



Monday, September 29, 2025

HUMC Leadership Team

Leadership Team Members in attendance: Pastor Seth LaBounty, Darin Johnson, Scott Nordlund, Joyce Alderson, Lynn Margeson, Dan Kistler;

Church Members also in attendance: David Stearns;

- Call to order at 6:08 pm with prayer by Joyce.
- Approved minutes from August 4, 2025 meeting.
- Team Reports
 - Christian Education (Darin)
 - Wild Wednesday is proceeding well.
 - Finance (Melissa)
 - No updates at this time. Bills are paid, and income has been meeting expenses.
 - Lay Member (Joyce)
 - Turkey Supper a success! Served approximately 280 people.
 - Have 2 new first aid kits. One is located in the 2nd floor closet across from the nursery, and the other is in the kitchen.
 - Faith Circle meeting October 2, 2025.
 - Visited Joyce Hoefert and Phyllis Smith, and attended Arlayne Rukaah's birthday party.
 - Helped clean area for larger classroom behind altar, found white children's choir robes and collars. These have been washed, ironed, and placed in the education supply room. Nativity lighting placed in room across from the banner room.
 - Received a 'thank you' letter from McCrossen Boys Rance for the donation of Bible study books.
 - Joyce would like to display the 1940 Church Quilt in the Sanctuary for a little while, to celebrate our history and heritage.
 - Staff/Parish Relations (Scott)
 - Pulpit Supply: All necessary dates are covered.
 - Church Directory: Waiting on proofs yet. The company is a little behind on this for now.
 - Outreach & Missions (Lynn)

- Banquet West - Wednesday, October 8.
- Hartford Food Pantry - Continuing our ongoing support.
- October Noisy Bucket - Midwest Street Medicine.
- Trustees (Dan)
 - AC Unit check / cleaning
 - NE Corner of property - Tree removal / sidewalk; The City is taking out the ash trees to the north of our property, and wondered if we wanted our ash tree removed as well. In addition, our northern neighbors are also updating their sidewalk, and there is an opportunity for us to update our sidewalk leading up to the driveway at a reduced cost by tacking on our project with our neighbor. 72 feet of sidewalk estimated at \$3,850. Project has been approved, with David Stearns and Dan Kistler as our representatives.
 - Thanks to a donation, working on updating lights in the building to LED.
 - Defibrillator status - Our device is aging out; can either refurbish some parts for ~\$250 which will last us a few years, or replace the device entirely for a total cost of \$800 which will last much longer. Will go ahead and purchase the new one for \$800.
 - Copier - Started showing some streaks when printing. Called Century and their technician came and fixed the problem. We will also receive quotes on updating our printer in the next week, if that something we might want to do.
 - Now that the power lines are buried, there is the potential for putting in some kind of parking lot by the western alleyway.
- Worship (Lexy)
 - Pre-Recorded worship music plan
- Pastor Seth's report
 - Pastor Seth will be at DakYouth on October 9-12; Coverage for the 12th will be Brandon Vetter, our District Superintendent.
 - Wine Walk scheduled for October 18th, with the Church acting as an NA stop.
 - Can potentially shift from RightNow Media to Amplify Media for our digital study resources. Amplify is a more Methodist/Wesleyan aligned resources, with materials from Cokesbury, and would be available for free thanks to a partnership with the Dakotas Conference.
 - Charge Conference scheduled for November 9th at 2:00 pm.
 - Junia's baptism will be here at the Church on Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 am. Members of both Montrose UMC and Hartford UMC are welcome to attend!

- Planning to hold a membership class towards the end of October. Are there particular dates/ days that we think might work better?
- Rural Ministry grant awarded to the Conference, and they are exploring ways to meet the needs of rural congregations in our area. They are wondering what are our communities' "pain points", and what are the "gaps" in our existing ministries. Some potential ideas include a full-time staff position for youth/family ministries that would be shared for area congregations.
- Old Business Discussion:
 - Outsourcing Treasurer Duties - Erin Alderson has expressed an openness with assisting in this role in the near future. We will revisit the Treasurer/Office Manager job description to see what our needs in this area might be.
 - New Financial Software - No updates.
 - New Microphones - Scott is researching.
 - Parental Leave - Conference Reimbursement for Sub Pastors.
 - New Admin Board members
- New Business Discussion:
 - Team has expressed interest in hosting a first-aid course at the Church to help us (and others in the community) understand some basic first-aid lessons.
- Next meeting: Monday, October 27th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.
 - Opening prayer by: Darin; Closing prayer by: Scott.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm with prayer by Lynn.