

CORNERSTONE

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



June Birthdays

Keith Loof - June 3
 Abbey Nevins - June 3
 Taylor Umland-Moyer - June 4
 Ryley Nelson - June 5
 Andrea McGraw - June 6
 Craig Doss - June 8
 Timothy Pusch - June 11
 Judy Searles - June 12
 Amber Person - June 13
 John Blue - June 17
 Evan Alderson - June 19
 Daniel Kistler - June 24
 Mary McKay - June 24
 Mackenzie Grauel - June 25



Guest Article by Pastor Valerie Hummel LaBounty

A few weeks ago as I was reading through one of my devotions, Psalm 73:28 was on repeat: "I'm in the presence of God - oh, how refreshing it is! I've made the Lord God my home."

I'm in the very presence of God - Oh, how refreshing it is! I've made the Lord God my home.

Before I get into what I like about this verse from the 73rd Psalm, I want to invite you to reflect on what stands out to you from this part of scripture. What word, or words, is drawing you in and keeping your attention?

My days are fairly busy. Having two toddlers keeps me physically and mentally busy, and it feels as though my brain is constantly thinking about my to-do list for work. So to read, "how refreshing it is" to be in the presence of God, it makes me pause and think intentionally about God's presence. I am reminded that God shows up. And I'm not just thinking about God being with me or next to me; this verse of scripture reminds me that God's presence is refreshing, renewing, and rejuvenating.

No matter what else is going on in my life, no matter what else I am feeling or experiencing, I can find comfort in God's presence, a presence that isn't static or stagnant, but is fresh and alive. Not only does God show up, but God comes prepared to give me space for whatever I need.

"Oh, how refreshing it is!" to know and believe that God is with me. The definition of "refresh" is "give new strength or energy to." God is our source of strength and energy, our source of all that we need and more. God's presence is not just about being next to us; God's presence is meant to inspire us, empower us, and enliven us. Whether we are feeling full or depleted, safe or lost, frazzled or calm - may we find God's presence refreshing, a place of comfort, and given to us freely.

In what ways could you benefit from a refreshing from God? In what ways can you be a refreshing from God? May we let God's presence wash over us in healing and powerful ways.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Meetings

Faith Circle will meet on June
5th at 1:30 pm.



Feeding SD - June 5th

We are serving with Feeding
SD on June 5th from 9 - 11 am

To sign up or learn more,
please see Lynn Margeson



Clothes donated BY the community FOR the community

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!



News from our Connection: Annual Conference

The 32nd session of the Dakotas Annual Conference will be held June 6-8, 2025, in Mitchell, South Dakota. The gathering will include time for worship, connection, learning, and looking to the future together. The theme for this year's gathering is "Created for Love." Grounded in 1 John 4:7-21, we will focus on how we are made to love God, others, self and even creation in a very special way. It will be a reminder of the invitational call we have to incarnate God's love so that the world might know who God is through us. As United Methodists, we are called to personal and social holiness - a way of being in the world that drives out fear and points to the grace of Jesus Christ.

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Leadership Team Meeting - June 2nd

Everyone is welcome to join our Leadership Team for their meeting on June 2nd at 6:00 pm! This meeting will highlight the various ministry activities and events we have coming up, and give space to cast vision for where God may be leading us as a church!

To learn more about our Leadership Team, please contact Pastor Seth or our Leadership Team Chair, Scott Nordlund, and Vice-Chair, Lexy Klinkhammer.

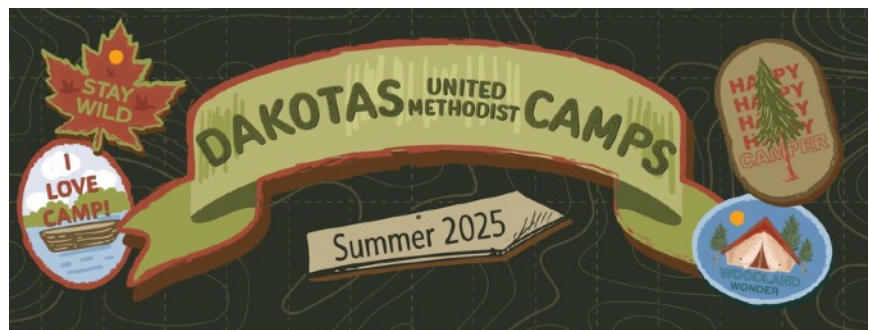
Noisy Bucket: Youth Service Fund

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of June will support the Dakotas Youth Service Fund. This is the official youth mission arm of the United Methodist Church, and is money raised by youth, with the decision of which projects to support made by youth, spent on projects that help youth. In other words, money from youth, spent by youth, for you!



