



Catch the Spirit!

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We will be God's inclusive love



Mark Your Calendars

Pride Sunday

June 7th at 10:30AM
Pride Chalk Art at 9:30AM
Wear your Rainbow Colors!
Mission: The Night Ministry

VBS June 8 - 12, 2026

8:30 - 11:30AM
at St. John's Lutheran

NIC Annual Conference

June 14 - June 16
Prayers for our delegate Kris
Bottlemey and other UMC
leaders in attendance

Father's Day/Juneteenth

Sunday June 21 10:30AM
9:00AM Church Council
Mission: JFON

**Celebration of Life
for Pastor Char at HUMC**
Sunday, June 28 10:30AM

Summer Productive Aging

Thursdays July 2, 9, 16, 23
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 4th
Line up 9:00AM /Parade 10AM

His Disciples *Pondered...*

What do we do now?

*"..and remember, I am with you always, to the end
of the age." Matthew 28: 20*

Our last Sunday School lesson this year was on the Great Commission and it is one of my favorite verses to teach our Sunday School kids. It is also a bible verse Pastor Char required all her confirmands to memorize, and it is one we hear a lot at this time of year as we enter into Pentecost and learn how the disciples navigated their way without their teacher, leader and beloved friend. I have related more this season than any before with the disciples and what they must have been going through as their Rabbi was taken far too soon, too suddenly, and with so much more work left to do.

During Pastor Char's Celebration of Life in Addison, her brother shared some memories and described that whenever a challenging situation came up, he would always say, "Ask Char, she'll know what to do." He conveyed the pain and sadness of no longer having this person in his life. It is a pain so many of us share because of how supportive and how essential Pastor Char was to her family, friends, colleagues, and to her flock at HUMC.

Pastor Char entered into our world during the pandemic and managed to pull us together through her online sermons, caring for us even before she met us in person. She led us through the renovation of our Sanctuary and Wesley Room. She shepherded our journey to become a Reconciling Congregation and led our first Pride Sunday service. She confirmed 9 of our youth. She deepened our faith through her sermons and scripture studies. And the list goes on and on of how she impacted us and our church.

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But what do we do now? In her last article for this newsletter, Pastor Char shared one of her favorite bible verses she would read when life got challenging: Habakkuk 3: 17 – 18: Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation.

I like to think that if we could ask Pastor Char what it is we should do now, she would respond with laughter and say, “Rejoice in the Lord!” After all, we do have each other. We have been blessed to have Pastor Scott McClellan care for us each Sunday. We have our D.S. Wendy Hardin-Hermann giving us such great support. We’ve had Roy Bailey and Steve Johnson to carry us through our worship services when needed. We’ve had our church council and staff-parish leaders meeting and working through the challenges of each day. So let us continue the work as we honor Pastor Char’s memory here at HUMC. What do we do now? As the Lord said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

We know you will be with us too, Pastor Char. We will miss you.

Blessings,
Stephanie Claussen



Congratulations to our High School Graduate, Olivia Klein, to our 8th grade graduate, Evie Johnson, and to all the graduates who reached a great milestone in May! We are very proud of you and we can’t wait to see where your journey leads!



June is Pride Month! Join us June 7th for Pride Chalk Art at 9:30AM followed by our Pride Sunday worship service at 10:30AM where we’ll be taking on up an offering for The Night Ministry. On June 14th after worship, meet us at the Woodstock Square for our annual trip to PrideFest!



We celebrated all the caring women at HUMC on Mother’s Day in May, and now on June 21, we’ll be celebrating the wonderful men of HUMC with a special gift! We will observe Juneteenth Sunday as well and take up an offering for our June Mission Links mission: Justice for our neighbors.



Pastor Char’s Celebration of Life Memorial Service took place in April in Addison, IL. For those who could not travel that distance, we wanted to provide a time to celebrate and honor our memories of Pastor Char here at HUMC.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Pastor Char Hoffmann at Hebron United Methodist Church during our Sunday Worship Service on June 28, 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Coffee & Refreshments following the service.

HUMC Youth & Kids

Our 2025-2026 church school year came to a close in May! On Palm Sunday, the HUMC Kids sang “Lift High the Palms of Praise” along with the choir. The HUMC Youth led the Good Friday service with theatrical scripture readings of Jesus’ last moments leading up to the crucifixion. On Mother’s Day, as is tradition at HUMC, the HUMC Kids & Youth played against the congregation for our annual Bible Trivia Jeopardy Game. The kids were victorious this year!



