

The Community Messenger August 2026

Erica Extemporaneous-will return in September!

Stay Tuned! 🤖



This is a huge slice of gratitude to each of the Elders who stepped up in July to create and present a successful and meaningful worship service for us every week. Also, this is in appreciation to the members of the congregation who participated in and supported their efforts. July was a rare and welcome blessing. We are truly a community church!

Thank you, Tom Hitmar, Chair of the Elders.

Greetings from Gabby!

Hi Everyone!!

John Howland and I are anxiously watching for Pastor Erica's return!

We know you are looking forward to having her back too!

At first, it was fun monkeying around in her absence.

But soon, we grew weary of all play and no work...

So...we went to work making her a poster. We hope that she will like it!



Your friends~

Gabby and John Howland

Diaconate and Elders' Schedules – August 2026

Date	Elder	Diaconate Sanctuary (All Month)	Diaconate Kitchen (All Month)
August 2	Alan Purdum	Barry Dunaway – Captain	Sanctuary Diane Hughes
August 9	Kathy Purdum	Leanna Dunaway	
August 16	Tom Hitmar	Gary Arblaster	JHR Dawn Adgate
August 23	Katy Kell	Preston Thigpen	
August 30	Gretchen Hrusovsky	Bryson Thigpen	

Lectionary for August 2026

August 2, 2026

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2026

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 2026

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

August 23, 2026

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28



DRIVE THRU Spaghetti DINNER

THURSDAYS
— starting —
SEPTEMBER 17
— until —
OCTOBER 29

Includes: SPAGHETTI • SALAD • BREAD • DESSERT

\$13 ADULTS
\$7 CHILDREN

DRIVE THRU PICK-UP ONLY **4:30 - 6:30**

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Operating Fund Update

	June Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Income	\$17,153.76	\$130,906.39	\$132,970.00
Expenses	\$18,437.87	\$141,411.56	\$133,476.00
Difference	-\$1,284.11	-\$10,505.17	-\$506.00



CLIENT CHOICE

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks for your donations of the plastic grocery bags! Please continue to save them and bring them into church! **Our August pantry is scheduled for Friday, the 21st from 3-5 pm.**

On Thursday morning, August 20th, we expect to have a large truck delivery of foodstuffs (exact timing still to be determined). Volunteers for both Thursday's unload and Friday's pantry are needed and much appreciated! If able, please consider volunteering a few hours.

Thank you for your continued support!

~Linda Hitmar

Congratulations

Melissa Bickerstaff

Preston Thigpen

This year's recipients of the Herman and Jane Crum Scholarship!

