

Hudson United Methodist Church

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Musings

NOVEMBER 2025

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**NOVEMBER Loose Coin Mission
of the Month is dedicated to Midwest
Distribution Center**

Instant Church Directory is NOW
available ONLINE

Nov. 2 All Saints Day

ALL
SAINTS'
DAY

On **Sunday, November 2nd** we will be celebrating All Saints' Day. It is a time when we remember, with thanksgiving, those individuals who have died and held fast to their faith no matter what. During worship at 8:30 and 10:30 AM we will be remembering our friends and relatives who touched our lives by their presence. A candle will be lit as each person's name is read, and followed by a prayer. Please contact the church office at HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET if you would like your departed loved ones' name read.

Daylight Savings Ends

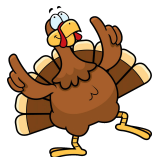
Get ready! It's time to turn back our clocks one hour to standard time before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1.

**Daylight savings time ends at 2 am
on Sunday, November 2.**



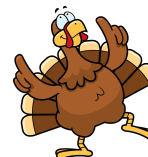
Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

Activities & Events



Highlighted Events

*Activities and Events are subject to change.
Current as of 10/15/25*



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 OCTOBER15, 2025

Every Wednesday, 10:30 am ZOOM Bible Study



On November 5th the 10:30 study agreed not to meet so as to attend the funeral service for Sally Friedlander.

On November 12 we will have the "getting organized" class for our Advent study, "*A Child is Born*" by Amy-Jill Levine. If you don't currently have the book, now is the time to order it. It is a four-week study.

Here is the write-up from Amazon to those that may want to join in for this study!

"Discover the fascinating connections between ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus in this captivating four-week Advent study. The study delves into the narratives of Isaac and Ishmael, Moses, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story in the final chapter. Author Amy-Jill Levine brings her expert knowledge of Scripture and careful consideration of the Christian story to show readers how Scripture's earlier birth stories anticipate the story of Jesus's birth and how the birth resonates and gives new meaning to those earlier stories. Transform your Advent season with fresh insights and inspiration from *A Child is Born*."

The class will not meet on the eve of Thanksgiving. The schedule is as follows:

Chapter 1 - November 19

Chapter 2 - December 3

Chapter 3 - December 10

Chapter 4 - December 17

Please call the church office to receive the Zoom link and contact Darci Strutt for additional information on the 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 29 Scripture: Psalm 149

Wednesday, November 5 Scripture: Psalm 148

Wednesday, November 12 Scripture: Psalm 22: 25-31

Wednesday, November 19 Scripture: Psalm 100

Wednesday, November 26 Not Meeting

Wednesday, December 3 Scripture: TBA

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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



The sweet rolls and the coffee are on us. Come, relax, and be known on a first-name basis. The atmosphere is friendly and warm. Drop in anytime. Enjoy fellowship on Wednesday in the fellowship hall at church. Please note: The Wednesday, November Men's Koffee Klutch has been cancelled due to the funeral of Sally Friedlander. Contact Gerry Campbell if you have any questions. 😊

Saturday, November 1 Safe Sanctuaries Training



Hudson United Methodist Church follows a Safe Church Policy meaning the adults who care for children and elders take classes and run a background check to insure our spaces are safe for everyone. If you are thinking about volunteering in the Nursery this course is right for you.

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, 9 a.m. to 12 pm

Online Via Zoom

Cost \$15, includes class instruction and background check

Attendance for all three class hours and a background check must be passed before the completion certificate is issued.

Safe Sanctuaries® is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth, and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith. Safe Sanctuaries® is a "social structure that is consistent with the gospel" allowing our sanctuaries, classrooms, mission encounters, camps, retreats, and all spaces where we gather to worship and serve God to be places of trust.

Contact Lisa Wink at lwink@wisconsinumc.org to register and for additional information.

