

## *"I See Christ in 'You'"*

Greetings, Hubbard Family!

Two years ago, during our worship service, I was presented with a beautiful quilt from our Hubbard Quilters as I became your new pastor here at HUMC. I was totally overcome and speechless with such generosity and show of appreciation. However, I also know that this symbol of appreciation was not only meant for me – but it represented how so many of you feel about this congregation and this community as well.

Honestly, I have been so overwhelmed by all that has happened in the past two years that I scarcely remember all of the wonderful words that were shared on that first day! This week I was going through some of my things, and I came across the letter I wrote for the first newsletter. In it, I shared a letter from one of you, *who shall continue to remain nameless*, who not only welcomed me, but also shared what this church means to him.

What follows are his words, and I would like to share them with you again, so that you all can see what a blessing you are not only to me, but to each other:

*"Greetings Pastor Lauren and welcome to Hubbard Church! My family and I are blessed to be part of Hubbard UMC. Hubbard is a church of open arms, caring - with a loving heart, diverse, open to all despite of their color, poor, rich, sick, ability or status in life. I love this church and I wanted you to know in just a small way, how I see Christ in Hubbard United Methodist Church every single day. I see Christ when our families cannot sleep, worrying that their kids may be struggling, and we lift them up in prayer.*

*I see Christ in the Choir each Sunday as they share their gift of music. I see Christ in our Mission Statement that appears on the front of the bulletins. I see Christ in the persons who welcome me each week. I see Christ in the flower arrangements that are placed on the tables in the Fellowship hall, and up front in the sanctuary. I see Christ each week in the announcements shown on the video screen and the TV in the welcome area, in the sound booth and even sitting on the floor of the sound booth.*

*I see Christ in the way our facility is cared for.*

*I see Christ in the children's faces, in the faces in the pews and in the names etched into our Memorial Garden stones. I see Christ in through our missions – through Well Spring, the Food Shelf, the Pastoral Discretionary Fund and countless other missions that this church supports. I see Christ in the wear and tear on the carpet that tells me that this place is well used.*

*I see Christ in the leadership, the staff, the prayers, the fellowship, the tending of the sick, and in the pouring of the coffee. And because I see and experience Christ in all these things, I honestly say that others are able to experience Christ through me.*

*So, my family and I want you to know that we have something unique here and our story is ready to be shared. We are excited to begin this new journey with you and are grateful and blessed to be a part of Hubbard UMC.*

*Our church is growing bountifully and spiritually, and we are excited to have you join in this marvelous adventure.”*

Friends, though some of these things have changed a bit over the past two years and will likely continue to change as the next year progresses, it has certainly not been easy with all that has happened in our world, yet through it all you have remained faithful, steadfast and true, and what this person shared with me continues to be what Hubbard United Methodist Church is all about. What remains true is we DO have something unique here and our story IS ready to be shared. These words truly help us to remember who we are and what it means to be a Christ-centered church.

I am so proud and honored to be a part of this congregation and to serve as pastor in this loving, giving, serving church. I often do not have the words and I still don't know how to fully express my gratitude at the kindness and graciousness my husband and I have received. All I know is that God is truly in this place and what a joy it is to be part of Hubbard UMC.

Thank you again for your generosity and love. Thank you to the church who faithfully, tirelessly, and lovingly live out Christ's love here and in the world.

May God continue to bless us and show us how to serve.  
Peace and grace,  
Pastor Lauren

## *Your Mission Committee at Work!*

### UMCOR Volunteers



An urgent call went out for Cleaning Kits and HUMC responded. These items will be used to bring relief to the people in Louisiana and Haiti. Two full pick-up loads were delivered to Brainerd, put on a semi and were on their way last Monday. Thanks to all who helped!





