

FEB. 2026

Hudson United Methodist Church

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Musings

Mission & Vision Statement

Mission Statement: To accept all people along their spiritual journey.

Vision Statement: A church where all are loved.

We will grow disciples of Jesus Christ in vital worship and passionate outreach for the sake of the world.

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FEBRUARY Mission of the Month noisy can offering will be donated to the Harbor House Crisis Shelters. For more information go to <https://harborhousecs.org>

2026 Special Dates

February 1 & 8: Caring Cards
available for signage
February 2: SEWMUCHNEED
February 5: H.O.M.E. Meal
February 7: Hot Air Affair
February 8: 2nd Sunday Potluck
February 11: 5:30p Wed. Meal
February 14: Valentines Day
February 15: March Newsletter
Deadline
February 17: Spring Primary
Election at HUMC
February 18: Ash Wednesday
Service @ 7pm
February 19: H.O.M.E. Meal
February 28: 5:30p Wed. Meal

Valentines Day

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Valentine's Day isn't just for school children and sweethearts. Loving parents and grandparents can give kids these life-changing gifts during Feb. and beyond.

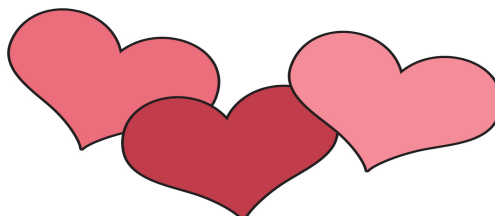
Acceptance: Say and show that you love children for who they are. Give this gift with a kiss.

Self-Confidence: Help boost kids' trust in themselves. Give this gift with a hug.

Peace: Model how to give your worries to God. Offer this present with laughter.

Gratitude: Help children be genuinely thankful for each new day and for all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.

Faith: Introduce children to Jesus, the best friend they'll ever have. Do this by taking them to church and Sunday school regularly.





February Activities & Events



Highlighted Events

Activities and Events are subject to change.

Current as of 1/15/26



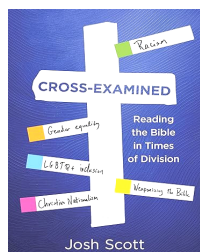
Participating in fellowship brings joy to you and to others around you. Will you share our activities with those in our community? Everyone is welcome to join in church events.

Zoom Opportunities

Download the ZOOM App. Log onto <https://zoom.us/>.

Subject to change. Current as of January 15, 2026

10:30 AM Every Wednesday Zoom Bible Study



We are reading a book by Josh Scott called, "*Cross-Examined*".

Cross-Examined has served as both a guide and a conversation starter to alternative understanding of faith, and asks us to join the movement toward a future of hope, justice, and unity.

Please call the church office to receive the Zoom link and contact Darci Strutt for additional information on the study.

7 PM Every Wednesday Zoom Prayer +. You are Welcome Anytime!

Are you traveling during February to a warmer climate or if you are worshipping at home, please consider logging into Zoom and enjoy a half-hour gathering. 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. For more information contact the church office.

The Scripture is subject to change.



Wednesday, February 4

Scripture: Psalm 112

Wednesday, February 11

Scripture: Psalm 99

Wednesday, February 18

Not Meeting: Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 25

Scripture: Psalm 5

In-person Gatherings

Wednesday Bakery & Produce Drive-Thru Give-Away @ 9 AM



Need a boost in your groceries? We have curbside pick-up of *free* bread and produce every Wednesday at 9 AM. Just drive up to the church door and we will place a box of food in your trunk. It is fast, easy and free. Open to everyone. If you would like to make a food or grocery bag donation, please stop by the church Tuesday morning between 10 AM to Noon and donate a bag of groceries for distribution on Wednesday morning.

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



All are welcome! Men, you are invited to free coffee, rolls, donuts every Wednesday morning, at 9:30 AM. We meet in the fellowship hall to support each other through life's journeys. You don't have to dress up or even shower for us. Come as you are, we won't mind. Love to see you!

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9 AM Monday, February 2

SEWMUCHNEED

Hudson United Methodist Sewing Missions Ministry

By Connie Nielsen

The group met on Monday, January 5th from 9 - noon. The ladies always get a lot accomplished. Clarice Huehne is always checking for bargains and does a very good job finding fabric sales.

We did not have too much to discuss at our January meeting because of the New Year.

Nancy Briske is checking with WIC if they need anything from us.

A Big THANK YOU to our ladies and other church members and non members who have contributed to our wonderful year of 2025. It was such a blessing that we could so so much in 2025. We hope to do the same this year or more.

Our next meeting is on Monday, February 2 from 9 am to noon.

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.



