



OCTOBER 2025

# Hudson United Methodist Church

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## Musings



### Mission Statement

*To accept all people along their spiritual journey.*



### World Communion Sunday October 5, 2025

On November 1, 1936, World-Wide Communion Sunday was born. In the winter of 1935, a group of ministers met to study the spiritual needs and possibilities of the church during the dark days of the Great Depression. In the Lord's Supper they saw a great opportunity to unite Christians in dedication to Christ.

In 1937, is the date World-Wide Communion Sunday was changed to the first Sunday in October, where it has remained. The word "wide" has since been dropped from the name, giving us the present observation of World Communion Sunday.

The day remains as it began: "A great opportunity to unite the membership in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ."

People from the four corners of the world gather together to answer Christ's invitation, "*This do in remembrance of me.*"

You are invited to gather together on October 5 at 8:30 & 10:30 am in the Sanctuary to observe this day in remembrance of Christ.





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OCTOBER Mission of the Month:  
SEWMUCHNEED

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## News from Pastor Dan



**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

Are you interested in joining Hudson United Methodist Church? I will be leading a Membership Inquiry Class on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The class will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room/Library which is next to the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Kathy in the church office to sign up so that we know how many people to plan for. Kathy is the keeper of the lists. ☺ All are welcome.



**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

In the past months, the Hudson UMC ALB has worked to create a new vision for the church. I will lead a presentation of this vision on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

## Activities & Events

### Highlighted Events

*Activities and Events are subject to change.  
Current as of 9/15/25*

Participating in fellowship brings joy to you and to others around you. Will you share our activities with those in our community? Everyone is welcome to join in church events.

### ZOOM Opportunities

Download the ZOOM App. Log onto <https://zoom.us/>.  
*Subject to change. Current as of September 15, 2025*





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### Every Wednesday, 10:30 am ZOOM Book Study

You are invited to jump into class as you have time. This group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 am via Zoom. We are studying "*Christianity and World Religions: Questions we ask about Other faiths*", by Adam Hamilton until October 22. Our following study is being under consideration with the possibility of watching two videos on "Signs and Wonders", on October 29 and November 5<sup>th</sup>. In November we are looking at a getting-organized Advent class beginning on November 12<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend the studies. Please call the church office to receive the Zoom link and contact Darci Strutt for additional information on each study.

### Wed. @ 7 pm Zoom Prayer + (Plus) You are Welcome Anytime



Are you traveling throughout the U.S. or worshipping at home? Do you miss connecting with your friends? We might have what you are looking for. Consider logging on to Zoom and enjoy a half-hour gathering. **The meeting id and password is available in the church office.** Drop in once, or as often as you like. We offer you an opportunity to prepare for Wednesday Prayer +. Take a look at the following scripture. *The Scripture is subject to change.*

Wednesday, October 1

Scripture: Psalm 137

Wednesday, October 8

Scripture: Psalm 30

Wednesday, October 15

Scripture: Psalm 25

Wednesday, October 22

Scripture: Psalm 51

Wednesday, October 29

Scripture: Psalm 149



## In-person Activities

### Every Wed. Bakery & Produce Drive-Thru Give-Away @ 9 AM



Everyone is welcome to pick up food items every **Wednesday at 9 AM**, in the Fellowship Hall. Do you have a garden with extra surplus to share with others? Drop off your garden items **Tuesdays between 8 AM to Noon, or Wednesdays before 8 AM**. Please label your donation with labels found on the Kitchen island.

### Every Wednesday Men's Koffee Klutch @ 9:30 AM



Men, you are invited to our group on Wednesday mornings at 9 AM or whenever your schedule permits. There's a pot of coffee for us to drink, bakery and fruit items to eat, plus there is conversation. We meet in the fellowship hall to accommodate our group. No RSVPs needed and come as you are. We would love to have you join us. ☺ Contact Gery Campbell if you have any questions.

### Thursday, October 2 & 16



### Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone

**On October 2 & 16 meals are available at 5:00 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church, 920 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Hudson.** The H.O.M.E. (Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone) meets every first and third Thursday of the month. The Thursday community meals are at no cost to anyone living in the Hudson area. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry contact Joanne Campbell. Contact information is available in the church office at 715.386.3921.

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## Monday, October 6 SEWMUCHNEED

Hudson United Methodist Sewing Missions Ministry

By Connie Nielsen



We met on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until noon. We worked on tying and pinning quilts and we held a meeting.