Jamboree Worship: 9:30 am on June 22

Please come to our joint worship service with other area churches at the Hartford City Park's amphitheater! This service will celebrate all the ways that the diverse expressions of the body of Christ makes our community a better place for us all!



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!

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!

Pastoral Leave

Pastor Seth will be on leave or otherwise out of the office for several periods of time throughout the remainder of this year, for reasons including vacation, church camp, Annual Conference, Renewal Leave, and Parental Leave.

Renewal Leave up to six months is available to full time United Methodist pastors who have served for at least six years, and financial grants are available to help local congregations during that leave. In light of all that has happened in the life of the United Methodist Church since 2020, Bishop Lanette Plambeck of our Dakotas Annual Conference has been encouraging eligible clergy to apply for this renewal leave, recognizing that the health and wellbeing of our clergy is vital to the health of our congregations. Pastor Seth will be taking one month for renewal leave as an intentional time of purposeful activity and rest, in order to return refreshed with renewed energy for continued ministry.

Parental Leave up to 12 weeks is granted to all clergy, and the Conference provides grant funding for up to 8 weeks to help local congregations with pastoral coverage during that time. Pastor Seth will be dividing the 8 weeks of his parental leave into two, 4-week sections as he has done in the past.

The following is an overview of when Pastor Seth will be out of the office for those extended periods of time:

-Annual Conference: June 6 to June 8

-Renewal Leave: June 9 to July 6

-Camp at Lake Poinsett: July 21 to 25

-Parental Leave: Aug 25 to Sept 21 (Approximate)

-Parental Leave: Nov 24 to Dec 21 (Approximate)

Pastor Seth and members of the Leadership Team are already working on scheduling substitute pastors for these times in coordination with our District Superintendent, Brandon Vetter.

During those times when Pastor Seth is away, please contact Scott Nordlund or Lexy Klinkhammer for any questions, concerns, or other Church-related needs.



Vacation Bible School

Come one! Come all! Step Right Up and see the marvelous wonders waiting for you at our carnival! Carnivals are more than a place for entertainment - they're an invitation to see something extraordinary. The best part? Everyone is invited! In this year's Vacation Bible School, kids will explore how Jesus, like a great carnival barker, calls out to us to show us something wonderful. In our lessons, we'll discover how Jesus invites us to use the gifts God gave us, show God's love to someone new, thank God for forgiveness, and share God's story with everyone!

Dates: July 21-23, 2025

Meal: 5:30 pm

Activities: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ages: 3 years old through those
going into 6th Grade

To learn more or to volunteer to help,
please contact Darin Johnson!

VBS Registration 2025



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 **LaVonne & Melvin Dieken**, and **Joyce Hoefert**, our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of June! This sponsorship is in memory of Bill & Grace Dieken, and Bob Hoefert.





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	

Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
June 1	Sharilyn Linder & Shari Marudas	Winter	N/A	N/A
June 8	Addy Loof & Biz Johnson	Johnson	N/A	N/A
June 15	Edberg	Edberg	N/A	N/A
June 22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
June 29	Alderson	Alderson		
Communion Stewards	Preparer: Rachel Stearns	Servers: Megan Johnson, Biz Johnson, Addy Loof		

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

June 2025

 US Holidays
 Christian Holidays
 humcsd@gmail.com

May 2025							June 2025							July 2025						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	2 6:00 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM 4H Meeting 7:00 PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	3	4	5 Annual Conference 1:30 PM Faith Circle	6	7 Eid al-Adha 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
8 Annual Conference Pentecost 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	9 Whit Monday	10	11	12 7:30 AM DHI Meeting	13 Flag Day 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship	14
15 Trinity Sunday Father's Day 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	16	17	18	19 Corpus Christi Juneteenth	20	21 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
22 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	23	24	25	26	27	28 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
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