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From The Desk Of Pastor P.

by Pastor Pamela J. Sayre



We have, in the last several months, experienced a series of what I would consider “extremes” (extreme meaning: very pronounced or excessive)...

Extreme schedules and busyness, extreme fatigue and health concerns, extreme sadness and extreme grief... Our prayer list has continued to grow with the names of those whom we love and those for whom we care... And it would be easy to lose hope... It would be easy to “give up”... It would be easy to doubt...

And yet, we go on! We continue to move forward! We continue to be faithful! We continue to look toward the future! Why? Because we have HOPE! We have hope through Jesus!

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them...”

“Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in

danger, or threatened with death?... No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.” (Romans 8:28, 35, 37-38)

God loves each and every one of us NO MATTER WHAT! And so, even amidst the extremes of life, we have HOPE! Hope for today! Hope for tomorrow! Hope for the future! WooHoo!

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.





8:00 AM Worship Has Moved Outside!

Bring your own chair! The coffee is always ready!

Lunch Bunch



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of each month.

The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, July 10th at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Program: table games. Menu: brunch food – egg strata, fruit salad, and pastry – 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 Diane Timple in person or phone 419-366-4849 by Monday, July 7th. *Let Diane know if you need to cancel your reservation. We pay for “no-shows” from our limited program funds if you don’t take your name off the list.*

Confirmation Class

Sign up for 2025-2026!

Kids in grade 4 and up may sign up for the next Confirmation Class. The schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. 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. See Pastor P. by Wednesday, August 13th to let her know you want to participate.

Bringing HUMC To Residents At The Meadows

Pastor P. is now leading worship at The Meadows at Osborn Park twice a month. She will be there on July 6th and 20th at 1:00 p.m..

HUMC Welcome Wagon

Are you interested in using your talents to make others feel welcome at Huron United Methodist Church? If so, we are looking for YOU!!!

Welcome Wagon responsibilities include greeting guests on Sundays, handing out “Welcome Bags”, engaging and conversing with someone you haven’t seen at HUMC before, running the chair lift, and much more. Please see Dave Wilber or Scott (Drummer) Whitehurst.



Saturdays @ 5!

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

Come as you are!

Huron United Methodist Church

Food Pantry Weekend

A reminder: Pantry Weekend is always the third weekend of each month (July 19th/20th), but items may 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.



Lighthouse Church/Strategic Planning Team Continues Its Work

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.



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. (Videos will be deleted by Facebook after 30 days.) 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.

New Day & Time For Chair Yoga

Linda is currently taking a short hiatus, then Chair Yoga is moving to a new day – Thursday – and a new time – 2:00 p.m. – beginning on July 10th in the HUMC Fellowship Hall. Come join in the fun!



Card Ministry

HUMC Card Connection is coordinated on-line. No meetings to attend. Cards & stamps are supplied. All you need is an email address and a willingness to occasionally write a short note. Email Dixicann@AOL.com (Cathi Dix Houghton), if you would like to join the group. We send 'Thinking of You,' sympathy, thank you, and congratulations cards.



HUMC Camperships

Huron UMC is offering camperships (camp scholarships) for our youth to attend a faith based summer camp. A youth will be reimbursed for half the cost of a camp, up to \$250. Please talk to a member of the Education Team for more information.

LIFT Lite For Summer

LIFT Lite has been on a roll so far this summer! We've talked over puzzles, painted flags for the art show, played foosball and created washer jewelry. Come see us on Wednesdays during the summer for some great fellowship time.

We are seeking "Hosts" for LIFT Lite. Host duties will include: deciding the evening's activity, setting up the snacks and drinks, cleaning up the kitchen, and taking out the trash. The activity can be as simple as a puzzle night. Snacks will be purchased using the grant money received. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up in the Welcome Center. If there is a particular snack or activity you would like to donate to the LIFT Lite ministry, please contact Jenessa Faller or Pastor P!



