

Northern Voice Newsletter

May, 2022

“AND”

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Dr. Michael Adam Beck writes in the forward to the book, “Both/And” by Jason Moore: “We are living in a Great Commission moment. Moore’s book opens by grounding it in a Biblical passage that has historically been central to the Church’s fundamental purpose in the world. In essence, Jason picks up where Matthew leaves off, with Jesus’ closing commission.

In that final post-resurrection appearance, Jesus stands on a Galilee mountain in all his glorious, wound-bearing, death conquering fullness, and sends the disciples out to be a continuation of his own life in the world. He authorizes and sends them, instructing them that as they go along the journey of life, they should make disciples, little mini-Christ’s, who live, walk, talk, and love like Jesus. This commission is global in scope, encompassing all peoples and the entire world. It will require them to cross boundaries, geographic, political, cultural, and religious.

This is what those first disciples did. They left the sense of comfort and familiarity behind. Courageously, they moved into places they had never even dreamed of before. They learned new customs, new languages, new ways of communicating, new ways of forming community, and new ways to worship. In many cases they experienced rejection and resistance, from both inside the community, and outside of it.

From that time until now, Christians have been crossing boundaries, sharing the gospel, and exploring new forms to worship the living God.



In every generation, time, and place, followers of Jesus must find faithful ways to do this. Boundary crossing worship takes place in new and ever-changing contexts. In the 21st Century, the new boundary to be crossed is a digital one. As Fred Rogers once famously said, 'The space between the television set and the viewer is holy ground. A lot happens – a lot happens – there.' Indeed, what if the space between our screens is holy ground? What if we find ourselves on a new missional frontier, in a Great Commission moment?

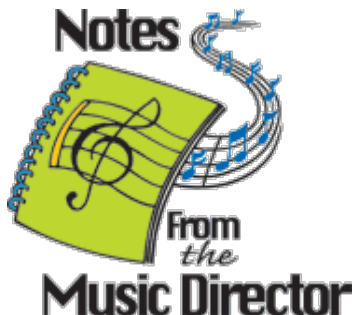
We live in a time coined 'The Digital Age,' This has not only revolutionized how we communicate; it has changed how human beings think, work, fall in love, live, and worship.

When we went through our Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) process, we concluded that we needed a "Third Place" to reach out to others. During the past two years, we have realized that we must now see the Online Space as a new kind of "third place". Thus, the Digital Campus has evolved.

Beck continues "The forms of Christian worship have been changing ever since that first group of disciples descended that mountain in Galilee and started crossing boundaries. The forms of the church will continue to change, as the gospel takes on flesh, and moves into the neighborhood (John 1). This is true whether we are talking good old fashioned, cell swapping, molecule exchanging, face to face, flesh, and blood community that 'makes our joy complete' (2 John 12). Or the fresh exchange of pixels and distanced contact mediated through the multitude of digital flows in bits and bytes. Real people gather there too. For real community. And real worship.

On this new missional frontier, we will need to be a blended ecology of worship. Worship that is 'gathered AND scattered,' 'centered AND dispersed,' 'attractional AND missional,' 'digital AND analog,' 'onsite AND online.' The key word for Jason, is the genius of 'AND' and he will advocate here for diverse modes of worship living together in a synergistic way. This both/and way allows us to rethink how we carry out the Great Commission. It provides us a fresh vision for how Hubbard Church can be about our boundary crossing mission. Ultimately, it shows us how we can reach new people and invite them into a journey of following Jesus. So, get ready for an exciting journey onto a new missional frontier!"

Blessings during this Easter season! *Pastor Lauren*



The choir was so excited to be back singing for Palm Sunday and for Easter Sunday!

It has been two years since we have been able to celebrate the Risen Lord through song.

If winter ever decides to leave, we know that many will return and we hope that you will join us - because singing is good for the soul!

We sing the first and third Sunday of each month.

Rehearsals are Wednesday at 7pm prior to the Sunday we sing and at 8am on the Sunday we sing.

Sing May 1st and May 15th

Rehearsal Wed. May 11th



Help Wanted:

Digital Communications Coordinator

Hubbard UMC in Park Rapids is seeking a PT Digital Communications Coordinator to manage the church's digital platforms, such as social media, website, livestream, and other forms of digital interaction.

