

The Circuit Rider

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From The Desk Of Pastor P.

by Pastor Pamela J. Sayre



Welcome to Fall! Kind of... it's not actually officially fall until Sunday, September 22nd... But, school has begun, football and tennis and soccer are being played and cross-country is being

run, Chancel Choir rehearsals have started up, 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship has moved back inside (and the tent has been taken down), and we are preparing for another season of LIFT! (WooHoo!) So, WELCOME TO FALL!

Many of us have been planning and preparing all summer for new and exciting activities for folks of all ages! We have been working on ways to WELCOME to – and include more people in – WORSHIP and learning/growth opportunities who will then go out to WITNESS to others! We have been brainstorming new ways of

gathering for times of fellowship and growth as the Body of Christ!

This is going to be a great year!

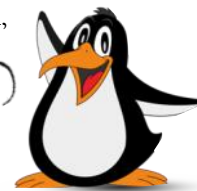
We are Huron United Methodist Church! WooHoo! We are disciples of Jesus, the Christ, followers of the living God, and sharers of the WORD! May God continue to encourage, empower, and equip us as we strive “to make [and mature] disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!”

WELCOME – WORSHIP – WITNESS!

Grace and peace,
blessings and health,

Pastor P.

Pastor P.



P.S. If you are reading this article and are not currently a member or regular attender of worship Huron UMC and would like to know more about Huron UMC and our mission and ministry, please contact me!



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Lunch Bunch

Food, Fun & Fellowship

Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of each month.

The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, September 12th at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Program: TBD. Menu: goulash, tossed salad, garlic bread, and peach cobbler, catered by Janet Majoy. Cost is \$9.00. Please pay in cash the day of the luncheon.



Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Dee Hartley in person or phone 419-357-8825 by Monday, September 9th.

Saturdays @ 5!

Relaxed Worship
(songs, prayers, message)
& Conversation!

Come as you are!

3rd Sunday Potluck

Huron United Methodist Church

RALLY DAY

September 7th & 8th



Lighthouse Church/Strategic Planning Team Continues Its Work

Your Lighthouse/Strategic Planning Team has been working through the summer with our coach Rev. Bruce Emmert. We have written up long-term and short-term goals for the congregation, as well as addressing some items that we believe will help the congregation continue to grow as we reach more people for Jesus! The team will present an “update” during all three worship celebrations over the course of “Rally Day” weekend! WooHoo!

If you would like to know more about our work or would like to volunteer to help, please contact any of us: Jenessa Faller, Dave Wilber, Judy Wilber, Scott Whitehurst, Kristin Erney, or Pastor P.

Audio/Visual Help!!!!

SERIOUSLY! We need some help! Derek and Chris would like to take a Sunday off now and then. And, we need folks who can be available for weddings and funerals, etc. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the Audio/Visual Team! We offer free training and much gratitude! And... yes, Derek and Chris continue to work on upgrades and improvements to our current systems.



Sunday Morning Worship



We livestream our Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship celebrations to both Facebook and YouTube. Find archived versions on both sites any time. No account is needed to watch! If attending online, please be sure to let us know – fill out the Connect Card!

Sunday Bulletin/Order Of Worship and announcements are emailed at the end of each week; copies of the sermon at the beginning. If you are not receiving them and would like to, let us know.

Food Pantry Sunday

A reminder: Pantry Sunday is always the third Sunday of each month (September 15th), but items can be dropped off anytime the church is open. All donations help those in need in Huron and the surrounding area.

HUMC is accepting egg cartons.



Huron Prayer Path: Lunch Volunteers Needed



The Prayer Path Work Day will be Saturday, September 14th starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we work to maintain our beautiful Prayer Path. Dress for the weather. BYO garden gloves.

The morning ends with a delicious lunch at Noon hosted by Huron United Methodist. There are usually about 12 workers to feed. You are being asked to only do a small part of the lunch. Please contact Barb Ringle at 216-299-0916.

LIFT OFF! September 4th, 2024

You are invited to join LIFT (Living In Faith Together). This is our evening of multigenerational fellowship. We have classes, conversation, puzzles, foosball and games. LIFT is set to begin on Wednesday, September 4th. This is a perfect time to grow your faith, get reacquainted with old friends as well as meet new ones.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and fellowship groups begin at 5:30 p.m. We are offering a confirmation class for students entering the 4th grade and above, United Methodist Youth Fellowship for those who have recently been confirmed, a children's class, and an adult group.



