



November 2026

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November 1 All Saints Day

We'll remember with gratitude the loved ones whose faith and presence who touched our lives during worship on **Sunday, November 1**. We'll light a candle and offer a prayer as each name is read. Is there a loved one you'd like us to remember? Please contact the church office at HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET.



Daylight Savings ENDS
Get ready!

It's time to turn back your clocks one hour to standard time before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31.

Daylight savings time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 1.



Mark Your Calendar!

Attend the Annual **Church Charge Conference**
Sunday, November 1
at 11:30 am
in the fellowship hall.



+ 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

Wednesday Night MEAL
No fuss meals

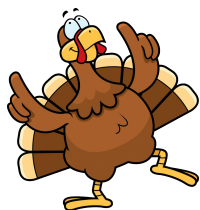
Next Meal:
Wed. November 11 at 5:30 pm.
All are Welcome.



November Mission of the Month

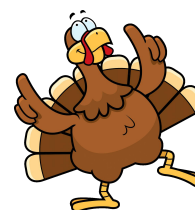
The **NOVEMBER Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy can offering will be donated to **Midwest Distribution Center**. Your offering to **Midwest Distribution Center** helps with the distribution of disaster relief supplies, education, and health assistance nationwide and around the world. To learn more about Midwest Mission go to midwestmission.org.





Activities & Events

Meeting Every Wednesday



Free Bread & Produce

Could your grocery bill use a little breathing room? Stop by for free bread and produce! No proof of income, or pre-registration needed.

Our drive-up, curbside food delivery is easy and convenient. **Everyone is welcome every Wednesday from 9 to 9:30 am!**



Men's Koffee Klutch

Need a little coffee and camaraderie? Join the guys for a cup of joe, fruit, and a pastry treat and a chance to strengthen our faith together. Bring a friend, or just bring yourself! All men are welcome. We meet every **Wednesday at 9:30 am** in the fellowship hall. Come when you can and stay connected, one cup at a time!



Wednesday 10:30 am 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, Daric Strutt.

All Are Welcome to Attend November Events



ELECTION NOTICE: OUR CHURCH IS A POLLING SITE!

Hudson United Methodist Church is happy to welcome our community as a polling site for the City of Hudson! To help make Election Day run smoothly, please note that the **Fellowship Hall and Multi-Purpose Room will be unavailable** on the following dates:

- **Monday, November 2:** Setting up polling booths
- **Tuesday, November 3:** Election Day voting

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we open our doors to serve our neighbors and support our community. Together, we make a difference!

November 5 & 19

Bethel Lutheran Church
920 3rd Street • Hudson

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SEWMUCHNEED A Sewing Ministry

By Connie Nielsen

We're SEW grateful for you!

Our SEWMUCHNEED crew met on October 5, stitching together plans to keep our mission going! With fabric prices on the rise, Clarice is working hard to find the best bargains.

We use lots of flannel, cotton, and hunt for denim and corduroy at garage sales and through your donations. Every little bit helps us sew the seeds of kindness!

We hope you had a chance to check out the items displayed in the pews last month.

A BIG SEW-MUCH THANK YOU to everyone who donated this month! Your generosity helps keep our ministry in stitches—in the very best way!

Our next meeting: Monday, November 9 at 9 am.

We'd love to have you join us, there's always room for one more in our sewing circle!

Direct your questions to Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.



Sunday, November 15 is the December Newsletter Deadline

Share your events, small group information, your December memories, or personal spiritual experiences in the Musings. **The next DECEMBER Musing newsletter article deadline is noon, on Sunday, NOVEMBER 15th.** Send your ministry or event information to the church office: HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET.
THANK YOU!

Sunday, November 15 Promise Cards are Due (Estimate of Giving)

Please help the finance team in planning our 2027 Church budget by returning your Estimate of Giving cards in a sealed envelope in the offering plate or give to our finance secretary, Steve Close.



November Birthdays



Current as of 10/15/26

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!

Hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends

11/04 Mike Dejno	11/16 Randy Stalker	11/25 Paul Anderson
11/09 Joyce Johnson	11/18 Greg DuBois	11/26 Jean Raymond
11/09 Darci Strutt	11/19 Wally Riedel	11/28 Joahannes Dahle
11/16 Graham Close	11/23 Roxi Olson	

Book Club & Discussion Update

A Novel Idea for Fellowship!

Before we turn the page to winter, join us for one last bookish get-together until May! Everyone is welcome, whether you're a regular reader or just checking us out. There's always room for one more!

We will meet on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring yourself and join in the discussion.

We'll be discussing *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, a thought-provoking novel that has received numerous literary honors, including the prestigious Kirkus Prize.

Come and help us close the chapter of the Book Club before our winter break. We'll miss you, but we'll be back to turn a new page in May of 2027!

Finance Updates

Treasurer's Finance Update

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

Summary End of SEPTEMBER

YTD 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$246,724	\$216,000	114%
General Fund Expense	\$242,574	\$244,044	99%
Net Profit/Loss	\$4,150	-\$28,044	-15%

*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.)