HURON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HUMC ARTS ACADEMY

HANDS, HEARTS & VOICES

JULY 21ST-JULY 24TH

9:00 AM- 12:15 PM

DRUMS-RECORDERS-CHOIR-ART-CHIMES



SCAN TO REGISTER



FOR KIDS ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADES

\$25 INCLUDES RECORDER AND T-SHIRT

338 WILLIAMS STREET HURON, OHIO

A CLOSING PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED AT 6:00 P.M. THURDAY EVENING.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Choir News

This Choir “season” has come to a close, but there are plenty opportunities to rehearse and sing throughout the summer! Please speak to Ron Brooker if you would like to sing or play an instrumental piece this summer!



Handbell Choir!

Members of the Handbell Choir recently played in worship! If you are interested in ringing – either this summer or during the “regular season” - please get hold of director Tom Curry! You do not need to have prior experience or any special skills – we will teach you!



Audio/Visual Team News

We could really use some help!
PLEASE

consider volunteering to work in the sound booth (and/or out under the tent)! Derek and Chris are doing a WONDERFUL job, but they need some assistance (and time off!). We offer free training and deep gratitude!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the Audio/Visual Team!



Huron River Fest Parking Lot Fundraiser

July 11th-12th

Your help is needed! We are asking for folks to watch over our parking lot and take donations on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Thank you in advance!



Notes & Thank Yous

To our Huron UMC family

Paul and I would like to say thank you so very much for all the cards, calls, offers for meals, and just overall kindness during these past few months. We are through the surgeries, in the middle of radiation therapy for Paul, moved to a new home, and we are now just exhausted. On to unpacking and unloading “stuff”! Thanks to Chip for helping with Paul’s books.

Thank you Pastor Pamela for the support, visit, laughs, and prayers. You had so much going on, but you made us feel connected. We look forward to getting back to normal and enjoying worship together with our church. Your kindness has lifted us.

Paul and Lynda Atkinson

Thank you to everyone who helped pay for and plant this year’s geraniums!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our recent memorial celebrations and luncheons!

Thank you to everyone who helped plan for and host this year’s Ice Cream Social!

Thanks to the Trustees and volunteers who continue to take care of the church’s property and assets and do all the big and small things that need to be done.



WOO HOO! – HUMC Merch

This is a great time to share your “church spirit” by wearing a church t-shirt, hat, etc.! Check out Lucky Stone (right here in Huron!) for a huge selection of wonderful clothing and hat options available for imprint or embroidery with our church logo and/or “WooHoo” design!





Ice Cream Social

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Ice Cream Social on June 21st! We gathered outside, under the tent, for a yummy evening of sundaes and fellowship. Norma delighted us with a collection of melodies as over 30 friends from all three worship times took the opportunity to meet each other or catch up! A HUGE thank you to Cathi and Chip Houghton for being event coordinators for this event!!



Community Art Exhibition

What a talented church family we have! HUMC displayed over 70 pieces of artwork by 20 different artists the weekend of June 7-8th in our Fellowship Hall. The event also raised money to support Berlin Road House, the Flat Rock Home that is sponsored by HUMC. Thank you to everyone who shared their gifts and talents in our art show. We hope to grow our art show next year, so get your creative juices flowing!



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

HURON UMC
AUGUST 8TH @ 6PM

YOUTH OVERNIGHT PARTY

BRING A SLEEPING BAG AND YOUR GAME FACE AS THE YOUTH OF HURON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GET READY TO SHARE A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AND CRAZINESS.

FOOSBALL

MOVIES

PIZZA

GAGA BALL

Annual Conference 2025: Rise Up, Beloved



Pastor P. and Delegate Scott Whitehurst with Bishop Jung.



And also with former HUMC pastor Rev. Bruce Hitchcock.

June 14, 2025 - EOC News

By Rick Wolcott*

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung called to order the 56th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference with 289 clergy and 312 laity gathered June 12-14, 2025, on the College of Wooster campus.

