

Ordinary Time

As we begin the month of June and enter into summer, the church calendar reminds us that we are entering a new church season known as “Ordinary Time.” This doesn’t seem an accurate title because our lives certainly don’t seem “ordinary” or “normal” right now.

Actually, the title refers to the part of the church year that is outside of Advent, Christmas Season, Lent, and Easter Season. Ordinarily, at this time of year, we are in the midst of celebrating graduations, planning summer vacations and family reunions.

Instead, many of us are still deciding if we are becoming brave enough to even leave our homes!

Over the past 15 months we have been experiencing church in a different way. We have been sharing the sermon online on Sunday mornings and we’ve been sharing a bit of music in various ways to add to the rest of the elements of worship.

It’s been a time to really test the idea that worship can happen anywhere – even at home in your pj’s! We are continuing to follow the recommendations of the Minnesota Conference as well as our local health professionals, and our HUMC Worship Safely Team has developed guidelines as we begin to resume worship at the church. These guidelines will be updated as often as necessary, and our Ad Council will continue to keep us informed.

Meanwhile, I have learned so much! I’ve become proficient in Zoom, YouTube, our Website, Facebook Live, and even Snapchat! And we have a wonderful tech team that has been working hard to keep us afloat during this time (Praise God!). And though it’s been good to be able to connect this way, I sure have missed the face-to-face contact! Friends, it is so good to be back, and we encourage you to come and join us!

For now, as we worship together in the sanctuary, we will wear masks, keep socially distanced, and provide lots of sanitizing options before, during and after worship, and do our visiting outdoors after worship. And please note that these protocols that

have been put in place for the safety of everyone, are only temporary, my friends. This too, shall pass.

As we move into Ordinary Time and no matter how extraordinary it actually is, we remember that we just celebrated Pentecost on May 23rd, and the Holy Spirit was given to each one of us so that God is as near to us as our breath and beating hearts!

Continue to worship God in every place you find yourself and be assured that God is with you! Hear the words of Psalm 104 and proclaim them with me: "I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive! Let my praise be pleasing to God! I'm rejoicing in the Lord! Let my whole being bless the Lord! Praise the Lord!" Be assured, you can worship God anytime and anywhere! Thanks be to God!

Stay healthy and keep the faith!

Pastor Lauren





- for those needing healing and comfort
- for those members in assisted living and homebound

- for our military: Derek Barnum, grandson of Pat Beaumont; John Johnson - deployed in the Middle East; Wyatt Hallstrom, grandson of Hank & Dolly Hallstrom; Colleen Mans, grand-daughter of Arlene Zimmerman; Matthew Schultz, grandson of Ann Schultz; Jess Swanson, grandson of Jackie Swanson;
- for our missionaries: Africa - Emily Dwyer, Deb & Rich Ried; Hungary - Richard & Martha Millhouse & family; Nicaragua - Belinda Forbes-Gutiérrez; Wycliff Bible Translators - Colin & Dee Murphy

If you would like to have a prayer request printed in the bulletin or newsletter, please inform the office. **Remember, due to patient privacy, please get the permission from the person needing prayers to have their name printed.**



April 2021 Mission Giving

DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING

Pastor's Discretionary Giving	\$300.00
Hubbard County Food Shelf	\$3,785.00
Nicaragua - Forbes	\$500.00
UMCOR	\$400.00
Brooklyn Park UMC	<u>\$747.50</u>
Total for Designated Giving	\$5,732.50

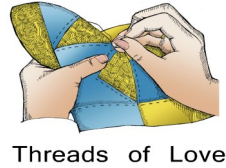
MISSION COMMITTEE GIVING

Total for Mission Committee Giving	<u>\$0.00</u>
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<u>Total Missions Giving</u>	<u>\$5,732.50</u>
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Care And Comfort



Threads of Love

Quilters Plan for “Quilting After COVID”

Sue Harmon, the HUMC Threads of Love Quilters leader throughout the past 15-month COVID-19 pandemic, has invited quilters and knitters to gather for an end-of-the-year outdoor picnic at her home on June 23, 2021. *Masks and social distancing may be required, depending upon CDC guidelines.*

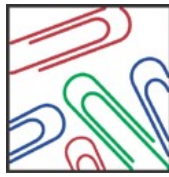
If you are interested in joining this mission activity and fellowship group, please plan on attending the June event to meet the HUMC quilters. Everyone is welcome and you do not need to be a sewer, quilter or knitter to join this group.

