

Northern Voice Newsletter

2025 Fall Edition - August, September, October



A 135th Celebration Just for You!

I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!

This well-known hymn, *We Are the Church*, goes on to tell us that the church is not a building, not a steeple, not a resting place. The church is a people.

It reminds us that, *We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, from all times and places.*

Doesn't that sound like the people of HUMC?

We come from a variety of faith backgrounds—Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic, Orthodox—and from a wide variety of states—North Dakota, Texas, Maryland, Wisconsin and Iowa, to mention just a few. And while the congregation has many people over the age of 50, in the summer and on holidays we welcome families of all ages who return to visit “Up North.”

In August, this vibrant and forward looking congregation will celebrate the 135th anniversary of the first Methodist church on the Hubbard Prairie, a church organized by hardy pioneers in 1890. They trusted in Jesus' words:

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

HUMC's 135th celebration is not just about the past, but also about the journey that lies ahead. While it is important to recognize where we came from, it is equally important to plan for future generations. While many of us will not be present for the church's sesquicentennial in 2040, we can lift our voices in prayers and thanksgiving for the past and for our hopes for God's continued presence and guidance in the life of this church in the years to come.

During the month of August, there will be displays in the Fellowship Hall where you will be able to browse archival materials, flip through photo albums, and discover anew the history of this beloved church.

You are encouraged to think about where you would like to see the church in five years, ten years, and yes, on its 150th anniversary. Be sure to drop your comments and thoughts into the “Sesquicentennial Best Wishes” box in the Fellowship Hall!



Hubbard Pines Memorial Garden



Our memorial garden exists because Sharon Jacobson, and her associates had a clear vision of what could be. The result is a beautiful setting in the shadow of HUMC.

So let us be reminded of who is encouraged to make it part of their plans: short- and long-term.

Memorial Garden Eligibility:

- Past or present HUMC members and their families.
- Past or present "affiliated or associated" members and their families: These are members of other UMC churches or other Christian churches.
- Past or present pastors and their families.
- Past or present participants of HUMC.

You can see the requirements are very open; we ask you to consider the Hubbard Pines Memorial Garden options when making end-of-this-life decisions in your family.

Hubbard Pines Memorial Committee



Anyone is welcome to join us,
no experience needed!

Rehearsals at 7 pm:

August 13 and 19;
Sept 3 and 17; Oct 1, 15, and 29

Sundays we sing

with rehearsal at 8 am:
August 24; September 7 and 21;
October 5 and 19



From the
MUSIC DIRECTOR Jennie Anderson

Wow! It is great having our summer singers back with us! (We wish you'd stay all year long). I hope that the congregation has been enjoying the selections of anthems. We are blessed to have a music library with a variety of anthems.

Several of our choir members have joined their voices with members from Calvary Lutheran and Riverside UMC to perform "To Save the World from Sin" a cantata written by Sally Ford. The joint choirs will be performing the cantata at each of the churches on these dates (you might want to catch it twice - it's an emotional work):

August 3 at 10:00am at Riverside UMC
August 9 at 5:30pm at Calvary
August 10 at 8:30am at Calvary
August 17 at 9:00am at Hubbard UMC

The choir has special music planned for the August 24th final celebration date of HUMC's 135th anniversary! We hope to see you then!

In Him and song,

Jennie



Please consider
VOLUNTEERING
for any of the following
volunteer opportunities.

- ⇒ Greeters and Ushers - Contact Shari Perrine
- ⇒ Scripture Readers - Contact Diane Thaelke
or sign-up in Welcome Area
- ⇒ Fellowship servers - Contact Janell Saunders
or sign-up in Welcome Area
- ⇒ Tech people - Contact Jeff Hauger
- ⇒ Communion set-up and servers - Contact Joy Derr



Part-time, Year-Round Pianist/Accompanist

HUMC is seeking a skilled pianist to join our Music Ministry team. This position is a shared position and includes playing piano (organ) for the congregation during church services, for the choir during rehearsals and special services as needed. This position reports to the Pastor and is overseen by the Music Director/Choir Director.

Send cover letter and resume to:

Pastor Lauren Hauger at pastorlaurenhauger@gmail.com



To all who served fellowship this summer,
we are grateful and we appreciate you! ~ Janell

If you would like to serve for fellowship,
or have questions about serving,
please contact Janell Saunders



APRIL MISSION GIVING

MISSION COMMITTEE

\$ 000.00

DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

\$ 896.35

UMCOR

\$ 000.00

Hubbard County Food Shelf

\$ 1,518.00

TOTAL MISSION GIVING - APRIL

\$ 2,414.35

MAY MISSION GIVING

MISSION COMMITTEE

\$ 000.00

DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

\$ 779.94

UMCOR

\$ 40.00

TOTAL MISSION GIVING - MAY

\$ 819.94

**Please Consider Giving to the
Pastor Discretionary Fund Today!
The needs are great!**

JUNE MISSION GIVING

MISSION COMMITTEE

Midwest Mission Distribution Center	\$	100.00
Dignity Kits	\$	425.47
LOVE Offering	\$	500.00

DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	998.57
UMCOR	\$	500.00
LOVE Offering	\$	<u>3,250.00</u>

TOTAL MISSION GIVING - JUNE \$ 5,774.04



Volunteers from HUMC deliver **Meals on Wheels** to Park Rapids residents once every 5 weeks.