In beginning his State of the Church Address on the first day of conference, Bishop Jung said, “The theme of this year’s Annual Conference launches our quadrennial priority for ‘Rise Up, Beloved: Trust in God’s Promises. It builds upon Jesus’ vision of the church as the resurrected community and vibrant call for unity out of our rich and varied diversity. This is a proclamation of faith, both in Jesus’ day when the early Christian movement was threatened by division and disagreement, as well as in our own time where we are challenged by separation over our own disagreements.”

Bible Study

During each of the three days of Annual Conference 2025, Rev. Dr. AHyun Lee, associate professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Psychotherapy at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, led a Bible study titled “Rise Up and Go: Soul Care Amid Trauma and Despair”.

The Bible study focused on the words of Mark 5:35-43 (NIV), which grounded the services and sessions of Annual Conference 2025. The passage tells of Jesus raising Jairus’ daughter from death.

Rev. Dr. Lee stated at the beginning of the Bible study, “This passage isn’t really about Jairus’s daughter. She remains hidden in the shadows. Instead, Mark draws us into the painful world of her parents – Jairus and his unnamed wife – who face every parent’s worst fear. This isn’t simply a Bible story; it’s an invitation to face our own losses and uncertainties, head-on.”

She shared that the study was not about easy answers but courageous honesty.

“I challenge you to lean into this tension. Don’t hide your losses or uncertainties – face them. In naming our deepest pains, we begin the sacred work of healing and discover renewed strength to keep going.”

Opening Worship

Annual Conference 2025 began with a drum ceremony by the indigenous group Gray Cloud Singers from Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania followed by the traditional reading of our East Ohio Conference Land Acknowledgment, which reads in part: “We, the people of the East Ohio Area of The United Methodist Church, wish to acknowledge that our communities have been built on lands that many indigenous people once called home. We pay our respect to the Leni-Lenape, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Seneca, Cayuga, Ojibwa and Odawa peoples who lived in this area when settlers first arrived, and who were forced to relinquish their lands to the United States through a series of treaties, culminating in the Treaty of Greenville.”

Bishop Seong-Bok Kim, resident bishop of the Seoul Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church, was the guest preacher for the Opening Worship Service. His sermon, “The Voice of Scranton” highlighted the connection between the East Ohio Conference and Seoul, Korea – the life and ministry of William Scranton and his mother Mary. The two were living in Cleveland, Ohio



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when they answered the call 140 years ago to become among the first missionaries to Korea. The churches, schools and hospitals they began continues to positively impact lives in the country today.

“Calling is not something we decide or initiate ourselves. It comes from outside of us. It’s from God, that’s why it demands unconditional obedience,” Bishop Kim said during his sermon.

Ohio – Korea Ministry Partnership

A delegation of clergy and laity leaders traveled with Bishop Seong-Bok Kim from Korea to be present for the 56th session of Annual Conference in East Ohio. Bishop Kim introduced the delegation during the opening business session of Annual Conference and members participated in the opening evening Missions Dinner.

Bishop Jung and Bishop Kim celebrated the connectedness of The United Methodist Church and the Korean Methodist Church by jointly signing the Ohio-Korea Covenant of Ministry Partnership. The covenant aims to: foster mutual understanding and respect between the Partners; facilitate opportunities for shared ministry, including but not limited to, mission projects, theological dialogue, and leadership development; promote reciprocal prayer and support for each other’s ministries; encourage the exchange of personnel and resources, where appropriate and feasible, and strengthen our witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our respective contexts and globally.

The covenant states, in part: “We acknowledge and celebrate the rich history and diverse cultural contexts within which we serve. We affirm our mutual respect and desire to learn from one another, enriching our understanding of God’s grace and the global church.”

State of The Church Address

In his State of the Church Address, Bishop Jung shared, “We are God’s people, children of God, heirs

with Christ, bound together by our baptism, one body in Christ. The institution of the church will certainly change in the days and months to come, but the mission of the church will stay the same. God is unchanged; it is we who are moving apart. There is still great need in the world. Need for hope and healing. Need for purpose and meaning. Need for comfort and security. Need for daily bread, shelter, clothing, and health care. The needs continue to call us to serve, to love, and to give.”

