

MAY 2026

Musings



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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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Sunday, May 24 Graduation Sunday

We would like to celebrate all individuals who are graduating from high school and those from vocational programs or college. Our current graduating high school seniors are *Ava Lindley, Morgan Munro, Parker Struemke*. If there is anyone else graduating please let the church office know!

May Mission of the Month

May Mission of the Month (MOM) loose coin offering will be donated to **Operation HELP**. Operation HELP was begun in 1981 by Bob and Mary Nasvik, who recognized a need in our community to help families in crisis. Call: 715.386.1300 for assistance or to volunteer.

Fri., May 1 & Sat., May 2 Spring Rummage Sale

**All proceeds go into the
General Fund**

Consider cleaning your closets and clearing your cupboards and garages for our annual **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**.

On May 1 & May 2 we will also hold a bake sale alongside of the Rummage Sale.

Signup on the signup sheets on the greeters table if you can help.

We do not accept exercise equipment or electronics.

Furniture may be donated BUT if the item does not go, we may need you to recollect. We are usually pretty resourceful in finding a home for all items.

Questions? Contact
Carla Bebault.

MAY Activities & Events

Highlighted Events

*Activities and Events are subject to change.
Current as of 4/15/26*



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 April 15, 2026



10:30 AM Every Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

All are welcome. This group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Explore a book study and meet new friends. Our next book is, *Dare to Dream - Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life*, by Mike Slaughter. If you would like to join the study contact 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!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Wednesday 7 PM Zoom mid-week break. The 45-minute experience is *Lectio Divina* based. Please bring your own cracker/ bread, and juice or water. **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, May 6
Wednesday, May 14
Wednesday, May 20
Wednesday, May 27

Scripture: Psalm 66
Scripture: Psalm 68
Scripture: Psalm 104
Scripture: Psalm 8



In-person Gatherings

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



Tell your neighbors and friends we have **curbside delivery of bread and produce which we hand out every Wednesday at 9 AM.** We have a surplus of food for everyone! If you need an extra loaf of bread, there is more than enough to go around. Thank you

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



Men, you are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Come and relax, chat, visit, and enjoy each other's company. We would love for you to join us! The atmosphere is friendly and cheery. Drop in any Wednesday you have the time. ☺ Contact Gery Campbell if you have any questions. ☺

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Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2 Spring Rummage Sale



REPURPOSE AND REUSE IS OUR THEME!

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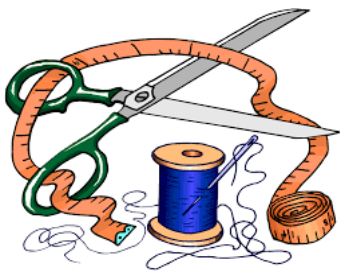
Please consider cleaning your closets and clearing your cupboards and garages for our annual **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**.

Please bring in your donations to church on Wednesday evening, April 29 and on Thursday, April 30 from 9 am to 5 pm. Signup sheets will be available soon for

setup, cleanup and sales, and perhaps a bake sale too. Please contact Carla Bebault with your questions.

Monday, May 4 SEWMUCHNEED Meeting

From Connie Nielsen



Last month we met on Monday, April 13. We had a good group in attendance. Clarice Huehne has been purchasing flannel and getting good deals.

Many thanks to Clarice. The ladies have been sewing squares together and tying or pinning the backs to the fronts to be sewn. Some women also have been putting squares together to be sewn into quilts. Some ladies are also making hats and mittens and ponchos which will be given to WIC and Operations Help.

We are looking for someone to deliver 14 Midwest Mission boxes that are 8 1/2 x11 in size to Elk Mound, WI for Midwest Missions. If you are looking for a quick get away, please call Connie Nielsen for details.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 4th from 9 to noon.

If you would like to join us and see what we do, please contact either Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal on May 6



We are looking for folks to prepare a meal on May 6 at 5:30 pm. If no one is interested in cooking, the meals will be cancelled. If you do prepare a meal, you will be reimbursed for the money you spend on food. Just turn your receipts into the office for reimbursement.

Please reserve your meal on or before Tuesday, May 5 @ 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.



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Thursday, May 7 & 21 Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone

On May 7 & 21, dine-in 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.

On Thursday, May 21, HUMC will be preparing the meal, along side of Mt. Zion Church. The H.O.M.E meal is in need of your help with the set-up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. If you are available to help with H.O.M.E. Meal, please contact Barb Johnson at 1nuttyana@gmail.com.



Sunday, May 10: NO Potluck

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 10th there will not be a potluck lunch as folks have made other plans to be with family and friends.



Calling all Newsletter Writers

This newsletter is your newsletter. It's one of the ways we connect with each other. Anyone can share their event, small group summer plans, personal spiritual experiences, memories, articles, and poetry. Kids can share their favorite 'what happened to me at church stories' etc. The article deadline is **FRIDAY, MAY 15, for the JUNE** issue. Send your information to Kathy at HUDSONUMC@SBCGLBAL.NET.