Thursday, February 5 & 19

Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone

On Thursday, February 5 & 19, dine-in meals are available at 5:00 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Street in Hudson. The **H.O.M.E.** (**H**udson **O**utreach **M**eals for **E**veryone) 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. If you would like to find out more about 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.

Sneak Peak: On Thursday, March 5 Hudson UMC and Mt. Zion will be preparing a meal. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you can help, please reach out to Barb Johnson at 1nuttynana@gmail.com, H.O.M.E. Meal coordinator. We need two people to help from 1-4 and two people to help from 4:30 to 7 pm.

Letter from the H.O.M.E. Meal Committee

Blessings to everyone,

Wow what a wonderful year it has been for HOME MEAL we served 2818 meals this past year. We served 768 more souls than in 2024.

We wish to say a Huge THANK YOU to all you for your commitment and support to this Wonderful Outreach through your contributions. THANK YOU for all the Volunteers who helped with prep, serving cleanup and the wonderful desserts, and also those providing Thrivent cards.

Thank you again for making this a wonderful year.

God's Blessings, Barb and Lori

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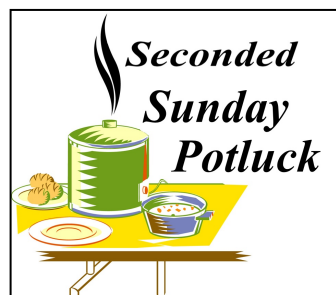
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Saturday, February 7 **Hudson Hot Air Affair**

Hudson Hot Air Affair announces the 2026 theme “*Sky Walkers Return to Rock*” for our annual hot air balloon rally and winter festival on the weekend of February 6,7,8, 2026.

On Saturday, February 7, we will be offering the parking lot to the community to use, (donations accepted) and the church building will be available for people to warm up, or to grab some hot chocolate and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet at the greeters table where you can help with baking cookies, serving cookies and hot chocolate. For more information go to: <https://hudsonhotairaffair.com/>



11:30 am February 8th **All Church Pot Luck**

Looking for a quick bite to eat before going home after church? Stop by the fellowship hall on Sunday, February 8th at 11:30 am for an informal potluck. Please sign up at the greeter's table if you can bring either an entrée, veggie tray, fruit, salad, or a beverage to share. Everyone, is in charge and we all work together with set-up, and cleaning up.

5:30 pm Tentative February 11 & 25 **Wednesday Night Meal**

No one has signed up at the greeter's table to host the meal on February 11 and 25. If no one signs up then the meal will be canceled. Any group or individuals are asked to set-up, cook the meal, and clean up afterwards. Any food you purchase will be reimbursed by the church. Just save your sales receipt and turn it into the church office for processing. The Wednesday night meal program will continue through May if there are people willing to host the meal.

Sunday , February 15 **Newsletter Reminder**



The next newsletter Musings article deadline, for the **March issue**, is noon on **Sunday, February 15**. Share your information about your groups, meetings, and special events. Send your information to the church office: HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

Monday, February 16 & Tuesday, February 17



Spring Primary Election

Hudson United Methodist Church is a polling site for the City of Hudson. On Monday, February 16 and Tuesday, February 17, the Fellowship Hall and the Multi-Purpose Room are not available due to the set up of the polling booths (Monday, February 16) and voting (Tuesday, February 17).

VOTER REGISTRATION

www.ci.hudson.wi.us.



Please start to save your surplus of gently used and loved items and clean out your closets this winter when you're snowbound! We will put it to good use for an all-

Aging & Disability Resource Center Update

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.** If you have any questions you may contact me at T: 715.381.4366 or F: 715.381.4308 or tara.murdzek@sccwi.gov.

February Birthdays

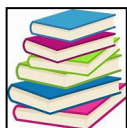
Wishing you a wonderful day with family and friends! We apologize if your name isn't listed. We wish you a Happy Birthday, too! Please inform the church office of your birthday, and your name and birth date will be added to the birthday list.

02/03	Louise Weiher	02/15	Karen Dahle
02/09	Blanche Conom	02/17	Barb Wall
02/10	Randy Dahle	02/18	Sarah Hallen
02/13	Tony Struemke	02/22	Dave Naegeli

02/22 Grace Merritt
02/22 Paula Willi
02/23 Mike Norelius
02/23 Beth Swanson
02/26 Deb Kruschwitz-List



Book Club & Discussion Update



Our book group is taking a three-month break. We won't meet in January or February. We are expecting to resume on the 3rd Sunday of March in the fellowship hall. If you would like to read ahead, please refer to the book list below. Hope to see you in March! Direct your questions to Carla Bebault or Ruth Knapp.

