

CORNERSTONE

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



March Birthdays

- Mark Jensen - Mar 1
- Jan Nordlund - Mar 1
- Patsy Bossman - Mar 3
- Buffy Edberg - Mar 8
- Linda Blue - Mar 13
- Wendy Schutte - Mar 13
- Melissa Lueth - Mar 14
- Donna Koch - Mar 15
- Clara Nelson - Mar 15
- Cameron Johnson - Mar 17
- Andrew Thaler - Mar 17
- Donnie Mammenga - Mar 18
- Phyllis Smith - Mar 18
- Breanna Bossman - Mar 19
- Michael Dunn - Mar 23
- Tom Stowsand - Mar 24
- Deanna Edberg - Mar 26
- Lois Kaiser - Mar 27
- Cole Lubenow - Mar 27
- Elizabeth Johnson - Mar 28
- LaVonne Dieken - Mar 29
- Toni West - Mar 31



Discipline and Renewal

As we continue through the sacred season of Lent, I want to invite you into a time of intentional spiritual discipline and devotion. Lent's 40 days echo Jesus' time in the wilderness, where he fasted, prayed, and prepared for his ministry. It is a season of self-examination, repentance, and growth — an opportunity to realign our hearts with God's will.

How we live that out may vary from person to person. Some choose to add times of prayer or study to their day. Others choose to fast, or practice more intentional generosity. However you live out your discipleship, allow those practices to shape you. These means of grace are not about earning God's love, but about opening ourselves more fully to the work of God in our lives. Together, may we embrace this holy season as a time to quiet distractions, deepen our faith, and prepare our hearts for the joy and new life of Easter morning.

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

Evening Blessings will be meeting on March 2nd at 7:00 pm.

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



Clothes donated BY the community FOR the community

The Closet

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Across our Connection: Annual Conference 2026

The 33rd session of the Dakotas Annual Conference will be held June 5-7, 2026, in Bismarck, North Dakota. The gathering will include time for worship, connection, learning, serving, and looking to the future together.

The theme for this year's gathering is **"Created to Serve Joyfully."** Continuing the emphasis on our United Methodist vision and grounded in the message of Philippians 4, we will focus on how we are called to align our hearts, minds, and lives with the servant heart of Jesus. It will be a reminder of the call we have to put the things we see Jesus do into practice.

Throughout the conference we will highlight the ways we have been in ministry together in the past year and are serving joyfully across the Dakotas.

As part of our time together, **Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank** from the California-Pacific Annual Conference will serve as our connectional guest. Conference attendees will delight in her Spirit-soaked leadership that flows from a deep love of community and a fierce commitment to justice. Her authenticity as a Wesleyan leader reminds us that holiness in the Wesleyan tradition is to be embodied in real relationships, real neighborhoods, and real courage. Her voice and presence will call us to be rooted, relational, and relentlessly hopeful.

To learn more about Annual Conference and more specific details regarding legislation to be considered, please contact Pastor Seth!

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.

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Current Study: Embracing the Uncertain



Thank you for supporting The Closet fundraiser at Pizza Ranch! We raised almost \$400!



Holy Week

AT HARTFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

<p>April 2nd Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>April 3rd Good Friday - 6:30 pm</p>
<p>April 4th Easter Egg Hunt - 1:00 pm Holy Saturday - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>April 5th Easter Sunrise - 7:00 am Easter Service - 9:30 am</p>





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.



Serving at Lunch is Served - March 30

To learn more or to sign up to pack lunches for Lunch is Served, 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

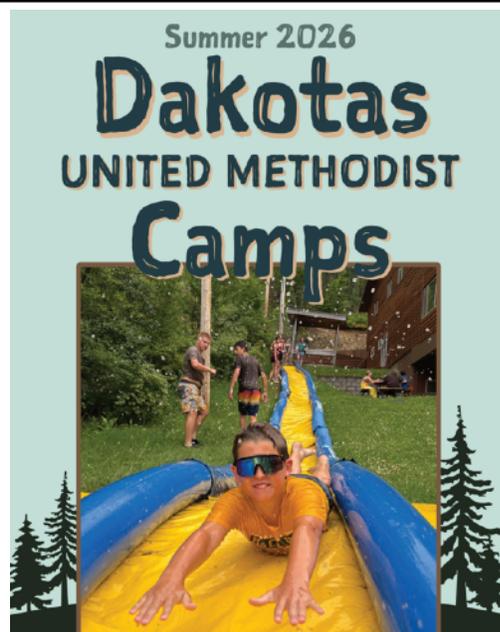
Help with Worship!

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 March - The Upper Room

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of March will support The Upper Room, a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual life of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. From its beginnings in 1935 as a daily devotional guide, The Upper Room has grown to include publications, programs, prayer support, and other resources to help believers of all ages and denominations move to a deeper level of faith and service.



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 a free \$25 credit for the Camp Store, and use Hartford UMC's promo code (**112261CA**) for an additional 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 our Food Pantry sponsors for the month of March! This month, our sponsors are: **Lois Kaiser**, in memory of Katie Whitney; **Lynn & Butch Margeson**, in memory of Marilyn Polzin; and **Buffy & Erik Edberg**, in honor of Ernest & Marcella Edberg, Jack & Ila Warnke, and Jeremy Edberg.



Wild Wednesday Meal Schedule	Volunteer	Main Course
March 4	UW Faith	Tater Tot Casserole
March 11	Grade 1 - 3 Class	Meatball Subs
March 18	TBD	TBD
March 25	UM Men	French Toast Sticks

Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent	Kaiser / Doss	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent	Weber Family	Weber Family	TBD	N/A
March 15 4th Sunday in Lent	Aldersons	Aldersons	Aldersons	Irene Shannon
March 22 5th Sunday in Lent	Roth	Roth	TBD	N/A
March 29 Palm Sunday	Retzlaff	Retzlaff	TBD	TBD

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

March 2026

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

February 2026							March 2026							April 2026													
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ■ St. David's Day ■ 9:30AM Sunday Worship ■ 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	2 ■ 9:00AM SAIL ■ 7:00PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	3	4 ■ 9:00AM SAIL ■ 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	5 ■ 1:30PM Faith Circle	6	7 ■ 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
8 ■ Daylight Saving Time ■ 9:30AM Sunday Worship ■ 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	9 ■ 9:00AM SAIL	10 ■ 6:00PM Leadership Team Meeting	11 ■ 9:00AM SAIL ■ 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	12 ■ 7:30AM DHI Meeting	13	14 ■ 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
15 ■ 9:30AM Sunday Worship ■ 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	16 ■ 9:00AM SAIL	17 ■ St. Patrick's Day ■ St. Patrick's Day ■ 9:00AM Coffee Quilters	18 ■ 9:00AM SAIL ■ 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	19 Eid al-Fitr	20	21 ■ 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
22 ■ 9:30AM Sunday Worship ■ 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	23 ■ 9:00AM SAIL	24	25 ■ 9:00AM SAIL ■ 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	26	27	28 ■ 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship
29 ■ Palm Sunday ■ 9:30AM Sunday Worship ■ 4:00PM Bibles & Brews	30 ■ 9:00AM SAIL	31	1 April Fools' Day Passover ■ 9:00AM SAIL ■ 6:00PM WILD Wednesday	2 Maundy Thursday ■ 1:30PM Faith Circle ■ 6:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship	3 Good Friday Good Friday ■ 6:30PM Good Friday Worship	4 Holy Saturday ■ 5:30PM Saturday Night Worship

For the most up-to-date calendar, please go to humcsd.org and use the "Calendar & Newsletter" tab.