Graduation Sunday, May 24

9:30 am Graduate Reception and 10:30 am Recognized During Worship.

Our current graduating high school seniors are *Ava Lindley, Morgan Munro, and Parker Struemke*.

The graduating seniors will be recognized during the 10:30 am worship service. If there is anyone else graduating please let the church office know!



Ava Lindley invites the congregation to her Open House on Saturday, June 13 from 1 – 4 pm.

The open house will be at her home. For details, please contact Ava Lindley.

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Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter season and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2 begins with another detail that is just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers did not miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the church.

We celebrate, then, this day by assembling as one body wearing a piece of **red** clothing. May we be so renewed by God's grace as we share the good news with others.



Theater Tickets

Glen Warnke has purchased tickets on Saturday, July 18th 2:00 pm at the Plymouth Playhouse to see "Church Basement Ladies." Would you like to join Glen and Sue? Cost is \$47.38 per person payable to Glen Warnke.

Aging & Disability Resource Center Update

DayAway an ADRC Program

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

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.

May Birthdays

Current as of 4/15/26

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. Thank you.

05/02 Carol Worrell	05/15 Ayden Munro	05/23 Craig Gibson
05/03 Jennifer Struemke	05/16 Al Homeier	05/24 Sue Burmood
05/04 Judy Parfitt	05/17 Mel Stoerzinger	05/31 Joel Merritt
05/09 J.J. Munro	05/18 Daryl Simonson	05/31 Dewey Swanson
05/14 Hank Paulson	05/20 John Thomas	
05/14 Judy Gilbert	05/22 Helen Esmond	

MAY Book Club & Discussion

You are invited to join a Book Club & Discussion group which meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from March to November. Our next meeting is on Sunday, May 17th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. If you would like to read ahead, please refer to the book list on the next page.



Book Club and Discussion book list continued

Book Titles	Author	Pages	Month
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. Our last day to meet is on Mother’s Day, May 10.

*** Note: Sunday School helper sign up sheet** is posted at the Greeter’s table. Please sign up if you are able to help on May 10th. No teaching required. See you all soon, Amy

Finance Update

Treasurer’s Finance Update

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

Summary End of March

YTD 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$94,615	\$72,000	131%
General Fund Expense	\$83,621	\$81,348	103%
Net Profit/Loss	\$10,994	-\$9,348	-118%

*NOTE: The General Fund Income YTD Actual consists of Pledges/Envelopes plus other income (i.e. Un-pledged Giving, Special Holiday Giving, Loose Coin Offering, Interest Income from Investment Accounts, etc.)

Hudson Food Cupboard Update

By Denise Stalker

Our Church is responsible for covering the Food Cupboard for the last **2 weeks of May and all of June**. I will be asking for volunteers on or around the 1st of May. Please consider volunteering your time to help others in our community. I am also looking for one or two volunteers to help me answer the phone and record appointments. I will provide training and assistance to anyone willing to give of their talents. Thank you! Denise Stalker

Missions Update



**Loose-Coin
Offering**

MAY Mission of the Month

The **May Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy can offering will be donated to **Operation HELP**. Operation HELP was begun in 1981 by Bob and Mary Nasvik, who recognized a need in our community to help families in crisis.

What began as a Christmas program is now a year-round service, providing rent and utility assistance for working families in St. Croix County. Funds may also be available for minor auto repairs. They see their role as a "bridge"; assisting clients over a particularly difficult time and helping them to regain a solid financial footing. An agency resource manual, detailing many of the services available in the St. Croix Valley area, has been compiled and is available, free-of-charge, on their website. Please see www.operationhelpstcroix.org for more information.

Thank you for your continued loose change support. You are a blessing.

The Mission of the Month offering tin can is found next to the offering plate in the narthex.

Hudson High School Raider Network Update

By: Margi Bertelsen Brown

Hello!

We are at the end of the school year! Many thanks for all the donations you made this year to the Raider Network. I will make one more delivery at the end of May, so there is no need for donations during the summer. Please donate whatever you can from the list. Juice boxes are still one of the favorite items and they're the first to go. 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.

*** The bags and lists were removed from the table in the narthex a couple months ago. If you know where they are, please let me or Kathy know. Not a big deal, I just don't know what happened to them.

As always, 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

Pastor's Report

By: Pastor Dan Fahs

MCCI Announcement

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The ALB recently made an important decision. After careful, prayerful discernment, we have decided to participate in the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) through the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

This was not something that HUMC initiated, rather it is a special invitation from the Conference. Churches are prayerfully selected based on their leadership, capacity, and potential for fruitfulness. It is a recognition and an investment in our shared future. MCCI is designed to jumpstart a new lifecycle of fruitfulness through coaching, training and clear next steps from ministry (see HOW DOES MCCI WORK article for more information on the process).

This will be a journey for us all. I am excited to be a part of this. I invite you to pray, stay open, and participate as we step into this new season together.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Dan

HOW DOES MCCI WORK?

The Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) is made up of a handful of churches in the Wisconsin Annual Conference that have been invited by the cabinet and Bishop to participate in this 2–3-year process. We (HUMC) have accepted this invitation. Specifically, this involves:

- Concentrated new ministry leadership skills training each month for the pastor. This includes: starting a congregational **Breakthrough Prayer Initiative**.
- **Undercover Worshippers** who visit and worship with us and then provide extensive feedback about their experiences.
- A comprehensive **Self-Study** completed by each church. This review includes history, finances, staffing, organization, ministry activities, and demographic setting. This culminates in a Resource Refocus event.
- A **MCCI Express Day** lead by the Conference MCCI Consultation Team with a report including 3-5 unique prescription/recommendations. These are the next steps the church needs to jumpstart into new fruitfulness.
- HUMC then **votes to accept** these prescriptions/recommendations to move forward.

Prescription Teams are then formed to implement these prescriptions with the assistance of Prescription Coaches from throughout the Annual Conference. These coaches will then work with us for up to 2-years to guide and assist during implementation.

Reconciling Ministries

By Margie Close

An official reconciled church vote was taken on April 19 and April 26. At the time of the printing of the newsletter, the results of the vote were not available. Please watch the church announcements and E-Mail blasts for an update. Thank you.

Statistics Update

By Kathy O'Brien Schroeder, Admin Hudson UMC

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March Attendance 2026

Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
1-Mar	35	37	24	24	120
8-Mar	36	47	24	20	127
* 15-Mar	0	0	24	73	97
22-Mar	42	38	24	36	140
29-Mar	50	51	24	34	159
TOTAL	163	173	120	187	643

* Blizzard

Worship Update

By Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

In spite of weather fluctuations, international conflicts and local and personal struggles, Spring has come, Artemis has landed safely and Christ is risen! We have worshiped, grieved, and rejoiced together. We have examined what “All are welcome” means and made a decision as a church body. I don’t know the outcome as I write this, but as I so often do, I look to inspired musical texts for reassurance and encouragement:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
 Christ’s love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him;
 Let us fear, and let us love the living God,
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.
 “Ubi Caritas”, Ola Gjello

We have a lot of celebrating ahead this month with Mothers’ Day, Pentecost, Graduation and Memorial Day. Let’s continue to “show up” for one another and give thanks! Or, as Robert Robinson expresses in his hymn:

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune [our hearts] to sing thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach [us] some melodious sonnet, sun by flaming tongues above.
 Praise the mount, [we’re] fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

May 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.

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Ushers: Would you like to help others at church during worship? The Head Ushers are Scott Paulson and Gery Campbell. We would like to add ushers during worship. If this ministry interests you, please contact the ushers or the church office so that we can coordinate an ushers' schedule.

May 3 Communion Sunday

8:30 am Greeters: John & Sue Lindahl; Liturgist: Mars Overlee; Pianist: Jona Hays;
Usher: Scott Paulson; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

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

May 10 Mother's Day

8:30 am Greeter: Joel Merritt; Liturgist: Adele Dolan; Pianist: Mary Post; Usher: Scott Paulson;
Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs

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

May 17

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

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

May 24 Memorial Weekend; Pentecost & Graduation Sunday

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

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

May 31

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

10:30 am Greeter: TBA; Liturgist: Debbie Simonson; Pianist: Heather Tank; Usher: Gery
Campbell; Preaching: Pastor Dan Fahs



God-Shaped Hole

Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th century philosopher, observed: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings. He alone provides a solution. What comfort to be filled with, and to find our fulfillment in our Savior!

MAY Prayer Request

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: Curt, brother of Becky Olson; Mary Ellen and Hank Paulson, parents of Scott Paulson; Amanda Lightfeather and her baby Orion. Orion is in Childrens NICU. He weighed only 2 lbs when he was born on April 16. Thank you, Vicki Fahey

For those who mourn: Family of Betty Burke, sister of Helen Esmond; Pat Sinnard, sister of Sue Burmood.

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; **May 3:** Communion Sunday; **May 10:** Mother's Day; **May 17:** 6 PM Book Discussion; **May 24:** Graduation Sunday; Pentecost; Memorial Weekend.

Pray for our mission activities: All Month: MAY Loose-Coin Offering is designated to **help support Operation HELP**; Wed. Curbside Food Distribution; **May 1 & 2:** All Church Rummage Sale; **May 4:** SEWMUCHNEED; **May 7 & 21:** 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 Atkins, niece of Sarah Atkins
Carolyn, Auntie of Lynn Watson
Dana, relative of Jean Gunderson
Diane, friend of Amy Norelius
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
Kathy O'Brien Schroeder and family
Becky Olson
Sean Perkins, cousin of Darci Strutt
Lynn Raymond
Wally Riedel & family
Nicole Ruenter
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 Online Worship; Accountable Leadership Board members; HUMC staff.

For those outside of these walls: Christ Center Assembly of God; Hudson Area Food Shelf; 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 either Harriet Enloe at harriet.bob@gmail.com or the church office at HUDSONUMC@sbcglobal.net.



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