



Musings

A Church for All Generations

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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.



AUGUST Mission of the Month

The **AUGUST Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy tin can offering will be **donated to the Hudson Food Cupboard**. All staffing is done by different churches. Each church coordinates the needs of the Hudson Food Cupboard from working with clients, making appointments, to restocking the shelves or sweeping the floor.

Every person working at the food cupboard is a volunteer. The Hudson Food Cupboard has appointments from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday, and 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Tuesdays. The only requirement to use the Hudson Food Cupboard is a verification of residence in the Hudson School District.

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



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.

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Pastor's Update

As part of our commitment to the MCCI process and resourcing, I attend daylong trainings every month. These trainings are designed to help us all (as Hudson UMC) as we seek out the next step for us as a church. The June training focused on how we approach new things.

If I am bad at something (math or sports, for example), I might think I haven't been blessed with the gifts to do this well. While this may appear innocent enough, it can lead to fear or avoiding things outside of my comfort zone. I may think, "if it is uncomfortable or hard now, it will always be uncomfortable or hard."

Luckily, I can change my mindset. I can learn to be more curious than afraid. I can learn to sustain my effort when things get hard. In fact, my brain actually changes and grows when I try and learn new things.

Before the London cabdrivers used GPS, researchers noticed that the longer the cabbie had been driving, larger the region of the brain associated with spatial awareness and memory became. In other words, the more they

challenged their brain to navigate the London roads, the more they were able to expand this region of the brain and do their job more effectively.

This insight helps me too. It helps me to reconsider how I think about a challenge. Instead of thinking this may be too hard or I am not skilled in this way, I think "How might I learn and grow?" or "I'm not smart enough to do this...YET!"

I begin to approach life as a constant learner whose abilities are constantly growing. When I look ahead to something challenging, I find that I encourage myself to make an effort in order that I may learn something new.

As we look and listen for God to lead us into our next (new!) step, I am grateful to remember that God is with us even if it is uncomfortable and hard as we learn and grow together.

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Dan

Activities and Events



9:30am Every Wednesday Men's Koffee Klutch

Men, bring a friend to the HUMC fellowship hall to enjoy a "steamy cup of coffee," conversation, and a mouth-watering sweet roll in our air-conditioned fellowship hall. Drop by **Wednesday at 9:30 am**. Just come whenever you can, as often as you like. ☺ Contact Gery Campbell if you have any questions.

10:30am 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.

SEWNUCHNEED Update

By Connie Nielsen

We met on Monday, June 1st. WE had a good 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 Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.



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Thursday, August 6th & August 20th 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 August 6th & August 20th. If you are available to help with H.O.M.E. Meal, please contact Barb Johnson at 1nuttynana@gmail.com.

7pm 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.



Monday, August 10 Voting Set-up and Tuesday, August 11

Partisan Primary

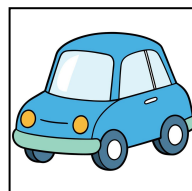
Hudson United Methodist Church is a polling site for Districts 3 & 4.

On **Monday, August 10**, and on **Tuesday, August 11**, the Fellowship Hall and the Multi-Purpose Room **will not** be available for use due to the set up of polling booths and for voting. The Partisan Primary on **August 11** poles open at 7 am.



11:30 am Sunday, August 9 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 Repair Our Parking Lot

We are raising money to repair the church parking lot. We need to raise \$75,000. So far, we have raised **\$11,596.00**. Thank you for your donations. If you would like to make a donation, please place your donation in an envelope on the greeter's table with a 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, Daryl Simonson or Pastor Dan.

Saturday, August 15 Newsletter Deadline



The newsletters are reminders of activities and ministries in the church and in the community. Anyone can submit information. The next newsletter article deadline, for the **September** issue is noon on **Saturday, August 15**. Send your information to: HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET. Church newsletters can be found in the Information Rack in the Entryway/Narthex or online.



August Birthdays

Current as of 7/15/26

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.

