

# CORNERSTONE

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



## February Birthdays

Audrey Nevins - Feb 2  
 Hayden Mammenga - Feb 3  
 Jan Ewoldt - Feb 8  
 Hilary Stockwell - Feb 8  
 Bobbi Boy - Feb 9  
 Melvin Dieken - Feb 9  
 Travis Retzlaff - Feb 10  
 Jeremy Klinkhammer - Feb 15  
 Gerald Bossman - Feb 16  
 Jackie Bossman - Feb 16  
 Brad Schneider - Feb 17  
 Jackson Hoffman - Feb 18  
 Greyer Skots - Feb 19  
 Brandon Redenius - Feb 20  
 Josh Hotchkiss - Feb 21  
 Laura Nordlund - Feb 21  
 Allen Blue - Feb 23  
 Dennis Greenfield - Feb 23  
 Rowen Nelson - Feb 25  
 William Stockwell - Feb 25  
 Arthur Umland - Feb 25  
 Karen Niewald - Feb 28  
 Brogan Retzlaff - Feb 28




## Living Into Our Baptismal Vows

As United Methodists, we affirm our baptismal calling to “resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.” This commitment is deeply rooted in Scripture and in the life and teachings of Jesus. The prophet Micah reminds us of God’s clear expectation: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” In a world where injustice and suffering persist, our faith calls us not to turn away, but to stand firmly on the side of love, truth, and compassion.

Jesus himself modeled this holy resistance, proclaiming good news to the poor, freedom for the oppressed, and dignity for the marginalized. As the Church, we are invited to continue this work through prayer, advocacy, service, and courageous love. Romans 12 urges us, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” May we be a people who speak up for those without a voice, work for systems rooted in fairness and mercy, and live out Christ’s justice in our daily lives. Together, guided by Scripture and the Spirit, we can be faithful witnesses to God’s transforming love in the world.

God bless!

-Pastor Seth LaBounty

	<b>To start the Prayer chain call:</b>	
	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 on February 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Faith Circle will be meeting on February 5th at 1:30 pm.



## The Closet

We are proud to host "The Closet"! This is a second-hand clothing ministry which will offer clean, gently used clothing to anyone in need throughout our community. To learn more about how to help or otherwise get connected, contact Darin Johnson or Danielle Polley!



## Across our Connection: Beresford Zion UMC Partners with Feeding SD

Zion UMC has expanded its relationship with Feeding South Dakota, becoming a regional partner equipped to serve individuals and families from Alcester, Beresford, and Hudson, as well as the surrounding communities of Centerville, Canton, Irene, Harrisburg, Viborg, Vermillion, Wakonda, and beyond through the Share and Care ministry.

Share and Care, a food distribution ministry of Beresford Zion UMC, is the result of collaboration, community partnerships, and a growing conviction that churches are called to use all their resources—especially their facilities—to love their neighbors in tangible ways.

The ministry is intentionally designed to create a welcoming, dignified experience for every visitor. A greeter outside helps direct guests into the building, where a second greeter answers questions and assists with registration. After checking in—tracking information required by Feeding South Dakota along with ministry-specific data—participants receive bags and move through a large room with tables of food. Limits are clearly marked, but individuals are free to choose items that best meet their household's needs. Volunteers are also available to help carry groceries to vehicles.

According to Feeding South Dakota, Beresford Zion is part of a growing network of churches helping to address hunger statewide. Olivia Sip, communications specialist for Feeding South Dakota, notes that churches can partner in many ways, including backpack programs for students, church pantries, meal sites, mobile distributions, food drives, and volunteer support.

## Christian Education Opportunities:

- Sunday School at 10:35 am
  - Ages: PreK to 2nd Grade
  - Starts September 15
- 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
- Confirmation Classes
- Adult studies offered during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- Bibles & Brews at Buffalo Ridge Brewing, Sundays at 4:00 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 Abbey Nevins.



