

# Hedrick Community Church

April – May 2025 Newsletter



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Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I have learned a lot since my by-pass surgery. Number one is to take my prescribed medications daily, second is eat a proper diet, number three is do regular exercise, and last but not least is stress management and rest.

Jesus often took time to rest.... Mark 6:31 says, Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

He also says in Mark 11:28, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

According to "Psychology Today". We need several kinds of rest....

Physical rest, mental rest, emotional rest and most important of all is Spiritual rest. It empowers us to experience peace and perseverance when we face challenges.

Some people have told me that emotional and mental weariness is harder to overcome than physical tiredness. I can see that in many people.

I have used my time recovering to connect with the Lord on a deeper level. More prayer, more trust, and more forgiveness. I invite you to do the same. We find spiritual rest when we remember God is with us constantly. It's up to me to rest in the knowledge of His saving grace!

Pastor Michael Elrod

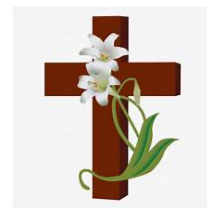
## SCHOLARSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

The Hedrick Community Church Scholarship is available. Please complete the application and turn into the church office along with supporting documentation by April 21<sup>st</sup>.

There will be a Scholarship Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

The Richland Methodist Church also has Scholarships available for graduating Pekin Seniors. Applications are on the back table and due back to Richland by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

A recognition and celebration date will be set and announced soon.



## EASTER LILIES

If anyone is interested in purchasing an Easter Lily for the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the clipboard or let Jenell Millikin know by April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are purchasing the lilies from Stam's Greenhouse in Oskaloosa and the cost will be \$16.00 payable to Jenell.

Good Friday  
Service  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:30 p.m.



## EASTER SUNDAY

We hope you will join us for Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.



There will be a Children's Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship.

## MAY GRADUATES

**Preschool** - Lena Millikin & Amelya Johnson

**Elementary** - Blake Deutsche, Eleanora Ferrell & Bayne Johnson

**Junior High** - None

**High School** - Renae Eubanks @ Pekin High School

**College** - Brady Millikin @ University of Tennessee Martin

Sarah Eubanks (Dec 2025) @ University of Iowa

(Please let Jenell know if a graduate needs to be added!)



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Do you ever wonder where our weekly special offerings go? Here is the breakdown.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:** American Home Finding Association. This offering goes to the facility in Agency to help displaced teenagers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month:** Noisy Money Offering. This offering will go into our Youth Ministry Fund to help with the cost of VBS, Sunday School or any other Youth events.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month:** Birthday & Anniversary Offering. This offering goes into our Local Missions Fund Account and is used to provide quick help for area residents in need of gasoline, utilities, food, etc.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month:** Lord's Pantry Offering. This offering alternates between the Richland Food Pantry to purchase items needed to keep the pantry stocked and the Pekin Ministerial Association (PMA) Benevolence Fund that helps people in the Pekin School District in need of food, clothing, utilities, etc.

Thank you for always generously supporting our Mission Projects!!!

## MISSION BRUNCHES & PROJECTS

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, we held a Mission Brunch of buttermilk pancakes and sausage. Proceeds of \$719.00 will go towards our 2025 Scholarships.

**Our next Mission Brunch will be April 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship service. We will be serving a great selection of breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice. Proceeds will be sent to the Blessings Soup Kitchen in Ottumwa.**

On July 13<sup>th</sup> during Hedrick Bar-B-Que Days we will hold an Ecumenical Service at the Carl Craft Civic Center. During this service we will collect an offering to be given to the Pekin Ministerial Association to be used for the Pekin Back to School Mission Project. School supplies and clothes are purchased with these funds.

Usually in October or November we will hold another brunch or project. The recipient will be determined closer to the date.

To finish our year, we will find a Christmas Mission Project. In the past we have supported the Pekin Ministerial Association Christmas Mission Project in buying clothes and gifts for Pekin youth or Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Mission sending gifts to children all around the globe.

Please feel free to share with Julie Bayliss any local, national, or global projects the church could donate to.





# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH UPPER MIDWEST CONFERENCE

NEWS FROM THE UPPER  
MIDWEST GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

Website: [uppermidwestgmc.org](http://uppermidwestgmc.org)

Facebook: Upper Midwest Global Methodist Church

Want to stay update on what's going on in the Global Methodist Church? The Upper Midwest GMC Monthly Newsletter is a great resource. Just go to the website listed above, click on News & Events and then Newsletter. You can also subscribe to this, and you will receive it automatically in an email.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference will be June 13 - 15, 2025 at the Convention Center in Sioux City, IA.

Registration is now open. The \$120.00 conference fee includes Saturday lunch and light snacks.

Young Adult & Youth Discount  
- If you are 40 years old or younger, apply the code **YA40** before you complete your registration and receive a \$40.00 discount.

**More information on the Upper Midwest GMC Website.**

## CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

In Iowa - Grinnell, IA

Summer Games University (July 7-11, 2025) for students who have finished 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

The mission of Summer Games is to engage students in their relationships with Jesus, other Christians, and local community to achieve full participation in the Church.

We accomplish this mission through a one-week camp experience on the campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa.

Summer Games offers students the chance to connect with peers from across the state, receive mentorship and guidance from their huddle leaders, and have fun through worship and games.

Learn more and register at [sgu.camp](http://sgu.camp)

**MISSION TRIP:** We're thrilled to announce our first Mission Trip opportunity through the Upper Midwest Conference partnership with South Africa. From November 6-18, 2025, we'll send a team to South Africa in collaboration with Blessman International. The cost is \$2,550 plus airfare and there will be an informational Zoom meeting on Saturday April 5 at 10:00 am to ask questions and get more information.

