

# The Union News

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*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—you are welcome here"*

*An "Open and Affirming" Congregation*

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## JUNE 2025

### Notes from Rev. Torri Vande Zande

#### This is for the Birds!

Every spring I put out seeds and suet for the birds. I have inherited quite the contraption from the previous owner (Arlene Caterino) to feed our feathered friends. Arlene said it used to be some type of farming tool, but I have yet to figure out what it used to be. But, I guess that doesn't matter, because now it's a bird feeder.

Over the past few years I have noticed how birds come and go from the feeders, how they interact with one another, and how they behave. I thought I would never say this, but I love watching the birds! (I blame this mostly on Don and Heidi Hoppe.)

Some of my favorite birds to watch in the spring are the hummingbirds, orioles, and the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds (which I only had in the yard one day).

The hummingbirds are fascinating to me. They come and go so quickly that if you blink, you miss them! They come to the feeder several times a day, do what they need to do and then leave. They buzz in and buzz out.

The orioles are amazing to me. I love their songs! This is the second year I have a pair nesting somewhere near my yard. At first I only saw the male. He is handsome and fearless. He perches on the feeder and sings. He is bold in coming to the feeder. He knows what he is there for and is not easily intimidated by other birds. The female on the other hand is quite different. I did not see her at first, I only saw the male.

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM**

**Communion: First Sunday of Every Month**



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Torri Vande Zande
Office Administrator	Linda Ottman
Secretary / Tech	Sabbastian Wilson-Webb
Financial Secretary	Caryl Allan
Treasurer	Sheryl Kaubisch
Bell Choir Director	Heidi Hoppe
Musicians	Sheryl Kaubisch
	Kathleen Millberg
	Barb Nish
	Dick Kimmel

BOARDS

Financial Board	Don Hoppe, Sheryl Kaubisch, Caryl Allan
Facilities Board	Mike Bohanon, Kerry Swenson
Personnel	Connie Johnson-Schmitt, Chris Swenson

LEADERSHIP

Moderators	Marilyn McKnight & Steve Erickson
Vice Moderator	Gunder Austin
Clerk	Connie Johnson-Schmitt
Board of Financial Stewardship	Don Hoppe

MINISTRY TEAMS

Adult Learning	Linnea Dietrich
Congregational Life	Caryl Allan
Justice Ministry Team	TBD
Worship	Heidi Hoppe
Women’s Fellowship	Joni Kumpula
Men’s Fellowship	Stan Kumpula
Online Sales	Cindy Gulbrandson
Tech Team	Mike Schmitt



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 10	Candace Strawn
June 10	Sheila Hunter
June 16	Luise Forseth
June 16	Joni Kumpula
June 18	Kirin Christianson
June 19	Pat Pomeroy
June 20	Sue Johnson
June 27	Cindy Gulbrandson
June 28	Don Olsen

Happy Birthday!



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Then someone gave me an idea. "Put grape jelly out," they said. So I did. And I am not kidding... no more than 5 minutes went by before I saw the female at that jelly dish! She is beautiful as well, but more reserved. She does not sing and is leery about approaching the feeder. She is easily intimidated by other birds and flies away if any other bird comes to the feeder. But she keeps coming back, because she knows she can get nourishment there.

Finally, I had 2 Yellow-Headed Blackbirds in my yard last week! I saw them and I had to call Heidi Hoppe immediately because I had no idea what I was looking at. I've never seen one before.

These two birds hung out in my yard on and off all day! They were purposeful and knew exactly what they were doing. They did their job (hunting for food) and then off they went again. I have not seen them since.

All of these birds remind me of the types of people who come to church.

For example, some people are like hummingbirds. They quickly come in, do their job, and then they are out again. And no one notices what they do. They come to the church maybe several times a week, do their thing and then leave. They buzz in and out. We have several people in the church like this. So next time you have a moment to catch them, thank them for what they do for the church.

Some people are like the male oriole. They show up to church, they know their gifts, they are confident in their role, and they are not easily intimidated when something goes wrong. So next time you see someone acting like an oriole, thank them for their skill and ability to navigate their role confidently.

Others are like the female oriole. Shy, a bit more intimidated by the surroundings, but continues to come anyway because they know they can find nourishment here at Union. So next time you have a moment to approach them, remind them that they are safe here.

Lastly, there are some who are like the Yellow-Headed Blackbird. They are a bit different, but beautiful. They are purposeful and focused. And they may only be here for short periods of time, but when they are here, they make church more fulfilling and exciting. So when you have an opportunity to be with someone who reminds you of a Yellow-Headed Blackbird, remind them how important they are to have in our congregation.

May the birds at our feeders inspire us to be grateful for the people we have in our lives.

Peace,  
Pastor Torri



## FUNDRAISING DINNER



**Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Friendship Hall**

Join us for a dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs,  
Caesar Salad, Homemade Breadsticks, and Dessert!

Free will offering to support the  
Hackensack Kids' Fishing Contest



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

MAY 15, 2025 (*Minutes are not yet approved by the council*)

**Present:** Pastor Torri, Steve and Marilyn Erickson, Caryl Allan, Joni and Stan Kumpula, Linnea Dietrich, Mike Schmitt, Mike Bohanon, Sue Kimmel, Mary Parrish; Heidi and Don Hoppe, Connie Schmitt by Zoom, and Judy Hoopman

Call to Order by Marilyn McKnight-Erickson

Pastor Torri offered a brief prayer

No changes to agenda, motion to accept agenda by Connie, seconded by Don, approved.

Motion to accept last month's minutes by Linnea, seconded by Heidi, and approved.

**Pastor's Monthly Report:** Pastor Torri submitted a written report of her activities over the past month. Several highlights include the beginning of a new Sunday series at worship called Stories of the Risen Christ, and Birchview attendance is consistent although more volunteer help would be appreciated. A fall bible study will be in the planning. Union 101 class will be offered August 4, 11, & 18 via Zoom at 6 PM. Torri is involved with the Outreach Team, and will be attending the MN Conference June 13 & 14. Funeral charges have been updated by the Executive Committee. Some rental space in the lower level is still available.

## BOARD TEAM REPORTS:

**Board of Financial Stewardship:** Don Hoppe presented a written financial report for the past month. He highlighted the April deficit and explained that expenses for annual insurance and propane were higher than expected. Mike B. suggested that seeing a comparison each month for this year and last year could be helpful, and Don agreed to provide this. The contract for the Solar Array has been signed, and payment (\$11,250) from undesignated funds was made on signing. Don summarized what the Investment Advisory group is advising regarding use of Bequest & Special Gifts with strategies to use liquid funds as a short-term loan for the completion of the solar project with a pay-off of expected grant and refund money coming. An announcement will be made at the semi-annual meeting regarding the development of the Solar Array.

**Board of Facilities:** Mike provided information about an existing bid to replace the north and west doors with 2 price options. Motion was made by Joni to approve the option of the bronze doors with the final amount allowed of \$14,000 for replacement, seconded by Heidi and approved.

Don brought up how to use existing funds for payment with a combination of MRI funds supplemented with unrestricted funds. Handicap parking issues were discussed which included Mike consulting with Gavin Peterson, Fire Department Chief about requirements for lane access to the building. The motion light needs adjustment so that it will stay lit when it is dark. After discussing handicap parking needs and space issues, Mike Schmitt made a motion that the handicap parking be increased to 4 spaces available to building access, seconded by Steve and approved. Roof update: Mike is waiting on a second bid. He did provide a bid received from Lakes Country Roofing with three price options. Option two with the stronger shingles with a life span of about 50 years was chosen, should this bid be accepted. Price may fluctuate with unknown repairs and layers of shingles. Making a decision is contingent on reviewing the second estimate which will be brought to the June Council meeting. Mike brought up the removal of a pew for space for either handicapped participants such as wheelchair bound, and/or to accommodate Richard's service dog, Knight, who recently had a leg amputated. Council will examine the space options and make a decision at the next meeting. Spring cleanup was discussed, and the need to clean out and organize storage areas in the church is a priority. Torri will email team leaders regarding space and storage needs. Men's Fellowship will work on this, along with helping to clean out the storage area that Kokoro used.

**Personnel Board:** Connie states the Call Letter has been signed and will be filed. Language reflecting mediation processes will be added in 2026. Pastor Torri apologized to Marylin and the council for comments she made during last month's council meeting that hurt feelings. Apology was accepted.

## MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

**Adult Learning:** May 31<sup>st</sup> Laura Baum-Parr and Stacy Hirschi will host a part-day retreat (rocks and prayer) with currently 12 people signed to participate. Bonnie Mitsch and the Dream Group work was discussed with some need for clarification, and Linnea and Caryl will work on this.



