

Hedrick Community Church

June – July Newsletter



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Worship:

Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In my role as pastor, I have sat with many families who have lost loved ones, from new born babies to young adults and to families of people over 100 years of age. One of my first experiences, and maybe the most difficult, was sitting with the wife and family of a young man who died as a result of an exploding air tank. The family was hurting and asking “why”. I learned quickly that my role was representing Christ and just being present. I believe all of us are called **to be present**. In a world filled with noise and distraction, one of the greatest gifts we can offer—to God, to others, and even to ourselves—is simply to be present. But presence alone isn’t enough. For the Christian, it’s our faith-filled presence that makes the difference.

Faith is more than belief; it’s the foundation for how we live, love, and show up. Hebrews 11:1 tells us, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” When we walk into a room, sit beside a friend, or attend a worship service, we don’t just come with our bodies—we bring our hope, our trust in God, and the light of Christ within us.

Think about Jesus. He didn’t rush through crowds or pass by the hurting. He was present—and fully compassionate. Whether it was healing the sick, feeding the hungry, or praying with the weary, Jesus brought heaven to earth one moment at a time.

In our church, your faithful presence matters. Every time you show up—whether in the pew, or beside a grieving friend—you carry the love and presence of Christ. Your faith encourages others. Your presence reminds someone they’re not alone. Let us be a people marked not just by belief, but by faith that shows up. Faith that listens. Faith that loves. Faith that is present, even when it’s inconvenient.

Because sometimes, the most powerful testimony of faith is not in what we say, but in our faithful decision to simply be there—in Jesus’ name. As you move through the coming weeks, pause. Look someone in the eye. Ask how they are—and really listen. In doing so, you reflect the heart of Jesus. I have mostly given up just asking “how are you” because I always get the same answer...I’m fine. I now try ask something different like “how are you holding up?” or “What’s going on in your life?”

Let’s be a church not just doing ministry, but being present with one another. Because sometimes, the most spiritual thing you can do is just show up.

VBS ROAD TRIP

2025 HEDRICK COMMUNITY CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

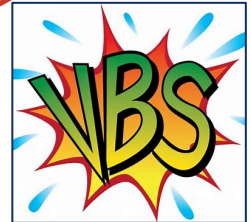
Join us for fellowship, games, music & fun!
Supper and Snacks will be provided.



PREK-5TH GRADE
SIGN UP WITH RANAE MOLKENTHIN
RANAE.MOLKENTHIN@GMAIL.COM

JUNE 16-17-18 2025 5PM-7:30PM
HEDRICK COMMUNITY CHURCH

VBS - Program with be June 18 at 7pm



SHRUBS & MEMORIAL GARDEN

We're looking for volunteers to help keep our church grounds looking beautiful!

Our Memorial Garden and shrubs could use some care and attention throughout the summer, and we'd love your help with upkeep.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please let us know.

GRADUATE & SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION & RECEPTION JUNE 8, 2025

Graduates:

- ☐ **Preschool** - Lena Millikin & Amelya Johnson
- ☐ **Elementary** - Blake Deutschle, Eleanora Ferrell & Bayne Johnson
- ☐ **High School** - Renae Eubanks @ Pekin High School
- ☐ **College** - Brady Millikin @ University of Tennessee Martin in Health & Human Performance



Sarah Eubanks (Dec 2025) @ University of Iowa in Elementary Education

Scholarship Winners:

- ☐ **Brady Millikin** - Brady will be attending Creighton University in their Physical Therapy Doctorate Program
- ☐ **Sarah Eubanks** - Sarah will complete her Elementary Education requirements this fall by Student Teaching Waco Elementary.
- ☐ **Lane Bayliss** - This fall Lane will be in his final year at Kirkwood Community College majoring in Diesel Ag Technology.
- ☐ **Renae Eubanks** - Renae will be attending Indian Hills Community College earning credits with the plan to transfer to a 4-year school for Elementary Education.

CHURCH DIRECTORY - It's time to update our church directory!

