

CORNERSTONE

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



June Birthdays

- Keith Loof - 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



The Power of Holy Conferencing

As United Methodists, we embrace the rich tradition of holy conferencing. It is a means of gathering that goes beyond a simple business meeting; it is a sacred time of intentional dialogue, prayerful reflection, and mutual discernment. Through this practice, we come together to listen to one another with open hearts and minds, seeking God's guidance as we navigate the challenges and opportunities facing our communities.

With General Conference now wrapped up, we now prepare for our Dakotas Annual Conference which will meet in Bismarck from June 6-8. Please pray for our Dakotas United Methodist Church as we gather to discuss important topics, make decisions, and envision our future together. By participating in this holy conferencing, we honor our Wesleyan commitment to communal discernment and ensure that our actions reflect our faith and values. We will gather in a spirit of love and humility, trusting that through our shared wisdom and the Holy Spirit's presence, we can continue to grow and serve faithfully as the body of Christ.

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

Faith Circle will be meeting on June 6th at 1:30 pm.

Faith Circle will also be hosting a UWF meeting with guest Connie Smith on Saturday, June 8th at 9:30 am.

Evening Blessings will resume their meeting in September!

Women's Retreat

All women are invited to register for a retreat at Lake Poinsett Camp & Retreat Center on August 23-25th!

There is a registration sheet available in the office, and on the Church's website on the "About Us" page. To learn more, please contact Rachel Stearns or Jan Nordlund.

The Banquet

Hartford UMC, St. Ann's Catholic, and St. Lambert Catholic served the evening meal at the Banquet on May 14th. Approximately 275 guests were served! Thank to you all our volunteers!



News from Across our United Methodist Connection: Lori Faleide named Director at Wesley Acres Camp & Retreat Center

The Dakotas United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministry is thrilled to announce that Lori Faleide of Casselton, ND has been named as director of Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center.

Faleide has strong ties to North Dakota and the United Methodist Church. She is the Children's Ministry Director at First UMC in Fargo, ND. She is also the Casselton Community Healthy Youth Coordinator.

As a youth, Lori attended camp at Wesley Acres. She has returned many times to bring children, including her own, to camp and to attend retreats. She enjoys the growth she's seen in children who have attended camp at Wesley Acres. Lori has experience working in multiple roles with Central Cass Public Schools, as an executive team leader at Target, and as a patrol officer in Fargo.

She looks forward to getting to know people and expanding the programming at Wesley Acres. "This is going to be an awesome adventure! I am excited about getting to know everyone in the camping world and everyone who is connected to Wesley Acres," said Lori.

Lunch is Served: June 3

We are helping at Lunch is Served on Monday, June 3rd at 5:30 pm.

Located at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, Lunch Is Served is a nonprofit with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger.



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!



Congratulations to our graduates!

Please join us in celebrating our High School graduates, and all that they have accomplished!

Clara Nelson will be attending Northern State University, where she will major in Biology with a Chemistry minor, and play for the soccer team. She hopes to continue her education beyond NSU and become a Physician's Assistant.

Megan Johnson will be attending South Dakota State University with a double major in Journalism and English, with an emphasis in creative writing. She will play in the band at SDSU, and hopes to become an author.

Wyatt Boy will be attending Southeast Technical Institute to become an electrician.

Gabe Gebhard will be attending Lake Area Tech studying to become an Occupational Therapy Assistant.

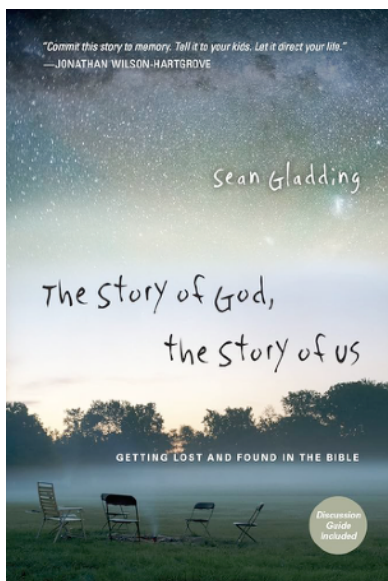
Please continue to pray for and support these students as they continue their education and live into who God has called and created them to be!