We expect that many of you have “show and tell” projects that you want to share. Please plan on bringing one or two (or a photo) of your favorite projects; it will be fun to see what has kept you busy!

At this “*what-a-year-this-has-been-picnic,*” we will discuss plans for returning to the church for weekly quilting sessions beginning in September. Please be thinking of any changes or new ideas you would like to suggest in programming. We will also be looking for volunteers to fill leadership roles as we move forward.

Threads of Love Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide care and comfort to members of our community of faith, the wider community and the world through the making of quilts and prayer shawls to those in need, those who are ill and/or those who are experiencing challenging times so that they may know that we care and continue to keep each of them in our prayers.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Please remember that the deadline for submitting information for the next month's newsletter is the **18th of the Month**. The next issue will be for **July** so all information needs to be in by **June 18th!**



**Newsletter
Deadline**



Volunteers from Hubbard United Methodist Church deliver Meals on Wheels to Park Rapids residents once every 5 weeks. This month, delivery will take place **May 31 -June 4**. If you are interested in becoming a delivery person for this rewarding activity, please contact Steve Hill at 218-252-8895. "Thank You" to our many dedicated volunteers.



Make a Difference in Your Life and the Lives of Others!

Hubbard UMC has a Telephone Prayer Chain and an Email Prayer Chain. You can pray any time, anywhere, in your own way. Joining our prayers together can really make a difference in many lives.

If you have questions or are interested in the email prayer chain contact: Deb Haagenson at debhaagenson@catholicealth.net and for the phone prayer chain call Gail Manlove at 218-366-5458.

Welcoming New Members

Rich and Shari Perrine are the newest members of Hubbard United Methodist Church. They joined HUMC on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. The Perrine's live on Moran Lake and have lived there since 1995.

For 30 years, Shari worked in a group home in Sebeka, MN and later in Menahga. She loves to garden and raises both flowers and vegetables. Her tomatoes are raise in treated straw bales. Shari is mother to four children and grandmother to nine.

Before retiring, Rick was a teacher, coach and athletic director in Sebeka. Rich and former HUMC pastor, Dave Brown, started "Storm Camp," which did volunteer service projects in this area.

Both Rich and Shari love to sing and both sing tenor. They are looking forward to singing in the church choir.

Welcome Rich and Sharie to HUMC.



Highly Esteemed

After returning from a lengthy mission trip overseas, John Huffman and his fellow passengers were held up in customs for two hours. When he finally made it to the packed airport lobby, Huffman realized it might take a while to find his family. But suddenly his 3-year-old daughter ran toward him yelling, “Daddy! Daddy! That’s my daddy!” and launched into his arms.

“What a welcome,” he writes. “I have never felt so loved and acknowledged in my life.” Perhaps that’s how God feels when we call on his name in worship and prayer, acknowledging him as our heavenly Father — and honoring him above all else.

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Our Way Out

While in London, Timothy Merrill was intrigued that signs with arrows read WAY OUT, rather than EXIT, as they do in America. “Everywhere I went, I saw signs that showed me the WAY OUT,” he writes. That made him ponder all the Bible characters who looked for a WAY OUT of predicaments. Moses looked for a WAY OUT of Egypt, Daniel certainly wanted a WAY OUT of the lions’ den and countless people thought (and still think) there’s no WAY OUT from their sins.

“The good news of the Gospel,” Merrill writes, “is that Jesus Christ is the WAY OUT! He is our exit from the messes and disasters we create. He is the exit from sin and unrighteousness. He is the WAY OUT of a life without purpose and the WAY IN to an abundant life. And the symbol of the WAY OUT is not an arrow but a cross. What a blessing to know that Jesus knows — and is — the WAY OUT!”