- *for those needing healing and comfort*
- *for 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; Jess Swanson, grandson of Jackie Swanson
- *for our missionaries:* Africa- Deb & Rich Reid; Hungary- Richard & Martha Milhouse & family

*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.*

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## August 2021 Mission Giving

### DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING

Wellspring	\$300.00
Three Churches	\$2,200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	\$814.20
UMCOR	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
<b>Total for Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$4,434.20</b>

### MISSION COMMITTEE GIVING

UMCOR Kits	\$22.00
<b>Total for Mission Committee Giving</b>	<b><u>\$22.00</u></b>

<b><u>Total Missions Giving</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,456.20</u></b>
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# MUSIC

## News



It is fall and that means it's  
time to say goodbye to  
Cheryl & Steve  
Steinborn.

*Thank you,* Cheryl for  
sharing your piano and  
organ talents with us-  
what a treat!!  
&

*Welcome back*  
to Terry Greenawalt who  
will continue to play the  
lovely accompaniment that  
makes worship so  
enjoyable.

## *Sigh....*

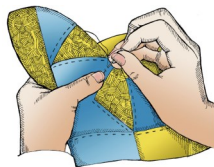
*Choir*  
is "on pause" for the time  
being as we continue to  
monitor the health situation  
in Hubbard County.

But for Heaven's Sake, keep  
on singing!

(We are also looking for  
anyone who would like to  
share their musical talents  
with us.)



# Care And Comfort



Threads of Love

## ***"Oliver's Quilt"***

Kudos to Oliver Manlove and Sue Harmon who collaborated this past year to create *"Oliver's Quilt."*

"More than a year ago Oliver's mother, Renee, approached the Threads of Love Quilters, asking if we could make a quilt for Oliver," explained Sue, chair of the HUMC quilters group. However, the COVID-19 changed everything. The quilters weren't meeting!

Because of the pandemic, Sue decided she had the time, and it would be more meaningful if she and Oliver worked on the project together.

"Oliver wanted a quilt with a cross in the center, using all the colors of the rainbow," said Sue, who took Oliver to a local fabric store, Monika's, to pick out fabric. Over the next several months she and Oliver cut and designed the quilt, meeting at her home studio.

Sue completed the quilt top and arranged for it to be quilted. According to Sue, all quilts should include a label with name of the quilter and the year it was completed.



"Today I gave Oliver his completed quilt. He was very pleased. On the label I added a list of "I Spy" items that he can hunt for in the fabrics, ie: stars, daisies, fire, checkerboard, pizza, state of Minnesota, etc. He is very proud of his accomplishments." Picture by Sue Harmon



## *UMW Special Recognition Award*

It is always a hard task to select the recipients of this special award. We are blessed to have so many people to choose from! However we are very pleased to recognize Carol & Carl Wall for their outstanding work here at Hubbard Church and in the community. Congratulations and many Blessings as you begin a new adventure!

## **In other UMW news:**

The parking lot sale ended (after nearly all expenses) with a terrific profit of \$1818.23! Wow! Donations will be made to the Millhouses, Jail Bible Ministry and others to be decided at our October 6, meeting.

Thanks to all who helped make this a big success!

Also, six of our members attended the Sebeka Salad Luncheon held Sept.15 at the Sebeka Methodist Church. The food was delicious and the speaker, a young women going into ministry, was very inspiring.





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!

### October Birthdays

Ava Bolton	1
Joy Derr	1
Sue Harmon	4
Christopher Bolton	5
Nadine Wheeler	7
Fred Nordstrom	7
Bob Heggen	10
Betsy Roman	14
Gary Barrett	19
Arlene Zimmerman	20
John Landess	22
Keith Hein	24
Wanda Mead	24
Marshall Kalm	26
Steve Steinborn	27
Judy Johnson	28
Trudy Laabs	28
Kevin Berry	31