At our meeting, we discussed holding a **silent auction**. Doesn't that sound like fun? The dates of the silent auction are from **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. The monies raised will go toward the purchase of materials so we can continue to sew quilts for the elementary schools in the Hudson School District. Watch for more information in your bulletin and in the weekly E-Musings email blast.

**We will be meeting on Monday, October 6 from nine until noon in the fellowship hall.** Our group welcomes everyone to come and sew or put squares together to make quilts or just to come and observe.

If you have a schedule conflict and unable to attend SEWMUCHNEED, we have take-home packets to be sewn. The take-home packets are located across from the kitchen on the tables between the two restrooms. Questions contact Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.

## 5:30 pm October 8 & 22 Wednesday Night Meals



Are you tired after a long day of work or school? Well, we have the perfect meal just for you. You are invited to attend our Wednesday of the month night meals at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Due to the food cost we will also be asking a donation of \$5 per person or \$15 per family of 4 or more.

We are asking either a group or individuals and friends to cook a meal. Any food you purchase for the meal will be reimbursed by the church. Just save your sales receipt and turn it into the church office for processing.

### \* OCTOBER MENU

Wednesday, October 8: Chicken Casserole  
Wednesday, October 22: TBA

### \* NOVEMBER MENU

Wednesday, November 5: TBA

\* All meals include a beverage.

\* Please reserve your meal on or before Tuesday, October 7; Tuesday, October 21; Tuesday, November 4; @ [HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET) or sign up on the sign-up sheet at the greeter's table. **Please pre-register to reserve your meal by Tuesday at NOON.** Signing up gives our 'cooks' an idea of the amount of food to purchase and to keep food waste down.



**\* HOT OFF THE PRESS:** On November 5, we will hold a Church Charge Conference. DS PyungAhn Kim will be facilitating the meeting. The meal begins at 5:30 pm with the charge conference beginning at 6 pm. **Leaders: please turn in your charge conference reports to Kathy by Wednesday, October 15.**

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## Friday, October 10 Celebration of life for Arvid Stephens



"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted" is a verse from Matthew 5:4 in the Bible, which is part of the Beatitudes spoken by Jesus. God's comfort is available to us at all times but especially in times of grief. This comfort comes from the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, through others, and it brings a deeper, everlasting joy. Please keep the family of Arvid Stephens in your prayers.

**Visitation:** 10:00 am Friday, October 10 at O'Connell's Family Funeral Home

**Celebration of Life:** 11:00 am Friday, October 10 at O'Connell Family Funeral Home

**Preaching:** Rev. Dan Fahs, pastor at Hudson UMC



## 11:30 AM Sunday, October 12 All-Church Potluck

All are welcome to stop by the fellowship hall on **Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 am** for an informal potluck. It's a great way to meet new people and reconnect with folks who attend an early or later service than you do. If you can, bring your favorite food dish to share. All are encouraged to help, to set-up, place food on the table, and clean up afterwards. Please sign up at the greeter's table and let us know what food you are bringing so folks know who is bringing what.



## Wednesday, October 15 at Noon November Newsletter Deadline

Share your events, small group information, Thanksgiving memories, or personal spiritual experiences in the Musings. The article deadline for the **November issue is noon, on Wednesday, October 15**. Send your information to Kathy at [HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET) or turn in your article to the church office. Thank you.

## October 31 from 5 to 6:30 PM Trunk or Treat!



Bring all the kiddos for a SPOOKTACULAR time in the church parking lot. We will be passing out candy and non-food items from the trunks of our cars. Watch for a sign-up sheet on **October 5** where you can reserve your parking spot and where you can decorate the trunk of your car, and/or sign up to donate treats to the wee little ones.

We are also in need of candy donations and/or non-candy goodies to pass out. Goodies to consider are small bags of pretzels, pencils, small toys, and spider rings etc.

## Aging & Disability Resource Center Update DayAway an ADRC Program

By Tara Murdzek, ADRC, Caregiver Support Coordinator, Health and Human Services, New Richmond

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Do you know of anyone who might like to participate in the DayAway program? DayAway is a social respite program for older adults who are frail or who have memory loss. DayAway provides a day off for caregivers and a fun morning for the participant in a safe and comfortable environment. **The group meets every Monday and Thursday from 9 am to Noon at Hudson United Methodist Church in the lower level and every Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in New Richmond.**

### Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

**Powerful tools for Caregivers classes** help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. It's a six-week, in person, series and you will receive, "*The Caregiver Helpbook*", which follows the curriculum and attendees will also receive handouts.

