

# 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 Church Family from Pastor Audrey,

Today's word is *ELEEMOSYNARY*, an adjective of medieval Latin, late 16th century origin.

*Elleemosynary* is not a word in the Bible, but it certainly applies to the church. If you were in worship last Sunday, you would have heard me speak of the Page siblings, Virginia and Rollin, who had millions of dollars they realized wasn't really theirs but belonged to God. This was a result of participation in their church small group that challenged them to ask themselves for one year, "What Would Jesus Do?" (WWJD?) with every decision in their lives.

Virginia's generous *eleemosynary* pursuits fully funded a Christian newspaper in the city of Raymond for a year. The editor of the paper had joined the group and changed *The News* by asking himself WWJD? as he edited it each day. He even stopped publishing a Sunday edition!

Upon Rollin's conversion to Christ, he began to regret that his extravagant habits of living mostly at the Men's Clubs of 19<sup>th</sup> century culture led him to waste nearly half the wealth their father had left to him. He sounded a great deal like the prodigal son in Jesus' parable (Luke 15). Now he was following God's call to introduce Christ to the very same men with whom he had partied.

Virginia and Rollin's *eleemosynary* generosity would build wholesome lodging houses, refuges for poor women, asylums for shop girls, providing safety for many a lost girl. And they would build it in the same spot as the large tent had been during the revival meetings held in the Rectangle, the notoriously dangerous and poverty-stricken part of Raymond.

Virginia engaged her musically-talented friend Rachel to operate a musical institute with Page wealth providing the best materials and equipment possible. All three of them hoped to win souls for Christ or at least to higher, purer and better living.

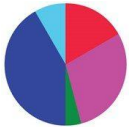
An *eleemosynary* organization relies on donations to stay in business. That is certainly one description of the church. Hudson United Methodist Church relies completely on the good will of your minds and souls to undergird all our ministries and programs, our share of UMC ministries here and around the world, as well as the day-to-day operational costs of our staff, building and grounds.

When a church doesn't offer the opportunity for annual pledging, in order for the church to feel secure in covering financial needs, the responsibility falls to the leaders to constantly inform (nag?) the congregation of the church's finances in order to receive sufficient *eleemosynary* giving. This summer we have fallen behind in support of our budgetary needs. Therefore, I appeal to your *eleemosynary* conscience to give extra generously, perhaps even sacrificially, in the coming

months to cover those summer expenses as well as begin our autumn activities with full financial support.

I suggest that we all begin or continue to ask ourselves, “What Would Jesus Do?” with every decision we make in the coming months, even a year, like the folks in our sermon series. It will most certainly change our lives and the life of our dear church to even better in every way than we are today.

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



### Where Our Apportionment Dollars Go **General Church Apportionments**

**Episcopal Fund** supports the work of Bishops throughout the world. The fund pays salaries, benefits, office expenses, and the cost of travel for church leaders to promote temporal and spiritual interests of our denomination.

**Ministerial Education Fund** allocates 25% of its receipts to stay within the Annual Conference to be used for scholarships, continuing education and other programs developed by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. 75% of the receipts support the thirteen United Methodist seminaries and ministerial education programs made available through our denomination.

**General Church Administration Fund** finances the General Church activities such as the cost of General Conference, the Judicial Council of the church, and the office of administrative oversight and fiscal accountability.

**North Central Jurisdictional Administration Fund** supports the cost of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference which meets every four years. This Conference elects and places Bishops for the denomination.

**Interdenominational COOP Fund** helps our denomination nurture the ministries of churches from pan-Methodist churches as well as other denominations that confess one holy, universal, and apostolic churches advocating for global peace and justice.

**World Service Fund** is the heart of our denomination’s world-wide presence, underwriting Christian mission and ministry around the world. This fund strengthens our evangelism efforts, stimulates church growth, expands Bible studies, and enriches spiritual commitment. Supporting this fund helps God’s children everywhere, shaping the lives of tomorrow’s leaders and proclaiming our Christian Faith.

**Black College Fund** was started in 1972 to provide consistent funding for eleven colleges whose roots are in the Freedman’s Society. These institutions make a quality education available to many who have experienced racial, economic, or academic barriers at other colleges.

**Africa University Fund** supports the only United Methodist, degree granting university on the continent of Africa and the first private university in Zimbabwe. The University promotes academic excellence and the physical and spiritual development of men and women from all over the continent of Africa.



**Birthdays  
& Anniversaries** In September

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 - Mavis Floss
- 13 - Nancy Louthan
- 19 - Dylan Armstrong
- 21 - Dean Watts
- 30 - Dustin Thorne

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 - Jerod & Ferren Sadler
- 26 - Douglas & Sharon Coonrad



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



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

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



**MEDIA OPERATORS FOR SEPTEMBER**



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



**Food Bank Sunday  
September 1, 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, September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be designated "Food Bank Sunday".