The children's class is venturing into the world of COMIC BOOKS! The comic books and videos provide engaging and visually stunning illustrations of classic Bible stories. We are starting with the journey of David: his encounter with Samuel, his fight with Goliath, and his best friend, Jonathan. We are always looking for adults who would love to share their love of Jesus with our kiddos. If you are interested in helping please contact a member of the Education Team (Lisa Beebe, Jenessa Faller, Judy Haas, Alyson Wilson, or Pastor P.)

This fall, the Adult LIFT Class will pick back up on the second season of *The Chosen*. The show is about Jesus the Christ, adapted from the Gospels. The series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him best. It also helps us to better understand the social and political factors of that time. We have included time for discussion, questions and answers, and observations. If you would like to catch up on season 1, visit www.angel.com. We start the videos at 5:30.

At 6:30 p.m. we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for a free dinner, and at 7:00 p.m. there is Chancel Choir rehearsal and continued fellowship. Come for any or all of the evening!



Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir rehearsals have begun!!! We meet, basically, on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for LIFT, stay for Choir!



There are plenty of robes and we will find you a seat! Come sing! And enjoy the laughter and fellowship!

Maintaining Contact

As our college students return to classes, we would like to be able to keep in touch with them while they are away from home. (Maybe send a treat, a card, a special surprise now and then...) In order to do that we need addresses! Please submit student's name, address, email and phone number to Beth Anne in the church office as soon as possible.



New Confirmation Class For 2024-2025

The new Confirmation Class – for kids in grade 4 and up – will begin on Wednesday, September 4th! WooHoo! As we have been doing, the class will meet during LIFT on Wednesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., with dinner from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- September 4, 11, 18, 25
- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- November 6, 13, 20
- December 4, 11, 18
- January 8, 15, 22, 29
- February 5, 12, 19, 26
- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- April 2, 9, (16), 23, 30
- May 7, 14, 21
- Confirmation Sunday will be June 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Worship.



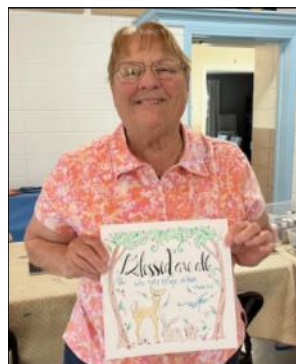
Photo Gallery: Norma's Retirement 7/7/24



Top left and above: Pastor P. presents Norma with a new parking sign that reflects her emeritus status. Ron presents her with the anthem composed for the occasion. Norma meets composer Matthew Kennedy. Trumpets played and (left, below) a cello joined the choir and piano during the anthem. Below: Norma and many of her family members at the reception following 10:00 a.m. worship.



Below 4 photos: Sue Bray led the group in a painting session during a recent LIFT Lite Wednesday with wooden cutouts, some for Fall décor. Adult coloring books and mandalas were also an option during this artsy evening.



At My Church We Say: WOO HOO!

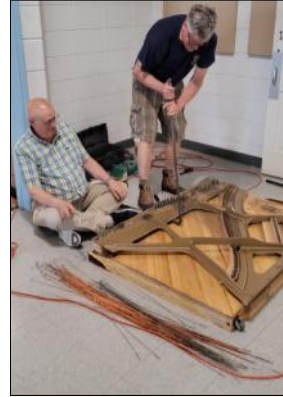
Our HUMC shirt design is available to order NOW from Lucky Stone Promotions in White or Oxford Gray. This design is a perfect expression of the fun, faith, and fellowship we share at Huron United Methodist Church (Woo Hoo!)

To order your own t-shirt (short or long sleeve), sweatshirt, or hoodie in person, visit Lucky Stone at their location at 607 S. Main Street, Huron, OH. Orders can also be placed online at www.luckystonepromotions.com. Click on "CLIENT STORES" and look for the new HUMC logo. Plan to pick up your purchase at the store to avoid shipping costs.

HATS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
And other embroidery items, such as polo shirts, will be coming soon!



Below 3 photos: LIFT Lite had a "Christmas in July" theme on July 24th that included unique snacks, reindeer games, and a pinecone craft, facilitated by Kristin Erney & mom Bev Ringholz.