Monday, November 3 SEWMUCHNEED

Hudson United Methodist Sewing Missions Ministry

By Connie Nielsen



We met on Monday, October 6th. We had a discussion about the Wednesday night supper. We served a chicken casserole. We also discussed where to get material at a good price. We also got a great donation of material from Trinity Lutheran Church ladies. It was a blessing.

You will notice that Sew Much need is having a fund raiser. It will be in the Sunday bulletins and on the screens. It runs from Sunday, October 26 thru Friday, November 14th.

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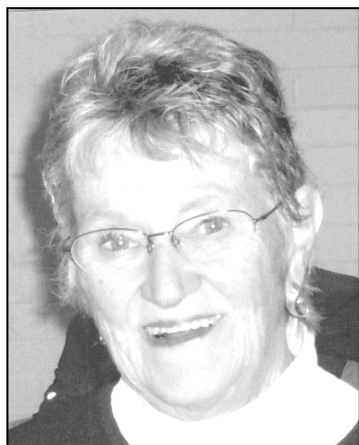
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SEWMUCHNEED continued

The fundraising donations are as follows: Hand quilted rose quilt 96 by 80 inches All occasion cards made by Bonnie Sykora and vintage towels donated by Judy Parfitt

Our next meeting is Monday November 3rd at 9 a.m.

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.



Wednesday, November 5 Sally Friedlander Funeral Service

Sally Friedlander's Wednesday, November 5 funeral service has been moved from O'Connell's Funeral Home to Hudson United Methodist Church. The visitation is from 9 am to 10:30 am with the funeral service beginning at 10:30 am.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall after the funeral service.

Hope you can attend.

5:30 pm November 5 Wednesday Night Meal



Need a break from cooking? 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.

* NOVEMBER MENU

Wednesday, November 5: Sloppy Joes

* All meals include a beverage.

* Please reserve your meal on or before; Tuesday, November 4; @ 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.



6 pm Wednesday, November 5 Church Charge Conference

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.

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November 6 & 20 Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone

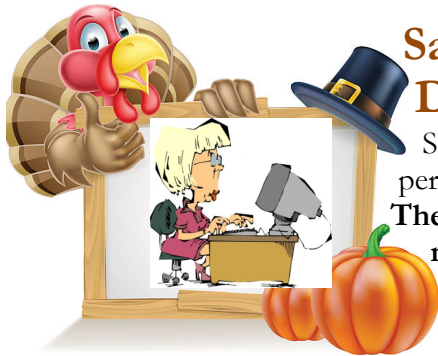


On Thursday, November 6 & 20, meals are available at 5:00 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Street in Hudson. The **H.O.M.E.** (Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone) meets every first and third Thursday of the month. The Thursday community meals exist to serve nutritious meals, at no cost, to anyone living in the Hudson area who chooses to attend. On Thursday, November 20 all the churches in the Hudson area will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal. We are looking for volunteers on Thursday, November 20 to help prepare the H.O.M.E. Meal, please contact either Joanne or Kim Campbell. Contact information is available in the church office at 715.386.3921.



11:30 AM Sunday, November 9 All-Church Potluck

All are welcome to stop by the fellowship hall on **Sunday, November 9 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.



Saturday, November 15 December Newsletter Deadline

Share your events, small group information, your December memories, or personal spiritual experiences in the Musings.

The next **DECEMBER Musing newsletter article deadline** is **noon, on Saturday, NOVEMBER 15th**. Send your ministry or event information to the church office: HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET. **THANK YOU!**

Hudson United Methodist Church Estimate of Giving 2026 Pledge of Financial Resources

In recognition of God's abundant grace, our household will make the following Pledge to support our church's Budget of Ministries for 2026.

Name _____ Address _____

City/State _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Sunday, November 16

Promise Cards are Due (Estimate of Giving)

Please help the finance team in planning our 2026 Church budget by returning your Estimate of Giving cards in a sealed envelope in the offering plate or give to our finance secretary, Steve Close. Estimate of Giving Cards are available at the information table.

