



Catch the Spirit!

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Join us for Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

FALL 2026
We will be God's inclusive love



Fall Into Kindness

Mark Your Calendars

Productive Aging

Thursdays Oct. 8 - Nov. 5
9:30 AM - Chair Tai Chi
10:30 AM - Building Healthy
Brain Habits Presentation (Oct.
8); Brain Games Oct. 15 - Nov. 5

Laity Sunday & HUMC Bowling Fundraiser

Sunday, October 18
HUMC Kids & Youth led
worships service at 11:00AM
Bowling Fundraiser at J's
Lanes in Harvard 1:00PM

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 21
7:00 PM at HUMC

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1
HUMC 11:00AM worship
Organ & Tissue month begins

2026 Church Conference

Sunday, November 15
Potluck after worship
SPRC meets 12:30AM
Church Conference with D.S.
Wendy Hardin Hermann 1:00PM

Thanksgiving Eve-Eve Service

Tuesday, November 24
Alden UMC 7:00PM

As autumn falls all around us, we watch the world slowly change. Days shorten. The air turns crisp. Trees begin to showcase their brilliant colors before letting go of their leaves. I find autumn invigorating for all these reasons. It feels like God is inviting us all to slow down and pay attention to this season we are in. Not just the external, but the internal too.

Many people claim autumn as their favorite time of year, but for others, the shift in the weather and routines may trigger a feeling of loneliness, or worry. Even when we know people fairly well, we are not always aware of the burdens they carry. That is one reason small acts of kindness matter: they offer care without requiring us to have all the answers.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul encouraged the church saying, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9(NRSVUE)

What does this look like in a practical sense? A friendly greeting before or after worship, an invitation to a meal, or a phone call are all simple ways to help someone feel like they matter. There are so many other options we can offer folks: bring them groceries, help with some chores, or listen to them over a cup of coffee. These kindnesses do not require a large budget, but a kind heart. When we do these things, we live our faith out loud.

Kindness is contagious! It catches on. We are called to love God and neighbor—not only in words, but through the ways we show up for one another and our wider community. We all have something to contribute: time, presence, skills, or the willingness to listen.

(Continued on Page 2)

This month, let's practice kindness. Choose one small act of care each week. Thank someone. Welcome others into your conversations. Thank a veteran for their service. Smile. Reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while. Offer to push someone's grocery cart back to the store.

Remember, that acting in kindness includes being willing to receive kindness too. If this season feels difficult, please let someone in the congregation know. We are not failures or burdens if we ask for help. Someone would love to bless you and be there for you.

May the beauty of autumn slow us down and remind us to pay attention. May we trust that even small kindnesses can make room for big hope. As we worship and serve together, may our church be a place where every person can find welcome, fellowship, and the assurance that they are loved. "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right..."

Peace,
Pastor Lori

Welcome Pastor Lori Bee to HUMC!

We are excited to welcome Pastor Lori Bee to Hebron United Methodist Church! Pastor Lori comes to us from Mount Hope UMC which remains her congregation along with her flock at HUMC. We have enjoyed getting to know Pastor Lori and others from Mount Hope who have visited our church and with whom we met for a lunch outing earlier this fall! As we learned on Rally Day, God calls on us to be MVPs and we are so blessed that Pastor Lori has answered that call to join the HUMC team!



Join us in Advent

November 29

10:00 AM - All Ages Advent Study: Seasons Greetings
11:00 AM - 1st Sunday in Advent Worship Service
12:00PM - Church Decorating
Missions: A-H Secret Santa, Red Bird Mitten Tree, Noisy Can Sunday

December 6

10:00 AM - All Ages Advent Study: Seasons Greetings
11:00 AM - 2nd Sunday in Advent Worship Service

December 13

11:00 AM - 3rd Sunday in Advent Worship Service with HUMC Kids & Youth Christmas Program
12:00 PM - HUMC Kids Mission in Motion Cookie Sale

December 20

10:00 AM - All Ages Advent Study: Seasons Greetings
11:00 AM - 4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service

December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at HUMC 8:00PM
Merry Christmas!

December 27

11:00 AM worship followed by Stone Soup Sunday - bring an ingredient!



HUMC Youth & Kids

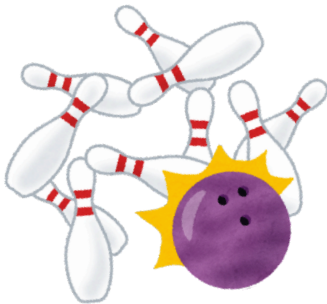
We kicked off our Church School year with a RALLY DAY pep rally on September 13 during our morning worship service. Church Works classes (grades 6-12) started the following Sunday at 10:00 AM and Sunday School (grades pre-k-5) began that Sunday after the Children's Chat. We are so excited for another year of learning with our Fathom and Celebrate Wonder curriculums! Our Confirmation Class (6 confirmands this year!) will begin in January 2027.

We have a great fall and advent season planned! On October 18 the HUMC Youth will lead the Laity Sunday Worship Service. On November 1 the HUMC Youth & Kids will be making a special dedication for All Saints Sunday. We will soon be announcing our Mission in Motion Rake-n-Run event, so stay tuned for that! Finally, mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13 during morning worship at 11:00 AM. Our annual cookie sale for Mission in Motion will take place after that special worship service. (HUMC Parents: We will have a rehearsal on Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 AM and a dress rehearsal on the day of the program at 9:00 AM.). We are looking forward to an incredible year!



Our HUMC Youth & Kids were busy this summer! We celebrated Pride Sunday in June with our rainbow chalk artwork, had a blast at VBS, waved flags in the 4th of July Parade, and made 4 healthy recipes for our senior community during Summer Productive Aging!

HUMC BOWLING FUNDRAISER!



Tickets are on sale now for our annual Bowling Fundraiser taking place on **October 18, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM** at J's Lanes in Harvard, IL. \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids ages 12 and under. Each ticket comes with 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, pop and cookies! You'll also receive 3 raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our 3 surprise gift boxes! Purchase more chances to win for \$1 per ticket. We will also hold our 50/50 raffle drawing for \$10 per entry. See Shirlee Correll or email us at churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org for more info. Come have some fun and show your support for the future of HUMC!



FALL PRODUCTIVE AGING

Are you 60 or older? Join us on Thursdays October 8 - November 5 for Productive Aging 9:30AM to 11:30AM. We will begin this session with a 40-minute Chair Tai Chi class led by Stephanie Claussen followed by an hour of

brain health tips and games! On October 8 at 10:30 AM we will be welcoming a representative from the Alzheimer's Association to present "Building Healthy Brain Habits." 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.

It has been a season of great loss for our church family as we mourn the passing of another one of our oldest and cherished members, Dorothy Peterson. A Celebration of Life was held at HUMC on July 10, 2026. We will be remembering Dorothy, Betty Garrett, Gordon Johnson, Pastor Char Hoffmann, and all the saints who have passed this year at our All Saints Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Hebron United Methodist Church.



With Deepest Sympathy

Dorothy Jane Peterson, age 99, of Hebron, IL, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2026, peacefully at Burr Oak Manor, Genoa City, WI. She was born in Chicago, IL on August 29, 1926, a daughter of the late Ethel (Bertram) Powles and George Obediah Powles. She graduated from Schurz High School in Chicago in 1944. She was married to Robert "Bud" Peterson on Nov. 22, 1947, in Chicago and he died August 15, 1980.



She was a librarian at Hebron Public Library, Hebron, IL for over 10 years. She also worked as a seamstress at Hogan's Bridal Shop in Woodstock, IL for many years. She also worked for the IRS in Chicago and for Wahl-Clothing in Walworth, WI. She loved quilting, gardening and reading. She also bred and raised dogs for years. She was a member of Hebron United Methodist Church, Hebron, IL.

Dorothy is survived by three daughters, April (Paul Lucas) Peterson, Holly (Mark Arthur) Peterson, Lisa (Ron Lillie) Peterson; two sons Robert "Buster" Peterson Jr. and Bruce (Kathleen) Peterson. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded by a son David Peterson, a brother Robert (Marian) Powles and a sister Virginia (Raymond) Johnson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Hebron Public Library 9908 St. Albans St, Hebron, IL 60034.



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

Jeff Arnold, recovering from pelvic fractures
Chela Johnson, recovering from surgery
James Hampton, battling stage 2 cancer
Chaylee & Mia's Grandma Klemesrud
Dale Walker
Norita Farrell, experiencing ongoing health issues
Harold, Juanita & Roy Bailey; their son/brother, Earle's wife, Tami, recovering from knee surgery; Juanita's cousin, Bob, recovering from an auto accident; her friend, Betty's husband, Jim Recob, recovering from cancer surgery; the Bailey's young neighbor, Mattias, having kidney related health issues
Candy Wasicak; Candy's mother recovering from a spinal fracture
Sandy & Rose Rutherford, experiencing health issues
Karen Vipond's nephew Woody, dealing with cancer; her brother George, diagnosed with cancer; her friend, Neal, experiencing serious health issues
Marj O'Halleran experiencing health issues
James Hampton's mother, Marjorie; his brother-in-law, James, experiencing health issues; his brother, John, experiencing health issues
Linda Wappler
Dan Staten's son, Nick
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.



"Thank you everyone for keeping me in your prayers. It has meant so much to me to have had your support during my procedure and recovery."
-Chela





Opportunities to Give

Thank you for your generous giving so far in 2026! We participated in the Hebron Community School Supply drive in August and September, and we supported our Mission Links Missions and Special Sundays. Our branches of giving are in full bloom at HUMC! Here are ways you can participate in our missions this season:



Missions during Hispanic Heritage Month

We will be collecting for 2 Mission Links Missions during Hispanic Heritage Month. The first was on Sunday, September 27 for the Cienegutia Ngobe Community Health Project in Panama. The second will be on Sunday, October 11 for Missionary Guillermo Berman Ramirez. Donations for these Mission Links Missions will be matched by HUMC (up to \$200).

A-H Secret Santa Program & Popcorn Tins

Want to give a child in need a special Christmas? See Shirlee Correll or email us to participate in the A-H Secret Santa program. HUMC will be also be collecting donations for popcorn tins to be gifted to each family in need this Christmas.

Organ & Tissue Donor Month of November

Please consider becoming an Organ & Tissue donor. By registering as an Organ & Tissue Donor you are signing up to give the greatest gift of all: the gift of life! Also consider contributing "tissues" and other supplies to the Hebron Community Food Pantry. HUMC will have baskets out to collect toiletries, cleaning supplies, and food throughout the month of November.

Red Bird Mitten Tree Month of December

We will be decorating our Sanctuary on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 29 after worship. This is also when we will be setting up our Mitten Tree to collect hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

Thanksgiving collection for Hebron Food Pantry

Our Thanksgiving Eve-Eve service will take place the Tuesday, November 24 at Alden UMC at 7:00PM. This special service combines congregations from Alden UMC, HUMC, and St. John's Lutheran Church for meaningful community worship, praise and fellowship. An offering for the Hebron Community Food Pantry will be taken at this special service.

Mission in Motion Christmas Cookie Sale

Come see the children's annual Christmas Program on December 13 at 11:00AM and then stay for their Mission in Motion Cookie Sale! Funds raised will go toward future missions including, Valentines for Veterans, Feed My Starving Children, and more!

Go to our website to give online to these missions. Thank you for your generous giving!
www.hebronmethodst.org churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org 815-648-2512