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Finance Secretary Update

By Steve Close

Finance Secretary Report as of October 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	\$ 20,637	\$ (3,363)	\$ 216,000	\$ 240,102	\$ 24,102	\$23,644	\$ (3,007)	\$ 232,805	\$ 7,297	\$ 13,758	\$ 6,878
October	\$ 24,000			\$ 240,000	\$ 240,102	\$ 102	\$22,292	\$ (22,292)	\$ 255,097	\$ (14,995)		
November*	\$ 24,000			\$ 264,000	\$ 240,102	\$ (23,898)	\$20,308	\$ (20,308)	\$ 275,405	\$ (35,303)		
December	\$ 24,000			\$ 288,000	\$ 240,102	\$ (47,898)	\$21,213	\$ (21,213)	\$ 296,945	\$ (56,843)		
Total	\$ 288,000	\$ 240,102	\$ 24,102				\$ 296,618	\$ (56,516)			\$ 161,329	\$ 78,772

Giving Notes:

Pledged Amount through 9/30/26 was \$117,135 amount received was \$163,329.

*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

I want to thank everyone who has been saving their egg cartons. It has been very helpful. As we approach the Holiday Season, please think about your favorite foods and maybe donate a second can of food to the Food Cupboard to help others celebrate as you do. **Here is a list of common foods we run short of:**

Coffee, Tea, Chunky Soups, Gelatin and pudding mixes. Thank you, Denise Stalker

Picture This! We Need Your Snapshots!

A picture is worth a thousand words – and we would love to share yours! Do you have any **recent** photos from a church event, potluck, Bible Study, mission project, Sunday School, or fellowship gathering?

Please share with the church office, hudsonumc@sbcglobal.net, a **few clear, good-quality photos that show what is happening at church**. Your photo may appear in our monthly newsletter, weekly E-Musings, or a photo notebook Pastor Dan can share with our homebound parishioners.

Photos help those who can't join us in person feel included in the fun, fellowship, and faith-filled moments of our church family. Thank you.

Mission Updates

Turkey Give Away and the Giving Tree

By Margie Close

Happy late fall everyone! Our church local mission work gets a little busier this time of year.



Turkey Give Away: We will again be giving out 75 turkeys and grocery store gift cards to local families in need the week before Thanksgiving (specifically Wednesday, November 18th 8:30-10:45am). There will be designated envelopes on the greeters/info table if you would like to give a donation to help offset the cost. If you would like to help with the give-away please contact Margie Close.

The **"Giving Tree"** will be going up in the entry hall Thanksgiving weekend. It is with joy that our church will be sponsoring children from Grace Place and Operation Help again. We are expecting an uptick in requests this year, so the tree may be extra full of tags. Please consider purchasing a gift or two or giving money to the Missions

Committee for us to purchase a gift for you. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity in helping make the holidays merry for all of our local children!

Raider Network

Hello!

We will need the following items from the shopping list the rest of the school year. On a table in the narthex, there are lists and bags for you to use to get the supplies. You'll also find the list below.

Thank you very much! Margi Bertelsen Brown

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

SEPTEMBER Attendance 2026

Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
6-Sep	40	28	24	52	142
13-Sep	24	51	24	28	125
20-Sep	27	41	23	56	144
27-Sep	33	29	23	59	139
TOTAL	124	149	94	195	562

Sunday School Update

By Amy Norelius

Children's Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School Dates in 2026 are:

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

December 6, 13 (Dec. 20 – No class- Happy Birthday Jesus Party and Ornament making.),

December 27 and 1/3 No Class-Christmas and New Year

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



Thank you

By Denise Stalker

We would like to thank Pastor Dan and everyone that is involved in providing our 10:30 service online.

Randy and I enjoy the service when we are traveling and are very thankful that we can stay in touch with our church family. Denise & Randy

Worship Update

By Adele Dolan

We still have Daylight Saving Time here in Hudson, so I guess we can rejoice in the combined earlier arrival of light and extra hour of rest that precede worship on All Saints Day, the first Sunday in November!

Focusing on the celebration of the saints of the church during worship brings special memories to me of friends and family who have left earthly life, not only during this year, but in years past – memories that are a mixture of joy and sorrow, but always rich with thanksgiving for the blessing these dear ones have brought to our church and to our individual lives. How appropriate that November also brings with it the annual celebration of Thanksgiving in the United States!

Another reason to be thankful this year is midterm Election Day. As faithful, responsible citizens of a free country, we have the right to express ourselves through our vote, whether by mail, by absentee ballot, by voting early, or by going to the polls in person on Election Day. I pray that no one at HUMC takes this right for granted. Thousands of dedicated election teams devote time, energy and expertise to assure the fair and free exercise of this privilege. Know that God is able to work through us, one voice at a time, in amazing ways.

We closed a recent worship team meeting with the following prayer from Disciples Ministries that offers a framework for a life of faith in action:

Help me, O God, to be faithful in love, because hate is too costly to bear; to be steadfast in truth, because fear masquerades as lies; to be grounded in hope, because despair is the breath of oppression; to be courageous in compassion, because cruelty is corrupting to the soul; to be tender without turning away, because distraction is the tool of the enemy; to be awake to your justice, because injustice is the opiate of control; to be aligned to your mercy, because compassion is the heart of your love. Amen



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Return Service Requested