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Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC Love Offering - 2021

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. To donate to the Love Offering, send a check to Coon Rapids United Methodist Church with Conference Love Offering on the Memo line by June 7th.

The theme of the 2021 Annual Conference—taking place June 22-24—is “Jesus. Waymaker.” The Love Offering provides the opportunity to experience the joy of doing way-making work with Jesus—feeding the hungry, reaching out to the migrant, and providing ongoing opportunities to touch lives with God’s compassion and grace.

Bishop David Bard invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as a generous expression of God’s wild and extravagant love.

Our Love Offering this year is dedicated to feeding the hungry and ministering to migrants. The funds from this year’s offering will go to: The Methodist Border Friendship Commission (50 percent), host churches of Ruby’s Pantry (20 percent), the Matthew 25 food distribution (20 percent), and Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent).

Descriptions of recipients:

The Methodist Border Friendship Commission



*Recipient of 50 percent
of 2021 Love Offering*

The Methodist Border Friendship Commission (MBFC) is a ministry of the El Valle District of the Rio Texas Conference of the UMC. It supports a number of immigrant and refugee service organizations along the Texas border.

One such organization is La Posada Provencia shelter in San Benito, Texas. For over 30 years, La Posada Provencia has served individuals and families who flee to the United States due to political oppression, natural disaster, and other life-threatening actions in their native countries.

Currently it provides housing, English lessons, and life skill classes for six-12 months to about 24 people who are awaiting resolutions to their legal cases. These clients also receive assistance navigating paperwork and the complex immigration process. School-age children are enrolled in local schools so they don't fall behind in their education.

Due to a recent influx of immigrants, La Posada is also helping more than 20 newly arrived immigrants and asylum seekers per day with meals and shelter before they continue to their destination. La Posada provides them with backpacks, clothing, snacks, and children's activities for the final leg of their journey.

Funds from the Love Offering will help provide supplies, shelter, and transportation for both the long-term and short-term clients.

Ruby's Pantry host churches



Recipient of 20 percent of 2021 Love Offering

Albert Lea UMC, First UMC (the Coppertop) in Duluth, and Forest Hills UMC in Forest Lake each host monthly Ruby's Pantry grocery distributions at their churches as a way to live out

Jesus' call to feed the hungry and love our neighbor.

For a \$20 donation used to cover food storage and transportation, each guest receives an abundance of high-quality grocery items. Between the three churches, groceries are provided to

about 750 households each month. This portion of the 2021 Love Offering will be shared by the three churches and will be used to purchase supplies needed to facilitate the distribution and to pay for shares for families who are unable to pay the \$20.00

Matthew 25 food distribution



Recipient of 20 percent of 2021 Love Offering

Originating at Spirit River Community UMC in Isanti 12 years ago, this food distribution ministry has been relaunched as a partnership between Spirit River, the Spirit River Foundation, and Coon Rapids UMC.

Matthew 25 is based on Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Once a month, groceries sourced from corporate and community partners are prepared by volunteers and distributed to everyone who comes, no questions asked. Currently, groceries are freely given to 600-800 families per month. Soon, a second location in partnership with St. Andrew Lutheran Church in East Bethel will serve even more people. This portion of the Love Offering will be go towards the purchase of storage shelves, a pallet jack, refrigerators, and packaging materials so that Matthew 25 can extend its ministry.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) scholarships

Recipient of 10 percent of 2021 Love Offering

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) participants of every age serve in all 50 states and more



than 100 countries. Most teams from Minnesota spend up to two weeks working on hands-on projects in construction, disaster response, teaching, health care, and packing supplies for overseas shipment. Team members pay their own way, and every year, 10 percent of the Love Offering goes to help offset the cost for first-time participants.



Visitors: Watch the live stream

Due to the structure of the technology we are using for our virtual session, only those who are voting members will be in the Zoom webinar. However, visitors will be able to watch the proceedings live on the Minnesota Conference Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC/> (a Facebook account is *not* required to watch). For visitors who are interested: A recording of a pre-conference workshop will be made available in early June for you to watch in preparation for conference. A recording of the key components of the conference sessions will be made available after the event.