ACROSS

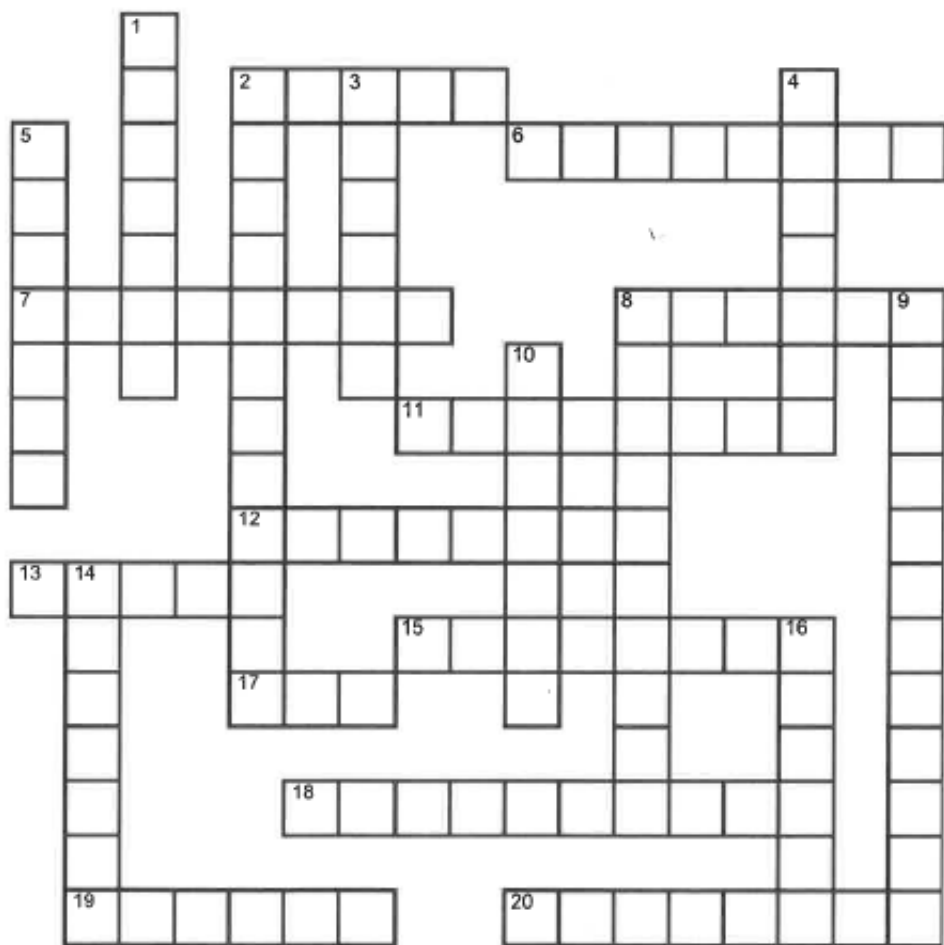
2. Sandy shore for sunbathing and playing
6. Tart and sweet citrus drink
7. Time off from school or work
8. Brightest star in the night sky
11. Cooling off in the pool or ocean
12. Period of very hot weather
13. Zodiac sign for late August birthdays
15. Long car journey for fun
17. Zodiac sign for early August birthdays
18. Large green fruit with pink insides
19. Eighth month of the year
20. Outdoor cooking on a grill



Crossword

DOWN

1. Swinging bed hung between trees
2. Preparing for a new academic year
3. Cooling system for indoor spaces (abbr.)
4. Sleeping outdoors in a tent
5. Gathering ripe crops from fields
8. Warmest season of the year
9. When the moon blocks the sun
10. Noisy insects that buzz in trees
14. Cold brewed beverage
16. Outdoor meal on a blanket



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.. Air-con ..	.. Lemonade ..
.. August ..	.. Leo ..
.. Back-to-school ..	.. Picnic ..
.. Barbecue ..	.. Road trip ..
.. Beach ..	.. Sirius ..
.. Camping ..	.. Solar eclipse ..
.. Cicadas ..	.. Summertime ..
.. Hammock ..	.. Swimming ..
.. Harvest ..	.. Vacation ..
.. Heatwave ..	.. Virgo ..
.. Iced tea ..	.. Watermelon ..
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August 2026 - HCC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Learning Center GAB Sale 9am-3pm 1 pm NA (NH) 6 pm AA (NH)
2 10 am Worship	3	4	5 1 pm Women's Group (JHR)	6	7	8 1 pm NA (NH) 6 pm AA (NH)
9 10 am Worship- Noisy Coin Offering	10 7 pm Elders 7 pm Boy Scouts (NH)	11	12 1 pm Women's Group (JHR)	13 7 pm Game Night (JHR) 6-8 pm Girl Scouts (NH)	14	15 1 pm NA (NH) 6 pm AA (NH)
16 10 am Worship	17 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Official Board 7 pm Boy Scouts (NH)	18	19 1 pm Women's Group (JHR)	20	21 3-5 PM Client Choice Food Pantry	22 1 pm NA (NH) 6 pm AA (NH)
23 10 am Worship	24 7 pm Boy Scouts (NH)	25	26 1 pm Women's Group (JHR)	27 7 pm Game Night (JHR) 6-8 pm Girl Scouts (NH)	28	29 11 am - 12:30 pm Free Fellowship Meal (SH) 1 pm NA (NH) 6 pm AA (NH)
30 10 am Worship	31 7 pm Boy Scouts (NH)					

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The Community Messenger is the monthly newsletter of the **Howland Community Church** (affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, and the International Council of Community Churches). Our church is “**A House of Prayer for All People.**” We offer Sunday School for children and a fellowship gathering after Worship. Communion is served every Sunday.

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