**Date:** Wednesdays October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Time:** 10 am to 11:30 am

**Location:** St. Croix County Government Center, 1101 Carmichael Rd., Hudson, WI

**Register Now – Space is Limited:** Call Tara at 715.381.4366.



### Caregiver Event & Resource Fair: Care Your Way Tools for the Journey

Join us for the annual caregiver event which is a lively half-day, open house-style event offering local resources, mini educational sessions, and free wellness services like memory and health screenings, and massage! Enjoy door prizes, and connect with experts, and discover practical tools to support you in your caregiving role.

**When:** Friday, October 10, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm.

**Where:** Northwood Technical College – Conference Center, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI

Cost: \$20.29/\$5 (62+)

**Register online at:** [bit.ly/caregiver\\_oct2025](https://bit.ly/caregiver_oct2025) or call 715.788.7133.

## FINDING JOY IN THE CAREGIVING JOURNEY: AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH



OCTOBER 21, 2025

8:30 AM-2:00 PM

First Congregational Church  
110 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
River Falls, WI. 54022

RSVP to Amy Luther  
715-273-6780 or  
[amy.luther@co.pierce.wi.us](mailto:amy.luther@co.pierce.wi.us)



## October Birthdays



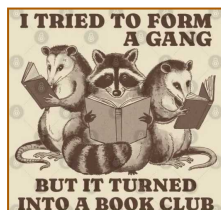
*Current as of 9/15/25*

We apologize if your name isn't listed. We wish you a Happy Birthday, too! Please inform the church office of your birthday, and your name and birth date will be added to the birthday list. Thank you!

**Hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends**

10/01 Carolyn Fuchs	10/15 Mars Overlee	10/28 Bob Schmidt
10/1 Rory Dolan	10/16 Steve Hart	10/28 Kim Campbell
10/02 Nick Conom	10/21 Judy Olson	10/28 Lisa Lindley
10/06 Joanne Campbell	10/23 Louise Hermansen	10/30 Regina Zedell Schmidt
10/06 Mary Lou Lawton	10/24 Carter Close	10/31 Scott Paulson
10/11 David Lawton	10/26 Emma Close	10/31 Leslie Atkins
10/12 Robin Schick		
10/12 Art Feyereisen		

## Book Club & Discussion Update



By Ruth Knapp

Do you enjoy curling up with a book? Enjoy reading? Then this group is for you. Feel free to join us on **Sunday, October 19 at 4 pm (please make a note of the time change)** in the fellowship hall. If you would like to read ahead, please refer to the book list below. Hope to see you! Direct your questions to Carla Bebault or Ruth Knapp.

Book title	Author	No. Pages	
Dinners with Ruth	Nina Totenberg	304	October 19
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store	James McBride	385	November 16

## Christian Community Home Update (CCH)

By Shelly DeStasio



### CCH Annual Fall Festival & Pancake Breakfast!

CCH invites you to our **Annual Fall Fest & Pancake Breakfast!** There will be food, live music, tours, employee baking contest, and games. All are welcome! Questions contact Shelly at 715.381.1320.

**When:** Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-11:30 AM

**Where:** 1320 Wisconsin St.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers!

- Monday morning Baking group in preparation for our Craft & Bake Sale coming up in November!
- Sing-a-long Leader and a Pianist to play or sing on Thursdays @ 10AM. This can be weekly or however you might be able to help.

Please reach out to Deb Tonsager @ 715-386-4524 or apply online @ [cch-seniorliving.org/volunteers](http://cch-seniorliving.org/volunteers).



By Amy Norelius

*Calendar is subject to change.*

See you all soon, Amy



I am looking for folks who are willing to help me with the Sunday School class. No teaching and prep work required. I will be leading, you will be helping. We all will be in one classroom. Are you available? Please sign up on the greeter's table in the narthex. Thank you.



Candy and small trinket items for Trunk or Treat can start being donated Oct 5th in the boxes in the narthex. Sign up will also be available for anyone who wants to decorate a trunk on Halloween on **Friday, October 31. Trunk and Treat will be held between 5 - 6:30 PM.**

By Steve Close

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## Treasurer's Report

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

Summary: End of August 2025

YTD 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$213,729	\$183,333	117%
General Fund Expense	\$226,938	\$235,760	96%
Net Profit/Loss	-\$13,208	-\$52,427	

**\*NOTE:** The General Fund Income total includes Pledges/Envelopes plus other income (i.e. Special Holiday Giving, Loose Coin Offering, Interest Income from Investment Accounts, etc.)

