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World-Wide Communion

Unite with Christians around the world to celebrate World-Wide Communion Day. We invite all who worship to share in Holy Communion on Sunday, October 4th at either 8:30 or 10:30 am. You need not be a member.

Share Your Story

What does church mean to you?

Encourage others by what you believe.

Share your story about God in your life or

- How your prayers have been answered or
- How Hudson UMC has supported your faith.

What will we do with the stories?

Be surprised!

More information to come.

Send your testimonies to Kathy at HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET.



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

TRUNK or TREAT

October 31
5:00 – 6:30 pm

It's a SPOOKTACULAR time in the church parking lot!

Meet the trick and treaters and folks in the community.

We need your help!

We need decorated trunks of cars, and you to pass out candy to the children.

On October 4 additional information will be in the narthex.



Activities and Events



Meeting Every Wednesday



9 am Free Bread & Produce

Do you need a little help with your grocery bill? We do not require proof of income, church membership, or pre-registration. All are welcome to our drive-up curbside delivery of bread & produce every **Wednesday at 9 am.**



Men's Koffee Klutch

Come and take a break, connect with men in our church community, strengthen your walk together through conversation. Bring a friend-all men are welcome! We meet every **Wednesday at 9:30 am.** Just come whenever you can, as often as you like.



Zoom Bible Study

Are you feeling isolated? This group is a way to build relationships, learn from the Scriptures, share insights and hear different perspectives. Join this study anywhere, from the comforts of your home, from a local coffee shop, or while traveling. Connecting is simple-just click a link on your phone, tablet, or computer. Meet online every **Wednesday at 10:30 am.** Call 715.386.3921 for the link or to talk with the facilitator.



All Are Welcome to Attend October Happenings

Good Food. Great Company. A Place for You!

H.O.M.E.

Thursday, October 1 & 15

Bethel Lutheran Church
920 3rd Street • Hudson

Meals are free!
Dine in or Carry out

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

Created by those in early recovery for those in early recovery

Find HOPE in a community who understands. We offer practical guidance and encourages each other on our individual recovery. Friends or family members are welcome to attend any open meeting. This weekly group meets every Thursday at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Just show up.



Monday, October 5 SEWMUCHNEED

Hudson United Methodist Sewing Missions Ministry

By Connie Nielsen

SEW MUCH NEED met on Monday, September 14th at 9 am. We had a short meeting and then proceeded to work.

We are making quilts for the elementary school in Hudson, Operation Help, and Hudson Hospital.

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SEWMUCHNEED *continued*

Nancy Briske brought to our attention an organization called SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE. They make wooden beds for the homeless in St Croix County. We will also be making quilts for this organization. Thank you to Annette Helwig for bringing into SEWMUCHNEED 10 quilt tops. Everyone is welcome to attend. No sewing experience needed. The **next meeting is Monday, October 5th at 9 a.m.** Questions, contact Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.



Let's share food, build local friendships and welcome neighbors in a relaxed setting. We meet on October 14 & 28th. We are looking for a group of people to prepare the meal and set up and clean up before and after folks eat. Stop by the greeter's table on Sunday morning with your questions.



Book Club and Discussion Group

Do you enjoy curling up with a book? Enjoy reading? Bring your thoughts, your questions, and your curiosity. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month through November. Feel free to join us on **October 18 at 6 pm** in the fellowship hall. On **October 18th** we are reading, *The Measure*, by **Nikki Erlik**. *The Measure* is a captivating story about a magical box that reveals how long everyone has left to live.

If you would like to read ahead, our November 15th read is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Direct your questions to Carla Bebault. If you have never met Carla, stop in the church office for her contact information.

OCTOBER Birthdays

Current as of 9/15/26



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!