The bishop highlighted the new vision statement of The United Methodist Church to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously before charging the laity and clergy of East Ohio to continue to lean on God as they serve their communities in good times and bad.

“Let us trust that the Spirit is doing something new, not only within our walls but across our regions. Because we are stronger together. Because the world needs a united Church. Because Jesus still sends us out – not alone, but in community – to make disciples and change lives.”

Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion

Day 2 of Annual Conference 2025 opened with the Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion during which the Conference celebrated and remembered the lives and ministries of 32 clergy, clergy spouses, and laity who entered the Church Triumphant since last year’s session.

“As we remember these faithful lives ... we honor them best by our own witness, our own dedication to peace and unity and healing, our own persistence to do what is right even when it isn’t easy or popular,” Bishop Jung said in his sermon.

Service of Licensing, Commissioning, Ordination, and Retirement

The final day of Annual Conference opened with the Service of Licensing, Commissioning, Ordination, and Retirement. The

service celebrated pastors and clergy who are just entering ministry and pastors and clergy who have served faithfully for years. Bishop Jung welcomed eight newly licensed local pastors and recognized and gave thanks to 20 retiring clergy. Bishop commissioned a provisional Deacon and ordained into full-membership one Deacon and three Elders.

Guest preacher Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton received a warm welcome during the service. He served as resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference from 1996-2004.

Bishop Keaton encouraged the clergy on stage and the laity and clergy in the pews of McGaw Chapel that they can do anything with God’s help and reminded them that they have come this far in their lives and their ministries on faith.

The bishop then challenged all to let God guide their lives.

“We’re too busy listening to what they say, instead of what Jesus says, what God says,” Bishop Keaton stated.

Cabinet Report

Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, dean of the East Ohio Conference Cabinet, opened his Cabinet Report by telling those gathered that he wanted to fill them in on a little secret – what Cabinet does.

“Every time we go into the Walton Room for Cabinet we pray, and then we sing hymns, and then we read scripture, and we reflect upon it deeply and then we go to praying, again, and fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit. And then, and only then, do we begin to take up the work of appointments and other aspects of superintendency,” he shared.

Following the report, Bishop Jung recognized Conference leaders on Cabinet and Connectional Ministries staff who will transition to retirement or new roles this summer and fixed the clergy appointments for the 2025-2026 church year.

Laity Report

“To my laity colleagues, I am so

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deeply grateful for your strong faith and unwavering commitment to our United Methodist Church,” said Kimberly Green, Conference lay leader, during her Laity Report. “I want you to know, I see you – and we see you.”

“We see you balancing professional careers while being active in your churches. We see you sharing your faith journey in non-traditional places. We see you extending hospitality – leading, nurturing, and drawing others back into relationship with God. We see you teaching classes and strengthening lay leadership development. We see you being present in our communities and serving your mission fields,” she said.

2026 East Ohio Conference Budget

Members of Annual Conference adopted the 2026 budget proposed by the Council on Finance & Administration. The \$8,337,276 budget for 2026 represents a 1.21% increase over the 2025 budget approved at last year’s Annual Conference.

Minimum Salaries for Clergy

Annual Conference 2025 approved the motion of the Commission on Equitable Compensation to increase the minimum salary for clergy across all categories by 5%. The minimum salaries in 2026 will be: \$51,485 for full members, associate members, and ordained clergy; \$46,268 for full-time local pastors who have completed the Course of Study; and \$43,663 for full-time pastors who have not completed the Course of Study.

Annual Conference Offering

You can still contribute to the Annual Conference offering (Fund 9214). The \$8,709.14 received during AC 2025 offering will support:

The Mary Scranton Memorial Mission Center is a proposed initiative by the Seoul Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church. This new mission center will serve as a hub for outreach, training,

and mission work while preserving the history of Korean Methodism and its connection to The United Methodist Church. The East Ohio Conference is honored to contribute to this effort, recognizing that Mary Scranton, one of the first Methodist missionaries to Korea, once called Ohio home.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Global Migration (Advance #3022144) addresses the global refugee and migration crisis. The fund provides relief and recovery in the form of food aid and legal and transportation services for vulnerable migrants and refugees with support to organizations working directly with these populations. It also supports migration-focused organizations that assist migrants in attaining legal status, litigating asylum claims, and resettling in U.S. communities.