If we missed your name on this list, please call the office so it can be corrected. Also, please let us know if you are celebrating a special birthday or anniversary and would like this included in our newsletter. We wish all of those celebrating in Birthdays Best Wishes!

June Birthdays

Nancy Jordheim	1
Chris Kalm	1
Jim Tanner	1
Pat Gordon	4
Avaunne Hed	8
Judy Fedje	9
Sue Kuhn	10
Mary Hutchins	13
Laura Spolum	14
Neal Aronson	15
Steve Hill	17
Janell Saunders	21
Jean Aronson	24
Alan Fietek	24
Diane Thoelke	25
Kay Schultz	26
Jim Pieper	27
Kaylyn Anderson	27
Jeff Lund	28

July Birthdays

Meghan Johnson	3
Stu Hamilton	6
Vida Hume	6
Sally Wizik Wills	6
Linda Larson	7
Dale Captain	8
Merrie Ellen Bergeth	9
Jack Alwin	10
Bill Skelton	14
Bob Wills	14
Terry Seter	15
Lois Captain	17
Glynn Davis	17
Bob Smith	19
John Rasmussen	19
Pat Peterson	20
Jan Pieper	20
Cheryl Howland	21
Jean Aronson	24
Alice Strom	25
Pat Beaumont	26
Diane Balk	29
Bill Daugherty	29
Evelyn Davis	29
Marie Nordberg	30
Bonnie Williams	31



June Anniversaries

Arnie & Sue Kuhn	2
Bob & Sue Heggen	10
Doug & Avaunne Hed	11
Bob & Andrea Otto	11
Don & Diane Balk	13
Bill & Shirley Brunsdale	17
Noel & Judy Fedje	23
Curt & Ruth Bakken	23
Bob & Sally Wizik Wills	26
Stu & Gail Hamilton	26

July Anniversaries

John & Jan Landess	8
Brad & Trudy Laabs	9
Bob & Betsy Roman	10
Ken & Renee Manlove	11
Bret DeGeer & Pat Peterson	12
Dave & Diane Thoeke	12
Carl & Carol Wall	18
John & Christie Rasmussen	18



A Father's Legacy

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in *Bible Study Magazine*. Joseph obeyed God — despite the risk to his reputation — by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised *the* Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "new exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son."

"Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."

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CDC Updates Guidelines for Individuals Fully Vaccinated

On May 13, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated recommendations once again for those fully vaccinated against COVID.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, or local regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Resume domestic travel; refrain from testing before or after travel, or self-quarantine after travel.
- Refrain from quarantine or testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic (some exceptions apply). Fully vaccinated people should get tested if experiencing COVID symptoms.
- Refrain from routine screening testing.

Masks continue to be required for public transportation and healthcare settings regardless of vaccination status.

The updated guidance was issued because science is showing:

- COVID vaccines are effective at preventing COVID disease, especially severe illness and death.
- COVID vaccines reduce the risk of people spreading COVID.

What science is still learning about vaccines includes:

- How effective the vaccines are against variants of the COVID virus.
- How well vaccines protect people with weakened immune systems.
- How long the vaccines can protect people.

Masking and social distancing are still recommended for many situations for unvaccinated people. (See infographic following this article.) Masking works. Vaccination works better. Vaccination is the best strategy to protect yourself and others against COVID illness, especially severe illness and death.

Living with the Pandemic: Minnesota and Hubbard County COVID-19 Activity

- Minnesota reached another milestone during the month of May, exceeding 600,000 COVID cases. Statewide, COVID cases and hospitalizations are declining.
- May was the one-year anniversary of the 1st COVID case in Hubbard County. Cases continued above desired levels in Hubbard County during May with 113 new COVID cases through of 5/26. (Hubbard had 184 cases in April and only 31 new cases in March.)
- The 14-day test positivity rate for Hubbard County is 7.7% for the period ending 5/18/21. This is down from 11% the prior week, but above the 5% level of concern. (The Hubbard positivity rate was 10.3% at the end of April and 1.9% at the end of March.)
- Vaccination rates through 5/25/21 (at least one dose) for Minnesotans and Hubbard County residents are as follows:

	Minnesota	Hubbard County
12+	61%	44%
65+	89%	71%
Total Population	52%	38%

Deb Haagenson
HUMC Parish Nurse

Sources for the above information plus additional resources include:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

- Choosing Safer Activities Infographic on page 16

Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



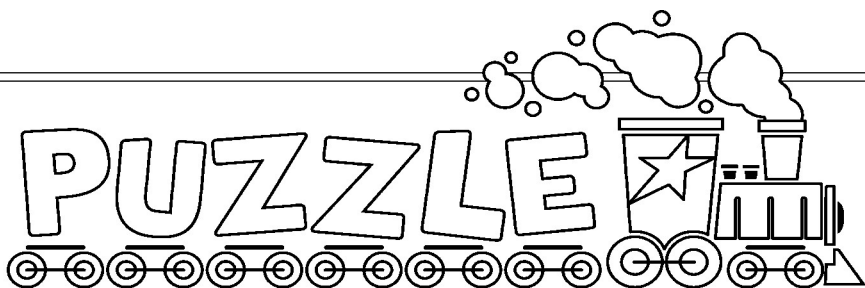
Take prevention measures
Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this. _____

Before using this, you must break it. _____

This falls without getting hurt. _____

This gets bigger the more you take away. _____

This has an eye but cannot see. _____

“In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit

to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.”

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HUBBARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AD COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2020

Members present are shown in bold: Richard Anderson, Tom Carew, Joy Derr, Deb Haagenson, Rob Hallstrom, Sue Harmon, Tom Harmon, Jeff Hauger, Marvel Haynes, John Kissler, Arnie Kuhn, Betty Larsen, Noel Moore, Peg Novak, Cherilyn Sinner, Margi Taggart, Joanne Torfin, Carol Wall and Pastor Lauren.

Call to Order: The meeting to order by John Kissler

Devotions: Pastor Lauren discussed Philippians 4:8 Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things and have respect for one another.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lauren shared stats from our website and how viewers are coming from all over the world.

Finance Report: The April financial reports were emailed to all members. We had Operating Income for April of \$18,695.48 and Operating Expenses for April of \$19,617.14. This gives us a net operating loss for April of \$921.66. Our year to date Operating Income is \$166,398.51 with year to date Operating Expenses of \$139,009.06, leaving us Net Operating Income of \$27,389.45.

Parish Nurse: Deb Haagenson reported on the COVID 19 situation in our area. She said that the case numbers are higher and continue to be cautious.

On-Going Business: A motion was made by Joy Derr, seconded by Arnie Kuhn to go back to in person worship on May 23, 2021 following the recommendations of the "Return to Church Safely Team". The motion passed.

A motion was made by Richard Anderson, seconded by Deb Haagenson to add a Multi-Generational Coordinator to our staff. The motion passed.

We will advertise for this position, a Music Director, Tech person and a Custodian. Brenda would like to move toward retirement and would be willing to job share so we will advertise for that position as well.

Technology: Jeff Hauger distributed a detailed synopsis of the AV needs. After discussion a motion was made by Richard Anderson, seconded by Betty Larsen to have funds available, not to exceed, \$30, 000, to upgrade the tech equipment. The tech team is to report to the Ad Council as it progresses. The motion passed.

New Business: Hubbard UMC will be hosting an Annual Conference on June 23, 2021

Building usage was discussed and it was agreed to have the Noon Hour Concerts again.

The Mission Team is assembling UMCOR cleaning kits.

Summer Camperships will be available if the camps are open.

Upcoming Events: In person worship May 23, 2021
 Church Clean-up Day May 19, 2021
 at 1:00PM

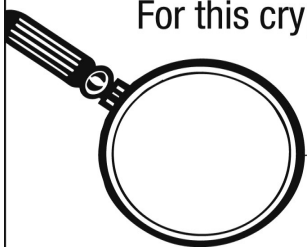
Next Meeting: June 10, 2021, at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marvel Haynes, Secretary

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.



CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

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C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

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R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

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C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

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Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV