



JULY 2026

Musings

We Stand. We Honor. We Give Thanks.

A Church for All Generations

Hudson United Methodist Church 715.386.3921

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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.

JULY Mission of the Month

The JULY Mission of the Month (MOM) noisy tin can offering will be donated to the Northcott Neighborhood House. It is a multi-purpose community center created by the United Methodist Church in 1961. They provide education, employment opportunities, and basic necessities to youth, families, and senior citizens in the Milwaukee area.

The MOM offering tin can be found next to the offering plate in the narthex.

Breakthrough Prayer

We invite you to pray daily:

God, we don't know what to do, but You do.

Open our eyes to see it,
our ears to hear it,
and our hearts to live it.

Amen

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9 am Every Wednesday Free Bread & Produce

We have a surplus of food for everyone!
All are welcome to our drive-up curbside delivery of bread & produce every Wednesday at 9 am.



Pastor's Update

By Pastor Dan Fahs

In Matthew's gospel we read that Jesus calls the twelve disciples...but who are they? They are not the best of the best; these disciples are not the smartest, toughest, coolest, most attractive people.

We know little about them beyond their names and a few family ties, but this we do know...one came from a questionable occupation, one would betray Jesus, and the rest appear to have modest working-class backgrounds. Yet these are the ones Jesus sends.

"Tell everyone that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near, and don't just tell them, show them – cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Now go!" says Jesus (see Matthew 9-10).

What I see in this reading, and what I've seen in life is that Jesus sends ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and somehow, along the way, we are encouraged and equipped...and somehow the Kingdom of Heaven comes near looking a lot like love.

So here we are, not the toughest, the richest, the most talented, or the brightest, but a motley bunch walking in the way of Jesus. And Jesus, looks on us with compassion and invites us to keep walking together.

Hmmm...I believe we are exactly the right people for this time and this place. We are here together. We are called. We go out sharing God's great-good news and living together in love.

Thanks be to God.

Activities and Events



Enjoy a free concert by one of America's premier brass bands, conducted by Dr. Jack Stamp. Selections will feature a variety of fun-to-listen-to music including classical jazz and pop. Hear music from WEST SIDE STORY, Henry Mancini, the Count Basie Band, the Stan Kenton Orchestra, Gustav Host, Louis Prima and much more.

*Monday, June 29 at 7 pm at Woodbury Lutheran Church, 7380 Afton Road,
Woodbury, MN*

Wednesday, July 1 at 7 pm at Como Lakeside Pavilion in St. Paul, St. Paul, MN



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



Men, all are welcome every **Wednesday at 9:30 AM** to enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a mouth-watering Danish roll. Refill your life to the brim every Wednesday in the Church Fellowship Hall. Contact Gery Campbell if you have any questions.

**10:30 AM Every Wednesday
Zoom Bible Study**

All are welcome. This group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Explore a video study and meet new friends. If you would like to join the study please contact the church office to receive a Zoom link and contact Darci Strutt for study questions.

SEWMUCHNEED Update

By Connie Nielsen

We met on Monday, June 1st. WE had a god group of ladies attend. We had a discussion and decided that we would take the months of July and August off **and meet again on Monday, September 14th at 9 am.** Have a good summer. Any question you can call Connie or Clarice.



**Thursday, July 2nd & 16th
H.O.M.E. Meal**

You are invited to a dine-in or take-out meal at Bethel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Street in Hudson at 5 pm on July 2nd & 16th. If you are available to help with H.O.M.E. Meal, please contact Barb Johnson at 1nuttynana@gmail.com.

**7 PM Every Thursday,
A.A. Easy Does It:
A Newcomers Meeting**

Created by those in early recovery for those in early recovery

Everyone is welcome! Recovery begins with a single step. Find HOPE in a community who understands. This weekly group meets every Thursday at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage others and offer practical guidance on individual recovery. Friends or family members are welcome to come to the open meetings.

**ALL-CHURCH
POTLUCK**

**11:30 AM Sunday, July 12
All-Church Potluck**

Sign-up at the greeter's table in church and let us know what food dish you are bringing so folks know who is bringing what.

Help Us Pave the Way



Join us in improving our parking lot - every dollar drives us forward in raising \$75,000.00. Consider donating, by placing your parking lot donation in an envelope, note on your check, "for parking lot improvements." If you plan on giving electronically, please talk with Steve Close. Direct your questions to Mike Bebault or Daryl Simonson.

**Wednesday, July 15
August Newsletter Article
Deadline**

The next newsletter article deadline for the August newsletter is July 15th. Anyone can submit information. Send your articles to HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET. Newsletters can be found in the information rack across from the greeter's table.