08/03	Jane Dejno	08/11	Duane Vorwald
08/04	Gery Campbell	08/17	Nancy Briske
08/07	Ruth Knapp	08/21	Deb Simonson
08/07	Cheryl Anderson	08/25	Margie Close
		08/29	Russ Hatten
08/08	Marin Munro	08/30	LeAnn Stein
08/09	Susie Stutzman	08/30	Jan Allen
08/11	Mike Schick	08/31	Lori Frve

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, August 16 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. If you would like to read ahead, please refer to the book list below.

Aug. 16	<i>Frozen River</i>	by Ariel Lawhon
Sept. 20	<i>The First Ladies</i>	by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray
Oct. 18	<i>The Measure</i>	by Nikki Erlik
Nov. 15	<i>American Dirt</i>	by Jeanine Cummins

Finance Updates

Treasurer's Finance Update

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

Summary End of June

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$180,560	\$144,000	125%
General Fund Expense	\$165,896	\$162,696	102%
Net Profit/Loss	\$14,665	-\$18,696	-78%

*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 June 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	\$ 19,134	\$ (4,866)	\$ 144,000	\$ 175,137	\$ 31,137	\$27,029	\$ (7,895)	\$ 169,964	\$ 5,173	\$ 14,939	\$ 4,195
July	\$ 24,000			\$ 168,000	\$ 175,137	\$ 7,137	\$23,397	\$ (23,397)	\$ 193,361	\$ (18,224)		
August *	\$ 24,000			\$ 192,000	\$ 175,137	\$ (16,863)	\$15,800	\$ (15,800)	\$ 209,161	\$ (34,024)		
September	\$ 24,000			\$ 216,000	\$ 175,137	\$ (40,863)	\$23,644	\$ (23,644)	\$ 232,805	\$ (57,668)		
October	\$ 24,000			\$ 240,000	\$ 175,137	\$ (64,863)	\$22,292	\$ (22,292)	\$ 255,097	\$ (79,960)		
November*	\$ 24,000			\$ 264,000	\$ 175,137	\$ (88,863)	\$20,308	\$ (20,308)	\$ 275,405	\$ (100,268)		
December	\$ 24,000			\$ 288,000	\$ 175,137	\$ (112,863)	\$21,213	\$ (21,213)	\$ 296,945	\$ (121,808)		
Total	\$ 288,000	\$ 175,137	\$ 31,137				\$ 296,618	\$ (121,481)			\$ 114,855	\$ 60,282

Giving Notes:

Pledged Amount through 6/30/26 was \$78,090 amount received was \$114855.

*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	\$ 218,212
2026	46	\$ 211,680	



Hudson Food Cupboard Update

By Denise Stalker

August Newsletter for the Food Cupboard.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas in July food drive for the Food Cupboard.

Some of the items that we are in need of are: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned pineapple, canned oranges, juice, chunky soups, hamburger helper or similar meals, and empty egg cartons! Thank you, Denise Stalker



Reconciling Ministry Update



By Margie Close

We are beginning to delve into what it means to be a “reconciled church” and how to include and support the LGBTQ+ community. You will begin to notice some signage in and around the building letting people know that we are an affirming church. The Missions committee has also approved sending a \$100 donation to RMN (Reconciling Ministries Network) for their help and resources. We also will be doing another special offering later in the year to establish the routine of including RMN in our yearly giving.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US:

When: Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30pm

Where: Church fellowship hall - Reconciling Committee Meeting

What: Learn about ways you can help from small to big (wording logistics to maybe having a booth at next year’s Pride Day in Hudson) and everything in between.

Statistics Update

By Kathy O’Brien Schroeder, Admin Hudson UMC

June Attendance 2026

Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
7-Jun	40	32	0	26	98
14-Jun	25	39	23	42	129
21-Jun	33	40	23	35	131
28-Jun	30	29	23	33	115
TOTAL	128	140	69	136	473

Thank You, Congregation



Thank you, All

“A sincere thanks to everyone who sent me cards, text messages, and emails to help me get through my cancer journey. **I am cancer free.** I will still be under my oncologist's care for quite awhile to see how I am doing.” Grace Merritt

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Dear HUMC family,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of my 2nd Mission Trip with the Sheppard of the Valley Sr High Youth. This summer, I am going to Oklahoma City. I will leave on July 18th and I will returned July 26th. From your generous support last

summer, this trip was **fully financially funded**.