Give Pastor Lauren a call!



Monthly Mission News



Meals on Wheels helps seniors 60 and over maintain good health and remain in their homes longer, preventing premature nursing home placement, by providing nutritious, well-balanced meals. Meals are provided 7 days a week as needed with weekend meals being delivered with the Friday meal. Meals are delivered by volunteers with Hubbard United Methodist taking one week every 5 weeks. For some seniors, the Meals on Wheels volunteer may be the only human contact they have during that week. This program is as rewarding for the volunteer it is for the seniors.



Tammy Kleespie prepares the meals and organizes the meals in a way that makes for a smooth efficient delivery system.



John Kissser



Jeff Hauger picking up meals

A meal, and
so much more.



WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry™



March Mission Giving

MISSION COMMITTEE

UMCOR-UKRAINE ADVANCE	\$2,000.00
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Total Mission Committee	\$2,000.00
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DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING

UMCOR-UKRAINE ADVANCE	\$14,483.00
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Hubbard County Food Shelf	\$3,850.00
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HC Food Shelf(cks written directly to Food Shelf)	\$1,100.00
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TOTAL MISSION GIVING	\$16,483.00
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Bible Humor

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: Genesis 1:1 reads "In the big inning." Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

A: Ruthless.

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 and for the phone prayer chain call Gail Manlove at 218-366-5458.

- *Pray for healing and comfort for those in need. (Please refer to the weekly prayer guide for details)*
- *for members in assisted living and those who are home bound.*
- *for our military:* Derek Barnum, grandson of Pat Beaumont; John Johnson - deployed in the Middle East; Jess Swanson, grandson of Jackie Swanson
- *for our missionaries:* Africa - Deb & Rich Ried; Hungary - Richard & Martha Millhouse & family; Nicaragua - Belinda Forbes-Gutiérrez

*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.***



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO
Prayer.
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Care And Comfort



Threads of Love

Blessing of the Quilts & End-of-the-Year Luncheon

"Love is the thread that binds us."

The Threads of Love Quilters will be busy during the month of May, finishing as many quilts as possible for HUMC's traditional "Blessing of the Quilts" set for Sunday, June 12, during the morning worship service.

"Quilts and fleece blankets will be displayed in the sanctuary, and we will ask the congregation to join us in blessing these quilts for those in need of care and comfort," said Sue Harmon, coordinator of the quilting group. Following the service, many of the quilts and fleece blankets will be bundled for distribution to local organizations such as the Pregnancy Resource Center and Social Services, and elementary schools in Park Rapids and Nevis. Quilts are available to local families in crisis, and some are kept for distribution during the summer months.

The quilters have also scheduled an end-of-the year luncheon for June 12 - a potluck at the home of Sue Harmon beginning at 11:30 a.m.

"We will be outside, unless we still have snow," laughed Sue.

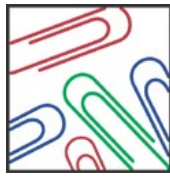
Quilters are asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share; drinks will be provided. Thank you to Jill Eisele and Janell Saunders for helping with this event.

Please RSVP to Sue Harmon, susan.harmon2011@gmail.com or 708-370-0933 to let her know if you are coming and what you intend to bring. "Show and Tell" is encouraged. Anyone interested in joining the group, plus all past and current quilters are encouraged to attend. All are welcome!

"We look forward to nicer weather and seeing everyone," said Sue.

~ Joy Derr

Check out the new **HUMC Bulletin Board**
Especially our new feature called "Member Spotlight."
Let's shine a light on all the noteworthy activities of our
members and attenders!



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Volunteers from HUMC deliver **Meals on Wheels** to Park Rapids residents once every 5 weeks. This month, delivery will take place May 16-20. If you are interested in becoming a delivery person for this rewarding activity, please contact Arnie Kuhn at 701-730-3667.

"Thank You" to our many dedicated volunteers.