The Bishop’s Discretionary Fund enables Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to support critical ministry needs throughout the East Ohio Conference and beyond. Through this fund, countless individuals and communities receive assistance in times of need.

Donate to the Annual Conference offering.

Missions and Ministry Opportunities

During the first two days of Annual Conference 2025 generous donors filled the Midwest Mission collection truck to capacity with home care kits, personal dignity kits, flood buckets and more – all to benefit those in need because of disasters and hardship. The truck’s presence on campus called attention to the Midwest Mission ministry and prompted the College to pledge a donation of 140 beds.

The ministry fair in the Scot Center featured 40 local church, district, conference and denomination ministries. Representatives of those ministries fostered relationships with clergy, laity, and one another during Annual Conference to reach new

people, young people, and more diverse people.

Clergy Executive Session

Annual Conference 2025 was preceded on June 11 by the Clergy Executive Session. In addressing the Elders, Deacons, and local pastors of East Ohio, Bishop Jung said, “In this challenging time, the Lord calls us to rise again and be the hope for the world and bring salvation.”

Resident bishop of both the East Ohio and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church, Jung told clergy, “We need to continually claim new life. We are related. We are friends. We are family. We are coworkers. We are colleagues. We are the sojourner. We are one together in Christ Jesus.”

Ohio Episcopal Area Task Team

Bishop Jung is in his first year as resident bishop of the Ohio Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church, comprised of the East and West Ohio Conferences. Leaders from both conferences are members of the Ohio Episcopal Area Task Team exploring the formation of a new, unified Annual Conference for all of Ohio.

“This team has been working for the past year, and our role is to gather, discuss, and discern relevant information each year and then report to the Annual Conferences. And all of this is done so that the Annual Conferences can make a faithful, prayerful, thoughtful, and fully informed decision in 2027 about becoming a new annual conference. So let me be very clear. The Task Team does not have the authority nor responsibility to make any decisions about this new annual conference. The decision to create a new annual conference is not made by the task team, the Cabinets, or the bishop. That decision will be made by the Annual Conferences themselves in 2027,” said Task Team Facilitator Rev. Doug Anderson in his Friday afternoon business session presentation.

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Closed Churches

The Board of Trustees recommended in part during its report to Annual Conference that the following churches be closed: Bellevue Seybert Memorial UMC (West Plains District), Canaan UMC (West Plains District), Clearview UMC (Central Valley District), Mt. Hope UMC (Central Valley District), Nellie Chapel UMC (South Forest District), Rogers UMC (Central Valley District), and Sebring UMC (Central Valley District).

“Bless, O God, new life in the legacy of these congregations. For we know that ‘death has been swallowed up in victory!’ And we say, ‘Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,’” said Rev. Cara Stultz Costello, Central Valley District superintendent during the report in celebrating the ministries of the churches.

Resolutions

Resolution 2025-01: “United Methodist Immigration Ministries of Ohio: Forming an Ohio Site of the Immigration Law & Justice Network” Adopted as amended

Resolution 2025-02: “Identifying and Opposing Apartheid in the Holy Land” Adopted

Resolution 2025-03: “What Are We Called To Do?” Adopted

Resolution 2025-04: “Opposition to Proposed SNAP Cuts and Their Detrimental Impact on Food Security and State Budgets” Adopted

Resolution 2025-05: “Opposition to Proposed Medicaid Cuts and Their Detrimental Impact on Healthcare Access and Economic Well-Being” Adopted

Annual Conference 2026

The 57th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference is June 11-13, 2026, at the College of Wooster.

*Rick Wolcott is executive director of Communications for the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist

#BeUMC

At Annual Conference

Pictured right is Pastor P. collecting a little Jesus from our new West Plains District Superintendent, Rev. Kelly Brown. He will begin his term on July 1st at the district office in Mansfield.