Book Titles	Author	Pages	Month
We All Live Here	Jojo Moyes	450	March 15
The Only Woman in the Room	Marie Benedict	254	April 19
The Island of Sea Women	Lisa See	374	May 17
The Stationery Shop	Marjan Kamali	312	June 21
An Eye for Joy	Peg Guilfoyle	138	July 19
Frozen River	Ariel Lawhon	432	August 16
The First Ladies	Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray	389	Sept. 20
The Measure	Nikki Erlik	352	Oct. 18
American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins	386	Nov. 15

Education Update

By Amy Norelius

Children's Sunday School A Multi-age format: Preschool through 5th grade

Sunday School Dates in 2026 were revised. The new dates are: February 8, 22; March 8; (OFF 3/15 & 3/22 – Spring Break Week); March 29 (Easter, April 5 – no Sunday School) April 12, 26; May 10 (Last Day of Sunday School & Mother's Day)

*** Note: Sunday School helper sign up sheet** for the new year will be posted at the Greeter's table by mid-Dec. Please sign up if you are able to help. No teaching required.

See you all soon, Amy

Finance Update

Finance Secretary December 2025 Report

By Steve Close

	2025 Pledged Amount Received	2025 Unpledged Amount Received	2025 Misc Income Received	Total 2025 General Fund Income
Dec YTD	\$ 218,283	\$78,335	\$7,589	\$304,207

Treasurer's December 2025 Report

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

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Summary: End of December 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$304,207	\$275,000	111%
General Fund Expense	\$345,522	\$353,640	98%
Net Profit/Loss	-\$41,316	-\$78,640	53%

Hudson Food Cupboard Update

Missions Update



Loose-Coin February Mission of the Month

Harbor House is working to renovate a new shelter

If you have any questions, please reach out to Margie Close.

Hudson High School Raider Network Update

Hello!

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You do not have to get everything on the list. Just get what you can! Deliveries to the high school will continue until the end of the school year. On a table in the narthex, there are lists and bags for you to use to get the supplies. You will also find the list below. Thank you very much!

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 Kathy O'Brien Schroeder, Admin Hudson UMC

December Attendance 2025

Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
7-Dec	40	56	24	39	159
14-Dec	31	36	24	73	164
21-Dec	61	64	24	56	205
28-Dec	25	0	24	40	89
					0
X-Mas					0
25-Dec 4p	90			62	152
25-Dec 7p	22				22
25-Dec 11p	20				20
TOTAL	289	156	96	270	811

Worship Update

By Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

When Covid arrived more than 5 years ago, Hudson UMC, along with churches all over the country, lost something we often take for granted: the privilege of gathering in person for worship. But thanks to the efforts of Reverend Dr. Dawn Jeffer-Ramstad, videographer John Ramstad and a brave cadre of masked musicians (Mary Post, LeAnn Stein, Heather Tank, Joanne Campbell, Kim Campbell, Randy Dahle, Rick Hagar, Becca Hallock-Wolff, Roger Roenfan, Larry Sederstrom, Deb Simonson, and Darci Strutt McQuiston, myself, – hope I didn't miss anyone!), we entered the adventure of online worship – not ideal, but a great comfort when we could not be at church, as well as an unexpected new option for folks who had often been unable to attend in person due to distance or physical challenges.

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The Lord stuck with us. We've gradually returned to in-person worship, but have maintained our online service, and now, after almost 5 years of regular recording, we have entered the next phase of online worship at Hudson UMC! As of January 11, we've officially replaced our recorded service with livestreaming. The Worship Team appreciates the efforts of Pastor Dan and the ALB to move forward with this new worship opportunity – from installing the necessary equipment to learning how to create an account online to recruiting volunteers for livestream training (including Dave and Kathy O'Brien-Schroeder, Pastor Dan Fahs, Steve Close, Gabe Overlee, and Daryl Simonson).

You may be saying, "Not another change!" I understand your concern, but be assured it's for the better, even if it will require some patience, both with all who have worked on this and with yourselves! We are taking baby steps and don't expect everything to be perfect right away; it will take time and tweaking with camera angles and microphone levels in order to reach consistent, high-quality livestreamed worship. Also, if you're used to "previewing" Sunday worship, that option is no longer available because the link for livestreaming won't be active until just before worship begins in real time – aka live! We will be streaming the 10:30 service, so early birds will need to plan accordingly.

I hope this gives you a better idea of what's new in worship at HUMC. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Dan or Kathy OBS in the office, or any of us involved with worship leadership. Our prayer is that anyone who participates in worship, whether in person or online, will feel welcome and engaged, grow in faith, and seek to further the kingdom of God on earth.

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

February 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.

