HARTFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVE GROW SERVE

CORNERSTONE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HARTFORD UMC

Hello, Hartford family!

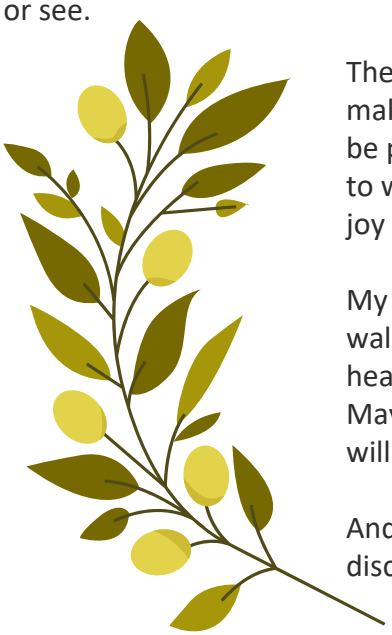
Over the past few weeks, we have been journeying through the book of Mark and reflecting on the parables of the seed. We have talked about the seed as God's Word, the seed as the kingdom of God, and the seed that grows secretly. Each of these parables offers us a glimpse into how God works in us and through us.

I find these parables both encouraging and grounding. They remind us that God is at work, even when we cannot see it. God is the one who grows and expands his kingdom. He is the one who patiently works in us, transforming us and forming us to become more like Jesus.

And our invitation is simply to walk with him.

We get to be part of God's great adventure. We get to come alongside him and participate in what he is already doing in the world around us. We don't have to make everything happen or have all the answers. We are invited to look to Jesus, listen for his voice, and follow where he leads. And as we walk together, we can encourage one another and join hands in the work God places before us.

The outcome belongs to God. Our part is to remain faithful to him, trusting that he is at work even in the small, ordinary moments of our lives. A seed may seem insignificant, and its growth may go unnoticed for a time. Yet God is at work, bringing life and growth in ways we may not fully understand or see.



There is such freedom in this way of living. We can let go of the pressure to make things happen and rest in the knowledge that God is at work. We can be present to the people around us, faithful in the small things, and attentive to what Jesus is inviting us to do today. And along the way, we discover the joy of growing in Christ and sharing in the life he gives us.

My prayer for us, as the Hartford church family, is that we will continue to walk closely with Jesus. May we learn to lean on his guidance, open our hearts to his leading, and trust him with the growth that is beyond our hands. May we have eyes to see where he is already at work among us and the willingness to join him there.

And may our journey together be marked by joy, love, and freedom as we discover, day by day, what it means to live life with Jesus.

In Him,
Pastor Julie

NEWS & MINISTRIES

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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, December 6th - after service

Everyone is welcome. Come hear ministry updates and help discern what is next. Also, monthly meeting minutes will be available on the Church website.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tom Kaiser - Nov 1
Adam Johnson - Nov 7
Erin Alderson - Nov 8
Joyce Loof - Nov 10
Whitney Stockwell - Nov 10
Miranda Jacobsma - Nov 15
Kaitlin Retzlaff - Nov 15
Addison Jacobsma - Nov 19
Jen Hitchkiss - Nov 20
Bentley Klinkhammer - Nov 20
Charles Meyer - Nov 22
Courteney Person - Nov 22

Yearly Charge Conference

Please join us on Sunday, November 8th @ 1:30pm

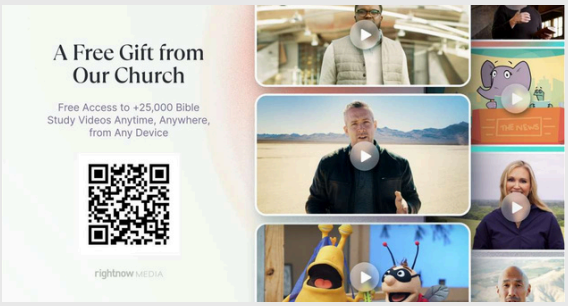
Our district Superintendent, Brandon Vetter, will be here as we discuss our connection with the district, review 2026, and plan for 2027. There are so many exciting ways that Christ is working here at HUMC, please join us, if you're able, to be part of the planning!

START THE PRAYER CHAIN

Lois Kaiser
605-941-1294
Nancy Gacke
605-940-7714
Pastor Julie
605-940-2213



LEARN TOGETHER



Amplify Media

Free access to thousands of Bible studies for faith, parenting, work and daily life. Scan the code or contact the church office for access. If you had access through Right Now Media - you should have received an email to log in to Amplify - if not, we can help! Email: humcsd@gmail.com

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Would you like to be part of the Clothing Closet ministry? There are many ways to help, and we would love to have you help us! You might help sort clothes by size, put clothes on hangers, hang clothes, or help open the Closet to welcome our community. Even an hour or two once a month would be a wonderful help!

Whether you have a little time to give or would enjoy helping in several ways, there is a place for you. Another major need is for hygiene kits and new undergarments, which can be found on our Amazon wishlist (scan QR code). If you feel led to be part of this ministry, please reach out to Danielle or Kaitlin. We are grateful for every helping hand as we serve and care for our community together!

Contact Dannie Polley - polleydannie@gmail.com

Scan here to view The Closet's Amazon Wishlist

The Care Team Ministry

Life brings seasons of joy, but also times of struggle, loss, and quiet hardship. Our Care Team exists to ensure that no one in our congregation walks through these moments alone. We aim to offer emotional and spiritual support, a listening ear, and access to resources during difficult seasons. Whether meeting over coffee, making a home visit, or sending a simple note of encouragement, our goal is to walk alongside you in Jesus' name.

Our Commitment to Confidentiality

Trust is the foundation of care ministry. What you share with the Care Team stays within the Care Team. We treat every conversation as strictly confidential and share information only with your explicit permission.