Start praying now about whether you might be called to join this trip. Pray for discernment and for the team to be blessed as they connect with and serve the people of South Africa. If you're interested, let us know at [contact@uppermidwestgmc.org](mailto:contact@uppermidwestgmc.org).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## CALENDAR EVENTS

### APRIL:

- 1 - April Food's Day
- 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent, Communion, American Home Finding Association Offering
- 10 - Sisters In Service to serve meal at Blessings Soup Kitchen
- 13 - Palm Sunday, Noisy Money Offering
- 17 - Holy Thursday
- 18 - Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - EASTER "HE IS RISEN!!", Birthday & Anniversary Offering, Easter Egg Hunt immediately after worship!
- 21 - Scholarship Applications Due
- 27 - Lord's Pantry Offering, Mission Brunch for Blessings Soup Kitchen
- 30 - Scholarship Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### MAY:

- 1 - May Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Global Methodist Church
- 4 - Communion, American Home Finding Association Offering
- 8 - Sisters In Service to serve meal at Blessings Soup Kitchen
- 11 - Mother's Day, Noisy Money Offering
- 13 - Pekin Senior Awards 6:00 p.m.
- 14 - Pekin Baccalaureate 7:30 p.m.
- 18 - Birthday & Anniversary Offering, Pekin Graduation 2:00 p.m.
- 21 - Admin. Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Lord's Pantry Offering
- 26 - Memorial Day
- 29 - Ascension of the Lord

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL:

- 1 - Steve & Holly Copeland
- 3 - Cade Millikin
- 6 - Roy & Nancy Roberts
- 7 - Harlan Millikin, Shelby Vogel
- 13 - Trish Abel
- 17 - Tony & Cheryl Deutschle
- 19 - Tony Deutschle, Jr.
- 21 - Ashley Bollinger
- 23 - Mickey Jung
- 28 - Amelya Johnson



### MAY:

- 5 - Jim & Lois Proctor, Ila Millikin
- 7 - Brady Millikin
- 12 - Joyce Millikin
- 15 - Roy Roberts, Cody Millikin
- 19 - Tyler Copeland
- 27 - Ashley Spaeth
- 28 - Rick & Linda Abel
- 30 - Cheryl Copeland, Brittany Holthus
- 31 - Michelle Bollinger

**Please let Jenell know if we have missed anyone!**

## TRASH TO TREASURES

We have been doing some spring cleaning in the office, Sunday school rooms and storage room.

All items that are no longer needed at the church have been placed on the tables in the Chapel area and are **FREE FOR THE TAKING**. Don't miss out on some amazing treasures!!!

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL:

78 yrs - Joan Mefford  
72 yrs - Donald Millikin, Mary Spears,  
Warrene Webber  
65 yrs - Vickie Terrell, Stan Echelberry  
60 yrs - Beverly Abel, Arthur Millikin  
54 yrs - Daniel Daugherty  
49 yrs - Greg Millikin  
48 yrs - Don'a Richardson  
46 yrs - Doug Gambell  
44 yrs - Janet Becker  
30 yrs - Randy Abel  
26 yrs - Marianne Millikin, Jenell Millikin  
20 yrs - Donelle Baker, Lanessa Baker,  
Shalene Baker, Karla Kuntz, Cody  
Millikin  
17 yrs - Ashley Bollinger, Alyssa Deegan,  
Shelby Deegan, Amanda Puscizna, Alison  
Deutschle, Brandy Strupp, Cade Millikin,  
Chelsea Fett  
16 yrs - Madelyn Baker, Maranda Baker,  
Mathew Bollinger  
15 yrs - Deb Richey, Dylan Richey

### MAY:

69 yrs - Estella Arnold, MaryEllen  
Deutschle, Stanley Gambell  
67 yrs - Lyle Gambell  
43 yrs - Steve Copeland, Jennifer Davis,  
Brad Gambell, Tony Deutschle, Sr.  
14 yrs - Simon Bollinger, Chase  
Copeland, Tyler Copeland, Holly  
Copeland, Cheyenne Deutschle, Tony  
Deutschle, Jr., Ryan Millikin  
6 yrs - Tami Baayen, Payton Baayen,  
Janice Ferrell, John Ferrell, Sonja  
Ferrell

If you take any pictures throughout the year of church events & happenings, please share them with us by emailing them to [hedrickcc@mail.com](mailto:hedrickcc@mail.com). We can use them on our Facebook page, Website, Newsletter and Historian Records.

### Monthly Giving

To cover our 2025 Budget, we will need approximately \$6900 per month to cover expenses.

January's Offering \$6456

February's Offering \$5548

March's Offering thru 3/23 \$5867

Don't forget to keep in touch with your church.

Please make sure the office has record of your current contact information such as address, email, and phone.

It's as simple as a quick email at [hedrickcc@mail.com](mailto:hedrickcc@mail.com) or leaving a voicemail at 641-653-4477.

### Our Prayer List

Please pray for the following:

Roy Roberts, Mary Spears, The Family of Gary Wagamon, The Family of Steve Davis, Pastor Michael & Lisa Elrod, Rita Jacobs, Our teachers and administration, health care workers, residents in care facilities, our country, our service men and women, our President & government, our sister church - The Richland Methodist Church, personal requests we hold in our hearts, along with others whose needs only God knows, named and unnamed.

(If you would like anyone included or removed, please let Jenell know)