We plan to partner with a company that offers a much more affordable option than in previous years. Rather than coming in for professional photo sessions (which often end up costing extra for prints), we're asking you to submit your favorite family photo for the directory. If you do not have one, we'd be happy to take a simple photo for you here at church.
(Not professional, but definitely taken with love!)

IMPORTANT:

To prepare properly, we need to know **how many printed copies** to order. Digital copies will also be available, which is a great option. If you would like a **printed copy**, please let Jenell know as soon as possible. We will only order a limited number of extra copies.

You can respond one of three ways:

1. Survey that will be included in the bulletin the next several weeks
2. By email at hedrickcc@mail.com
3. Call and leave a message at 641-653-4477

Once we have a number of printed copies needed, we can move forward and we'll provide more details and instructions. Thank you for helping us keep our directory up to date!

STAY CONNECTED

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 or leaving a voicemail at 641-653-4477.

If you take any pictures throughout the year of church events and happenings, please share them with us by emailing them to 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 anticipated expenses.

March's Offering
\$6,420

April's Offering
\$8,913

May's Offering
\$5,248

MISSION PROJECTS

In our last newsletter, we shared that the proceeds from our April 27th Mission Brunch would be donated to the Blessings Soup Kitchen in Ottumwa. However, after learning that a fellow worshipper of our congregation had suffered a house fire, we felt called to redirect our support. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to contribute \$788.00 to assist Randy Buseman during this difficult time.

Our next mission is scheduled for the Hedrick BBQ Days Ecumenical Worship Service (July 13th). A special offering will be collected to support the Pekin ministerial Association's Back to School Project. This initiative provides school supplies and clothing for students in need within the Pekin School District.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following:

Stan Echelberry, Randy Buseman, Mary Spears, Roy Roberts, Pastor Michael & Lisa Elrod, The Family of Steve Davis, Rita Jacobs, Our health-care field and residents in care facilities & hospitals; our country, Our President, government & nation, service men and women, our sister church - 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)

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE: None

JULY:

11 years - Cameron Millikin,
Brady Millikin

CALENDAR EVENTS

JUNE:

1 - Communion, American Home Finding Association Offering, Ascension Sunday
6 - Hedrick Shop & Rock the Block Ladies Night 4-8pm, Hedrick City-Wide Garage Sales 12-6pm
7 - Garage Sales Continued 8am-6pm
8 - Pentecost, Graduate & Scholarship Recognition and Reception, Noisy Money Offering
11 - Sisters in Service Meeting 1:30pm
12 - Sisters in Service to serve meals at Blessings Soup Kitchen in Ottumwa
12-15 - 2025 Annual Conference at Sioux City, IA
15 - Trinity Sunday, Father's Day, Birthday & Anniversary Offering, Guest Speaker
16-18 - Vacation Bible School 5-7:30 pm with the program the 18th at 7pm
20-27 - Jenell will be out of the office
21 - Concert in Lockridge 6pm
22 - Lord's Pantry Offering

JULY:

4 - Independence Day
6 - Communion, American Home Finding Association Offering
10 - Sisters in Service to serve meals at Blessings Soup Kitchen in Ottumwa
11-13 - Hedrick BBQ Days
16 - Admin. Council Meeting 6:30pm
20 - Birthday & Anniversary Offering

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE:

3 - Deb Richey
5 - Art Millikin, Henry Eubanks
Jordan & Ranae Molkenthin, Dylan & Jaime Crawford
9 - Dylan Crawford
11 - Joel & Jenell Millikin, Cody & Annie Millikin
12 - Blake Deutschele
14 - Emma Bayliss
16 - Art & Margie Millikin, Thea Holthus
20 - Stan & Barb Echelberry
23 - Jess & Vicki Terrell

JULY:

1 - John Ferrell
4 - Bayne Johnson
7 - Karen Smith
9 - Lisa Elrod
12 - Steve Copeland
17 - Madelyn Baker, Dylan Richey
20 - Tony & Julie Bayliss
22 - Ranae Molkenthin
23 - Tyler Bayliss
24 - Stan Echelberry
30 - Joel Millikin
31 - Joan Mefford, Andrew Gambell



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

LOCAL & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hedrick Shop & Rock the Block

On Hedrick Main Street, June 6th from 4-8pm. First stop is at the Hedrick Savings Bank (Office of South Ottumwa Savings Bank) to get your shopping bag. Then check out all of our great vendors. Last known were over 25 vendors.