## Food Cupboard Update

By Denise Stalker

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Food Cupboard in September. If any of you gardeners have excess produce, it can be dropped off at the food cupboard any day of the week.

In addition, the Hudson Food Cupboard is in need of the following items:

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Laundry Soap, Deodorant, and feminine products.

**Help Needed:** I am looking for someone to deliver food collected at church and bring it to the food cupboard when I am out of town. I need someone from November to April. **Collection would only be once or twice a month.** Please contact me if you are able to help. If you need my contact number, please call the church office.

## Missions Update



### October Mission of the Month

The **October Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy tin can offering will be **SEWMUCHNEED**. They meet on the first Monday of the month, from **9 AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup>. The group is making sewing

packets to be sewn at home. The packets are located in the hallway across from the kitchen, next to the restrooms. Reminder: At the end of the month SEWMUCHNEED will hold a silent auction. Bonnie Sykora has donated a quilt to SEWMUCHNEED. Other items will be available to bid on as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact either Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.

## Hudson High School Raider Network Backpack Program

It's that time of year again! We'll once again be collecting food for the Hudson High School Raider Network Backpack Program. It is nice to have some lunches shortly after school starts, so we'd like to get a supply of the food as soon as possible. On a table in the narthex, there are lists and bags for you to use to get the supplies. As always, thank you for your generous support for this much needed service!! Thank you in advance! Margi Bertelsen Brown

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### SHOPPING LIST HHS Raider Network

Choose **one** item from the list-Individual microwavable cups:

Mac & Cheese, Ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee meals

Choose **two** items from the list-Individual bags or single serving:

Goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, Snack crackers, Cheese or Peanut Butter crackers, Trail mix, Beef jerky, Beef sticks (non-refrigerated)

Choose **one** item from the list:

Fruit snacks, Fruit roll-ups, Fruit leather, Unsweetened applesauce cups-multi pack

Also needed:

Juice boxes, and refillable water bottles

## Statistics Update

By Jane Dejno, Data Base Coordinator

### AVERAGE TOTAL ATTENDANCE PER WEEK

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
JAN	118	155	177	*165	150	158
FEB	131	164	174	203	163	* 154
MAR	***155	170	169	182	182	155
APR	173	205	222	201	176	^182
MAY	166	172	190	176	217	150
JUNE	116	166	155	191	170	155
JULY	167	174	153	164	171	135
AUG	167	158	156	152	173	133
SEPT	162	154	161	162	# 156	
OCT	153	171	175	165	169	
NOV	150	172	177	*161	*156	
DEC	157	194	*177	176	*165	

Many thanks to Jane Dejno for her years of service. Jane has resigned from her position as our statistician as of Oct. 6. Jane would like no party or special recognition but cards are appreciated.

\*\*\*COVID 19 began – podcasts incl

\* Some service/s not held due to weather, holidays, or uploading issue, etc.

^ Does not include 98 total from Holy Week services

# home mailing attendance updated

DATE	SERVICES TOTAL	YOUTUBE PODCAST	USPS	TOTAL
8/3/25	61	46	23	130
8/10/25	69	41	23	133
8/17/25	65	41	23	129
8/24/25	94	36	23	153
8/31/25	49	48	23	120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>665</b>



## Stewardship Update

### Stewardship – an important word

By Anonymous

During the month of October, many churches talk about stewardship or hold stewardship campaigns. Sadly, some folks associate the word stewardship only with pledge cards, budget discussions and a challenge to give more generously. Actually, stewardship deals with managing everything God has given to us—our brain, body, talent, time and spiritual life. It's our total response to God's gifts.

Stewardship gives us an opportunity to re-appraise our lives as a whole. Are we glorifying God with our minds, bodies, talents, property, financial resources, etc? Are we using our gifts to spread Christ's gospel? How are we showing our love to God and the church?

Taking inventory of our stewardship is a meaningful experience. Consider God's indescribable goodness toward you, as well as your response to his showers of blessing. That will reveal the quality of your stewardship.

Something to think about:

Stewardship is more than just raising funds;  
It's raising Christians.  
Stewardship is more than a matter of budgets;  
It's a matter of faith.