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Hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends

10/01	Rory Dolan	10/15	Mars Overlee	10/28	Bob Schmidt
10/02	Nick Conom	10/16	Steve Hart	10/28	Kim Campbell
10/06	Joanne Campbell	10/21	Judy Olson	10/28	Lisa Lindley
10/06	Mary Lou Lawton	10/23	Louise Hermansen	10/30	Regina Zedell Schmidt
10/11	David Lawton	10/24	Carter Close	10/31	Scott Paulson
10/12	Robin Schick	10/26	Emma Close	10/31	Leslie Atkins Hoggatt
10/12	Art Feyereisen				

Christian Community Home

By Shelly DeStasio, Director of Community Relations, CCH

We are offering an amazing education series called, *Keeping Your Mind/A Practical Guide to Preventing Alzheimer's*. It's on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday in Oct., Nov., & Dec. You can attend all of them or any one of them! It will be FREE from 4-5 PM held in the Marie Blakeman Center!

A second education opportunity is on Thursday, Oct. 1st @ 4PM in the Marie Blakeman Community Center. We are offering *Effective Communication Strategies*: Designed for individuals who have regular interaction with someone with dementia (as a caregiver, family member, neighbor or friend).



CCH'S Annual Trick-Or-Treat Warm Up will be held on **Sunday, October 25th, from 3:00-4:00 PM**. This is a great way to let the little ones use their costumes! The residents absolutely love seeing the kids and there is plenty of candy and trinkets to be handed out! Please use our Pine Ridge entrance at 1320 Wisconsin St. There is no fee and hugs are free! We hope to see you!

And finally...



Volunteers Needed!!!

Do you like to play board games, cards, trivia, painting nails or anything else you would want to share with our residents???

We would love to increase programming for our residents in the evenings & on weekends!

Just go to our website at cch-seniorliving.org/volunteering/ and fill out an application! Questions? Contact our Life Enrichment team at 715-386-4524. Thank you, Shelly DeStasio.

Finance Updates

Treasurer's Finance Update

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

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YTD 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$225,896	\$192,000	118%
General Fund Expense	\$224,690	\$216,928	104%
Net Profit/Loss	\$1,206	-\$24,928	-5%

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

Finance Secretary Update

By Steve Close

Finance Secretary Report as of Sept 1, 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	\$ 22,690	\$ (1,310)	\$ 168,000	\$ 197,828	\$ 29,828	\$23,397	\$ (707)	\$ 193,361	\$ 4,467	\$ 14,642	\$ 8,048
August *	\$ 24,000	\$ 21,637	\$ (2,363)	\$ 192,000	\$ 219,465	\$ 27,465	\$15,800	\$ 5,837	\$ 209,161	\$ 10,304	\$ 18,074	\$ 3,564
September	\$ 24,000			\$ 216,000	\$ 219,465	\$ 3,465	\$23,644	\$ (23,644)	\$ 232,805	\$ (13,340)		
October	\$ 24,000			\$ 240,000	\$ 219,465	\$ (20,535)	\$22,292	\$ (22,292)	\$ 255,097	\$ (35,632)		
November*	\$ 24,000			\$ 264,000	\$ 219,465	\$ (44,535)	\$20,308	\$ (20,308)	\$ 275,405	\$ (55,940)		
December	\$ 24,000			\$ 288,000	\$ 219,465	\$ (68,535)	\$21,213	\$ (21,213)	\$ 296,945	\$ (77,480)		
Total	\$ 288,000	\$ 219,465	\$ 27,465				\$ 296,618	\$ (77,153)			\$ 147,571	\$ 71,894
Giving Notes:												
Pledged Amount through 8/30/26 was \$104,180 amount received was \$147,571.												
*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

We will be changing our month to cover the Food Cupboard to May in 2027. Look for sign-up information to arrive in April 2027. Thank you to everyone who participated in the loose coin offering in August. Currently the Food Cupboard needs the following items: **potatoes (other than au gratin), gelatin / pudding mixes, Hamburger Helper (other than tuna or beef/pasta), canned soups (other than chicken noodle)** Please bring your donations to church and set them in the Hudson Food Cupboard box by the Usher's Table. Thank you.