Above 3 photos: "Out with the old, in with the new" - piano exchange.



Above and 2 below: Youth Overnight Party included movies, GaGa Ball, games, glow sticks and lots of FUN for everyone! (But little sleep.)



▲ A canine guest at 8:00 worship!



◀▶▶ Blessing of the Backpacks at Saturdays @ 5!, 8:00 a.m. Sunday under the tent, and 10:00 in the Sanctuary for students, teachers and staff, too.



Roof/Boiler Project

We are still collecting change for the roof/boiler project! The collection jug is in the sanctuary each Sunday!

And don't forget about our Square By Square fundraiser! See the display in the front hallway. Fill out your Pledge Card and drop in the box at the display to claim your square. Be sure to add your sticker to the poster.



Notes & Thank You's

Thank you to all who helped with the River Fest Parking Lot fundraiser. We collected \$1,322 through donations, benefitting the Roof Fund.

Beth Anne McFarland

Please Update Us!!!

Many of our member records are incomplete. Please make sure we have the following: full name, birthdate (including year), physical address (and mailing address if different), home phone number, cell phone number, and email address. We also need our college students' contact information.

Please submit to Beth Anne at secretary@huronumc.org or the Church Office.



Pastor's Current Reading List

- *FAKE WHITE GOSPEL* by Jim Wallis
- *KINGDOM OF RAGE: The Rise Of Christian Extremism And The Path Back To Peace* by Elizabeth Neumann
- *AN INVISIBLE THREAD* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski
- *FRACTURED FAITH: Finding Your Way Back To God In An Age of Deconstruction* by Lina Abu Jamra
- *HOLY HELL: A Case Against Eternal Damnation* by Derek Ryan Kubilus
- *BRAIDING SWEETGRASS* by Robin Wall Kimmerer



Ways To Fill The Virtual Plate

If you are worshipping with us online, there are several giving options available.

- Mail your offering to HUMC directly or use your bank's bill pay service.
- Drop off your offering at the church.
- Sign up and give online with e-giving through Realm.

This QR code will take you to the Realm giving page.

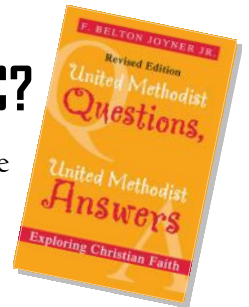


Communion Elements

We have pre-packaged Communion elements available in the office for pick-up! Regular and gluten-free!

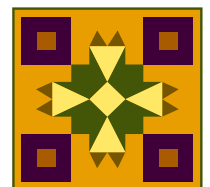
Interested In Becoming A Member Of Huron UMC?

If so, please see Pastor P. If you have never been part of the UMC and would like to know more, please ask for a copy of the easy-to-read book *UNITED METHODIST QUESTIONS, UNITED METHODIST ANSWERS: Exploring Christian Faith* by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.



HUMC Quilt Connection

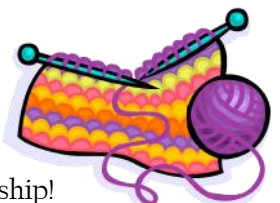
Our next sew days are Fridays, September 6th & 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the basement. BYO projects and lunch. Contact Cathi Dix Houghton at 419-433-5645 or quintquilt@aol.com to receive meeting email reminders.



Our primary mission is making prayer quilts. If you have an interest in sewing quilts, you are welcome to join us. (We have fabric you can use.)

U-Knitted Nations

The Knitters meet in Rooms 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays. Bring your project, join the fun and fellowship!



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

September Worship Plans

August 31/September 1: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost/Communion

Scriptures: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "What's In Your Heart?"

September 7/8: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost/Rally Day

Scriptures: Psalm 125; *Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "Faith Enough To Ask"

September 14/15: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; *Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Do You Know...?"

September 21/22: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 1; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; *Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: "Pay Attention..."

September 28/29: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; *Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: "If..."

*denotes scripture used for basis of sermon

September Team Meetings & Church Events

Budget "Bucket" Team: Tuesday, September 3rd & Thursday, September 26th, 5:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.

Staff Parish Meetings: Monday, September 9th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Rooms 3 & 4.

Trustees: Tuesday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.