### November Birthdays

Doug Rathbun	1
Arnie Kuhn	2
Marj Nordstrom	3
Angie Hutchins	4
Pam Davis	7
Ron Taggart	7
Randy Wimmer	9
Denise Kissner	10
Liz Stevens	13
Aaron Kjenaas	13
Carol Wall	13
Neil Jordheim	16
Dennis Bolton	19
Travis Bolton	23
Betty Larsen	26
Bob Stevens	26
Christie Rasmussen	28



### October Anniversaries

Bill & Edye Olson	10
Tom & Noel Moore	12
Paul & Jenny Seaton	15
Larry & Karen Odegard	16
Douglas & Maxine Rathbun	23
Don & Deb Haagenon	25
Fred & Marj Nordstrom	28

### November Anniversaries

Janet McMillen	
& Marshall Howe	8
Bob & Liz Stevens	9
John & Denise Kissner	13
Nancy Seaberg	
& Bonnie Williams	23
Bill & Cherilyn Sinner	25





To all members HUMC,  
I appreciate all the support and prayers. It's your support and prayers that gives me the strength to move forward each day.  
With love  
~Arlene Valentin.

## Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline for submitting information for the next newsletter is the 18th of the month.

The next issue is the November issue so all information needs to be in by **October 18th.**



Volunteers from Hubbard United Methodist Church deliver Meals on Wheels to Park Rapids residents once every 5 weeks. This month, delivery will take place **October 18-22**. 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@catholichealth.net](mailto:debhaagenson@catholichealth.net) and for the phone prayer chain call Gail Manlove at 218-366-5458.

# United Methodists pitch in with Afghan resettlement

By Sam Hodges

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Methodist World Missions



A U.S. airman with the Joint Task Force-Crisis Response embraces a mother after helping reunite her family at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 20. United Methodist churches, conferences, agencies and partner nonprofits are working to help arriving refugees make a good start in the U.S. Photo by Cpl. Davis Harris, U.S. Marine Corps.

Kingstowne Communion doesn't have a building. Throughout the pandemic, this new United Methodist church in Alexandria, Virginia, has met online and in pop-up services at parks and other public places.

Though homeless itself, Kingstowne recently furnished an apartment for an Afghan refugee family of three. That meant finding beds, a sofa (ordered by a donor through Amazon) and other furniture. Extra touches included a front door wreath and a welcoming batch of Afghan cookies.

"This radical hospitality is what we're called to do," said the Rev. Alyssa Densham, associate pastor at Kingstowne Communion, which began as a worshipping community five years ago and became an independently chartered church earlier this year.

For the rest of the story....go to [www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org)

## *Did You Know?*

That the "Charge Conference" is the basic governing body of each UM local church? It is composed of all the members of the church council and must meet at least once a year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church. Once a year we come together in this annual meeting to get the latest information on our church.

Whether it's the budget or UMW or the Mission Team it is good to celebrate what has been done in the past year and what the goals are for the future. The fiscal year for HUMC ends on September 30th, so it is important to start off the new year knowing where we are headed, elect our Officers and vote on the budget.

See you there!

Charge Conference  
October 3, 2021  
10:00 am



**HELP WANTED** We are looking for volunteers to help out in several different areas:

- ♦ Office Assistants- answer phones & simple tasks
- ♦ Communion Stewards- to help prepare communion
- ♦ Music- anyone who is willing to share their musical talents

*Give us a call* at 218-732-0224

HUBBARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AD COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 23, 2021

**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 Kisser, Arnie Kuhn, Betty Larsen, Noel Moore, Peg Novak, Cherilyn Sinner, Margi Taggert, Joanne Torfin, Carol Wall and Pastor Lauren.

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order by John Kisser

**Devotions:** Pastor Lauren shared Acts 16 – God's plan is not our plan.

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

**Finance Report:** The proposed 2021/2022 budget was presented. A motion was made by Richard Anderson, seconded by Carol Wall to present it to the Charge Conference. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Margi Taggert, seconded by Joy Derr, to update the people who are authorized to use the Church Credit Card. It will be Pastor Lauren \$2,500; Sue Kuhn \$2,000; Noel Moore \$1,250; the total credit limit will be \$5,750. The motion passed

Richard Anderson made a motion, seconded by Joy Derr, to authorize John Kisser, Rob Hallstrom and Noel Moore to sign checks for the church. The motion passed.