## Current Study: Embracing the Uncertain



## Thank you to those who helped pack meals at Feeding South Dakota!



## Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

a strength, balance, and fitness class for adults 65+

### We are proud to be a host site for the SAIL program!

We are a host site for SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life) on Mondays and Wednesdays! This is a strength, balance, and fitness class specifically designed for adults 65+. Participants improve balance and mobility, reduce risk of falls, and improve their quality of life while having fun meeting new people. To learn more, call Valerie Horacek at 605-261-7488.



THE BANQUET

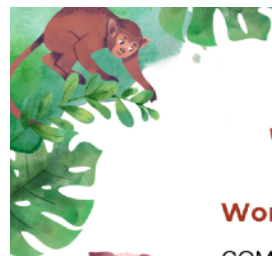
### Serving at the Banquet West - 2/16

To learn more or to sign up to serve dinner at The Banquet West on February 16th, please contact Lynn Margeson!

## Amplify Media

Churches across the Dakotas now have a powerful new tool for ministry: the **Amplify Dakotas channel**. This is a **shared platform for digital discipleship and resource sharing** that both celebrates the unique gifts of the Dakotas Conference and draws on the rich theology and tradition of the wider United Methodist connection.

Churches and individuals are encouraged to explore Amplify Dakotas, using it in worship, small groups, youth ministry, leadership training, and personal discipleship. Together, these resources create a stronger foundation for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world—right here in the Dakotas. To learn more, ask Pastor Seth!



## WILD WEDNESDAY

**Worship. Interaction. Learning. Devotion.**

COME WORSHIP AS FRIENDS, INTERACT THROUGH  
LEARNING, AND BECOME A DEVOTED DISCIPLE OF GOD  
BY MAKING NEW FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY!

6:00 PM: MEAL  
6:30 - 7:30 PM: CLASSES





## Help with Worship!

We are always open to having more people involved with worship! If any of these opportunities interest you (or if you have other suggestions on how you'd like to make worship better), please let us know! We can offer training and other support to make any or all of these work for you and your schedule!

- Read Scripture
- Usher / Greeter
- Light candles
- Sing or play with the Praise Team
- Share a Musical Offering
- Play with the Chime Choir
- Run sound or video for the service
- Lead the Children's Moment
- Preach
- Coffee / Treats
- ...and more!

## Noisy Bucket Offering for February - Micah 6:8 Fund

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of February will support the new Micah 6:8 Fund through the Dakotas Methodist Foundation. This fund will provide immediate grants to local churches and ministry partners offering practical care, compassionate presence, and support during times of community need. This may include assistance for first responders, meal preparation and food ministries, training, and other justice and mercy driven outreach efforts.

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**Pizza Ranch®**  
HARTFORD

To Benefit **the closet**  
Clothes donated BY the community FOR the community

10% of all buffet purchases and cash tips benefit our mission!

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**5-8PM**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FROM THE HUMC WILD WEDNESDAY YOUTH!**

## 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](mailto: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

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Thank you to **Red & Irene Shannon** and **Arlayne Ruhaak**, our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of February! This sponsorship is in honor of the Shannon's 5 great-grandchildren, and in memory of Jim & Gwyn Ruhaak.




Wild Wednesday Meal Schedule	Volunteer	Main Course
February 4	UW Faith	Chicken & Rice
February 11	Falk	Pizza
February 17	United Methodist Men	Lasagna
February 25	Petersons	Pizza or Mac/Cheese & Hamburger

Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
February 1	Weber family	N/A	TBD	TBD
February 8	TBD	N/A	TBD	N/A
February 15	TBD	N/A	TBD	Irene Shannon
February 22	Weber family	N/A	TBD	N/A
Communion Stewards	Preparer: Niewald	Servers: Johnsons		

If you would like to help out with any of the areas listed in these tables,  
please contact either Pastor Seth or Darin Johnson!

# February 2026

 US Holidays  
 Christian Holidays  
 humcsd@gmail.com

January 2026							February 2026							March 2026						
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Hartford United Methodist Church

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day 9:00 AM SAIL 7:00 PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM SAIL	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Leadership Team	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	<b>12</b> 7:30 AM DHI Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	<b>16</b> Presidents' Day 9:00 AM SAIL	<b>17</b> Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Lunar New Year 9:00 AM Coffee Quilters	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday First Night of Ramadan 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
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