Although the school year is over, our Mission in Motion is still in full swing! HUMC Kids & Youth will be participating in Pride Chalk Art on June 7th at 9:30AM in front of the church. Vacation Bible School at St. John’s Lutheran runs June 8-12 (to register [click here](#)). We will be preparing and serving lunch to our seniors in the Productive Aging program the first 4 Thursdays in July. We will also be recruiting a yard clean up crew to help beautify the church and rental property grounds in July. Thank you students and parents, and to our incredibly supportive congregation for an amazing year! A special thank you goes to Debbie Arnold and Chela Johnson for providing our Sunday School program with the juice, milk, hot chocolate, snacks and treats that keep these kids so full of energy! Thank you!



Thank you for your patience as we released this issue of Catch the Spirit! We have been making some changes to our online communications. First, we have launched a new website so please check it out as we make ongoing updates to it throughout the summer. Second, for the time being, we will be shifting from a month-to-month issue of Catch the Spirit, to a quarterly issue. We will still be sending out print copies to those who have already been receiving them. Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we make these adjustments!



HEALTH MINISTRY

Summer Productive Aging

The Summer session for Productive Aging begins in July! Join us on Thursdays July 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 9:30AM to 12:00PM. We will begin this session with a 40-minute Chair Tai Chi class led by Stephanie followed by a 1-hour episode of a 4-part docuseries

titled “Live to 100.” After that, enjoy a meal prepared and served by the HUMC Youth! If you are a senior age 60+ please consider joining us for this free program provided in partnership with the Harvard Community Senior Center! To register for this program please register in-person with Stephanie or email churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org. We look forward to another fun and meaningful time of growth and healing together!

It has been a season of great loss for our church family as we mourn the passing of one of our oldest and cherished members, Betty Garrett, and the sudden passing of our dear Pastor Char Hoffmann. We have received many cards, phone calls, emails, and prayers from individuals and neighboring churches, for which we are very grateful. We continue to pray for the Hoffmann and Garrett families, that they may feel strengthened, loved and supported during this difficult time.



With Deepest Sympathy



Betty J Garrett, 94, of Hebron, IL, passed away Friday, March 27, 2026 at her residence. She was born in Zenda, WI on February 14, 1932, a daughter of the late Ella Marie (Westphal) and William Behrens. She was married to Donald H. Garrett, Sr. on July 22, 1950, in Hebron, IL and he died November 13, 2005. She was a purchasing agent for Filtertek in Hebron for over 30 years, retiring in 1997. The Loyal Order of the Moose in Harvard was her passion for over 40 years. She attended many conventions and Moose activities. Betty was a member of the Hebron United Methodist Church in Hebron. Betty is survived by two daughters, Valerie (Robert) Mohle, of Apache Junction, AZ; Holly (Douglas) Schneiderman, of Hainesville, IL; a son, Robert (Patricia) Garrett of Hebron and her daughter-in-law Kim Garrett of Hebron, seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was preceded by a son, Donald H. Garrett Jr, seven sisters and six brothers. A private family service was held May 9th where her family all wore red, Betty's favorite color. Pastor Scott McClellan spoke and the family shared many stories and memories.



Charlette "Char" Hoffmann, 73, of Ringwood, formerly of Addison, was called home to be with the Lord on April 6, 2026. Char served as "semi-retired" Pastor of Hebron United Methodist Church and active member in many Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church committees. Beloved Wife of Glenn Hoffmann. Loving Mother of Jennifer

(David) Bodden and Kenneth Hoffmann. Devoted Nana to Sydney (fiancé Jack) Bodden, Alexander (fiancée Abby) Bodden, Laila Hoffmann, and Matthew Hoffmann. Cherished Big Sister to Charles (Veronika) Voss, Barbara (Phi Truong) Voss, Julie (David) Hartley, Paula Ermilio, and Cynthia Hazy. Adored Aunt to many nieces and nephews. She has been reunited with her parents Charles Voss, Betty Voss, and brother-in-law Stewart Hazy.