## **On-Going Business:**

COVID-19 – Again the Hubbard County positivity rate climbed above 5% so we will require social distancing and masks until the rate drops. We will review it each week.

Jeff Hauger presented a Digital Campus possibility and there is a \$1,000 grant available. The purpose is to reach people that would not be reached otherwise. It was decided to go ahead with the grant application and ask for volunteers to attend the sessions.

## **Upcoming Events -**

Annual Charge Conference –  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> (After Worship)  
Leadership Institute –  
September 29-October 1  
Conference Gathering at our Church –  
October 20th

**Next Meeting:** October 14, 2021 – 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marvel Haynes, Secretary





## COVID Vaccine Additional and Booster Doses Authorized

In August **additional** COVID vaccine doses were authorized for people moderately to severely immunocompromised. These are usually people who have a disease and/or are taking treatments that

result in a weakened immune system. Additional doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for immunocompromised people can be administered at least 28 days following their initial two-dose series. The additional dose is to help these individuals mount a better immune response to COVID.

Also, in September, **booster** doses of the Pfizer COVID vaccine were authorized. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following people should get a booster dose of Pfizer COVID vaccine at least six months after the second dose:

- People 65 years and older
- Residents in long-term care settings
- People 50-64 with certain underlying medical conditions.

Booster dose recommendations at this time are only for those who received Pfizer vaccine as their primary series. Data and recommendations for the Moderna and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine booster doses are expected in the coming weeks.

## It's Time for Flu Shots

Influenza or “flu” season in the United States typically begins in October and runs through March.

The CDC recommends 3 actions to prevent flu:

1. Get a flu vaccine;
2. Practice everyday preventive actions; and
3. Take antiviral medication to treat flu if your provider prescribes them.

There are several benefits of getting a flu vaccination. Flu vaccines can keep you from getting sick with flu. Flu vaccinations have been shown to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick. Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization. Getting vaccinated protects you and the people around you. It is recommended to get a flu vaccine by the end of October but getting vaccinated anytime during the flu season can help protect you.

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

	Cases (9/27/21)	CDC 7-day + rate (9/27/21) ≥5% = moderate ≥8% = substantial ≥10% = high	CDC case rate/100K (9/27/21) ≥10 = moderate ≥50 = substantial ≥100 = high	Transmis- sion Level
<b>Minnesota</b>	699,966 cases 8,098 deaths	7.10%	276.00	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>Hubbard County</b>	2,442 cases 41 deaths	12.58%	451.35	<b>HIGH</b>

Minnesota passed the grim milestone of over 8000 deaths in August and we are close to surpassing 700,000 COVID cases. New COVID cases have continued to increase through August with positivity rates and hospitalizations that have now surpassed the surge levels from last April.

COVID case volumes in Hubbard County during September increased from the previous month.

New COVID cases	Hubbard County
Jul	28
Aug	150
Sep (thru 9/27)	292



Vaccination rates through 9/21/21 for Minnesotans and Hubbard County residents are as follows:

	65+	12+	Total Pop- ulation
Minnesota	93%	72%	61%
Hubbard County	83%	58%	50%

The vaccine breakthrough COVID infection rate in Minnesota is 0.75% as of 9/20/21.

Most of the United States continues to have a high level of COVID transmission. To protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often.
- Wear a mask in indoor public places.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Stay at least 6 feet from other people not from your household.
- Get vaccinated.

Deb Haagenson  
HUMC Parish Nurse

Sources for the above information plus additional resources include:

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data-Test-Positivity-Rates/q5r5-gjyu>  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html#map1>  
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/vaccine-benefits.htm>  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDH/bulletins/2f46c72>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html>