**\* On October 26 you will be given the opportunity to reevaluate and renew your promises as needed.**

## Worship Update

By Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

After years of language use and study (Spanish, a little German, French major, singing a lot in Latin, and appreciation of anyone who speaks and writes English well), I'm kind of a word "geek". My children will tell you I also enjoy grammar, of all things!

Churches, schools, and all other areas of society have been deeply affected over the centuries – and certainly in recent years - by words that have been misused and misunderstood. This is not new. Why can't we figure out the power words have to affect people deeply, for good and for bad, sometimes with terrible misunderstandings and even more terrible consequences as a result? How can we take more care in our use of words and our responses to them?

I looked up "listen" in my Bible concordance for some Scriptural context regarding our response to words. Imagine my surprise to find only one reference: Isaiah 49:1: "Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away." I then looked up "hear" and found hundreds of verses. Hmmmm ... I checked the English dictionary definition and learned that "listen" derives from a very old term that means "give ear to" or "hear with understanding". Aha! Word geek excitement! The second part of the Isaiah verse said "pay attention", i.e., "hear with understanding". Hearing words is one thing; listening to them is something else. "Can you hear me now" means a sound is clear, while "I hear you" in a conversation implies that "I understand what you mean." "Listen to me!" seeks an understanding response, but "I was listening to the radio" indicates a passive absorption of information.

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We process so many words from so many sources these days, that we don't realize how often we hear and react negatively. Words are essential to positive communication and action. My prayer is that we will be able to hone our listening and speaking skills to uphold God's purposes, and, as people of faith, to follow the advice found in James 1:19-25:

"... let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act, they will be blessed in their doing."

Blessings to all.

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

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## October Worship Schedule

*Subject to change*

**Liturgists:** Please contact both Mary Ellen and Kathy in the church office, if you are unable to serve. We want to list the correct name in the bulletin. It is important for you to receive a Friday worship update so you can practice your part in the service.

**Greeters: Would you like to welcome others to church?** Sign up to be a greeter in the entry! Please arrive 30 minutes ahead of your service time. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Warnke, Greeter Ministry Coordinator.

### October 5      **World Communion Sunday**

**8:30 am**    Greeter: Connie Nielsen; Liturgists: As assigned; Pianist: LeAnn Stein  
                 Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

**10:30 am**    Greeter: Joanne Campbell; Liturgists: As Assigned; Pianist: LeAnn Stein  
                 Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

### October 12

**8:30 am**    Greeter: Sue Warnke; Liturgist: Caleb or Ava Lindley; Pianist: Jona Hays;  
                 Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

**10:30 am**    Greeters: Paula Willi; Liturgist: Craig Gibson; Pianist: Jona Hays;  
                 Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

### October 19

**8:30 am**    Greeter: Joel Merritt; Liturgist: Deb Simonson; Pianist: Mary Post;  
                 Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

**10:30 am**    Greeter: Helen Esmond; Liturgist: Nicole Munro; Pianist: Mary Post;  
                 Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

### October 26

**8:30 am**    Greeter Connie Nielsen; Liturgist: Randy and Wesley Dahle; Pianist: Mary Post;  
                 Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

**10:30 am**    Greeter: Barb Chapman; Liturgist: Randy Stalker; Pianist: Mary Post;  
                 Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs



## Something to Think About



### Common Ground October 5, 2025

Anonymous

“Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God,” says Pastor Jeremy Basset.

“A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the in the body of Christ, the church.”

That’s a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don’t take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can’t have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ’s body (Ephesians 5:30) “belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10). As we gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for ‘our common salvation” (Jude 3) granted to all followers of Jesus.

### A blessing or a curse?

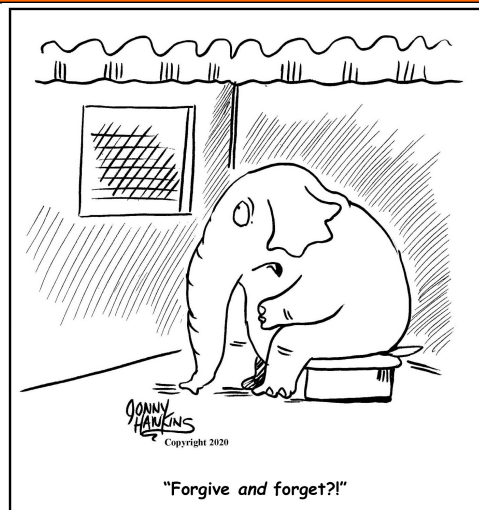
Anonymous

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5: 18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Still Corrie wasn’t convinced – until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God in all situations, though not necessarily for them. Other times we don’t wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we’ll get.