Thank you for re-evaluating your commitment to

Hudson United Methodist Church. All commitments are kept confidential. We thank you for your generosity to ministries at Hudson UMC. VANCO online giving can be found on umchudson.org.

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Sunday, November 16 Receiving New Members

Join in on the celebration when we receive new members during either the 8:30 or 10:30 worship service. Membership includes baptized individuals and those who have professed their faith and taken the

vows to uphold the church's beliefs and ministries. These vows include confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, believing in the Christian faith, living a Christian life, and support the church through prayers, presence, gifts and service.

You are invited to a cake reception on November 16, and to welcome in our new members to Hudson United Methodist Church.



Thursday, November 27 Happy Thanksgiving

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

About two-thirds of Americans say eating Thanksgiving leftovers is more important than eating the actual holiday. That's one of the few times people hope food is left on the table. When it comes to giving out blessings, God doesn't want any leftovers to remain. In Genesis 12:2, God blesses Abraham so he will be a blessing to others.

Charles Stanley writes: "A hoarded blessing is never enjoyed as richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else's need glorifies God by demonstrating his grace at work in your life. Don't let his generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings."

Aging & Disability Resource Center Update

DayAway an ADRC Program

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

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 Conference Room in the lower level and every Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in New Richmond.**

Need a Home Delivered Meal?

St. Croix County provides a hot and nutritious meal to persons 60 and over who are unable to prepare adequate meals on their own, including their caregivers or spouses. Meals are provided on a short term or long-term basis with assessment of needs.

To learn more or to get started, contact the ADRC Outreach Coordinator @ 715-381-4360.

Meals are provided on a contribution basis, with the asked contribution amount of \$7.50 per meal. Contributions are confidential and no one is denied based off inability to contribute.

November Birthdays



Current as of 10/15/25

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

11/04 Mike Dejno	11/16 Graham Close	11/23 Roxi Olson
11/09 Joyce Johnson	11/16 Randy Stalker	11/25 Paul Anderson
11/09 Darci Strutt	11/18 Greg DuBois	11/26 Jean Raymond
11/15 Katie Davidson	11/18 Jerry Tulgren	11/28 Johannes Dahle
	11/19 Wally Riedel	

Book Club & Discussion Update

By Ruth Knapp

We will be going on winter break after our November book discussion. This will be our last meet-up until May. All are welcome to the book discussion on **Sunday, November 16 at 4 pm in the fellowship hall.** On Sunday, November 16 we will be discussing *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, James McBride. The novel tells the story of Black and Jewish residents of the Chicken Hill neighborhood of [Pottstown, Pennsylvania](#), in the 1920s and '30s.

The novel has been nominated for, or won a variety of awards, many of them American, and spanning a wide range of categories from historical fiction to historical mystery. Notably, it won the [Kirkus Prize](#).

Book title	Author	No. Pages	
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store	James McBride	385	November 16

Christian Community Home Update (CCH)

By Shelly DeStasio



You are invited to participate in the CCH Red Cross Blood Drive

Where: Marie Blakeman Community Center
1320 Wisconsin St.

When: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm
Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit the RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Hudson to schedule an appointment.

By Amy Norelius

We will be doing a **Children's Sunday** *aka Sunday School on alternating Sundays

Sunday School Dates in 2025 are: November 9, 23; December 7, 21 (Dec. 21 Happy Birthday Jesus Party and Ornament making. No Sunday School.)

We will have one youth in confirmation: Charlie Dolan

Sunday School Helpers Needed

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.

