- 1 - Ferren Sadler
- 4 - Kirk Lundberg
- 14 - Jean Clausen
- 18 - Sharon Koger
- 21 - Dave Tolander
- 26 - Ron Bowers
- 27 - Jerod Sadler
- 29 - Jim Raymond
- 31 - Alan Clausen



**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

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

Our shut-ins
**Mel Bartels
Margaret Mumm
Dee Vandenberg
Lila Epling**

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



MEDIA OPERATORS FOR JANUARY



- January 5 – Dave Tolander
- January 12 – Dave Tolander
- January 19 – Nancy Patterson
- January 26 – Nancy Patterson



Our sympathy goes out to Gary Doughty and his family. Barb passed away December 22, 2019. Services were held on December 27th.



Food Bank Sunday January 5, 2020

"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, January 5th, will be designated "Food Bank Sunday".

In 2017, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank released its strategic plan to Close the Meal Gap in northeast Iowa and ensure that over 45,000 food insecure people have access to an adequate supply of food. In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, they provided 6.7 million meals, reducing the overall meal gap to 7.7 million meals.

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?



Volunteers are always appreciated to usher, read for Sunday worship, media, video recording, and Wednesday night activities. Please make your intentions known by placing a note in the offering plate or e-mailing the church office. Thanks!





December 2019

Offering:

December	1	730.00
	8	925.45
	15	1,977.00
	22	965.00
	24	440.00
	29	1,415.00
		\$ 6,452.45

Also received:

Apportionment:	\$	1,528.00
Food Bank		25.00
Matthew 25 Grant		135.08
Rent		1,050.00
Flowers		143.99
e-Giving Fees		.80
TOTAL	\$	2,882.87



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

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving towards budget:	\$ 6,452.45	\$ 56,915.01
Budget Expenses:	\$ 11,111.00	\$ 78,388.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 1,528.00	\$ 3,693.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 5,912.00	\$ 11,912.00

With 100% of the year completed, our giving is at 73% of actual expenses and 66% of budget through December. Our expenses are 91% of total approved 2019 budget. All apportionments have been paid.



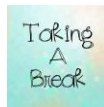
Please plan to stay following Fellowship Time on Sunday, January 5th, to help take down the Christmas decorations.

We'll be having soup for lunch at the church on Wednesday, January 8th, at noon. Invite a friend to join you!



Adult Bible Study will meet on January 8th and 22nd at 1:00 p.m., but will be taking a break in February.

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



Youth Group and Kids' Class will not be held during January. Everything returns in February.



Thank you so much to our church family for the very generous Christmas gift that was delivered to us. We will enjoy the soup mixes, hot chocolate and new mugs. We will plant the Amaryllis bulb after the new year and enjoy its bright bloom in the cold winter. May God bless the Hudson United Methodist Church and Pastor Audrey for your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thoughts and prayers,

Ed and Marlyns Smith

Thank you for all the well wishes and Happy Holiday blessings. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Thank you for the gift certificate and gift bag. It was very thoughtful of you.

John Claussen

Thank you for the thoughtful Christmas gift and nice card. I appreciate it! Happy New Year!

Charles Mumm

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift.

Pastor Audrey

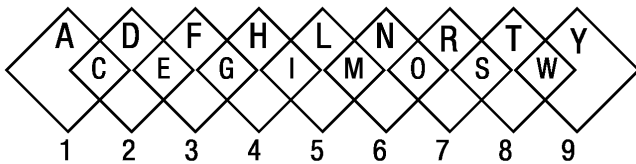
Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. You are all such a blessing to my life.

Mary Rekers



"A New Year – A New You"

Find the words from 2 Corinthians 5:17.



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 6 2,3 8,9 1,2 7 2,3 1 8 4,5 6,7 6 ;
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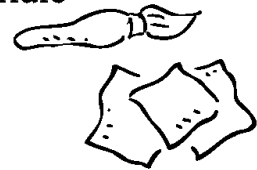
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Make a Stained-Glass Candle



You will need:

- an empty glass jar
- colored tissue paper
- white glue
- paint brush
- votive candle



How to make it:

- Cut the tissue into small pieces.
- Paint the jar with glue.
- Arrange the pieces on the jar on the wet glue. Do not leave any empty spaces.
- Paint over the tissue with more glue. Let dry.

Place candle inside.

