



Connecting

with God, one another and
our community

2011 – 2012 Opportunities



Hudson United Methodist Church
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*** Senior Choir**

Leaders: Changmean Kim and Mary Post

The Senior Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Join anytime.

*** Sunday Morning Greeters**

Come and greet members of the congregation and guests as they enter the church, before and/or after each Sunday Service. Greeters select the time or service that best fits their needs. Sign-up on the sheets provided on the bulletin board across from the kitchen/water fountain.

*** Sunday Morning Liturgists**

Leader: Mary Ellen Paulson

This team enhances worship through Bible reading or leading liturgy during Sunday's worship service. Liturgists can choose to read at either service.

*** Sunday Morning Ushers**

Leader: Gary Deal

These trusted members hand out bulletins, seat members or visitors when needed, collect and deposit Sunday offerings or donations.

*** The Sunbeam Choir**

Leader: Adele Dolan

This choir is made up of our youngest Sunday school children, ages 3 – 6. They rehearse on Sunday morning in the preschool classroom and sing for the congregation during the 10:30 AM worship service, the second Sunday of each month.

Additional Ministries

Join an ongoing group today! Our teams help us to deepen our connections with each other, to grow spiritually and strengthen our community.

*** Free Christmas Day Dinner**

Contact: Bob & Carol Benish

Members of the congregation serve a Christmas dinner to the entire community.

*** Free Saturday Community Breakfast**

Contact: Bob & Carol Benish

Members of the congregation serve a free breakfast at HUMC the third Sat. of each month.

*** Scouting Programs**

Leaders: Boys, Jeff Schwab Girls, Teri Hagar

Hudson United Methodist Church sponsors scouting opportunities for both boys and girls.

Boys: We are the charter representatives of the Northern Star Council of Boy Scouts of America and sponsor Pack, Troop and Crew 213, representing Cub Scouts from Hudson Prairie School.

Girls: We also sponsor two Girl Scout Troops of the St. Croix Valley Girl Scout Council. Teri Hagar is leading both of these Troops, 433 and 1766, Brownies and Senior Scouts respectively.

*** Sinners Dinners**

Leader: Jeanne Diefenbach

Sinners Dinners consist of eight people, couples or singles who choose their own schedule for a dining opportunity. It isn't hard on the host couple since the other folks bring the appetizers, salad, and dessert. It is a way to get acquainted in a new way with fellow church members and church friends. There is no agenda, only a chance to enjoy each other's company.

*** Sports Programs**

Leader: Gery Campbell

The Hudson United Methodist Church participates in the Men's Summer Softball League, and Co-Ed Teen and Adult Volleyball.

*** Sunday Coffee Fellowship**

This group makes coffee, provides "treats" and sets up the fellowship hall at 9:15 AM on Sun.

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"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given us."

Hudson United Methodist Church would like to help connect you to the many parts that make up our church body. This guide helps you to discern where you fit into the body of Christ. Serving and participating in a ministry helps to connect you with people where you can serve, grow together, and introduce others to Christ.

If you are interested in connecting, please return the enclosed card to the church office. The office will forward your information to the ministry leaders. The ministry leaders will contact you when they are meeting, or when there is a need in the ministry areas you have selected.



Education and Faith Formation

Description of Ministry: This group provides quality Christian education in all age groups through leading and supporting Sunday school, confirmation, and small group programs. Our classes are led by adults who desire to witness their faith to all, helping each person to grow in grace and the knowledge and love of God. The Intentional Faith Development goal is to provide guidance and support for the development of disciples of Jesus Christ in Hudson United Methodist Church so that no one stands alone.

*** Book Discussion Group**

Leaders: Laura Whitney, Nancy Briske

You are invited to come for discussion of one particular book each month. The group meets on the third Sunday of the month. For a list of book titles, and discussion dates, please pick up a brochure in the narthex.

*** Church Library**

Leader: Donna Pierce

The church library is open whenever the building is open. Books and tapes may be checked out during those times. Individuals help to catalog books, contact borrowers to remind them to return their items to the library, and a variety of other FUN tasks.

*** Feast, Forum and Fellowship on the First**

Enjoy breakfast, prepared by our youth, and a forum every first Sunday of the month. The forum includes a variety of subjects, activities, and multi-media presentations in the fellowship hall.

*** JOY (Just Over Youth) Fellowship** **Leader: Joyce Johnson**
This group is made up of individuals over the age of 50 who get together for fun and fellowship through a variety of activities.