Newsletter Deadline

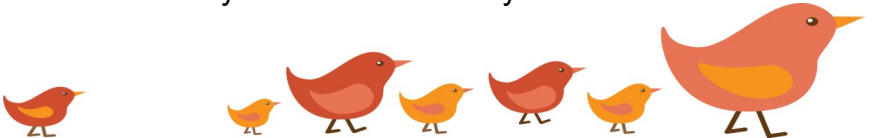
The Northern Voice newsletter is back.

The deadline for submitting articles is the 18th of the month, so mark your calendar:

Wed, May 18th. for the June issue

Special Dates in May

May 5	National Day of Prayer
May 8	Mother's Day
May 21	Armed Forces Day
May 26	Ascension Day
May 30	Memorial Day



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children."

Elaine Heffner



May Birthdays

Terry Kimball	1
Denny Boulden	7
Noel Fedje	7
Rob Hallstrom	9
Jim Cook	12
Betty Davis	13
Gail Hamilton	16
Jo-Jo Daugherty	20
MaryAnn Kjenaas	21
Jim Wheeler	22
Ed Bolton	24
Tack Tacker	24
Emily Kjenaas	25
Daniel Sanson	25
Rod Nordberg	26
Mark Larsen	27
Marilyn Wilson	27
John Strom	28
Betty Porter	29
Bridgett Cook	29

June Birthdays

Nancy Jordheim	1
Jim Tanner	1
Pat Gordon	4
Avaunne Hed	8
Judy Fedje	9
Sue Kuhn	10
Liz Merrick	13
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

May Anniversaries

Jeff & Linda Lund	3
Hank & Dolly Hallstrom	19
Dick & Jane Boehmer	20
Steve & Betsy Hill	20
Jim & Nadine Wheeler	20
Bill & Beth Daugherty	25

June Anniversaries

Arnie & Sue Kuhn	2
Bob & Sue Heggen	10
Doug & Avaunne Hed	11
Bob & Andrea Otto	11
Don & Diane Balk	13
Roger & Maggie Jorgenson	15
Bill & Shirley Brunsdale	17
Noel & Judy Fedje	23
Curt & Ruth Bakken	23
Bob & Sally Wizik Wills	26
Stu & Gail Hamilton	26



United
Women
in Faith

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Notice to ALL HUBBARD METHODIST WOMEN:
Did you notice our new bulletin board at the back entrance
(south door)?

Please Take a Look!!!

As of 2022 We have changed.
United Methodist Women (UMW)
Has become United Women in Faith.
The new logo stands for
"Faith in Action-Sisterhood"

If we slip and use United Methodist Women– we smile
because we are a community of GRACE who believe that
Love in Action can change the world! Did you know that
there have been 25 name changes over the years and only
one included "Methodist" in the name?

WATCH FOR FUTURE NEWS,
regarding more changes.
Come and join us at our next meeting, Wednesday,
May 4th, 2022 1:00pm in the music room!
Peace to All!! Betty Davis

If we missed your name on the birthday/anniversary 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

Anniversaries & Birthdays
Best Wishes!

HUBBARD UNITED METHODIST AD COUNCIL MINUTES April 14, 2022

Members present are shown in bold: Richard Anderson, Tom Carew, Deb Haagenon, **Rich Perrine, Sue Harmon, Tom Harmon, Jeff Hauger, Marvel Haynes, John Kisser, Arnie Kuhn, Noel Moore, Peg Novak, Cherilyn Sinner, Margi Taggart, Joanne Torfin, Ed Poitras** Pastor Lauren and Marion Hansen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Richard Anderson.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lauren reported that our worship attendance both live and online is good and she wants to thank everyone who helped with the Holy Week services.

Digital Campus/UWF: Marion Hansen reported that they have completed the Lord's Prayer Study and will be starting a study on Women in Jail. They have a new Logo- Watch for it. United Women in Faith will be serving fellowship time on Easter Sunday.