Missions Ministry Update

OCTOBER Mission of the Month

The **OCTOBER Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy tin can offering will be **donated to SEWMUCHNEED**. They meet on the first Monday of the month, from **9 AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting is October 5th. If anyone has any questions, please contact either Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.

Raider Network

By Margie Bertelson Brown

Hello!

By the time you read this, the high school will have received two deliveries from us. The deliveries will continue until the end of the school year, so we will need everything on the food donation list until May. Currently, there is not one item that we need more than any other. On the table in the narthex, there are lists and bags for you to use to get the supplies. Please do not feel like you need to get everything on the list. Just pick up a few things when you can. Thank you very much!

Statistics Update

By Kathy O'Brien Schroeder, Admin Hudson UMC

AUGUST Attendance 2026

Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
2-Aug	33	35	24	28	120
9-Aug	26	32	24	42	124
16-Aug	37	27	24	22	110
23-Aug	38	37	24	51	150
30-Aug	32	35	24	38	129
TOTAL	166	166	120	181	633

Sunday School Update

By Amy Norelius

Children's Sunday School Schedule

A Multi-age format: Preschool through 5th grade

We will be doing a **Children's Sunday** *aka Sunday School alternating Sundays beginning
Calendar is subject to change.

Sunday School Dates in 2026 are:

October 4, 18

November 1, 15, 22, 29-no class Thanksgiving

December 6, 13 (Dec. 20 – No class- Happy Birthday Jesus Party and Ornament making.), 17 and 1/3 No Class-Christmas and New Year

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Sunday School Dates in 2027 are:

January 3 – no class, 10, 24; February 2, 21; March 7, 21 (Palm Sunday); 28 – No Class –Easter Sunday
April 4, 18; May 2, 16 (Last Day of Sunday School)

We will have one youth in confirmation: Charlie Dolan

We have one child entering into third grade who will receive a Bible this year: Henry Dolan



Trunk or Treat Donations Needed

By Amy Norelius

Candy and small trinket items for Trunk or Treat can start being donated Sept. 27 in the boxes in the narthex. Sign up will also be available for anyone who wants to decorate the trunk of their car on Halloween Eve on **Saturday, October 31 between 5 - 6:30 PM.**

Worship Updates

Worship Team Newsletter Article for October 2026

By Adele Dolan

Home. What does that word mean to you? Your current domicile? A sense of belonging? A special group of people? Recent news has focused so much on people who have left a home, lost a home or cherished a home that they were forced to abandon. My heart aches for those without a home, and I am reminded to not take home for granted.

We moved a lot when I was growing up, so between houses and apartments and trailer parks, I can't visualize one location as "home". My "focus of domestic attention" – my "congenial environment" – centered on family and close friends, our church, and music. (My husband Mark spent his entire life growing up in River Falls, and I'm convinced that "home" to him means his family and the farm, a constant source of entertainment, satisfaction and tractor repair!)

After 46 years of marriage, however, both Mark and I have expanded our understanding of "home" to include one another, the children we've raised, and the grandchildren we are watching grow up, not to mention music, fellowship and worship at Hudson United Methodist Church.

Many of the congregants we met when we first moved to Hudson are now with the Lord, but new brothers and sisters in Christ continue to become a part of our lives. We gather with many of you weekly for fellowship, worship, and the opportunity to bask in the wonder and encouragement of God's unconditional love, and the community of faith that gives so generously of their time and effort by ministering to the sick and the hungry, by teaching young and old about the foundations of our faith, by sharing artistic, musical, organizational, spiritual, emotional, culinary and educational talents, and by representing "Jesus with skin on" to anyone who enters our church building.

I'm deeply grateful for the "home" I grew up in– that includes the people and the experiences and lots of tender love and care. But it was just a start. The foundation has grown more solid after years of love and prayer and struggles and time in worship and fellowship at Hudson UMC. Feeling at home has been a joy and a privilege. I pray that those who are suffering the loss of Home, in whatever form that takes, will receive the gift of direction, encouragement and hope.

Sincerely in Christ,

Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair



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