THANK YOU so much!! My faith grows and deepens on these trips.

I can't wait to share more with you soon! In appreciation, Morgan Munro and family



Thank you so much

Thank You congregation for all the prayers & well wishes during my breast cancer journey!

I really appreciate All of my UMC Family, more then you know.

God Loves You and So Do I, Lynn Watson

WI. Annual Conference Update

By Kathy O'Brien Schroeder, HUMC Delegate

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Hudson United Methodist Church at the Wisconsin Annual Conference June 5th and 6th in Madison, Wisconsin. I had a wonderful time with Pastor Dan, Jill, Deacon Susan, and my friend Heidi. The conversations during breaks and meals were meaningful and deep. Worship was a personal experience. The theme of the session was "*Practicing Hope*".

Some highlights are:

Opening Plenary Session: featured a mix of worship, organizational business, and leadership reports. The session opened with a litany of lament regarding the treatment of immigrants. Key business included the passage of Action Item 101, regarding conference organization, the election of a new conference treasurer, Lisa Wink, and the ratification of the Implications Committee. We heard reports on the upcoming Council of Bishops gathering in Calgary, the recognition of clergy candidates for ordination, an overview of conference property management by the board of trustees, and a comprehensive financial report detailing the proposed 2027 budget.

Finance & Budget Report

Key takeaways include:

a. Budgeting Strategy: The conference is utilizing a new goal-based format and updated software. Budgeting for personnel has been shifted into specific program areas (such as camps and finance) to provide a clearer view of actual costs.

b. Apportionment Estimates: Gross apportionments for 2027 are estimated at \$6.67 million, with net apportionments projected at \$5.49 million. The conference is maintaining a budget collection rate of 81%.

c. Revenue and Expenses: The budget incorporates about \$800,000 from the foundation and anticipates rental income from the conference center. Expenses include a 2.8% cost-of-living increase for district superintendents and staff, as well as an assumed 9% increase for medical insurance.

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Devotion & Bible Study by Rev. Kendra Creasy Dean

We explored the story of Paul's shipwreck in Acts 27 to how churches can embrace transformation and experimentation. She encouraged congregations to focus on sacrificial love and diverse, local ministries rather than institutional preservation.

For more information & videos can be found at <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/photo-and-video-links>.

Worship Updates

Worship Team Newsletter Article for August 2026

As I write this, we are in a season of heat, humidity, fires, smoke and WEEDS! The “good stuff” has to work really hard to survive when the sun is beating down and there’s no rain in sight, but the weeds are happy as can be. Why is that?!

Caring for the outdoors – for things we have planted in a yard or garden - serves as a great metaphor for due diligence in caring for our life of faith. What we “plant” through prayer and worship, study and fellowship, cannot bear good fruit unless we eliminate distractions such as hopelessness and self-interest that flourish in our “weedy” world. Summer is flexible, with wonderful opportunities for travel, adventures and relaxation. But as we know, it takes time, energy and not a little sweat these days to keep the weeds at bay and bear good fruit!

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22, NIV

Hope you’re keeping cool and having a great summer!

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

August Liturgist Schedule

August 2:	8:30 am Mars Overlee	10:30 am Bonnie Sykora
August 9:	8:30 am Carla Bebault	10:30 am Nicole Munro
August 16:	8:30 am Randy & Wes Dahle	10:30 am Deb Simonson
August 23:	8:30 am Adele Dolan	10:30 am Craig Gibson
August 30:	8:30 am Jack Stamp	10:30 am John Dolan

August Greeter Schedule

August 2:	8:30 am Debbie England	10:30 am Steve & Margie Close
August 9:	8:30 am Sue Warnke	10:30 am Joanne Campbell
August 16:	8:30 am Sue Warnke	10:30 am Daryl & Deb Simonson
August 23:	8:30 am TBA	10:30 am Glen Warnke
August 30:	8:30 am TBA	10:30 am Glen Warnke

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