**Congregational Life:** Caryl stated all is well; no specific news to share, and the congregation continues to support those in need.

**Fundraising/Outreach:** Steve provided a handout developed by the team of an overview regarding the team's function. A schedule for outreach meals for May (Family Safety Network), June (Kid's Fishing Contest), and July (meat for holiday meals) was included. Steve also suggested reviewing and developing clear policies regarding fundraising events with the church and in the community. 'When should fundraising events be brought to the Council for approval' could be put into policy.

**Justice Ministry:** Sue provided a written report to Council. This will be her final meeting as JMT leader. New leadership has been discussed but not clearly decided, and the JMT will meet on June 5 at 5:30 with a potluck meeting for further discussion of leadership and growth of this team.

**Women's Fellowship:** Women's Fellowship continues to meet at 1:00 every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. May's meeting highlighted Cindy and Mike's presentation on their trip to Australia. In June, Women's Fellowship will again tour the Munsinger/Clemens Gardens in St. Cloud. Joni reminded us that the Fiber Group continues to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the library.

**Men's Fellowship:** Men's Fellowship plans to meet the second Monday of each month. Leadership is changing with Stan committed to facilitating the June meeting, then someone will need to volunteer to fill this role for the next 3 months – July through September. Men's Fellowship will help to organize the tool room and other storage areas. Men's Fellowship is also interested in supporting and helping the Capital Campaign.

**Tech Team:** Mike submitted a written report for the Tech Team. Highlights include: Streaming update includes new cameras installed, reduction of the "red" with the cameras, and adjusting lighting at the altar. Used tech stuff can be given to Mike and will be sold to support funds for ongoing tech needs. Mike provided information about using the UCC email addresses for team leaders and is updating this in the leadership directory. Solar Array project: June clearing and prep of area will occur in the lower SE corner of the parking lot, and July solar panel installation and connectivity is scheduled.

**Worship:** June 15<sup>th</sup> service will be led by Laura Baum-Parr in Torri's absence of her attending the state conference. July 27<sup>th</sup> is the date for the semi-annual meeting.

**Moderator's Moment:** Steve shared his interest and readings from Richard Rohr and reflected on Rohr's reference to the role food plays with ministry and how this complements UCC's community meals, Sunday Fellowship time, and other events where food is offered through community and ministry.

**Old business:** Child Care – Ashley Hunter did not attend this meeting and may not have been informed. She will be contacted and placed on the agenda for the June Council meeting.

June newsletter deadline is Tuesday May 20, 2025

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is June 19, 2025. Minutes written by Judy Hoopman

## CELEBRATING THE PAST: Summer Vacation Bible School

Myra Damm, Historian

There were many programs available to the youth in the past, and this one is from the Mom's Morning Out program. This program was a shared ministry of Union Congregational Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Morning Out endeavored to provide an outreach program to children and their families from both the churches and the community. This was a time for play for the children and a break for their primary caregivers. Children from infancy to age 5 were cared for.

The program had two paid staff; a coordinator and an assistant. Each session had 4 volunteers. One volunteer prepared snacks, and the other three assisted with the children, cleanup, and any other area where needed.

This program was presented to the UCC Council in May of 1993 by Rev. Sheila Hunter. It was offered on Wednesday mornings from 9 am. to 12 p.m. Volunteers came from both churches. The fall and winter programs were held at Union Church. Other programs for the young people were popular, and I will add more about them in the future...

## THROUGH KODA'S EYES

### Koda Interviews Knight (The Service Dog)

**Koda:** Hi, Knight! It's good to see you again!

**Knight:** Thank you, Koda. It is good to be here.

**Koda:** Knight, I have a few questions about what has happened to you over the past month. I am very confused about what happened to your leg.

**Knight:** Well, Koda, I am not quite sure myself. I know that I had a growth on the side of my leg that my human was very concerned about. They used the word "cancer," and that is always a scary word.

**Koda:** Yes, it is a scary word for both dogs and humans.

**Knight:** My humans and I went to the doctor, and I fell asleep. When I woke up, my leg was gone! I was so confused, but knew that my humans would do everything they could to give me a good life.

**Koda:** So the cancer is gone?

**Knight:** Well, my humans said it was in stage 1 and that I don't need any more medication or treatments. I just need to learn how to function with 3 legs instead of 4. That will be hard, but I think I can do it.