Finance Secretary Update

Finance Secretary Report as of Sept 30, 2025

Finance Secretary Report as of Sept 30, 2025												
Month	Fund (Monthly)	Monthly Giving	Budget	YTD 4005	Fund YTD	Budget	Actual 4005	Variance 4005	Actual 4005	Variance 4005	Amount	Unpledged
January	\$ 22,917	\$ 33,927	\$ 11,011	\$ 22,917	\$ 33,927	\$ 11,011	\$ 28,302	\$ 5,625	\$ 28,302	\$ 5,625	\$ 21,419	\$ 12,508
February	\$ 22,917	\$ 34,245	\$ 11,329	\$ 45,833	\$ 68,172	\$ 22,339	\$ 18,648	\$ 15,597	\$ 46,950	\$ 21,222	\$ 25,463	\$ 8,783
March*	\$ 22,917	\$ 31,110	\$ 8,194	\$ 68,750	\$ 99,283	\$ 30,533	\$ 47,747	\$ (16,636)	\$ 94,697	\$ 4,586	\$ 27,134	\$ 3,977
April**	\$ 22,917	\$ 26,475	\$ 3,558	\$ 91,667	\$ 125,758	\$ 34,091	\$ 19,047	\$ 7,428	\$ 113,744	\$ 12,014	\$ 15,148	\$ 11,327
May	\$ 22,917	\$ 17,178	\$ (5,739)	\$ 114,583	\$ 142,935	\$ 28,352	\$ 19,611	\$ (2,434)	\$ 133,355	\$ 9,580	\$ 14,454	\$ 2,724
June*	\$ 22,917	\$ 27,029	\$ 4,113	\$ 137,500	\$ 169,965	\$ 32,465	\$ 30,450	\$ (3,420)	\$ 163,805	\$ 6,160	\$ 16,608	\$ 10,422
July	\$ 22,917	\$ 23,397	\$ 480	\$ 160,417	\$ 193,361	\$ 32,944	\$ 21,263	\$ 2,134	\$ 185,068	\$ 8,293	\$ 18,903	\$ 4,494
August *	\$ 22,917	\$ 15,800	\$ (7,117)	\$ 183,333	\$ 209,161	\$ 25,828	\$ 29,829	\$ (14,029)	\$ 214,897	\$ (5,736)	\$ 10,549	\$ 5,251
September	\$ 22,917	\$ 23,644	\$ 727	\$ 206,250	\$ 232,805	\$ 26,555	\$ 11,911	\$ 11,733	\$ 226,808	\$ 5,996	\$ 17,964	\$ 5,680
October	\$ 22,917			\$ 229,167			\$ 22,368		\$ 249,177			
November*	\$ 22,917			\$ 252,083			\$ 25,642		\$ 274,819			
December	\$ 22,917			\$ 275,000			\$ 22,126		\$ 296,945			
Total	\$ 275,000	\$ 232,805	\$ 26,555				\$ 296,945	\$ 5,996			\$ 167,639	\$ 65,165
Giving Notes:												
Pledged Amount through 9/30/25 was \$118080 amount received was \$167639.												
*5 Sunday Month												
** Easter Sunday												
Annual Pledge Comparison												
Year		# of Pledges	\$ of Pledges	Received								
2022		72	\$ 242,432	\$ 359,673								
2023		60	\$ 214,245	\$ 218,257								
2024		56	\$ 232,018	\$ 224,084								
2025		51	\$ 209,740									

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Treasurer's Report

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

Summary: End of September 2025

YTD 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$238,624	\$229,167	104%
General Fund Expense	\$252,856	\$294,700	86%
Net Profit/Loss	-\$14,232	-\$65,533	

***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

I want to thank everyone that was able to help with our Stuff A Truck event. This community event really shows how much we care for each other!

Here is a list of the hard to keep in stock items:

Feminine products, gravy, stuffing, salad dressing (not Italian) cake mix, frosting, snacks, jello, chunky soups. Please drop off any food cupboard donations to the Hudson Food Cupboard via food shelf grocery cart in County Market, or to Hudson UMC food cupboard donation box located in the narthex. Thank you

Missions Update



November Mission of the Month

The **NOVEMBER Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy can offering will be donated to **Midwest Distribution Center**. Your offering to **Midwest Distribution Center** helps with the distribution of disaster relief supplies, education, and health

assistance nationwide and around the world. Midwest Mission is one of eight cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. Midwest Mission distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the United States. To learn more about Midwest Mission go to midwestmission.org.

