

# 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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## Mike's Musings

One of my best Christmas presents was my pocket transistor radio back in 1963. It fit in your shirt pocket, picked up every station within 50 miles and it had an ear piece. I loved it. What was on the radio in 1963? Among other things was a young guy by the name of Wayne Newton singing a Bert Kaempfert song entitled "Danke Sheon". The opening verse is, "Danke sheon, darling danke sheon. Thank you for all the joy and pain."

It is time for me to say "Danke sheon to both Janesville and Hudson United Methodist Churches. Thank you for all the joy and pain." The relationship between church and preacher is a unique one both generally and specifically. You have allowed me to be part of your communities; that is special and I have been thankful for that. Your openness and acceptance have been special and appreciated. We have gone through some great times together and some difficult ones as well. In all of them, God has been present and His grace has led us into the future.

Thank you for your prayers, thoughtfulness and consideration in our time together. No relationship is ever perfect. Frustration and disappointment often enter in but God's grace is more than sufficient. I have seen His hand in our time together and for that I am grateful to our Lord and for all of you as well. Forgive me when I did not measure up to your expectations and needs. My failures were never for lack of caring about you.

For the future, my prayer is that you will give Pastor Audrey the same consideration and caring that you have given me. If you do, your future together will be bright and blessed.

And if you ever get down around Nevada, be sure to stop by and say hello. Coffee pot will always be on. Danke sheon, my churches, danke sheon.

One more time,  
Pastor Mike





**Birthdays & Anniversaries In June**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 11 - Judie Raymond
- 14 - Don Schulz
- 16 - Douglas Coonrad
- 17 - Nivan Jeffries
- 22 - Keith Koger
- 29 - Cheryl Bartels
- 30 - Barbara Doughy

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 13 - Kirk & Pennie Lundberg
- 21 - Steve & Nancy Louthan
- 30 - Don & Diane Schulz



- Carol Ann Cowling**  
**Carolyn Mumm**  
**Ed Smith**  
**Scot Morris**



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

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



**MEDIA OPERATORS FOR JUNE**



- June 2 – Mavis Floss
- June 9 –
- June 16 – Nancy Patterson
- June 23 – Dave Tolander
- June 30 – Nancy Patterson



**Food Bank Sunday  
June 2, 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, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be designated "Food Bank Sunday".

“My mommy doesn’t eat,” said a little girl at a recent visit to a Mobile Food Pantry provided by the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Every mother there knew what the little girl meant. Her mommy doesn’t eat because there’s not enough food. She goes without food, so her children don’t have to. This is the reality of 45,260 people right here in Northeast Iowa who struggle with not having enough food. That included the working poor who face difficult choices like buying food or paying the rent and utility bills. But, you can make a difference.” *Copied from Northeast Iowa Food Bank newsletter*

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?





Weekly  
Offering

For May 2019

**Offering:**

May	5	1,776.00
	12	1,143.00
	19	300.00
	26	196.00
		\$ 3,415.00

**Also received:**

Apportionment:	\$	50.00
Matthew 25 Grant		135.08
Food Bank		25.00
Ingathering		25.00
Lions		25.00
Rent		1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,260.08</b>



Approved 2019 budget:	\$85,866.00
Approved budget through May:	\$35,778.00
Apportionments due for 2019:	\$11,912.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 993.00

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving towards budget:	\$ 3,415.00	\$23,061.50
Budget Expenses:	\$ 5,612.00	\$26,848.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 50.00	\$ 485.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 0	\$ 0



**June Preaching Schedule**

2	Believing What We Can't Understand	John 19:1-3
9	Melissa will provide the message in song	
16	Someone to Blame	John 19:8-11a
23	The Triumphant Victim	John 19:28-30
30	To Be Announced	

Bible Study; Greet, Eat, and Meet; Committees; and Wednesday Night Family Activities will be taking a break for the summer months. Thanks to all who participated in the past months



**SUMMER SACK LUNCH MISSION**

It's time to gear up for our Summer Sack Lunch Mission. We will be serving sack lunches at Country Terrace Mobile Home Park at 12:00 noon on the following Wednesdays: June 12, 19, and 26, July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Anyone who would like to help, we will meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays to pack lunches and vehicles. We'll leave the church at 11:45 for the drive to the trailer court. We should be back to the church around 12:50. It's a great mission that our church provides! We welcome all who want to help with the project!

Annual Conference is June 7 – 11 in Des Moines. In case of an emergency, call Pastor's cell phone (563) 203-0286. It will be turned off during conference sessions, but he will check it regularly. Please leave a message and he will return your call.



When Pastor Mike is at Annual Conference on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Melissa will be leading a musical service.

The men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.



**HUDSON DAYS LUNCH**

Hudson Days are July 18 – 21. We plan to serve lunch on Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, after the parade. Watch for more details in the July Activator.





Make a Snack:

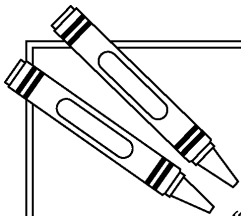
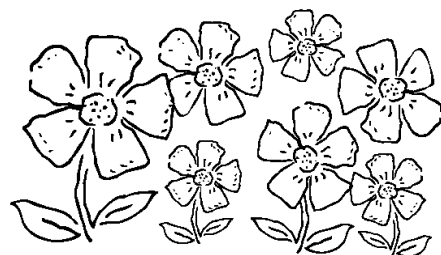
# Praise Posies

You will need:

- ✿ 1 tube of refrigerated biscuits
- ✿ 5 teaspoons of jam or jelly
- ✿ kitchen scissors
- ✿ measuring spoon (1/2 teaspoon)
- ✿ baking sheet

How to make:

- ✿ Make 5 cuts on the edge of each biscuit. (Don't cut all the way to the center.)
- ✿ Press the center with your fingers or thumb to make a dent.
- ✿ Fill the center with jam or jelly (1/2 teaspoon).
- ✿ Bake at 450° for 8-10 minutes or until golden.
- ✿ Share them with a friend while they're still warm!



## Just for KIDS

### "We Remember Parents"

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verses given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2) .....	<b>A</b>	-----
Obed (Matthew 1:5) .....	<b>B</b>	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24) .....	<b>C</b>	-----
John-the disciple (Matthew 4:21) .....	<b>D</b>	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) .....	<b>E</b>	-----
	<b>F</b>	-----
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) .....	<b>G</b>	-----
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) .....	<b>H</b>	-----
Esau (Genesis 25:28) .....	<b>I</b>	-----
David (1 Samuel 16:19) .....	<b>J</b>	-----
Jacob (Genesis 25:28) .....	<b>K</b>	-----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) .....	<b>L</b>	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) .....	<b>M</b>	-----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) .....	<b>N</b>	-----
Jesse (Matthew 1:5) .....	<b>O</b>	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) .....	<b>P</b>	-----
	<b>Q</b>	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24) .....	<b>R</b>	-----
Isaac (Genesis 21:3) .....	<b>S</b>	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) ...	<b>T</b>	-----
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) .....	<b>U</b>	-----
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) .....	<b>V</b>	-----
	<b>W</b>	-----
	<b>X</b>	-----
	<b>Y</b>	-----
Jesus (Matthew 1:18) .....	<b>Z</b>	-----
James (Matthew 4:21) .....		-----



Mary, Zebedee  
Elkanah, Moses, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Azariah, Boaz, Mary, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Mary, Zebedee