



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.

Mike's Musings

Yesterday, October 22, (as I am writing this) was what I call a "golden October day." The air was cool, the sunshine warm and not a cloud in the sky. There was a slight breeze and you could smell leaves being burned. I love that kind of weather. I love October for that reason, and many more, and so I hate to see October go. (I think Barry Manilow has a song by that title. I guess he's getting old, too). Enjoy these times and days while you can. They are a blessing from God. I don't know if heaven can be any nicer than October 22 this year.

And so comes November! Brr! I'm not ready. Lord, have mercy!

I had a call from a clergy friend the other day. He had been working with a family that had left the church years ago and had been inactive for some time and they had finally come back to church. They were getting active and were going to make a difference. My friend was feeling good until the other day he received a call from the wife of the family he had been working with. "I've had it! I'm leaving the church!" She was emphatic and angry. My friend asked what was wrong. Apparently, another member of the church had come up to her after worship and, in an attempt to be funny, made an extremely offensive remark. They probably did not intend it the way it was taken but most people would consider it to be in poor taste. All of my friend's efforts, gone to waste.

Proverbs 18:19 – "A brother (or sister) offended is harder to be won than a strong city and contentions are like the bars of a castle."

All too often, our consideration of other people's feelings resembles a John Deere tractor turning dirt in the Spring, leaves them buried in the dirt. Think before you speak is wise counsel. I know I'm guilty of this, sometimes trying to be funny before thinking about being considerate. Solomon said it, "The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer. That which turns away wrath is a gentle answer." We need to be gentle with one another, tactful.

Facts need to be subtracted when tact is added. The wise shoe salesman learned never to say, "Madam, your foot is too big for the shoe." He would say, "Madam, this shoe is too small for your foot." Same idea being communicated but one is an insult and the other is a compliment. It didn't shrink her foot but it did save her face.

Let us be kind hearted and gentle with one another. Such is the mind and heart of Christ.

Yours with consideration
Pastor Mike



& Birthdays Anniversaries in November

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Melvin Bartels
- 5 - Tamera Grams
- 12 - Faye Munchoff
- 15 - Katie Rickert
- 16 - LaVonne Kerr
- 18 - Robert Chittenden
- 26 - Meleah Sadler

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Ken & Marcy Kristensen
- 18 - Todd & Nancy Patterson



REMEMBER
TO PRAY FOR...

Becky Lundberg Nook -
treatment for health issues.
Sue Roberts
Carol Ann Cowling
Carolyn Mumm
Pastor Mike's mother-in-law
Mike Waters
Diane Roberts

Our shut-ins:

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

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



MEDIA OPERATORS FOR NOVEMBER



November 4 – Mavis Floss
November 11 – Nancy Patterson
November 18 – Dave Tolander
November 25 – Nancy Patterson



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

The purpose of the annual Student Food Drive, which Hudson is participating in, is to unite and empower area high school students in the commitment to feed hungry families and to promote volunteerism.

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?



November Preaching Schedule

4	Asleep in the Storm	Mark 4:34-41
11	And They Said Nothing to Anyone	Mark 16:8
18	The Gift of Disillusionment	Matthew 11:2-11
25	A Cure for Despair	Matthew 3:1-12



for **October 2018**

Offering:

September	30	\$	775.00
October	7		1,375.00
	14		905.31
	21		125.00
	28		1,067.00
		\$	<u>4,247.31</u>

Also received:

Apportionment:	\$	230.00
Lions' Club		25.00
Food Bank		25.00
Ingathering		441.00
Blanket Sunday		25.00
Rent		1,000.00
TOTAL	\$	1,746.00



I found a Bible verse that speaks to me about Pastor Mike and his sermons and Bible study.

Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. every week and is ready to begin Mark Chapter 12. Jesus is just entering Jerusalem. It seems like a perfect time to join this Bible study! Pastor Mike explains the text in everyday language. Also, Pastor Mike is such a history buff that he is able to provide cultural and religious beliefs of the time, and he ties in other historical events. He does fill us with knowledge and understanding! I encourage you to make time to try the Wednesday morning or evening Bible study groups...or both! Diane Schulz



The 39th Ingathering will be held November 3rd at Cedar Falls 1st UMC beginning at 7:30 a.m. School and health kits and cash contributions will be turned in at this time. Everyone is invited to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approved 2018 budget:	\$84,947.00
Approved budget through October:	\$70,789.00
Apportionments due for 2018:	\$12,582.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 1,048.50

Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday November 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Dike UMC.



November 7th at 11:00 a.m. immediately following Bible Study will be Greet, Eat, and Meet. Join in a rousing game of dominos or cards or bring a project to work on. We will have pork loin and mac & cheese for lunch at noon. We had 8 for lunch in October. There is always great conversation. Invite a friend. Hope to see you there!



We will provide all the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner for 3 families this year. You will have the opportunity to contribute funds for these meals on Sunday, November 4th and 11th.

I want to encourage all of you to join us on Wednesday nights. We have children's ministries and the adult Bible study is for everyone. Our topic for right now is "Half Truths - Things you thought were in the Bible but are not." Join us! We're having fun!



The One Church Plan emerged from a thoughtful, Spirit-led process that demonstrated the Wesleyan tradition of Christian conferencing. The work originated with the 2016 General Conference and is the result of prayerful deliberations by the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops.

Commission on a Way Forward
Council of Bishops



Bishop Laurie Haller will present The Way Forward on Sunday, November 18th, at 2:30 p.m. at Cedar Falls 1st UMC. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

7 Ways the One Church Plan Makes Room for All

Here are the seven reasons to embrace the plan:

1. It is deeply rooted in United Methodist teaching that Christ's table is equally open to all.
2. It is the only option that does not dictate how each person in the pew must think about debates around human sexuality. Most United Methodists are willing to respect one another's convictions as long as their own beliefs are also respected.
3. It honors the conscience and decision-making of each clergy person about conducting marriage ceremonies, the decision-making of each annual conference about the readiness of individuals for ordination.
4. It is the only proposal that does not require that congregations or Sunday school classes divide over questions regarding ordination of gays and lesbians or same-sex marriage. Across The United Methodist Church, the views of congregations and groups are not unanimous on these matters. Yet, our people care deeply for and respect each other and want to stay together as one worshiping and serving Christian community.
5. It is the only option that de-emphasizes top-down authority and respects differences of opinion and conscience for people in diverse settings.
6. It makes room for people to hold conflicting views while maintaining community and opens our doors to younger generations that affirm full inclusion for LGBTQ people.
7. It maintains our connections with each other for collaboration in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It neither dissolves The United Methodist Church nor urges congregations or clergy to leave the denomination.

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



We are hoping for a large turn out to help set up the Manger scene after breakfast.



Wednesday, November 28th, we will meet for a potluck supper at 5:45 p.m. After supper, everyone can help decorate the church for the Advent Season.



Just for KIDS

A Special Song of Thanks

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:

A ≡	E ♪	I ♪	O ♪	U ♪
B ♪	F ♪	L <	R ♪	V ♪
C ♪	G ♪	M ^	S ;	X ∞
D ♪	H ♪	N ♪	T ♪	Y ♪

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

The

Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

