

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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Dear HUMC Family,

Ever wonder how to observe a Holy Lent?

Traditional ways include

- *self-examination and repentance;
- *prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and
- *reading and meditating on God's Holy Word"

United Methodists are each encouraged to find our own method of

- *confronting our sinfulness,
- *remembering our mortality, and
- *giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Here are some other ideas to re-orient to God.

Fasting is giving up something for Lent, i.e., chocolate, social media, shopping, for example.

Bible reading: The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide can help. It provides a scripture passage and thought-provoking and spirit-enriching material to read and think about each day. Or look online. The Iowa UMC Conference provides a daily reading by an Iowa Pastor at iaumc.org.

Prayer: Find more time for prayer, experiment with different ways to pray or really delve into a new-to-you way of praying.

Service: Adopt a new habit of volunteering in the community, making special financial gifts to service organizations, read or usher at Worship.

Rest: Find moments during an ordinary day to be still in God's presence; a few minutes during lunch with a desktop meditation, listen to sermons on your commute, or read a poem that feeds your spirit.



Challenge yourself: The Daily Lent Quiz by UMC Communications is a great way to be reminded of the season and learn more about it.

Practice: Think of creative ways to collect coins each day or make small "sacrifices" like a family, like skipping a weekly movie or meal out, and giving that money instead to the "A Portion Meant for Others" jar.

Learning: Discover another way to celebrate: An Alaskan Easter Totem Pole may be fun.

Worship: Every Sunday morning at 9:00 we gather for "a little Easter" celebration as Sundays are not included in the 40 days of Lent.

This 40-day journey called Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith, find your path of self-reflection and spiritual discovery, and invite others to join you as we seek to observe a Holy Lent.

God bless you,
Pastor

March

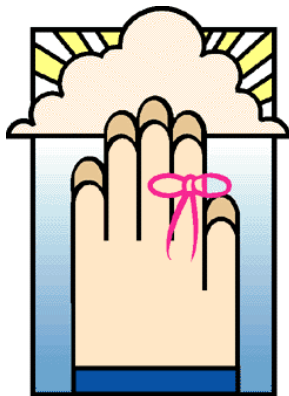


BIRTHDAYS

- 10 – Annette Tolander
- 21 – Julie Douglas
- 21 – William Munchoff III
- 26 – Nancy Patterson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 – David & Jan Petry



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

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



MEDIA OPERATORS FOR MARCH



- March 1 – Nancy Patterson
- March 8 – Nancy Patterson
- March 15 – Dave Tolander
- March 22 – Nancy Patterson
- March 29 – Dave Tolander



**Food Bank Sunday
March 1, 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".

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank's 11th Empty Bowls fundraiser is scheduled for March 27, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls. The event will include a live auction, silent auction, soup buffet, and raffle drawings. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased in advance by going to www.emptybowls.live/tickets or at the door.

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?



emptybowls



February 2020

Offering:

February	2	3,065.01
	9	505.00
	16	258.00
	23	160.00
		\$ 3,988.01

Also received:

Apportionment:	\$	305.00
Food Bank		50.00
Rent		1,050.00
TOTAL	\$	1,405.00



Approved 2020 budget:	\$86,154.00
Approved budget through February	\$14,359.00
Apportionments due for 2020:	\$11,231.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 936.00

	Monthly	YTD
Giving towards budget:	\$ 4,293.01	\$ 8,308.01
Budget Expenses:	\$ 4,956.00	\$ 10,314.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 305.00	\$ 635.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 0	\$ 0

With 16.6% of the year completed, our giving is at 80% of actual expenses and 58% of budget through February. Our expenses are 11.9% of total approved 2020 budget.



March Preaching Schedule

1	Son of Man	Matthew 9:1-8
8	Friend of Sinners	Matthew 9:11 & 11:16-19
15	Anointed One	Matthew 13:44-48
22	The Coming King	Matthew 21:1-9
29	Man of Sorrows	Matthew 27



Youth Group and Kids' Class will meet on Sunday mornings following fellowship time...about 10:40 a.m.



We'll be having lunch at the church on Wednesday, March 11th, at noon. Invite a friend to join you!

Adult Bible Study will meet on March 11th and March 25th at 1:00 p.m.



The men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 28th, at 8:00 a.m.

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.



After considering suggestions from the Vision 2032 listening events last fall, the Bishop's Operational Team has proposed that changes be made to make the Iowa Conference of The UMC a stronger conference beginning as early as 2020. One of those changes is a shift to the proposed "Circuit Model" of churches. A Circuit is a grouping of local churches, related by geography or mission, led by a Circuit Elder (lead pastor) with laity, licensed local pastors, and other clergy. A pilot Circuit was launched in Delaware County in July of 2018 under the leadership of Pastor Phil Rogers. Pastor Keith Pitts was then appointed to be part of a voluntary circuit of pastors who choose to engage around a focus on worship excellence. The proposed transition for the entire Conference would be July 1, 2021, with Circuit Elders appointed then. Training and transition planning are ongoing.



Apportionments are “A Portion Meant for Others” If you have not yet received your “jar,” you can pick up one at the church. We encourage you to take a jar home and put it in a prominent spot where you regularly see it and be reminded to drop your loose change (and bills, if you like) into it. Checks are also welcome. On the Third Sunday of each month, “A Portion Meant for Others” Offering opportunity will be given to bring your jars and checks to worship. You can empty your jar into a baggie with your name on it, so you can receive credit on your giving statement. Apportionments are “A Portion Meant for Others.” This money will help to pay our 2020 apportionments, which are used to help others. As always, your generosity is appreciated.



Apportionment 2020 Update:
HUMC's 2020 total apportionments of \$11,231 are 6% less than our 2019 of \$11,912.

*21% or \$2,389 supports the General Conference fund that connects us to the UMC around the world.

*62% or \$6,903 remains here in Iowa to support Conference Ministries such as Conference staff and the Center; the District Superintendents and staff, and the workings and meetings of the Iowa Annual Conference in June and through-out the year.

*17% or \$1,939 goes to UMC Missions in the state of Iowa including those listed you may remember from our December bulletins.

*In case you're wondering, the NE District Askings are not part of Apportionments, but collected as “Askings” that remain here in NE Iowa for UM missions.



Please remember Mavis Floss in your prayers after the loss of her husband, Terry, on February 7th.



Waterloo Community Playhouse presents Church Basement Ladies. Performances will be held March 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 at 7:00 p.m. and March 22 and 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Hope Martin Theatre at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

Just for KIDS

“Friends”

Look up the verses below to find the missing person in each pair of friends. Write the circled letters on the blanks at the bottom.

David &	— — — — ○ —	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○ — — — — —	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○ — — — — —	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	— ○ — — — —	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	— — — — ○ —	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	— — — — ○ —	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	○ — — — — —	Job 2:11
Elijah &	— ○ — — — —	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	— ○ — — — —	Job 2:11
Jonathon &	— — — — ○ —	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	— — — — ○ ○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	— ○ — — — —	John 11:20
Jesus &	— — — — ○ —	John 11:5
Timothy &	— — — — ○ —	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○ — — — — —	John 11:5
Mary &	— — — — — ○	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	— — — — — ○	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○ — — — — ○	Exodus 4:27
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Answer: Hushai; Festus; Ruth; Silas; Caleb; John; Bildad; Eliphaz; David; James; Mary; Marthar; Paul; Lazarus; Elizabeth; Eliphaz; Moses

“A friend loves at all times”