Laurel Ave. Road and Curb Construction

Don't let the Laurel road sign, "*Closed to Through Traffic*," stop you from attending worship on Sundays. The City of Hudson assured HUMC that we are allowed on Laurel Ave. to worship and conduct ministry during our regular hours.

The anticipated construction timeline is:

1. **June 17:** start temporary mailbox setup, spot curb removal and replacement.
2. **June 29-July 8:** Remove street pavement.
3. **July 9-22:** Street grading and adjusting utilities.
4. **July 15-July 24:** Pave driveway ends and street base and surface. Pavement can be driven on about 30 minutes after placement.



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.

JULY Birthdays

Current as of 6/15/26

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.



07/01 Caleb Lindley
07/14 Mike Galloway
07/18 John Duntley
07/18 Alane Wood
07/20 Pam Horwath
07/24 Jill Fahs
07/26 Vic England
07/28 Rita Nichols
07/29 Peggy Riedel

Book Discussion

You are invited to join a Book Club & Discussion group which meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month through November. Our next meeting is on Sunday, July 19th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to read ahead, please refer to the book list below.

July 19 *An Eye for Joy* by Peg Guilfoyle
Aug. 16 *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
Sept. 20 *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict
& Victoria Christopher Murray
Oct. 18 *The Measure* by Nikki Erlik
Nov. 15 *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

CCH News

By Shelly DeStasio



SAVE the DATE!!!

Wednesday, July 29th from 4-7pm

CCH's 45th & WinterGreen 40th Anniversary Celebration!

Live Music, Food, Campus Tours and much more!

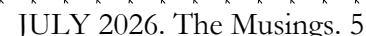
Come celebrate with us!

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WINTERGREEN
"NEW"
PINE RIDGE APTS &
WILLOW GLEN
ENHANCEMENTS

4:30-5:30

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CCH is looking for some volunteers!

We are looking for people to help us in our beautiful gardens. The times are flexible and you have the opportunity to work alongside our Master Gardeners

We are also looking for volunteers for our Monday Morning strolls. They start in June and go thru early fall. The time is from 9-10 AM. A great way to get a little exercise and meet our amazing residents. This is just one of their favorite activities!

Treasurer's Finance Update

Summary End of May

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$160,804	\$120,000	134%
General Fund Expense	\$134,597	\$135,580	99%
Net Profit/Loss	\$26,207	-\$15,580	-168%

*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.)

Finance Secretary Update

By Steve Close

Current as of April 30, 2026

Month	Fund (Monthly)	Monthly Giving	Budget	YTD 4005	Fund YTD	Budget	Actual 4005	Variance 4005	Actual 4005	Variance 4005	Amount	Amount
January	\$ 24,000	\$ 33,090	\$ 9,090	\$ 24,000	\$ 33,090	\$ 9,090	\$33,927	\$ (837)	\$ 33,927	\$ (837)	\$ 26,399	\$ 6,691
February	\$ 24,000	\$ 18,278	\$ (5,722)	\$ 48,000	\$ 51,369	\$ 3,369	\$34,245	\$ (15,967)	\$ 68,172	\$ (16,803)	\$ 15,539	\$ 2,740
March*	\$ 24,000	\$ 41,929	\$ 17,929	\$ 72,000	\$ 93,298	\$ 21,298	\$31,110	\$ 10,819	\$ 99,282	\$ (5,984)	\$ 18,984	\$ 22,946
April**	\$ 24,000	\$ 27,653	\$ 3,653	\$ 96,000	\$ 120,950	\$ 24,950	\$26,475	\$ 1,178	\$ 125,757	\$ (4,807)	\$ 20,726	\$ 6,927
May	\$ 24,000	\$ 35,053	\$ 11,053	\$ 120,000	\$ 156,004	\$ 36,004	\$17,178	\$ 17,875	\$ 142,935	\$ 13,069	\$ 18,269	\$ 16,784
June*	\$ 24,000			\$ 144,000	\$ 156,004	\$ 12,004	\$27,029	\$ (27,029)	\$ 169,964	\$ (13,960)		
July	\$ 24,000			\$ 168,000	\$ 156,004	\$ (11,996)	\$23,397	\$ (23,397)	\$ 193,361	\$ (37,357)		
August *	\$ 24,000			\$ 192,000	\$ 156,004	\$ (35,996)	\$15,800	\$ (15,800)	\$ 209,161	\$ (53,157)		
September	\$ 24,000			\$ 216,000	\$ 156,004	\$ (59,996)	\$23,644	\$ (23,644)	\$ 232,805	\$ (76,801)		
October	\$ 24,000			\$ 240,000	\$ 156,004	\$ (83,996)	\$22,292	\$ (22,292)	\$ 255,097	\$ (99,093)		
November*	\$ 24,000			\$ 264,000	\$ 156,004	\$ (107,996)	\$20,308	\$ (20,308)	\$ 275,405	\$ (119,401)		
December	\$ 24,000			\$ 288,000	\$ 156,004	\$ (131,996)	\$21,213	\$ (21,213)	\$ 296,945	\$ (140,941)		
Total	\$ 288,000	\$ 156,004	\$ 36,004				\$ 296,618	\$ (140,614)			\$ 99,916	\$ 56,087
Giving Notes:												
Pledged Amount through 5/31/26 was \$65,135 amount received was \$99,916.												
*\$ 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	\$ 218,212									
2026	46	\$ 211,680										