Summer Study Group - July 14 to September 8

This summer, we are planning a family-friendly Bible study with our friends at Montrose UMC!

Each week, we'll gather around a campfire and read out-loud together a chapter from the *Story of God*, the *Story of Us*, listening to the stories of creation, God's covenant, community building, and other Old Testament highlights. All you need to do is show up, ready to listen to the stories.

We will be alternating Sundays at 4 pm between Bill & Connie Smith's home in Montrose, and Pastor Seth's home. Light snacks will be provided.



Vacation Bible School

All students ages 3 up to Grade 6 are invited to "Set Sail" with us for Vacation Bible School!

This year's VBS will be Monday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 17. Each day will start at 5:30 pm with a meal, and end around 8:00 pm. For questions or to help support our VBS program this year, please contact Darin Johnson or Pastor Seth!

To register your student, please use the QR code below to access the form, or go to our website at humcsd.org.



Thinking about going to camp but aren't sure which one to choose? Try one of these to have a friendly face from our church at camp!

- Jr High Wilderness Adventure at Storm Mountain - June 6-14
- Mini-Camp A at Lake Poinsett - June 16-19
- Mini-Camp B at Lake Poinsett - June 16-19
- Middle School Sampler at Lake Poinsett - July 8-12
- Leadership Training Camp at Lake Poinsett - July 21-26
- Teddy Bear Camp 1 at Lake Poinsett - July 22-23
- Family Fun-4-All at Storm Mountain - July 26-28
- July Family Camp at Wesley Acres - July 26-28
- Summer's Last Blast at Lake Poinsett - July 28-31
- Grandparents & Me 2 at Lake Poinsett - July 31-August 2
- Relax, Refresh, Renew at Storm Mountain - Oct 25-27

Noisy Bucket Offering for June - The Miracle Offering for the Dakotas Annual Conference

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of June will support the Miracle Offering held at the Dakotas Annual Conference in Bismarck, ND. Drawing from Isaiah 43:1, we are reminded that as beloved children of God we can live courageously as ambassadors of Christ. We are blessed to be a blessing to others – and that is precisely what our annual Miracle Offering is all about: expressing our gratitude for God's provisions in our lives and sharing God's redeeming love with a broken world. The 2024 Miracle Offering invites us to walk alongside our neighbors near and far, reminding them through our tangible actions that they too are worthy, loved, and beloved.



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. Use Hartford UMC's promo code (**112261CA**) for a 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 **Joyce Hoefert & Melissa and Guy Caslin** our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of June! This sponsorship is in memory of Bob Hoefert and Phil Caslin.





Monday, May 20, 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 6:36 pm with prayer by Pastor Seth.
- Approval of minutes from April 16, 2023 meeting.
- Team Reports
 - Christian Education (Darin)
 - Vacation Bible School dates: Monday July 15 through Wednesday July 17. Sign-up sheet has been created online, and is being shared through the Church family. Will also be sent to the families that came to the Easter Egg Hunt. Will plan to hold a VBS meeting in coordination with other group leaders.
 - Finance (Melissa)
 - Available funds as of April 30:
 - Checking Account: \$38,187 (does not include designated funds)
 - Building fund: \$5,268
 - Memorial Fund: \$1,873
 - Dakotas Foundation Investment account: \$173,183
 - Apportionments: Will be paid, per the stipulations listed in January's meeting minutes. Camping fees have been paid.
 - Payroll taxes have been submitted.
 - Lay Member (Joyce)
 - Faith Circle members visited Church members at Sunny Crest Village. The ladies would appreciate Communion again, and have another visit scheduled for June 12th.
 - Helped sort clothes for The Closet. Have had a lot of clothing donated, and some have come to get clothing.
 - Will be attending Dakotas Annual Conference in Bismarck, ND on June 6, 7, 8.
 - A Shepardess for UWF will be coming on June 8th.

