

CORNERSTONE

Here's what is happening at Hartford UMC this month!



April Birthdays

- Raleigh West - Apr 1
- Niklaus Leimbach - Apr 2
- Kylie Schneider - Apr 3
- Elsie West - Apr 4
- Don Ewoldt - Apr 5
- Barb Thaler - Apr 6
- Dale Smith - Apr 7
- Dennis Bossman - Apr 14
- Lynne Redenius - Apr 14
- Lochlann Skots - Apr 21
- Seth LaBounty - Apr 22
- Erik Edberg - Apr 26
- Joyce Hoefert - Apr 29
- Langdon Klinkhammer - Apr 29




Honoring God's Creation

As you may notice from the list of names immediately to the left of this paragraph, my birthday is coming up! I happen to share that particular day with Earth Day, a holiday that helps remind us of the sacred responsibility we have as stewards of God's creation. Earth Day gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to environmental stewardship and to celebrate the wonders of God's handiwork. From community clean-up efforts to educational workshops on sustainable living practices, there are numerous ways to participate in that calling.

This Earth Day, I would encourage you to look for ways to demonstrate your love and respect for the Earth. Let us come together in prayer and action, honoring God's creation and reaffirming our dedication to protecting the planet for future generations. Consider it my birthday request!

God bless!

-Pastor Seth LaBounty

	To start the Prayer chain call:	
	Lois Kaiser	605-941-1294
	Nancy Gacke	605-940-7714
	Pastor Seth	605-528-3822 or 308-641-2761



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Meetings

Evening Blessings will be meeting Monday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at the Church.

Faith Circle will be meeting Thursday, April 4th at 1:30 pm at the Church.

United Women in Faith Unit Meeting will be on April 10th at 1:30 pm.



Spring Brunch

Please join our Evening Blessings Circle as they host a Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am! It is \$10 per adult, and all are welcome (not just the ladies)!



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Thank you for your support of the Sunday morning breakfast on Easter - March 31st. \$135 was raised to support youth attending UM Camps this summer.



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on the church lawn on Saturday, March 30th for youth Grade 5 and under. Approximately 35 youth gathered the hundreds of eggs and enjoyed a bounty of candy goodies and other prizes. Thank you to all those that assisted with purchasing the candy, the MS / HS youth groups and leaders that packed the eggs, and the numerous people that helped with hosting the event!

**Crafting & Quilting
Group - April 13th**

Calling all crafters and quilters! Please join us at the Church between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm for a time of crafting and quilting. No matter your experience level, all are welcome to come and learn and create something together!

**Congratulations Gabe
Gebhard for making
All State Band!**



**Thank you to Lexy
Klinkhammer and our
students for playing
the bells for us on
Palm Sunday!**





General Conference of The United Methodist Church

The 2024 United Methodist General Conference will be held April 23 - May 3 in Charlotte, NC. For more information regarding this, please contact Pastor Seth or go online to dakotasumc.org/gc

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church and meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.



**Our youth
enjoyed a trip to
Air Madness at
the end of
February!**

Christian Education Opportunities:

- Sunday School at 10:35 am
 - Ages: PreK to High School
 - PreK - 5th Grade Sunday school materials are the same as Wild Wednesday.
 - Adult study is also available
- Wild Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
 - Meal from 6:00 to 6:30 pm
 - Classes from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
 - Ages: PreK to High School
 - Adult studies offered during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- Bibles & Brews at Buffalo Ridge Brewing, Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Whether you have been part of Bible Studies your whole life, or are just looking for a place to start, you are welcome to join any of our Christian Education groups! For more information, please contact Pastor Seth or Darin Johnson.



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Noisy Bucket Offering for April - United Methodist Native American Ministries

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of April will support Native American Ministries. This is a denomination-wide effort to recognize and support Native Americans and their contributions to society and The United Methodist Church.



Church Camp registration is open!

Summer will be here before we know it, and our Dakotas United Methodist Camps are gearing up for a wonderful time at camp! Go online to dakotasumc.org/camping to look up what programs will be offered at our three camp & retreat centers. Register by April 30th to receive the Early Bird discount, and use Hartford UMC's promo code (**112261CA**) for an additional discount! For more information or additional financial support, please contact Pastor Seth!

Hartford Food Pantry Sponsor

We are asking members of Hartford UMC to consider being a food pantry sponsor of the month. If you wish to make the donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, loved ones, etc. please list that on the form. Funds received will be utilized to purchase items of greatest need for the pantry throughout the year. Sponsors will be highlighted in the newsletter and bulletin. A full month sponsorship is \$100 and a half month is \$50. You can turn in your pledge form at the office, in the offering plate or email a copy to humcsd@gmail.com. Monthly sponsors will be assigned in the order they are received.



Name _____

In Honor Of: _____

Full Month	\$100
Half Month	\$50

Hartford Food Pantry Sponsor of the Month

Thank you to **Darin & Ann Johnson**, our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of April! This sponsorship is provided in memory of Darin's father, Roy Johnson.





Monday, March 4, 2024

HUMC Leadership Team

In attendance: Leadership Team Members: Pastor Seth LaBounty, Joyce Alderson, Melissa Caslin, Scott Nordlund, Darin Johnson, Lexy Klinkhammer, Jeff Peterson.

