

CORNERSTONE

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



October Birthdays

Nathan Gacke - Oct 1
 Angel Condon - Oct 6
 Vicki Kaiser - Oct 6
 Isabel West - Oct 6
 Sandi Cady - Oct 9
 Betha Nelson - Oct 9
 Ann Johnson - Oct 11
 Ed Searles - Oct 11
 Cooper Jacobsma - Oct 13
 Jason Nevins - Oct 13
 Bernard Stockwell - Oct 13
 Katie Peterson - Oct 14
 Beckett Retzlaff - Oct 14
 Lloyd Stockwell - Oct 18
 Caleb Schneider - Oct 19
 Carson Jacobsma - Oct 20
 Todd Lubenow - Oct 20
 Andy Lueth - Oct 20
 Marsha Schaefer - Oct 21
 Scott Nelson - Oct 23
 Chase Polley - Oct 23
 Darla Wohler - Oct 25
 Kayli Blue - Oct 27
 Ken Smidt - Oct 30
 Jeffrey Mathison - Oct 31



Celebrate the Harvest

It's harvest season, and a perfect time to give thanks for God's abundant provision and blessings that surround us. The harvest reminds us not only of the fruits (and vegetables) of the earth, but also of the spiritual fruits that come when we live faithfully in Christ. As Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Just as farmers gather the crops they have sown, we, too, are called to reflect on the seeds of kindness, service, and love that we plant each day and trust God to bring forth a bountiful return.

This season, I want to encourage you to celebrate the harvest by giving thanks and by sharing generously with others. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." As disciples, we are invited to step into God's field, participating in ministry, mission, and service to our neighbors. Whether through the Food Pantry, community events, or simple acts of compassion, we can embody the spirit of the harvest by living as faithful workers in God's kingdom. May this season inspire us to gratitude, generosity, and renewed commitment to God's work in the world. 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



Clothes donated BY the community FOR the community

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.

The Closet is currently in need of items to organize the clothing and space, and would be grateful for any help they could receive! Scan the QR code below to see their Amazon Wishlist of helpful items.

To learn more about how to help or otherwise get connected, contact Darin Johnson or Danielle Polley!



News from our Connection

DAKYOUTH is an annual youth event like no other and is for both middle school and high school youth in the Dakotas Conference. Youth gather from all around the conference to learn about leadership, discipleship, and service. This year's theme, "Living For God," is centered on Job 23:11, challenging and inspiring youth to walk faithfully in their everyday lives. Rev. Rachel Billups will bring powerful messages as the main speaker, and VOTA will lead an unforgettable time of worship!

Membership Class - Sunday October 26th after Worship

Pastor Seth will be offering a Membership Class for anyone interested in becoming an official member of Hartford United Methodist Church after worship on Sunday, October 26th. This class will cover things like what makes the United Methodist Church different than other Christian denominations, ways to get involved in our ministries, and give space for any questions you may have about our Church. All are welcome to come, even if you are already a member and want to re-learn what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church!



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.

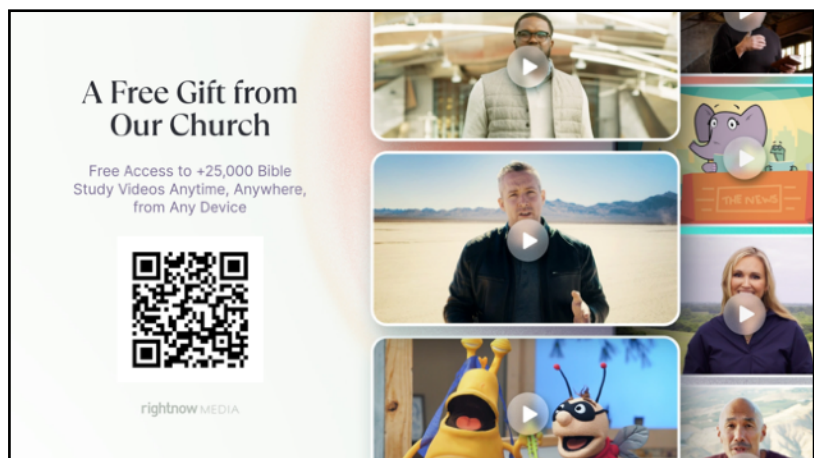
Noisy Bucket: Midwest Street Medicine

Our Noisy Bucket offering for the month of October will support Midwest Street Medicine, a nonprofit that works to close the gaps in health outcomes and mortality by providing low-barrier care that addresses people's medical, behavioral, addiction, and social needs.



RightNow Media

Having a hard time finding a good Bible Study? Looking for guidance with parenting, work, or other areas of life? We can help! Through RightNow Media, we have access to thousands of Bible studies. For free access to this library, use the QR code below!



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!

Pastoral Leave

Pastor Seth will be on parental leave for most of the month of December.

Parental Leave up to 12 weeks is granted to all clergy, and the Conference provides grant funding for up to 8 weeks to help local congregations with pastoral coverage during that time. Pastor Seth will be dividing the 8 weeks of his parental leave into two, 4-week sections as he has done in the past.

Retired pastor Mark Philips will be providing pulpit supply throughout the season of Advent.

For other pastoral care needs, please contact Scott Nordlund or Lexy Klinkhammer so that they can contact one of our on-call ministers in the area.



Current Study: Keep It Simple

You have a unique story to tell about your past without Jesus and your present with Him. But perhaps the thought of telling that story is scary, confusing, or complicated. You don't know who to tell or how. You're afraid you don't have all the answers or that you'll be rejected. This study will help you get over those barriers to craft and deliver your supernatural story naturally, by keeping it simple.

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 Alderson** for our Food Pantry sponsorship for the month of October! This sponsorship is in memory of Larry Alderson!



Wild Wednesday Meal Schedule & Sign Up	Volunteer	Main Course
October 1	United Women in Faith	Chicken & Rice
October 8	TBD	TBD
October 15	United Methodist Men	Sub Sandwiches
October 22	TBD	TBD
October 29	United Methodist Men	Pancakes

Worship Volunteer Schedule	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship Food	Acolyte	Liturgist
October 5	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A
October 12	TBD	TBD	TBD	Irene Shannon
October 19	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A
October 26	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Stewards	Preparer: Linda Blue	Servers: Addy Loof, Oliver Gebhard, Kynzie Lueth		

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

October 2025

 US Holidays
 Christian Holidays
 humcsd@gmail.com

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025										
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	29 9:00 AM SAIL 7:00 PM Leadership Team	30	1 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	2 Yom Kippur 1:30 PM Faith Circle	3	4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
5 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	6 9:00 AM SAIL 7:00 PM Evening Blessings Women's Group	7	8 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	9 7:30 AM DHI Meeting	10	11 10:00 AM United Women in Faith 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
12 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day 9:00 AM SAIL	14	15 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	16	17	18 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
19 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	20 9:00 AM SAIL	21 Diwali	22 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	23	24	25 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship
26 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:45 AM New Member Class 4:00 PM Bibles & Brews	27 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM Leadership Team	28	29 9:00 AM SAIL 6:00 PM WILD Wednesday	30 Halloween	31 All Saints' Day 5:30 PM Saturday Night Worship	1

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