Please note: The Care Team provides supportive companionship and spiritual care. We do not offer professional mental health therapy, medical advice, or home health services, but we are always glad to help connect you with professional care when needed.

Email: humccareteam@gmail.com

NOVEMBER NOISY BUCKET

Unique to Sioux Falls, The Teddy Bear Den is an incentive and education based program for the limited income pregnant women in our community. They provide referrals, education and incentives to pregnant women, teens, new parents and their families.

Since June of 1996 the Teddy Bear Den has inspired over 25,500 economically disadvantaged pregnant women in the Sioux Falls community to seek early and regular prenatal care.

Along with our noisy bucket offering for the month, we would like to host a diaper donation drive - as we head into the holiday season, we'd love to help these women in more ways than one! Details on that coming soon!

WORSHIP & EVENTS

Craft Night - November 12th @ 7:00pm



Join us for a fun craft night at the church on November 12th at 7:00 PM. You will learn how to make a super easy macrame gnome - no macrame experience needed.

All the supplies needed to make your gnome will be provided.

The cost will be a free will donation that will be given back to the church that will help support the camping fund.

Come and join in the fun - these are easy and fun to make and also make great stocking stuffers. You can use your favorite colors or you can also use 2 colors for team colors for the hats.

United Women in Faith

submitted by Joyce Alderson

I think many of us are familiar with our Women's Circles - Faith & Blessings. They meet monthly and discuss needs of our church and community, have a Bible study, and enjoy fellowship with each other.

Did you know that if you're a member of either Circle, you automatically become a member of United Women in Faith?

UWF supports programs in the US and around the world that improves life for women, children, and youth in their communities. It supports 39 countries around the globe to be leaders in their church, community, and the world. This organization was started in 1869 with eight members and now has over a million members! They have a National office in New York in the Church Center of the United Nations. It funds national and international missions.

UWF meets at our church 4 times per year. We support their missions financially, we educate ourselves through a reading program, and help support needs as they rise. If you have questions about this wonderful group, contact Joyce Alderson.

The Hartford Senior Center - Gage House

Enjoy a warm, nutritious meal in a welcoming atmosphere at the Hartford Senior Center.

Please join them for an opportunity to share good food and connect with your community.

Must call to reserve a meal 24 hours in advance. For more information or to reserve your meal, call : 605-528-3999.



WORSHIP & EVENTS at Church & In the Community

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THE BANQUET

Wednesday, Jan. 13th
Looking for prep help in the afternoon
5th through High School youth will be serving - but we need some supervisors!

Sign up in the back of the church or contact Lynn Margeson for more information!

WILD WEDNESDAY

HAPPENING NOW!

MEAL @ 6:00
CLASS: 6:30-7:30

Next Event: Ornament making and christmas crafts - 11/18!
Parents encourgaed to join in on the fun!

PUMPKINS AND PANCAKES















Hartford Food Pantry Sponsor

We are asking memebers of Hartford UMC to consider being a food pantry sponsor of the month. If you wish to make a 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, the offering plate, or email a copy to humcsd@gmail.com. Monthly sponsors will be assigned in the order they are received.



SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Jan Nordlund in memory of her husband, Don Nordlund.
Kistler Family in memory of Judy Kistler.
Juli Anderson in memory of two important men in her life: father, Jr. Wipf (11/17/36 - 11/6/79) and step-father, Ray Hofer who passed away 11-4-16.

Thank you for contributing to this life giving ministry!

SPONSOR A MONTH

Full month: $100
Half month: $50

Name:_____

In Honor Of:_____

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SERVING TOGETHER

Thank you for making worship welcoming each week.

DATE	USHER / GREETER	FELLOWSHIP FOOD	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST
Nov. 1	Lueth		Lueth	
Nov. 8	Caslin	Aldersons	Aldersons	
Nov. 15	Weber		Weber	
Nov. 22	Irene/Sandy			
Nov. 29	Available			

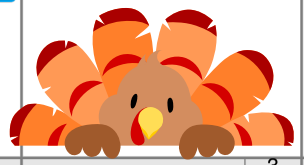
COMMUNION STEWARDS - 11/1

Preparer: Rachel Stearns • Servers: Oliver Gebhardt, Kynzie Lueth

DATE	Wild Wednesday Meals	Volunteers
Nov. 4	Tator Tot Hotdish	United Methodist Women in Faith
Nov. 11	Walking Tacos	Retzlaff Family
Nov. 18	Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	Bauer, Fredrickson, Sjaarda, Johnson Families
Nov. 25	**No Wild Wednesday - Happy Thanksgiving!**	

Hartford UMC, Christian Holidays, Holidays in United States

Nov 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time 9:30am - Sunday Worship 	2 All Souls' Day 9am - SAIL 7pm - Evening Blessings	3 Election Day	4 9am - SAIL 6pm - Wild Wednesday	5 1:30pm - Faith Circle	6	7 5:30pm - Saturday
8 9:30am - Sunday Worship	9 9am - SAIL	10	11 Veterans Day 9am - SAIL 6pm - Wild Wednesday 	12 7pm - Macrame Gnome	13	14 5:30pm - Saturday
15 9:30am - Sunday Worship	16 9am - SAIL	17	18 9am - SAIL 6pm - Wild Wednesday -	19	20	21 5:30pm - Saturday
22 9:30am - Sunday Worship	23 9am - SAIL	24	25 9am - SAIL 6pm - Wild Wednesday	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27 Black Friday	28 5:30pm - Saturday
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:30am - Sunday Worship 	30 9am - SAIL	1	2 9am - SAIL 6pm - Wild Wednesday	3 1:30pm - Faith Circle	4	5