If you are interested in becoming a delivery person for this rewarding activity, please contact Don Haagenon at 218-255-2788.

"Thank You"

to our many dedicated volunteers!

HUMC MOW Dates:

August 18 - 22
September 22 - 26
October 27 - 31
December 1 - 5



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Packing Event

Join us after worship on **Sunday, August 10**
for this packing event.

135 Years of Memories





Shirley & Eleanor

Betty, Mary Jo, Alice, & Phyllis

Quality Council?

Dave, Joyce, Kent, & Al



August

Emma Taggart	3
Mary Takle	6
Bruce Bolton	7
Amy Lundstrom	7
Kathie Schmiege	7
Lou Schultz	8
Christopher Vargas	8
Roger Jorgenson	9
Cherilyn Sinner	11
Edwin Sowers	11
Gail Manlove	14
Carolyn Bixby	15
Don Haagenson	15
Nancy Vogt	16
Marvel Haynes	19
Wren Bolton	19
Paul Seaton	20
Sophie Taggart	21
Dennis Greenawalt	21
Anne Carter	24
Jeanne Bergren	25
Karl Groth	27
John Kissner	27
Maggie Jorgenson	29
Jade Selander	30

September

Becca Dooley	1
Mary Barrett	7
MaJeana Hallstrom	7
Mari Gabrielson	9
Jacob Taggart	10
Doug Hed	14
Betsy Hill	15
Bill Sinner	15
Julie Smith	16
Margi Taggart	22
Jan Landess	23
Bobbie Zigmant	25
Jim Gordon	26
Linda Lund	28

October

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
Marion Hansen	20
Wanda Mead	24
Steve Steinborn	27
Judy Johnson	28
Kevin Berry	31



Is your birthday
or anniversary
missing from the list?

We want to celebrate
with you!

Email the office at
hubbardumc@unitelc.com
or call the office at
218-732-0224

to be added to the birthday
and anniversary list.

Happy Anniversary

August

Jack & Joy Derr	1
Gary & Barb Gauldin	3
Jim & Patti Verlengia	3
Karl & Boo Groth	5
Gary & Mary Barrett	7
Dale & Lois Captain	7
Melvin & Tonya Bolton	13
Tom & Sue Harmon	13
Jim & Pat Gordon	15
Russ & Mary Takle	15
Mark & Betty Larsen	17
Rod & Marie Nordberg	20
Dennis & Eileen Bolton	21
Marcus & Nancy Knowles	21
Rob & MaJeana Hallstrom	23
Jeff & Lauren Hauger	28
Richard & Kaylyn Anderson	31

September

Donald & Janell Saunders	5
Richard & Sharilyn Perrine	14
LeRoy & Nancy Martinson	17
Dennis & Terry Greenawalt	21
Aaron & Juliann Kjenaas	23
Jim & Jill Eisele	27
Glynn & Pam Davis	29

October

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



Cecilia - 12
Emma - 22
Sophie - 8

The Taggart Siblings August 10, 2025 3:00 pm

Please join us for this
wonderful tradition
at HUMC,
featuring classically
trained and talented
pianists.



A Note from the Finance Committee

Greetings Hubbard United Methodist Church,

The Finance Committee meets several times throughout the year to review financial reports and make financial recommendations to the Administration Council. We would like to report that our church is very strong financially. Offerings have kept pace with our budget needs. Several factors have contributed to our good financial report. Your generous gifts through pledges and offerings have helped keep a good income flow. We are pleased to report that your special offerings and a large grant from a past member's estate allowed us to give a Love Offering at the MN Annual Conference of \$10,000 plus \$3,750 from the congregation. We also made a gift of \$10,000 to World Vision via Wellspring.

As of June 30 we have income of \$271,803 and expenses of \$222,143 leaving us with a net income of \$49,660. Keep in mind that this includes the large gift that we received in March. Even so, our expenses are right on budget. The Finance Committee will be developing a budget for our next fiscal year in August with the help of the committees that have line items in the budget. Your upcoming pledges are a great assist to us in that budget process.

Thank you for your continued financial support and I ask for your prayers for us as we plan for next year.

Richard Anderson, Finance Committee Chair



*Let us be a
praying church!*

***Remember those on our Weekly Prayer Guide
in your daily prayers.***

Please have all joys and prayer requests into the church office by Friday morning - 9:00 am. You may also fill out a "Prayer Request" form, found on the back of the sanctuary pews, and place in the offertory collection or leave in the church office. If desired, we will add your request to the prayer chain and the weekly prayer guide.

**Please notify the office if/when you would like your
name removed from the prayer list.**



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith meet the
1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm
All are welcome!

Parking Lot Sale

UWF will once again be hosting
their annual Parking Lot Sale.