**Koda:** I think you can too, Knight. So do you have anything else to say?

**Knight:** Yes, I want to thank those who helped me go outside to potty after I came home. I also want to thank those who have supported my humans. They are the best. Lastly, I want to remind people that cancer is a very ugly disease. It comes in many forms and takes a toll on not only the ones who have it, but also the entire family. So, please do your best to encourage and support those who have or have had cancer in their families. It means a lot to them.

**Koda:** Well said, Knight! You are the best dog ever! Now... where did you put my toy that you stole from my human's office last Sunday?

**Knight:** I gotta go, Koda! Thanks for the interview!



### ***Turn Your Old Technology Into Impact!***

Got technology stuff you no longer use? Donate it to UCC and make a difference!

#### **We're Collecting:**

- Laptops, computers, tablets, printers, monitors
- Televisions, projectors, screens, DVD players
- Stereos, speakers, sound equipment
- Gaming consoles, controllers, accessories
- Routers, modems, networking devices

**Drop Off** at UCC church, Monday–Thursday, 9 AM to Noon

Donations will be repurposed to support our community or properly disposed of to protect the environment. Look for the **UCC Tech Sale**, where proceeds will help fund important projects!

**Questions? Contact** [TechTeam.UCHackMN@gmail.com](mailto:TechTeam.UCHackMN@gmail.com)

Thank you for keeping tech out of landfills and supporting our mission!





## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Greetings and welcome, June! Summer is here, and our people are all back. I hope all the jobs of opening cabins and gardening are almost done. Our fellowship is busy, and this month we're going on a day trip. Last year, we went to the Munsinger Gardens in St Cloud, and it was so beautiful that we decided to go again. June 12th is the date, and we leave by 9 AM. We will tour the gardens and then go to the Half Pint in Waite Park for lunch. We will be back to church by 4 PM. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway. Come along for a really fun time!

The men have invited us to their meeting on Monday, June 9th. Our own Bruce Carlson will be giving a talk on his new book, Your Aging Body. It should be fun and informative!

Please do start thinking about recipes for our Happy Hour booklet, which will be coming out later this summer.

See you at church - Joni, Sherry, Sarah, and Cindy



## MODERATOR'S MOMENT 5-20-25

Many New Testament Scholars agree that the Sermon on the Mount is the clearest description of Jesus' message about living in community in a radically different manner. His words call for a new way to relate to others out of love, compassion, giving and helping the less fortunate. Jesus even goes so far as to say, love your enemy, make peace with your brothers, and if you get sued for your Coat, give up the coat

Quite radical for today and quite radical 2,000 years ago. Richard Rohr observes that Jesus of Nazareth challenged his disciples to accept an entirely new system of values, a new world order. But how can we live this out in modern society?

One way is to work hard to avoid divisive conflict that tears us apart. Avoiding toxic conflict requires us to first accept the correctness of another part of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus says: "Judge not." So, one of the first rules of this new way of living together in community is to avoid making judgments about who is right and who is wrong. This can be done by focusing hard on attacking problems, not people. Moving away from right and wrong is easier if the problem is defined with a focus on the future rather than the past. Instead of calling someone out and saying: "You were wrong last week when you..."

You might rather say, "We seem to be always arguing. Could we try to improve things around here (the workplace, the school, the home) by talking about what each of us could do differently to improve our relationship from now on?" This is called re-framing the problem from the two choices of who is right and who is wrong to examining hundreds of possibilities. The problem gets re-defined as a joint problem that requires both sides to work together to solve the problem.

Next, you might ask the very powerful and exceedingly helpful question of "What do you need?" This keeps you on track and targets the core interests of people stuck in conflict. Perhaps some important ground rules about one's conduct in the future becomes a discussion point at this stage.

In the process of attacking the problem and asking what needs to be done to resolve the problem, you can move on to the important and creative stage of suggesting options that solve the problem, meet one's needs and thereby transform a toxic conflict into an opportunity for positive change and growth.

In fact, many experts in conflict resolution believe that conflict can never be prevented or stamped out completely, and rather it must be embraced. It should really be about transforming the conflict so the relationships can be strengthened. And of course, the answer to how to apply all of this is also found in the Sermon on the Mount: It is done with a healthy dose of humility, kindness and love.

Steve Erickson and Marilyn McKnight, Moderators

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> (the second Monday of the month) included discussions of some activities that individuals were doing, while we chewed on delicious apple and nut coffee cake (the person who made this was not present, but her initials are: Joni).