VBS: Road Trip – On The Go With God

The Huron Community Churches came together in June to host Road Trip Vacation Bible School at the Zion Lutheran Church. The daily “Mile Markers” the kids learned about were: God loves us when we go off course, God is with us when we’re lonely, and God loves us near and far. The three-day event consisted of music time (Pastor P. and Sally Sprunk), story time, crafts, snacks (Judy Haas), science and games (Alyson Wilson and Lisa Beebe.) Thank you to our above adult volunteers and our tween/teen helpers: Sydney Merckens, Ryelle Faller, and Alivia McFarland. (There are tons more photos on Facebook.)





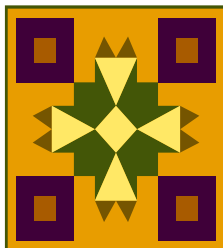
U-Knitted Nations

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

HUMC Quilt Connection

Our next sew day is Friday, July 18th (not July 4th due to holiday), 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.)



Please Update Us!!!

Many of our member records are still 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.



Ways To Fill The Virtual Plate

There are several giving options available through which to support the mission and ministry of HUMC.

- 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.



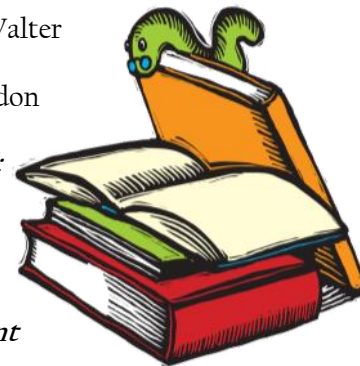
Huron Prayer Path Workday

The Prayer Path Work Day will be Saturday, July 12th, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Please join us as we work to maintain our beautiful Prayer Path. Dress for the weather. BYO garden gloves.



Pastor's Current Reading List

- *A GOSPEL OF HOPE* by Walter Brueggemann
- *VOYAGER* by Diana Gabaldon (Outlander Series, Bk. 3)
- *SINS AGAINST SCIENCE: How Misinformation Affects Our Lives And Laws* by Judi Nath
- *F-WORDS: Reframing Words Through A Different Lens* by Donna Reed
- *A TESTAMENT OF HOPE: The Essential Writings And Speeches* by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- *HOPE RISING: How The Science Of Hope Can Change Your Life* by Casey Gwinn, J.D. and Chan Hellman, Ph.D.
- *HOLY HELL: A Case Against Eternal Damnation* by Derek Kubilus



Milestone Briefs

BAPTISM:

- Addison Leigh McFarland, daughter of Joel McFarland and Melanie Reedy, on 6/1/25.

CONFIRMATION:

- Addison Leigh McFarland, daughter of Joel McFarland and Melanie Reedy, on 6/1/25.
- Lucie Jane Meyer, daughter of Matthew & Kelly Meyer, on 6/1/25.



Prayer Path Monster Mulch!

Due to last month's rainout, this is now happening on July 19th at the Huron Community Prayer Path, 930 S.

Main Street, 8:00 a.m.-??? Come help finish mulching the path and enjoy food, fellowship, and fun!! BYO rake. Contact 419-271-5271 with questions.



July Worship Plans

July 5/6: Fourth Weekend after Pentecost/
Communion

Scriptures: Psalm 30; *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sermon: "The Real Reason To Rejoice"

July 12/13: Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

Scriptures: Colossians 1:1-14; *Luke 10:25-37
Sermon: "You Must Love..."

July 19/20: Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

Scriptures: Colossians 1:15-28; *Luke 10:38-42
Sermon: "Are You Distracted?"

July 26/27: Seventh Weekend After Pentecost

Scriptures: Colossians 2:6-19; *Luke 11:1-13
Sermon: "Teach Us To Pray"

* denotes scripture used for basis of sermon

July Team Meetings & Church Events

- Trustees: Tuesday, July 8th, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.
- River Fest Parking Lot Fundraiser: Friday, July 11th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 12th, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., HUMC Parking Lot.
- HUMC Arts Academy: Monday -Thursday, July 21st-24th, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Closing Program at 6:00 p.m. Thursday.