## Cartoons





## October Prayer Requests

*Please support our church, family, and friends with your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement.*

**For those who are or have been in the hospital or receiving medical care:** Joyce DuBois wife of Greg DuBois; Nikki and Brian, friends of Mars Overlee; John Ewing, husband of Linda Ewing; Mikey and Elizabeth Krohn.

**For those who are mourn:** Family of Arvid Stephen, husband of Nancy Stephen; Family of Nancy Sandman daughter of Dorothy and Leon Flottesmesch; Family of Gail Rucker cousin of Barbara Chapman.

**Pray for our meetings and celebrations: All month:** Online worship and ZOOM meetings; Sanctuary worship: Early Risers @ 8:30 & Rejoice! @ 10:30 AM; 9:30 AM Wednesday Men's Koffee Group; 10:15 AM Wednesday ZOOM Bible Study; **Oct. 5:** World Communion Sunday; **Oct. 12:** 11:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month Potluck; **Oct. 19:** 9:30 am New Member Class; 4 PM Book Club Discussion Group; **Oct. 26:** 9:30 AM Church Vision Forum; **Oct. 31:** Trunk or Treat

**Pray for our mission activities: All Month: August Loose-Coin Offering** is designated to **SEWMUCHNEED**; **Every Wednesday:** 9 am Wed. Curbside Food Distribution; **Oct. 6:** SEWMUCHNEED; **Oct. 2 & 16:** H.O.M.E. Meal; **Oct. 8 & 22:** 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meals; **Oct. 26 – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>:** SEWMUCHNEED Silent Auction

**Pray for our care list folks:** Jennie Hart, & Jane White.

**Pray for those with on-going health or life challenges:**

Amy, sister of Mike Galloway  
Afsaneh Bebault's family, daughter-in-law of Mike & Carla Bebault  
Ann, daughter of Craig Gibson  
Asher, grandson of Darci Strutt  
Ashley Akins, niece of Sarah Atkins  
Carolyn, Auntie of Lynn Watson  
Dana, relative of Jean Gunderson  
Daughter of Becca Hallock-Wolff  
D.A., friend of Regina Zedell  
Diane, friend of Amy Norelius  
Friends of Rev. Susan  
Harris brother of Jean Gunderson  
JJ friend of Mars Overlee  
Jill, friend of Kathy Anderson  
Rick, friend of Joel & Grace Merritt  
Rod Beavers & family of Margaret Smith  
Family of Glenora Berres  
Jennifer Chapman, daughter of Barbara Chapman  
Greg & Joyce DuBois  
Sarah Atkins Hoggatt  
Leslie Atkins  
Casey Dawson, friend of Joyce Johnson  
Vickie Deal and family  
Sue Dick, mother of Kathy Anderson  
Gladys Enloe, daughter-in-law of Harriet Enloe  
Nick Enloe, grandson of Harriet Enloe

Jeff Enloe, son of Harriet Enloe  
Harriet Enloe  
John and Linda Ewing  
Mel Hermansen, husband of Louise Hermansen  
Laurie and Bill Hilty by Sarah Atkins Hoggatt  
Joyce Johnson  
Maci Larson, granddaughter of Glen and Sue Warnke  
Mary Lou Lewis and family  
Jim and Sheila Lutiger, friends of Craig Gibson  
Darci Strutt & family  
Sara & Daniel Parrish, by Sarah Atkins Hoggatt  
Becky Olson  
Sean Perkins, cousin of Darci Strutt  
Lynn Raymond  
Wally Riedel & family  
Nicole Ruenter  
Rob, friend of Mars Overlee  
Dave Schroeder, husband of Kathy O'Brien Schroeder  
Andy Shadrack  
Rev. Don Stannard and Dee Standard  
Chad Trainor and family of Carol Trainor  
Taylor Atkins Tolbert, niece of Sarah Atkins Hoggatt  
Jerry and Ellie Tulgren  
Dorothy Watson, mother of Lynn Watson  
Kyri Beaulieu, by Sue Warnke

**For our in-church ministries:** Accountable Leadership Board; Instant Church Directory; Reconciling Ministry.

**For those outside of these walls:** Our sisters and brothers at St. Patrick's Catholic Church; **Oct. 11:** CCH Fall Festival; **ADRC special events: October 10:** Resource Fair; **October 21:** Finding Joy Conference





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