Finish the night at Pigtail Charlies. There will also be live music!



Annual Hedrick City-Wide Garage Sales

Friday, June 6th 12pm-6pm

Saturday, June 7th 8am-6pm

Maps will be available at the Hedrick BP Station on Thursday, June 5th after 4pm.

If you would like to have your sale on the map contact City Hall at 641-653-4914 before June 5th at 12pm

Outdoor Christian Concert

Eagle Lake Camp/Vision Ministries, Inc. is bringing the band "Restore The Broken" from West Virginia on Saturday, June 21 at 6pm. They will be giving their testimony and telling how God is directing their path while sharing their God given talent with many.

Food begins at 4pm with a free will donation and a food truck will be available. Bottled water will also be available.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Parking will be available with shuttles to and from the event.

Check them out at
facebook.com/OFFICALRESTORETHEBROKEN

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hopper at 319-750-0814

Eagle Lake Camp/Vision Ministries, Inc.
400 W. Mark Avenue
Lockridge, IA 52635

Hedrick BBQ Days

July 11-13, 2025

Details are still a work in progress.

But we do know that American Pie will be performing during our Worship Service at the Carl Craft Civic Center. Time TBD.

Follow our Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/hedrickcc23
or our webpage at
www.hedrickcc.org for updates.

Hedrick Library Summer Program

June 4th, 11th, 18th, and July 3rd
2:00-3:00pm

Hedrick Public Library
109 North Main Street
641-653-2211





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Facebook: Upper Midwest Global Methodist Church

Want to stay updated 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 and you will receive it automatically in an email.

Midwest GMC Annual Conference

The Midwest GMC Annual Conference will be held on June 12 - 15, 2025 at the Convention Center in Sioux City, IA. For those unable to join us in person, we're excited to announce that we'll be livestreaming the worship events from the Conference. Different than last year, it will be at no cost.

Livestream link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeIUq0W7V_b9fGnG_MEMo0w
or www.uppermidwestgmc.org/livestream

2026 General Conference

The 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from August 30 - September 5, 2026! This marks the first time our denomination's General Conference will take place on the African continent—a powerful and visible expression of our identity as a truly global movement.

Blessman International

The health department in South Africa has stopped the delivery of 2 of our shipping containers. They have been held now for 3 weeks or so. Some of our feeding hubs are down to less than a 30-day supply of food, while others are pretty much out of food. The situation is critical. As we have prayed, the Lord is providing. One of our donors has offered a matching gift of \$100,000 for this need. We are hoping to spread the word throughout the Global Methodist Church. For more info: Go to YouTube: <https://www.blessmaninternational.org/> and find "Emergency Feeding Campaign 2025." As always, you can make your check out to Hedrick Community Church and we will send in as one check. Just list Blessman International in the memo.

Special Humanitarian Offering

On May 23, 2025, the community of Munga Lelau in Taraba State, Nigeria (part of the NE Annual Conference of the GMC) was brutally attacked by armed assailants identified as members of the Fulani militia, an Islamic extremist group. The GMC is calling on the government of Nigeria to act in protecting Christians and to provide tangible relief for those displaced by this violence. The most immediate needs include food, shelter, clothing, medical treatment, increased security and protection, and prayers for safety and peace. We are inviting the GMC congregations and individuals to participate in a special humanitarian offering. Your generosity will directly support those suffering in the aftermath of this tragedy. Donations can be made online through the Humanitarian Fund or to make it easier you may write your check out the Hedrick Community Church and list GMC Special Offering in the memo and we will send one check to the GMC. Thank you!