- Call to order at 6:35 pm with prayer by Joyce.
- Approval of minutes from January 22, 2023 meeting.
- Team Reports
 - Christian Education (Darin)
 - Bible presentation to 3rd and 4th graders - March 10
 - Easter Egg hunt - Scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 pm; plan to hold this in the Church yard, assuming the weather and yard conditions allow. Will want to invite donations of candy (non-chocolate, no nuts) to fill the eggs in the next week. Lexy will ask Dairy Queen and Pizza Ranch if they have any donations they would like to provide for this event, too.
 - Vacation Bible School dates: Monday July 15 through Wednesday July 17.
 - Finance (Melissa)
 - Available funds as of 1/31/24:
 - Checking Account: \$38,678 (does not include designated funds)
 - Building fund: \$2,684
 - Memorial Fund: \$1,779
 - Dakotas Foundation Investment account: \$170,516
 - Apportionments: Will be paid, per the stipulations listed in January's meeting minutes.
 - Lay Member (Joyce)
 - Sent out 57 membership letters, and have some back. At least one has confirmed to terminate membership. Also sent out 12 Valentine cards and a Thank You card to Katie for her leadership in Christian Ed. Obtained materials for grief education and for encouragement. Have also done 3 visits. Would like to work on getting a history area in the Church. Suggested the possibility of installing a mini-library in the driveway of the Church (similar to what is currently at the City Park or by the Dog Park).

- Staff/Parish Relations (Scott)
 - Finishing up quarterly staff check-ins. No major issues or concerns at this stage.
- Outreach & Missions (Darin; interim)
 - \$1,000 Hunger Grant has been used as a Matching challenge. As of February 29, \$1,400 was sent in to the Food Pantry bringing the total funds raised to \$2,400.
 - Feeding SD - April 5th
 - Lunch is Served - June 3rd
 - There is a possibility that some of our United Women in Faith can take on some of the mission's responsibility to help free up this role in some way.
 - Would like to participate in the Downtown Farmer's Market in June to help promote VBS.
- Trustees (Jeff)
 - Will discuss best approach for a TV in the HS youth room.
 - Fire alarms - Purchased and installed 6 alarms. Approved to purchase 6-8 more, to finish the project.
 - Boiler Insulation installed, East Entry door has been adjusted thanks to Guy Caslin, and Roto Rooter has cleaned out the kitchen drains.
 - Possible projects for this coming month: Reorganize the NW Sunday school room;
 - Air conditioners may be the next major project, though they are not of immediate concern at this stage.
- Worship (Lexy)
 - Lexy will explore the possibility of purchasing Easter banners to continue to update the banners around the building as the seasons change.
 - Lexy will coordinate the purchase of Easter flowers.
 - Camp Sunday Worship this weekend;
 - Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm, Good Friday at 6:30 pm, Easter Sunrise at 7:00 am.
- Pastor Seth's report
 - Vacation dates requested:
 - Monday April 22 through Sunday April 28. (Would need pulpit supply for April 28th)

- Monday June 17 through Sunday July 7 (Would need pulpit supply for June 23, June 30, and July 7)
- Recommend providing pulpit supply for June 9th, as well. This is the Sunday following Annual Conference and pastors are not typically expected to lead worship on that weekend.
- Jamboree Days worship: June 16th at 9:30 am at the City Park Amphitheater.
- Have begun leading Bible Study during the Lenten season based on The Third Day book we have been using as our worship series. Have also continued leading periodic chapel services for Leisure Living, providing pre-marital counseling, and coaching of other clergy within the Conference.
- New Business Discussion:
 - Joyce will approach possible candidates to help serve through our Leadership Team.
 - Chairperson and Vice Chairperson terms were 1 year, meaning we will need to nominate new members for those positions.
 - Chairperson: Darin Johnson
 - Vice Chairperson: Scott Nordlund
- Next meeting: Tuesday April 16th, 2024 at 6:30 pm
 - Opening prayer by: Scott; Closing prayer by: Lexy.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm with prayer by Darin.

March Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
April 7	Weber	Weber	Rylie Mammenga	N/A
April 14	Retzlaff	Retzlaff	Beckett Retzlaff	Darin Johnson
April 21	Edberg	Edberg	Kayden Munk	N/A
April 28	Caslin	Caslin	TBD	Irene Shannon
Communion Stewards	Preparer: Rachel Stearns	Servers: Jan Nordlund; Sharon Mathison		

Wild Wednesday Meal Schedule & Sign Up	Volunteer	Main Course
April 3	United Women in Faith	Tater Tot Casserole
April 10	Klinkhammer	Meatball Subs
April 17	Johnson	Sub Sandwiches
April 24	OPEN	TBD
May 1	UM Men	Hamburgers

April 2024

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-  US Holidays
-  Christian Holidays
-  humcsd@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	1 April Fools' Day Easter Monday 7:00 PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	2 Eid al-Fitr	3 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	4 1:30 PM Faith Circle 6:30 PM Bibles & Brews	5 10:00 AM Brunch & Bingo 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship	6 8:00 AM Crafting & Quilting Group 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
7 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	8 Tax Day	9 Eid al-Fitr	10 1:30 PM Monthly United Women in Faith Meeting 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	11 7:30 AM DHI Meeting 6:30 PM Bibles & Brews	12 8:00 AM UWF Meeting 12:00 PM Baby Shower - Novak 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship	13 8:00 AM Crafting & Quilting Group 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
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