February 1 Communion Sunday

8:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Mars Overlee; Pianist: Jona Hays; Usher: Scott Paulson;
Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Bonnie Sykora; Pianist: Jona Hays; Usher: Gery Campbell;
Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

February 8

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

10:30 am Greeter: Joanne Campbell; Liturgist: Deb Simonson; Pianist: Mary Post
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

February 15

8:30 am Greeter: Margie Bertelsen Brown; Liturgist: Jack Stamp; Pianist: Jona Hays
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: Steve & Margie Close; Liturgist: Nicole Munro; Pianist: Jona Hays
Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

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February 22

8:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Adele Dolan; Pianist: Jona Hays

Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

10:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Deb Simonson; Pianist: Jona Hays

Usher: Gery Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

February 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: Tom Burmood, husband of Sue Burmood; Megan, granddaughter of Linda & John Ewing; Grace Merritt, wife of Joel Merritt.

For those who mourn: Family of Susan Dick; Family of David Schroeder.

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; **February 1:** Communion Sunday; **February 7:** Hot Air Affair;

February 8: 2nd Sunday of the month Potluck; **February 18:** Ash Wednesday 7 pm Worship Service.

Pray for our mission activities: All Month: February Loose-Coin Offering is designated to **help support**

Harbor House Crisis Center; Wed. Curbside Food Distribution; **February 2:** SEWMUCHNEED;

February 5 & 19: H.O.M.E. Meal.

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

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

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

Jennifer Chapman, daughter of Barbara Chapman

Greg & Joyce DuBois

Sarah Atkins Hoggatt

Leslie Atkins

Casey Dawson, friend of Joyce Johnson

Vickie Deal and family

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

Laurie and Bill Hilty by Sarah Atkins Hoggatt

Joyce Johnson

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

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

Kyri Beaulieu, by Sue Warnke

For our in-church ministries: HUMC Accountable Leadership Board and Committee Team Leaders.

For those outside of these walls: Our sisters & brothers at HarvestTime Church; Hudson Food Shelf Recipients; and Residents at CCH.

If you or someone you know has need of prayer, or if you would like names to be removed from the prayer list, please contact Harriet Enloe at harriet.bob@gmail.com or the church office at HUDSONUMC@sbcglobal.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 1 Communion @ both services Valentine Cards for the Homebound available for signage 8:30a Sanctuary Worship 9:30a Fellowship & Coffee 10:30a Sanctuary Worship Online Worship Available	2 9a ADRC Day Away 9a SEWMUCH-NEED 11a Debriefing Mtg No BELLS	3 No Activities Scheduled	4 9a Food Give-away 9:30a Men's Coffee 10:30a ZOOM Bible Study 7p ZOOM Prayer +	5 9a ADRC Day Away 5p H.O.M.E. Meal	6 No Activities	7 Hudson Hot Air Affair 1:00-8:30pm Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Parking
8 8:30a Sanctuary Worship 9:30a Sunday School Class 9:30a Fellowship & Coffee 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 2nd Sunday Potluck Online Worship Available Valentine Cards for the Homebound available for signage SOUP or Bowl Sunday - bring a can of soup to church for the Hudson Food Cupboard	9 9a ADRC Day Away 11a Debriefing Mtg 5:30p Winegand Ringers	10 5:30p Music mtg. 6:30p Worship Team 7p ZOOM Finance Meeting	11 9a Food Give-away 9:30a Men's Coffee 10:30a ZOOM Bible Study 5:30p Tentative Wednesday Night Dinner 7p ZOOM Prayer +	12 9a ADRC Day Away	13 No Activities	14 Happy Valentines Day No Activities
15 8:30a Sanctuary Worship 9:30a Fellowship & Coffee 10:30a Sanctuary Worship Online Worship Available March Newsletter Articles Due	16 Voting Set-Up 9a ADRC Day Away 11a Debriefing Mtg 5:30p Winegand Ringers	17 7a Spring Primary Election Voting 7p Sanctuary Singers Gathering	18 9a Food Give-away & Men's Coffee 9:30a Men's Coffee 10:30a ZOOM Bible Study 7p Ash Wednesday Worship Service	19 9a ADRC Day Away 5p H.O.M.E. Meal	20 10am Set up for Dave Schroeder funeral luncheon	21 10 am Dave Schroeder Visitation 11 am Funeral service for Dave Schroeder Noon luncheon remembering Dave Schroeder
22 8:30a Sanctuary Worship 9:30a Sunday School Class 9:30a Fellowship & Coffee 10:30a Sanctuary Worship	23 9a ADRC Day Away 11a Debriefing Mtg 5:30p Winegand Ringers	24 7p ALB Meeting	25 9a Food Give-away & Men's Coffee 9:30a Men's Coffee 10:30a ZOOM Bible Study 5:30p Tentative Wednesday Night Dinner 7p ZOOM Prayer +	26 9a ADRC Day Away 9a Mailing March Newsletter	27 No Activities	28 No Activities



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