Thanksgiving Turkeys to be Distributed

By Margie Close, Missions Team Leader

The Missions Committee is once again giving away Turkeys and a grocery gift card to help local families have a happy Thanksgiving. We will hand them out on Wednesday, November 19th. A few ways you can help...donate money to help offset the cost of the turkeys (envelopes are on the greeter's table in the hall), come help hand the turkeys out on Nov. 19th (contact Margie Close), and pray for the families that are in need.

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The Missions Committee will teaming with the Lion's Club of Hudson to provide 75 turkey's to families living in the St. Croix County, Lakeland, and the Bayport areas again this year.

PLEASE NOTE: One turkey per household. Please call 715.386.3921 or sign up in person at the **Wednesday Food Give-away on November 5 & November 12 at 9:00 AM to reserve your dinner.** The dinners will be handed out during the Wednesday Food Give-away on **Wednesday, November 19th** at the time indicated on the Thanksgiving meal confirmation card.

Other upcoming Missions events:

- *Send care cards w/ a Starbucks gift card to our college youth for winter finals
- *Shopping for Christmas gifts (or donating \$ for us to shop for you) for local children in need - watch for the "Giving Tree" at the end of the month

We are so blessed to have such a giving and supportive congregation! The Missions Committee is looking for new members to help with planning and organizing mission events. If you are interested in joining our team or learning more about what we do, contact Margie Close @ smclose@comcast.net. Thanks for considering!!

Hudson High School Raider Network

By Margie Bertelsen Brown

Hello!

This will be the last month that I am using the money from the donation we received last Spring. The bags of food you have donated have helped to stretch that donation through November. I thank you for that! We will need items from the shopping list the rest of the school year. On a table in the narthex, there are lists and bags for you to use to get the supplies. You'll also find the list below.

Thank you very much! Margi Bertelsen Brown

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



We would like to thank those who joined us for coffee, cake, cards, or conversation in celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Annette Helwig & the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Debbie England. Your presence and friendship is deeply appreciated. *Bill and Annette Helwig, and Jim and Debbie England*



NOW LIVE

Please check your Friday, October 24th E-Musings email for details on how you can download and view the directory. If you need assistance, please call Kathy @ 715.386.3921.

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	142
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.

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
9/7/25	97	44	23	164
9/14/25	83	19	23	125
9/21/25	97	47	23	167
9/28/25	69	23	23	115
TOTAL	346	133	92	571

Stewardship Update

Thanksgiving as a Spiritual Discipline

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

By Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming & Campaigns

Gratitude is often treated as an emotion - something we feel when life is good and blessings are obvious. But Scripture calls us to something deeper. "Give thanks in all circumstances," Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. That's not a suggestion to ignore pain or pretend that everything is fine.

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It's an invitation to practice thanksgiving as a spiritual discipline - a way of seeing and living that reorients our hearts toward God, even when circumstances are difficult.

Practicing thanksgiving means intentionally naming God's gifts, even the small ones. It means pausing long enough to recognize that every breath, every meal, every relationship, every new morning is evidence of grace. When we make gratitude a habit rather than a reaction, it transforms our perspective. We begin to notice abundance where we once saw scarcity. We start to trust God's provision more deeply. And that trust becomes the fertile soil where generosity grows.

As you enter this season of thanksgiving, I encourage you to make space for a daily practice of gratitude - perhaps writing down three things each day for which you're thankful or saying a prayer of thanks before bed. Over time, you may find that thanksgiving doesn't just change your mood; it changes your heart.