Finance Report: Noel Moore reported that we had Operating Income for March, 2022 of \$32,770.18 and Operating Expenses for March of \$16,824.72. This gives us Net Income of \$15,945.46 for March. Our year to date Operating Income is \$147,533.53 with year-to-date Operating Expenses of \$121,337.00 leaving us with a Net Income of \$26,196.53. Joanne Torfin reported that the pledges are coming in well. The Discretionary offerings for March and April totaled \$26,813 for UMCOR-Ukraine, \$5,125 for the Food Shelf and \$2,085 for the Pastor's Discretionary fund. Joanne Torfin made a motion, seconded by Arnie Kuhn to authorize John Kisser, Richard Perrine and Noel Moore to be authorized signatures for the church bank accounts and the safe deposit box at Northview Bank. The motion passed.

On-Going Business:

Richard Anderson and Margi Taggart are looking into our committee structure and will make recommendations. Pastor suggested an article on One Board Governance.

New Business:

The Taggart children will be doing a concert this summer.

Upcoming Events – April 24th – Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall
Uploaded service put on by the Minnesota Annual Conference

Next Meeting: May 12, 2022– 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Marvel Haynes, Secretary



Join the growing group of people who have “friended” the Hubbard UMC Facebook page. If you need help getting started, contact Marion Hansen for assistance.

Our newest study group: “Women in Jail-the trickle out effect” will meet May 3rd on-line at 10am with an “introduction to the issues related to women increasingly spending time in jail or prison.” The following two Tuesdays, we will discuss “Divine Intervention by Hope Callahan.” This mystery book “with a message” walks us through the challenges women face in “returning to community” as well as ideas for how we can help. This book is in hardcopy and e-book formats so order your book now. It is a “fast read.”

NOTE: the United Women in Faith are hosting coffee at 1-2:30pm on May 4 at the church.

All are invited to join us to hear presenter Katy Grisamore, Director of jail ministry at the Hubbard County Detention Center, who will tell us about her jail ministry as well as a new “Vision Ministry” that is just starting. If you attend this program, you do not need to attend the program on May 3rd since they will cover some of the same materials. A drawing will be held for one of the “Divine Intervention books by Hope Callahan.” You need to be present to win.

YOU CAN HELP!! People are invited to write prayers for posting on the Digital Campus, Bible Trivia and/or make a short “video clip” welcoming people to the worship center on Facebook. Marion Hansen is happy to assist in any of these areas. We are also inviting people to send photos for posting. In May we are inviting pictures that include water and perhaps you or your family enjoying God’s creation. You can post them directly on the Facebook site or check in with Pastor Lauren. You can connect with Marion at church, by phone 218-837-5054 or via email marionha@wcta.net



COVID Boosters

As with vaccines for other diseases, people are best protected against COVID infection when they stay up-to-date with vaccinations. "Up-to-date" means you have

received your primary vaccine series and all boosters that you are eligible to receive.

COVID vaccines continue to protect people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying—especially people who have received a booster. The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) recommends everyone ages 12 years and older receive a COVID vaccine booster after completing their primary COVID vaccination series.

On March 29, 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized a second COVID booster. The second booster must be an mRNA vaccine (either Pfizer or Moderna). Pfizer or Moderna boosters can be administered regardless of which COVID vaccine was previously received. The following individuals are approved for a second booster if it has been at least 4 months since their first booster was administered:

- Adults 50 years of age and older
- Immunocompromised individuals

Living with the Pandemic:

Minnesota and Hubbard County COVID-19 Activity

Hubbard County had a total of 42 reported COVID cases in March. This likely represents fewer cases than actual due to the prevalence of home tests. April new reported cases in Hubbard County through 4/21/22 are at 24. Hubbard County COVID positivity rate is up from this time last month.

	Cases (4/21)	7-day + Rate (4/21)	Case Rate/ 100K (4/21)	Trans- mission Level (Health Care Settings)	Commu- nity Level (Public Settings) (4/21)	Pop% Fully Vaccinat- ed (3/17/22)
Minneso- ta	1,442,396 cases 12,482 deaths	6.10%	90.00	Substantial		66%
Hubbard County	4,950 cases 59 deaths	9.66%	27.92	Substantial	Low	52%

Deb Haagenson, HUMC Parish Nurse

Sources for the above information plus additional resources include:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>



Welcome Back!

• THIS, THAN TO LAY •
GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN

DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

... JOHN 15:13, NKJV ...

*We Remember
Memorial Day: May 30, 2022*