Hudson Food Cupboard Update

By Denise Stalker

July Newsletter for the Food Cupboard.

The Food Cupboard has never been in greater need. Here is a list of much needed items: Kleenex, Pasta Sauce, Flour, miscellaneous cooking items, snacks, Coffee, Jello, Pudding. Thank you

Statistics Update

By Kathy O'Brien Schroeder, Admin Hudson UMC

May Attendance 2026					
Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
3-May	37	36	24	51	148
10-May	34	43	24	25	126
17-May	29	41	24	27	121
24-May	22	16	24	39	101
31-May	50	50	0	24	124
TOTAL	172	186	96	166	620

Thank You, Congregation

Thank
you

Thank you, All

A huge THANK YOU to Ray Fahey, Daryl and Deb Simonson, Carla Bebault, Steve and Margie Close, Randy and Denise Stalker, and Adele Dolan. We collected 14 large garbage bags of trash on Badland road. Many hands made this project a big success! Thank you from the Mission Team

THANKS!

To the members of Hudson United Methodist Church,

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Raider Network at HHS! We had a fantastic year and are looking forward to our 9th year next fall. We are grateful and thankful for your kind hearts and contributions to our local students. Thank You! Blessings, Laura and Lisa

Thank
you!

To SEWMUCHNEED and HUMC

Thank you for the 14 boxes filled with much needed items for world-wide mission distribution! Lives will be greatly blessed. Jesus, I am sure, is delighted! Rev. Joel Certa-Werner, Midwest Missions



Worship Update

By Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

Summer is in full force, with all the promise of “now we can do all those things we don’t have time for during the rest of the year (a bit different for everyone!), but with all the reality of “how do we coordinate everyone’s schedules so we can actually do something special together?” (Like celebrating at graduation parties - congratulations to Parker, Ava and Morgan!) Life finds us in many different places during the summer, and I hope that includes worship. HUMC music and worship teams continue to meet faithfully to select hymns, to work with Pastor Dan as he leads and cares for our church, and to support engaging worship.

Why do you worship? Out of habit? For entertainment? To provide a good excuse for coffee fellowship and treats? As an incentive to get up on Sunday morning? All may apply from one week to the next. By definition, worship means showing honor and reverence to God. In so doing, we remember both **who** we are, as individuals and as the Body of Christ, and **whose** we are: beloved children of God. I don’t know about you, but summer chaos sometimes distracts me, so I appreciate the reminders from our time in worship: God calls us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we go about life in this unpredictable, upside-down world, and never to forget that God is always present and faithful.

You may not be able to attend worship every Sunday during the summer. You may hesitate to watch the online service or visit an unfamiliar church, but you can still express your respect and reverence to God through prayer, spending time in the Scriptures, singing or listen to inspiring music, expressing awe and thanksgiving for the beauty and wonder of creation, spending time in Christian fellowship, and using the gifts God has given you to love and to serve.

“Here I am, Lord – is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

July Liturgist Schedule

July 5: 8:30 am Jack Stamp	10:30 am Bonnie Sykora
July 12: 8:30 am Carla Bebault	10:30 am Deb Simonson
July 19: 8:30 am Randy & Wes Dahle	10:30 am Nicole Munro
July 26: 8:30 am Adele Dolan	10:30 am Craig Gibson

July Greeter's Schedule

July 5:	8:30 am John & Sue Lindahl
	10:30 am TBA
July 12:	8:30 am Carla Bebault
	10:30 am Helen Esmond
July 19:	8:30 am Joel Merritt
	10:30 am Bonnie Sykora
July 26:	8:30 am TBA
	10:30 am Joyce Schultz

On My Coffee Mug

Submitted by Debbie England

A Parent's Prayer

Guide me, Lord,
through storms and stresses,
Tiny trials and major messes.
Teach me not to fret and stew.
Lighten up my point of view.
Help me cope with each new stage,

Each new phase and size and age.
Hear me, Lord, and if You would...
Make me good at parenthood!

*Happy National Parents' Day observed
annually on the fourth Sunday of July.*

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