- Women's Retreat scheduled at Lake Poinsett on August 24, 2024.
- Sent a 'Thank You' to the Meyer family for their annual foundation check for building maintenance which was used for the boiler update. Also sent a 'Thank You' to the Brown family for their annual foundation check for camping.
- Hope box was given with Karen Mathane.
- Staff/Parish Relations (Scott)
 - June 9 - Will plan to do a Hymn Sing so that Pastor Seth doesn't have to work on a sermon following Annual Conference.
 - Pulpit supply for June 23 will be Deb Stowers, and June 30 and July 7 will be Mark Phillips.
- Outreach & Missions (Darin; interim)
 - Lunch is Served - Scheduled for June 3, 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
 - Food Pantry Sponsorship has been going well. Next available month for sponsorship is September.
 - The Closet has been going well so far. Brought in a big supply of clothing, and requests have been coming in for help.
- Trustees (Jeff)
 - Hander Plumbing adjusted intake/exhaust. Last winter, in bad storms the intake was frosting up and needed to be adjusted. No bill should be expected. This was an issue related to the installation of the boilers.
 - Insurance companies have been contacted, but bids are not coming in.
 - Plumbing question at Parsonage; Dave Stearns came and helped Pastor Seth find the issue. He doesn't seem concerned by the noises, but would like to recruit some others to help track down a more definitive source.
 - Future projects: Clear shelves from NW Sunday school room and put up a new marker board; clean out storage and make it into another meeting room/library for UWF; possibly make an exterior lending library, pending location, materials, etc. being approved beforehand.
- Worship (Lexy)
 - Planning to help with cleaning out some of the storage rooms this summer. Would like to see Contemporary worship expand in the next Fall with some more music, especially on the 2nd Sunday of the month to connect with the greater children/youth attendance.
- Pastor Seth's report

- Jamboree Days worship: June 16th at 9:30 am at the City Park Amphitheater.
- Have been asked to serve on the Conference Council of Youth Ministries, and as part of the District Superintendency Committee; Our new DS, Brandon Vetter, will officially begin his responsibilities on July 1st. He and his family are moving to the North West side of Sioux Falls. Tentatively planning on a joint Bible Study with Pastor Valerie and Montrose UMC.
- Old Business Discussion:
 - Administrative Board Nomination - Missions & Outreach
 - Some people have been approached, but no one has committed to serving in this way just yet.
- New Business Discussion:
 - Fall 2024 Planning
 - Possibilities include a new directory project, community health/educational opportunities (CPR training, hearing screenings, etc.), new women's and men's groups, and more.
 - 'Homework' assignment for next meeting: brainstorm ideas or areas of focus to move things forward in the Fall.
- Next meeting: Monday July 8th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.
 - Opening prayer by: Scott; Closing prayer by: Darin.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm with prayer by Lexy.



Memorial Day Program

We were proud to support Hartford’s Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 27! A special ‘thank you’ to Joyce Alderson, Jan Nordlund, Ann Johnson, Sarah Johnson, and Darin Johnson for serving lunch to those who attended on behalf of the Church!

June Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
June 2	Lois Kaiser / Craig Doss	N/A	Chase Polley	N/A
June 9	Gebhard	N/A	Leighton Peterson	Darin Johnson
June 16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
June 23	Keith Loof / Dan Kistler	N/A	Open	Lexy Klinkhammer
June 30	Adam & Darin Johnson	N/A	Sarah Johnson	Scott Nordlund
Communion Stewards	Preparer: Linda Blue	Servers: Addy Loof & Biz Johnson		

June 2024

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

May 2024							June 2024							July 2024						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Trinity Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 Corpus Christi	31	1 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
2 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	3	4	5	6 1:30 PM Faith Circle	7	8 9:30 AM UJWF Meeting 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
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16 Father's Day 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School Hour 6:00 PM Yoga Recovery	17 Eid al-Adha	18 Juneteenth	19	20	21	22 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
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For the most up-to-date calendar, please go to humcsd.org and use the "Calendar & Newsletter" tab.