Communion Elements

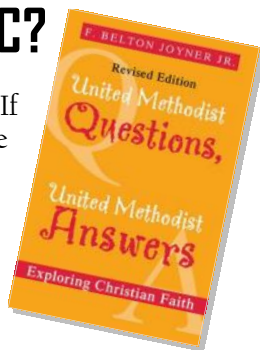
We have pre-packaged Communion elements available in the office for pick-up! Regular and gluten-free!

Interested In Becoming A Member Of HUMC?

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.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

10:00 Greeters/ Ushers

July 6:

Bob Hastings

July 13:

Becky & Tank Rogers

July 20:

Wanda & Mike Lyons

July 27:

Nancy Meyer



Liturgists

July 6:

8:00 Rob Hofner

10:00 Derek Callin

July 13:

8:00 Tom Sprunk

10:00 Al Meyer

July 20:

8:00 Marge Knight

10:00 Carol Schell

July 27:

8:00 Chip Houghton

10:00 Jack Hubbard

Money Counters

July 6:

Bob Hastings

Mark Claubaugh

July 13:

Barb Ringle

Donna Preston

July 20:

Mary Boos

Bonnie & Ben Lindsley

July 27:

Jane Meyer

Joe Beebe, Linda Wilson

Our Newsletter Is Available Online

Please remember that a digital copy of *The Circuit Rider* along with past issues can be found online on our website: www.huronumc.org.

July Birthdays

Julia Klinger	2
Laura (Beebe) Rawlins	3
Lynn Bronner	3
Karl Stierhoff	6
Mary See	9
Deana Claubaugh	9
Otis Bronner	15
Kasey Clayman	16
Kimberly King	16
Jessica Emery	17
Margaret Barbour	18
Alyson Wilson	19
Ryan Cook	21
Benjamin Fries	24
Peyton Potts	25
Jack Lesnett	27
Ginny Corbett	28
Scarlet King	30

Happy Birthday!



Ink & Toner Cartridges, Old Tech, Writing Instruments



Collection continues. Place in the box by the Fellowship Hall doors.

Other July Events

- Huron Prayer Path Car Wash: Saturday, July 26th, Noon-2:30 p.m., HUMC Parking Lot.



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. (in Park) and 10:00 a.m. (in 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/Handbell Choir Director: 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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Activities Capsules

LIFT Lite

Wednesdays through August
6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

CHAIR YOGA

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Cloggers' Practice

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

communion

Saturday/Sunday, July 5th/6th

Saturdays @ 5!

Relaxed Worship every Saturday evening
at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

U-Knitted Nations

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

Ballroom Dancing

Second Tuesday each month
6:30-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at Noon and
Wednesdays, July 9th & 23rd
5:00-6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, July 10th
11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

RIVER FEST PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Friday, July 11th, 5:00-9:00 p.m. and
Saturday, July 12th, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
HUMC Williams St. Parking Lot

Prayer Path Work Day

Saturday, July 12th
9:00 a.m.-Noon at Zion Lutheran Church

HUMC QUILT CONNECTION

Friday Sew Day: July 18th
Note: No Sew Day on July 4th
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Basement

Pantry Weekend

July 19th/20th

Circuit Rider Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, July 20th for August issue

HUMC Arts Academy

Monday-Thursday, July 21st-24th
9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Closing Program at 6:00 p.m. Thursday

HURON PRAYER PATH CAR WASH

Saturday, July 26th, Noon-2:30 p.m.
HUMC Parking Lot

Looking Ahead To August:

- Sign-Up for Confirmation Class 2025-2026 (for kids in the 4th grade and up)
- Youth All Night Party – August 8th/9th
- Blessing of the Back Packs – August 16th/17th
- Blessing of the Animals – August 24th (8:00 a.m. Worship Only)

See page 11 for July Team Meetings and other events.



HUMC Endowment Fund

"You can invest in tomorrow and in the future."

For Endowment Fund information, please contact any Fund Committee member: Chip Houghton, Carole Dreffer, or Mike Prosser.