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Personal Statement by Pastor Seth

Grace and peace!

Can I just say: I'm excited for the future of Hartford and the United Methodist Church. With all the growth that our city has seen in recent years there are a lot of potential opportunities for us to share the love of God in new and powerful ways! I really think we are on the cusp of something exciting.

To meet those opportunities, though, we may need to intentionally evaluate who we are as a Church, and consider how our ministries align (or misalign) with our mission. As Summer begins, I expect this will be an opportunity for us to pause and take stock of who we are and what we do as a Church. Especially if the proposed single-board leadership model is approved, we will be able to streamline our ministry decisions and better live into our purpose and vision as a congregation. I, for one, welcome the opportunity to critically consider what has been going well, what could be improved, and what can be reimaged to meet the needs we see in our community.

Along the lines of improving, I would love some feedback and help as I plan out potential sermons and worship series in the next year. In particular, I want to make sure that our worship is tapping into the needs and questions that people may have. To help me with this, I would welcome your responses to the following prompts:

If I were to preach a series of sermons that would be of interest to your friends who don't attend church, what would that series of sermons be about?

What areas of the Bible, Christian theology, or the spiritual life would you like to grow in or know more about in the coming year? Are there theological or biblical questions you would like to hear a sermon tackle?

What are the personal challenges and struggles you, or people you love, are facing?

Thank you in advance for your responses, and for all the ways that you help to make our Church and community a better place. If you have other thoughts or ideas on how to improve our ministry, please let us know! Together, we can continue to live into our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

God bless!

-P.S.

*Pastor Seth*



**June Birthdays**

- 1 Thomas Langrehr
- 3 Keith Loof  
Michael Severin
- 4 Taylor Umland-Moyer
- 5 Ryley Nelson
- 6 Andrea McGraw
- 8 Jenna Bathke  
Craig Doss
- 10 Philip Severin
- 12 Tate Reiner  
Judy Searles
- 13 Danielle Jensen  
Madison Monahan+  
Amber Person
- 17 Ryan Monahan
- 19 Evan Alderson  
Phillip Caslin
- 24 Daniel Kistler  
Mary McKay
- 25 Mackenzie Gravel
- 28 Carri Reilly



Church Data — May 2022

Totals for May

Total Attendance— 271

Tithes and Offerings— \$11435.

Monthly Budget for 2022 – \$14,799

**HUMC Office Hours**

- Monday 8 – 12 pm
- Tuesday 8 – 12 pm and 1 - 5 pm
- Wednesday 8 – 12 pm and 1 – 5 pm
- Thursday 8 – 12 pm
- Friday – Closed
- Saturday—2:30 – 5 pm



**Congratulations - 2022 Graduates**

- Zander Canfield
- Cameron Johnson
- Katelyn Lueth
- Hayden Mammenga
- Dereck Renken

The Tuesday, June 7 meeting for the **United Methodist Women** will be a road trip to Le Mars, IA. Cars will leave from the church at 9:30 am. We will have lunch in Le Mars, tour the town, and of course have Blue Bunny ice cream. Any women is invited to join us for the day. If you'd like to go, please tell Lois Kaiser or Jan Nordlund before June 5.



**Thank you** to the following people for helping clear trees, board up windows, clean the church, etc. Ann & Darin Johnson, Jeremy & Lexy Klinkhammer, Aaron Niewald, Dave Niewald, Karen Niewald, Vern Niewald, Katie & Jeff Peterson, Carrie Severin, Dave Stearns, Joel Stearns, Tom Stowsand

### **First ever Women's Retreat!**

#### **Registration forms are on the table in the church.**

Nocturne Circle is planning a women's retreat at Living Waters Retreat Center on Lake Poinsett.

The dates are Friday August 19th through Sunday August 21st, wrapping up with church at 9am followed by a brunch at 10am. You can check in anytime after 5pm Friday, however, the official start will be at 7pm. Carpooling will be available.

The cost for 1 night is \$100.00; 2 nights is \$150.00. All meals are included in the cost.

We will have a time of study, relaxation, bon fires with singing, smores, and more!

We would love you to join us! You are welcome to bring a friend, too. We would like a rough count by June 1st. This is an accessible retreat center (there is an elevator available).

RSVP to Rachel Stearns 605-595-5259 or Jan Nordlund 605-906-0934

Final count and payment will be due August 10th.

We are excited with this opportunity to get to know one another better and look forward to seeing everyone there!

# Hartford Community VBS



July 25, 26, 27

Evening

City Park