*** MILESTONES** **Contact: Pastor Bruce Stunkard**
Just as the ancient roadways used stones to mark the miles traveled, so we can use milestones to mark our journey. This program is geared towards students in grades 1-5 and their parents. All activities are experiential, image-rich, multi-sensory, interactive, and engaging, with a varied learning style.

Grade 1 – Lord’s Prayer

On Saturday, October 15, 2011, learn the Lord’s Prayer and visit a Corn Maze and Prayer Labyrinth. On Sunday, October 30, 2011 children will lead the Lord’s Prayer during the 10:30 AM worship service.

Grade 2 – Holy Communion

On Sunday, March 25, 2012, discover what Holy Communion is all about. Learn by celebrating an Agape meal and making stoles. On Thursday, April 5, 2012, children will celebrate their First Communion.

Grade 3 – Bible

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, walk through the New Testament and be a part of history. On Sunday, November 20, 2011, at the 10:30 AM worship service, children will receive their Bibles and read from them during worship.

Grade 4 – Holy Baptism

On Saturday, January 28, 2012, learn about the meaning of baptism. Plan to visit the Water Park of America in Bloomington, MN. On Sunday, January 29, 2012, at the 10:30 AM worship service children will assist in remembering the Baptism Ritual.

Grade 5 – Christian Service

This is a process of experiencing Christian service in our area. In October, we will help pack school backpacks. Every Sunday in November 2011, we will help with Acolyting. On Saturday, February 18, 2012 we will help with a community breakfast, and by February 14, 2012, we will complete a family choice service project. Students will share their experience of Christian service on Sunday, February 19, at the 10:30 AM worship service.

*** Mission Possible Kids** **Led by Linda Emmons and Laurie Simonson**
We are on a mission to change the world. Mission Possible Kids is open to the community and it is for kids in grades 1-5. Become a special agent and complete a mission at every meeting and be sent on off-site missions. We meet once a month the second Friday of the month at **6:00 PM** in the fellowship hall.

*** Small Groups** **Contact: Pastor Bruce Stunkard**
Small groups provide meaningful Christian Education to individuals of all age groups through Bible or Topical Studies. They meet on various days and times.

*** Wednesday Surplus Food Resources**

This group meets every Wednesday at **9:00 AM** to distribute free baked goods and bread in the church narthex.

*** United Methodist Men** **Contact: Glen Warnke**
Men of God make a difference! The group meets Wednesday morning at **9:00 AM** for coffee klutch and a sweet roll. We decide on a project of interest during our gathering.

*** United Methodist Women** **Leader: Kathy Simpson**
The purpose of this group is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church and to bring the message of hope of Jesus Christ to everyone. Groups that gather are:

Unity Circle	Leader: Carla Bebault
SEWMUCHNEED	Leader: Jeanne Schmidt
Early Risers	Leaders: Jeanne Schmidt & Sharon Tepper
Rummage Sale	Leaders: Kathy Simpson & Carla Bebault
Quilt Group:	Leader: Suzi Mueller



Music/Worship Ministries

Leaders/Chair: Adele Dolan and Mary Post

Description of Ministry: To increase awareness of the meaning, purpose, and practice of worship. Provides input in the planning of worship. The purpose of worship at Hudson United Methodist Church is to glorify God through Jesus Christ so that the Holy Spirit may transform the lives of all who gather, giving them hope for the future, a firm foundation in scripture and a call to discipleship.

*** Audio-Visual Team** **Leader: Peter Post**
‘Techies’ are needed to help run Sunday Service Powerpoint presentations, and to set-up and check microphone levels.

*** Banner Team** **Leader: Nancy Briske**
Members of the congregation get together whenever there is a need for a banner.

*** Bell Choirs** **Leader: Louise Weiher**
We have five octaves of handbells and four octaves of handchimes. Handbell choirs participate in worship September through May. Alleluia Ringers practice on Monday evenings at **5:15 PM**. Wiegand Ringers practice on Wednesday evenings at **6:15 PM**.

*** CCH Worship Team** **Leader: Beth Schmitz**
The CCH Worship Team provides a worship experience each Sunday morning at **11:00 AM** at the Christian Community Home.

*** Communion Team** **Leader: Vickie Deal**
The Communion Team performs set-up, clean-up and administering consecrated elements for Sunday morning communion.

*** Praise Team** **Leader: Joanne Campbell**
The team sings on Sunday at the **10:30 AM** service.

*** Newcomers Team**

Leader: Sally Friedlander

These individuals wear the 'yellow flag' and greet visitors and guests on Sunday mornings. They follow up with a short, friendly welcome phone call and with prayers for our visitors and guests. We meet **8:30 -9:00 AM** each Wednesday.