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Worship Update

By Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

As I write this, my heart is breaking for people everywhere who are suffering in so many ways: separated or estranged from families, on furlough with no pay, uncertain of future employment, unable to navigate a host of complicated systems like health care and finances, living with serious illness facing death, or grieving a loss, be it of loved ones or another important part of their life that is no more. Suffering confronts each of us at some time or another. This month during worship, we commemorate events that acknowledge the reality of suffering, but take comfort in the context of thanksgiving to God and the hope we find in our faith.

All Saints: a time our church collectively remembers who have died during the past year, but whose presence during their lives blessed us. We suffer their absence, even though they are now with the Lord. We call this celebration All Saints - not because these are people who have been canonized following an exhaustive post-mortem review of their lives and deeds, but because they shared their love and faith with us, generously providing insight and encouragement and reassurance of God's presence in a world that isn't always kind. The church as a whole, and our church in particular, rejoices in our frequent encounters with these unassuming saints. Without them, many of us would have given up hope long ago. So we read their names and light candles in their honor. (Who are the saints who have touched you and given you the strength to move on when suffering has tested you to the breaking point?)

Thanksgiving: a self-explanatory word that in our country evokes the season of turkey, mashed potatoes, family, football, deer hunting, and (locally!) the annual Parade of Homes. What a step up from the Puritan settlers who suffered sickness, death and starvation during their first winter in the "New World"! Nevertheless, those who lived and struggled through the painful times gave thanks to God for what they had, and rejoiced even more when God provided compassionate local native peoples who helped them with food and survival skills. They faced suffering with hope, firmly grounded in faith.

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This month leads us into Advent as well. We have a lot to ponder and celebrate! We remember those we have lost, but love no less, and we give thanks for our many blessings - especially the unconditional love that lifts us up. Life on earth continues to swirl with pain and injustice, but we find hope in our faith that: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

November 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.

November 2 All Saints Day and Communion Sunday

8:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Debbie Simonson; Pianist: LeAnn Stein
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: Close family; Liturgists: Bonnie Sykora; Pianist: LeAnn Stein
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

November 9

8:30 am Greeter: Joel Merritt; Liturgist: Carla Bebault; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeters: TBA; Liturgist: Craig Gibson; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

November 16

8:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Caleb or Ava Lindley; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Nicole Munro; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

November 23 Thanksgiving Service

8:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Adele Dolan; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: Helen Esmond; Liturgist: TBA; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

November 30 1st Sunday in Advent

8:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Randy & Wes Dahle; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: Joanne Campbell; Liturgist: Victor England; Pianist: TBA;
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

Please Note Important Scam Alert

By Rev. Susan Amann

If you receive an email from remainblessed45@gmail.com claiming to be Deacon Susan Amann, please disregard. It is a scam.

NOVEMBER 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: Gery Campbell, husband of Joanne Campbell; Verna, sister-in-law of Harriet Enloe; Kendra, daughter of Barbara Chapman;

For those who are mourn: Family of Sally Friedlander, member of the church; Phil Helwig, brother of Bill Helwig and Uncle to Jeff Helwig;

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; **November 2:** Communion Sunday; All Saints Day; Daylight Savings Ends; **November 9:** 11:30 am 2nd Sunday of the Month Potluck; **November 16:** Receiving New Members; 4 PM Book Club Discussion Group; **November 23:** Thanksgiving Service @ 8:30 & 10:30; **November 30:** 1st Sunday of Advent

Pray for our mission activities: **All Month: November Loose-Coin Offering** is designated to **Midwest Distribution Center; Every Wednesday:** 9 am Wed. Curbside Food Distribution; **November 2:** SEWMUCHNEED; **November 5:** 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meals; 6 pm Annual Church Charge Conference; **November 6 & 20:** H.O.M.E. Meal; **Oct.26 – Nov.14th:** SEWMUCHNEED Silent Auction; **November 19:** Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away

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 Ruenther
Rob, friend of Mars Overlee
Dave Schroeder, husband of Kathy O'Brien Schroeder
Andy Shadrick
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: Advent and Christmas Planning.

For those outside of these walls: Our sisters and brothers at Beth Immanuel



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