Note the change in location
due to the road construction --

Riverside UMC - Highway 71 North

Thursday
August 21
8:00 - 3:00



***Mark your Calendar
UWF Fall Gathering
Saturday - September 6
Minnetonka UMC***



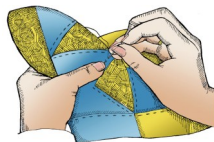
United Women in Faith will be sponsoring **Thank Banks** in support of mission as well as gathering *Christmas cards for the jail inmates*. Start saving your change for the banks and Christmas cards with stamps if possible. More information to follow closer to the events.

If you have questions about any of our events,
please contact Marion Hansen, marionha@wcta.net

Marion Hansen, President



Care And Comfort



Quilters Answer Calls for Help! Threads of Love

"One who sleeps under a quilt is comforted by love."

The Threads of Love Quilters have answered several calls for help recently, beginning with a request from the Northern Lights Opera Company to help sew the costumes used in this year's production, *Once Upon a Mattress*. They are amazing!

Join The Quilters August 5 to Make Book Bags

The second call came from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for book bags. The quilters will be meeting Tuesday, August 5, from 10 am to 12 noon to cut out and sew the bags. We have all the materials; we just need people to help cut out and sew. Please feel free to join us for there are always tasks that don't require sewing skills.

This past year, the quilters made a record-breaking number of quilts and fleece blankets. Many go to individuals in need of care and comfort, while others were distributed this year to the Pregnancy Resource Center, Social Services, Century and Nevis Schools, Family Safety Network, Diamond Willow Nursing Home, Heritage Nursing Home, Living at Home, Heartland Homes, Creator's Place, Pine Point School, Sexual Violence Resource Center (for auction), ARCC Women's Shelter, The Door Shelter, and Greenwood Connections.

Quilting doesn't stop during the summer months, as a number of individuals pick up a quilt kit to take and sew at home. The basket of kits is in the Fellowship Hall—help yourself!

Quilting Resumes September 9

The Threads of Love Quilters will resume quilting on Tuesdays, beginning September 9, from 9:30 am to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. ALL women of the church are invited to join this mission and fellowship group. Plans are also being made for this year's "Quilters Coffee Hops" where we travel to nearby quilting stores to enjoy shopping and lunch out! All are welcome!

*We are a group of women
who are richly blessed
by the mission and fellowship
of the Threads of Love Quilters.
Won't you join us?*

Mary Takle, Coordinator



COMING SOON



Aug 3	Reverend Dr. Fred Vanderwerf	9:00 am
Aug 7	Kayak/Canoe Cruise	8:30 am
Aug 10	School Bag Packing Event	after fellowship
Aug 10	Taggart Siblings Concert	3:00 pm
Aug 17	Cantata @ Hubbard UMC	9:00 am
Aug 21	Parking Lot Sale to be held at Riverside UMC	8:00 - 3:00
Aug 21	Jumpin Jehoshaphat's Concert at Riverside UMC	6:30 pm
Aug 24	135th Anniversary Celebration	9:00 am
Sept 6	UWF Fall Gathering - Minnetonka UMC	
Sept 9	Threads of Love Quilters resumes	9:30 - 3:00
Sept 16	Wine to Water @ Belle Caffé	5:00 - 8:00
Oct 1 - 3	RISE Leadership Institute	
Oct 5	All Church Conference	
Oct 5	World Communion	
Oct 19	Laity Sunday	
November	Thank Banks drive	
November	Jail Ministry Christmas card collection	
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 pm
Dec 18	Blue Christmas	7:00 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	4:00 pm



September	<i>The Changemakers</i>
October	Stand Alone Sermons
November	<i>Playlist</i>
December	<i>Angels: God's Messengers of Comfort and Joy</i>

Northern Voice- Newsletter Deadline

The Northern Voice newsletter is published quarterly. Our next Northern Voice will be **WINTER 2025 - 2026**, for the months of November, December, and January.

The article submission deadline is **October 15th**.

There's Still Time to Join the Fun



**Kayak/Canoe Cruise
departs at 8:30 am
Thursday, August 7
from the Hauger's.**

**Register in the
Welcome Area or
call the office
at 218-732-0224.**

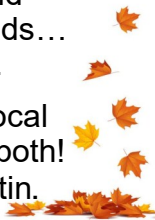


The Hubbard Bike Group!

The Hubbard Bike Group invites you to join us for beautiful fall riding.

We meet Monday afternoons at 4:00 PM and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM at area trailheads... Park Rapids, Nevis, Hackensack and more.

After our ride, we enjoy fellowship and a meal at local restaurants. Come join us - for the ride, lunch, or both! Watch for locations and details in our church bulletin.



Golf Outings

*sign-up in the Welcome Area or
call the office at 218-732-0224*

Thursday, August 14
9:10 am tee-time

9-holes @ Headwaters
Lunch at clubhouse after

Thursday, September 11
9:00 am tee-time

18-holes @ White Tail Run
Lunch in Wadena after