*** New Members Team**

Leader: John Tremse

This team holds informational meetings for folks who might be interested in becoming church members.

*** Shepherds Team**

Leader: Jean Sharer

This is a group of individuals who contact members and friends 4 – 5 times a year to invite them to special events or times in the life of the church.

*** Transportation Team**

Leader: Nick Whitney

This group picks up those individuals who need transportation to and from worship.



Mission Outreach

Leader/Chair: Barb Chapman

Description of Ministry: This team puts their faith into action by accepting the challenge to serve beyond themselves, to address the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of others in our church, community, and our world.

*** Hudson Area Backpack Program**

Leader: Barb Chapman

Members of the Mission Committee coordinate the Backpack Program with E.P. Rock Elementary School. They provide children with backpacks filled with food, once per month. Drivers help pack and transport backpacks.

*** Hudson Food Shelf**

Leader: Nancy Briske

Friends from Hudson United Methodist Church donate their time at the Hudson Food Shelf.

*** H.O.M.E. Meal**

Leader: Carol Benish

Members of several congregations in the Hudson area rotate serving a meal at Bethel Lutheran Church on the first and third Thursday of each month from **5:00 – 6:30 PM**. Help with set-up, serving and clean-up is welcome.

*** Mission of the Month**

Leader: Deb Harmon

Loose coins are collected during the offertory each Sunday and are given to the following ministries in 2011 – 2012: (Note: 5th Sun. of the mo. Volunteers in Mission)

September 2011: Operation HELP

May 2012: UMC WI Conference Kits

October 2011: Turningpoint

June 2012: CCH Campus Auxiliary

November 2011: Talita Cumi Orphanage

July 2012: UMCOR (United Methodist Church on Relief)

December 2011: Heifer International

Aug. 2012: Bridge for Youth and Adults with Disabilities

January 2012: Free Clinic of Pierce & St. Croix Co. **September 2012:** Exodus House

February 2012: The Source

October 2012: Turningpoint

March 2012: UWEZO International **Nov. 2012:** Heart's Desire House of the Open Door Rescue Mission

April 2012: SEWMUCHNEED **Dec. 2012:** Mujila Falls Agricultural Research & Training Center-Zambia

*** Sunday School**

Nursery

Our nursery is open every Sunday morning **8:00 – 11:30 AM** to serve infants through children three years old. It is located the on lower level, first door to the left at the bottom of the stairs. The Nursery Attendant is certified in First Aid and CPR. Children can be dropped off and picked up by a parent or a guardian only. Parents and guardians will be issued a vibrating pager that will alert them during worship if they are needed downstairs.

*** Sunday School Programs Meet every Sunday at 9:15 AM (unless noted otherwise)**

September - May

Ages Pre K-Fifth grade are asked to meet their teachers/guides in the fellowship hall at **9:15 AM**. Sixth grade through Senior High students will meet at the youth house for class. Classes run from **9:15-10:15 AM** and if your child(ren) are in Pre-K-Fifth grade, we ask parents to please pick your children up in the hallway in the lower level promptly at **10:15 AM**.

Traditional Sunday School is offered during the school year from September through May, with the exception of the weekends of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter.

June - August

Summer Sunday School is offered to children Pre-K thru 3rd grade starting the first Sunday after Memorial Day and ending the Sunday before Labor Day. There is no class the week of July 4th. The children attend the first fifteen minutes of **10:30** worship and then are dismissed to class. All other children are encouraged to attend worship with their family during the summer months.

Pre-K/Kindergarten

Pre-K (ages 3-5) and Kindergarten classes meet in their respective classrooms in the church's lower level. Special curriculum has been developed for both of these age groups that include Bible stories, games, crafts and snack. These groups also meet together for "Sunbeams Choir" from **10:00-10:15 AM**. During this time they practice many songs to be shared the second Sunday of each month in the Children's Message at the 10:30 service. Parent help is highly encouraged in these classes and a sign-up sheet is offered to families on each classroom door.

Grades 1-5 Rotation Model

This program is specifically designed for children in grades 1-5 and it utilizes a Workshop Rotation Model. During a three-week sequence, students rotate to a different workshop each week, learning a Bible story through a wide variety of media, including: music, puppetry, drama, arts, computer and cooking. Periodically, children gather for a Worship Service, especially designed to be "child friendly."

Lessons for 2011-2012 include: David, Isaiah, 23rd Psalm, Fulfillment Prophecies, Jesus' Baptism, Rich Young Man, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet, Gethsemane, and Appearance of the Holy Spirit.