A Celebration of Life Memorial service was held at Good Samaritan United Methodist Church on Friday, April 17, 2026 where Bishop Dan Schwerin spoke along with other pastors, family members and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at HUMC during Sunday worship on June 28, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



Dear Lord, please hear our prayers for the following...

Glenn Hoffmann and family, especially his brother-in-law, Chuck, recovering from 3rd degree burns

Family & Friends of Betty Garrett on her passing

Debbie Arnold's friend Lindsey going through a complicated pregnancy

Chaylee & Mia's Grandma Klemesrud

Dale Walker, recovering from an infection

Linda Wappler, experiencing health problems

Norita Farrell, experiencing ongoing health issues

Jeff Arnold, recovering from two pelvic fractures

Kris Bottlemy, recovering from surgery

Kris Bottlemy's brother, Jon, recovering from surgery

Harold, Juanita and Roy Bailey, their son/brother, Earle's wife, Tami having complications from knee surgery; Juanita's cousin, Bob, experiencing health issues; her friend Betty's husband Jim Recob, with ongoing cancer treatment. The Bailey's young neighbor, Mattias, having kidney related health issues

Dorothy Peterson as she adjusts to her new home **Anyone wishing to send her a card, the NEW ADDRESS is below**

Sandy & Rose Rutherford, experiencing health issues

Candy Wasicak, experiencing health issues

Karen Vipond's cousin Woody, dealing with cancer, her brother, George, diagnosed with cancer, her nephew, Mark, dealing with cancer treatment, and her friend Neal experiencing serious health issues

Marj O'Halleran experiencing health issues

Dan Staten's son, Nick

James Hampton; his mother, Marjorie; his brother-in-law, James, experiencing heart issues; his brother, John, experiencing health issues

Dave Dickey

Joan O'Halleran

Katelyn Winter Sampson

Luke Moore

Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn

We pray for all who have suffered as the result of natural disasters.

We pray for protection and safety for all those who defend and protect us.

We pray for peace for all countries during these trying times of war and unrest. Surround those affected by these and all conflicts with your precious love.

We pray for the victims and families of all who have been affected by and from violence.

We pray for all children, women, and men who have been victims of abuse.

We pray for the return of goodwill and unity among all people.

We pray for all those affected by illness; and for the safety of all medical staff and personnel during the care of all patients.

We pray for our church, the Village of Hebron, and all leaders - local, state and national; our church leaders in Hebron, our Prairie Central District Sup't. Wendy Hardin-Hermann, our Bishop Dan Schwerin, and the entire UMC.

We pray for the names in our hearts that they will be kept safe from harm. God bless us all. Amen

If you wish to have someone added to our Prayer List please contact Shirlee on our Nurture Team at (815) 648-5009 or at offcqueen@aol.com.

During a mental health crisis, anyone can call the 24-hour National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. Veterans crisis line is 800-273-7255.

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Amen!

Community Highlights



Independence Day Parade - Saturday, July 4th!

90 years of hometown charm. 250 years of American independence. This 4th of July, the Village of Hebron is throwing a parade worthy of the history books! HUMC will be participating in the parade again this year with our miniature replica of our church building from 1925! Line up is at 9:00AM at the Hebron Community Park for those who wish to participate. You may ride on the float or you may walk or bike alongside our group. The parade begins at 10:00AM!



Juneteenth Celebration!

Juneteenth commemorates the date of June 19, 1865, when Union troops marched to Galveston, Texas and enforced the January 1, 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, freeing over 250,000 enslaved persons still held in bondage, deprived of their freedom and basic dignity. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States. Join the celebration of this day on the Woodstock Square, Saturday June 20 from 3:00PM - 5:30PM.



Opportunities to Give

Thank you for your generous giving so far in 2026! Our wall of branches of giving are really beginning to flourish as we mark 1 leaf for every \$10 donated to our Missions. In addition to the opportunities to give this summer listed below, we are also collecting items every Sunday for the **Hebron Community Food Pantry**. In addition, please consider making a donation to our Alden-Hebron Community **Vacation Bible School**. Thank you for your generous giving!

- The Night Ministry - June 7
- N.I. Justice for our Neighbors - June 21
- UMCOR Where Most Needed - July 12
- UM Volunteers in Mission - August 9
- UM Student Day - August 23

Go to our [website](#) to learn more and give online to these missions.