September is Hunger Action Month. Did you know that 1 in 5 children in America face hunger? Kids Café serves an average of 379 children each month and during the 2018-19 school year, 125,000 bags of food was provided to children at 141 schools in 16 counties through the Backpack Program. The Stone Soul Picnic is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Gateway Park in Cedar Falls. This is an annual event to raise awareness for childhood hunger in Northeast Iowa. Freewill donations are encouraged. Proceeds benefit children's programs at the Food Bank. There is a great line up of live music all afternoon.

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 August 2019

<b>Offering:</b>		
<b>August</b>		
	4	2,575.00
	11	718.02
	18	225.00
	25	470.00
		\$ 3,988.02

<b>Also received:</b>		
Apportionment:	\$	225.00
Ingathering		150.00
Matthew 25 Grant		135.08
Rent		1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,510.08</b>



Approved 2019 budget:	\$85,866.00
Approved budget through August:	\$57,244.00
Apportionments due for 2019:	\$11,912.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 993.00

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving towards budget:	\$ 3,988.02	\$35,669.01
Budget Expenses:	\$ 5,082.00	\$42,539.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,035.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 0	\$ 0

With 2/3 of the year completed, our giving is at 83% of actual expenses and 62% of yearly budget. Our expenses are 67% of total approved for 2019 budget.



We will begin the sermon series, "To Know What Jesus Would Do, We Need to Know Jesus Better" in September. We'll look at the characteristics of Jesus, such as humility, holiness, simplicity in September.



We are a caring congregation! Thanks to your donations, we are able to make 30 school kits for the Bishop's Ingathering. With that, we are going to have two sewing days to make school bags. If interested, come to the church September 11 and September 18 from 9:00 – noon. If you have any of the following, please bring: sewing machine, scissors, ruler, cutting board, rotary cutter. We'll follow our sewing fun with a light lunch at the church.



## PLANNING

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the church for Pizza and Planning on September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 p.m. or as soon as you can get here! Bring your ideas and suggestions for fall programming and activities. A babysitter will be provided.



A church fall picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at Doug and Sharon Coonrad's home at 109 Ardis St in Hudson. Coonrads will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, soft drinks, and bottled water. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.





We hosted 37 school staff for breakfast on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to those who contributed and helped with this outreach. Be sure to check the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for thank you notes from the staff.

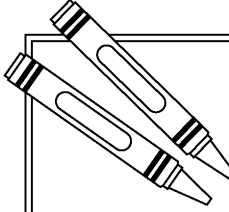
We could use a couple more people who are interested in helping out with the Sunday morning media presentation, video recording, or reading during the worship service. If you are interested in media or reading, please let Mary know. If you are interested in video, please talk to Dave Petry or Todd Patterson.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



3 Heath Brothers Love Offering Concert  
September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Riverview Conference Center



The 3 Heath Brothers are teenagers, Nicholas, Clayton and Christian Heath. When these young guys get up to sing, people are consistently shocked by their tight harmony, powerful vocals, and acapella arrangements. They were recently voted Best Breakthrough Artist of 2018. You won't want to miss their tight harmony, passion for God, and young energy. They love God and their goal is to promote Christ and demonstrate that you are never too young to give all you have to God. This concert is not just for the youth. People of all ages will enjoy these young men.

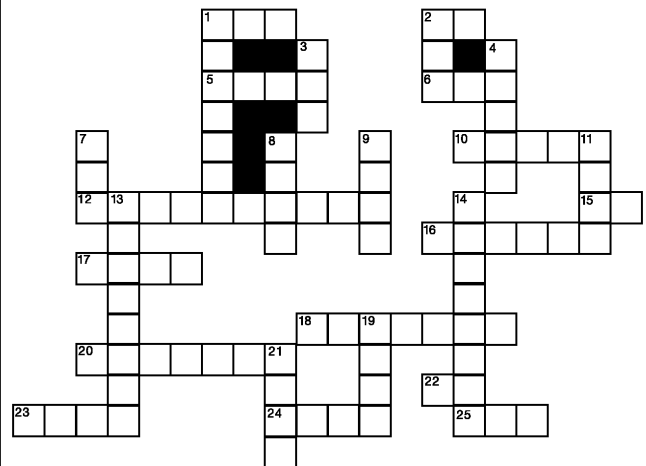


# Just for KIDS

*“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”*

Jesus’ disciples said, *“Lord, teach us to pray.”*  
Find the special prayer that Jesus taught them. Fit the words from the list into the squares on the puzzle.  
Then, transfer them to the blank lines below.

be	for	come	name	Father	hallowed
us	not	each	sins	against	temptation
we	our	Give	your	Forgive	
And	who	into	bread	Kingdom	
day	also	lead	daily	everyone	



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\_\_\_\_\_ 1A \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_”

Luke 11:2-4

Answer: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