Stephen Ministers: Tuesday, September 17th 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Monday, September 23rd, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Rooms 3 & 4.

Strategic Planning Team: Tuesday, September 24th, 2:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.

Finance Team: Monday September 30th, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.

Member Brief

Jonathan Merckens is retiring from the military this month. He would like you to celebrate this milestone with him and his family on Sunday, September 15th at 11:30 a.m. (after the 10:00 worship) at a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



Liturgists

September 1:

8:00 Cathi Houghton

10:00 Al Meyer

September 8:

8:00 Tom Sprunk

10:00 Derek Callin

September 15:

8:00 Polly Hagman

10:00 Alyson Wilson

September 22:

8:00 Carole Dreffer

10:00 Carol Schell

September 29:

8:00 Barb Ringle

10:00 Dave Wilber

Money Counters

September 1:

Alyson Wilson

Norma Cook

September 8:

Judy Wilber

Dave Wilber

Chip Houghton

September 15:

Bob Hastings

Carole Dreffer

Joe Beebe

September 22:

Barb Ringle

Donna Preston

September 29:

Mary Boos

Bonnie & Ben Lindsley

Position Available

Do you like to know what is going on at HUMC?

What are all those teams doing at their meetings? This is the position for you: Secretary of Church Council. You will attend 5 meetings a year; take notes on a printed agenda; then type up your notes and email them out. Bonus, you have the inside track on what is happening at HUMC.



September Birthdays

Bryce Collins	3
Michael Prosser	3
Faith Greenawalt	4
Drew Wennes	4
Lorraine Diffenbacher	4
Abram Fortune	5
Rex Houseman	7
Peter Iversen	8
Diane Graebner	8
Andrew Fortune	10
Malinda Franzen	11
Rachel Merckens	12
Beth Hanson	12
Rachel Brooker	13
Thomas Curry	13
Judy Hartley	14
Loretta Majoy	15
Carl Hastings	19
Julia Hastings	19
Melissa Hitchcock	21
Thomas Hartley	22
Tom Sprunk	24
Jeffrey Dominy	26
Jenessa Faller	26
Patricia Lehrer	27
David Taylor	28
Kathy Faller	29
Julia Coleman	29
Sydney Bronner	29

Happy Birthday!



10:00 Greeters/Ushers

September 1:

Nancy Meyer

September 8:

Becky & Tank Rogers

September 15:

Bob Hastings

September 22:

Bonnie & Ben Lindsley

September 29:

Wanda & Mike Lyons

You are invited to worship with us in person: "Saturdays @ 5" (5:00 p.m.) in our Fellowship Hall, and Sundays 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary or Online (Sundays are livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube)

Pastor: Rev. Pamela J. Sayre; Director of Discipleship Ministries: Jenessa Faller; Director of Music Ministry: Ron Brooker; Organist: Tom Curry; Housekeeper: Kathy Faller; Treasurer: Joe Beebe; Administrative Secretary: Beth Anne McFarland; Financial Secretary: Linda Ziegler; Website: Derek Callin; AV: Derek Callin & Chris Harlan; Lay Leader: Dave Wilber. Current Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. (Building open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M–Th.) Closed Fridays.

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Address Service Requested

Activities Capsules

Communion

Saturday, August 31st &
Sunday, September 1st

Have a safe and happy

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2nd
Church Building Closed

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Ballroom Dancing

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall



Every Wednesday,
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall/Classrooms

Confirmation Class

Each Wednesday during LIFT
5:30-6:30 p.m., Room 10

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Cloggers' Practice

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

HUMC QUILT CONNECTION

Friday Sew Days: September 6th & 20th
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Basement

Saturdays @ 5

Relaxed Worship every Saturday evening
at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(includes a Potluck Dinner
on the 3rd Saturday each month)

RALLY DAYS

Saturday, September 7th, 5:00 p.m. &
Sunday, September 8th,
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

U-Knitted Nations

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at Noon and
Wednesdays, September 11th & 25th,
5:00-6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, September 12th
11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Path Work Day

Saturday, September 14th
9:00 a.m.-Noon at Zion Lutheran Church

Jonathan Merckens Retirement Reception

Sunday, September 15th
11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Pantry Sunday

September 15th

Circuit Rider Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 15th
for October issue

See page 7 for September Team Meetings and other events.

Links to Happenings



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