Then we had the following **Old Business**:

Will there be a spring cleanup? Outside grounds look good. May 17 is the neighborhood cleanup. Plan the church Tool room and Storage room cleanup after that (date TBD).

The Tool room needs no more than a few persons or it is too crowded.

Note: Scamp Trailer declined to arrange a tour.

### **New Business:**

Old fluorescent lights in the storage room will be taken to the Recycle Center by Mike S.

Steve Erickson reminded us of BBQ Ribs at his home at 5:00 Saturday. Note that this was later canceled due to chilly weather. Coordinate cleanup with the Women's Fellowship.

Discussed aging and Bruce Carlson's book on this subject, and Steve suggested we invite Bruce to do a presentation on aging.

### **Next Meeting: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.** (the second Monday of the month)

Bruce agreed to a presentation on some of the aspects of aging and offered the following:

**Those purchasing his book on aging for \$15 after the presentation will result in Bruce donating the proceeds to Union Church.**

**Come one, come all – Women's Fellowship is invited to our meeting!**

Stan Kumpula, current MF Leader

## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Greetings to all our returning summer members and friends. It is always great to see you returning to the beautiful North Woods. The trees have leafed out, the birds have returned from their winter sojourn, the days are warm, and the lakes are inviting. Almost paradise!

Birchview Church is going very well, with 10 or so regular members. What a beautiful outreach for our congregation! As a matter of fact, one of the residents will be joining Union this month. They are wonderful folks, and if you'd like to visit with them on a Sunday, please contact Caryl Allan. She'd be thrilled to have you, as would the congregation next door.



The Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting will be held this month, and Pastor Torri is the co-chair of the committee putting the meeting together - a very big job. Additionally, several of our Council members will be attending this year. Since they don't return until Saturday night, we have invited Laura Baum-Parr to speak on Sunday, June 15th. I heard a rumor that Torri will be leading the streaming crew that day as a change of pace.

Enjoy your summer! See you at church and around town.

The Worship Ministry Team: Heidi Hoppe, Chair, Sheryl Kaubisch, Mary Parrish, Caryl Alan, and Gracee Rudkin



## ADULT LEARNING – by Linnea Dietrich

“So we start with a stone, what might be large enough to hold up a forest or small enough to rest easily in the palm of an open hand.”

This was the introduction to our Rock N Retreat Saturday, May 31st. Location was at Pastor Torri’s home. Laura Baum-Parr lead us in reflections using the metaphor of rocks and what they might mean in our lives. Stacy Hirschi gathered rocks from the shores of Lake Superior for us to paint beautiful Christian symbols on with her guidance. Bonnie Mitsch’s popular dream group has begun again meeting from 10-noon in the library on the first and third Thursdays of the month. For more information please reach out to Bonnie at [bonniemitsch@gmail.com](mailto:bonniemitsch@gmail.com) or call or text her at 763-213-4793.

Camino Hackensack is seeking 15 pilgrims to join us for a guided walking spiritual retreat that also includes lots of joy and laughter! We will be walking 40-50 miles from September 17-21. Contact Linnea with questions at 612-810-3407.

And last and definitely not least, Lectio Divina continues weekly at 4 PM in the library where we read a passage of Scripture together and discern what the Creator is saying to each of us personally. Please join us. Questions? Ask me, Linnea.

## JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE – by Sue Kimmel

So, here’s what happened to me this week.

Dick and I were walking into Jimmy’s Restaurant. I noticed some money on the sidewalk (\$50). After I informed the server about the money and shared my cell phone number, just in case someone came looking for the money, my next thought was, “Someone is going to need this money this week.”

A few days later I had an appointment with my doctor. A young mother and her baby checked in for an appointment. The mother had insurance. The baby did not have insurance. The mother needed to make a \$100 payment if she wanted her baby seen by the doctor. The mother was unable to pay the fee. After a bit of discussion and frustration from the mother and person checking the family in for their appointment, I paid the \$100, with help from Jimmy’s \$50.

I had to ask myself, “How are the children?”

“What am I called to do as God’s servant in service to children?”

Here are my thoughts...May we be called to...

**\*\*Pray for children.** May all children be safe, well-fed, loved, and may they prosper.

**\*\*Participate in the Welcoming Babies Celebration, June 18<sup>th</sup>, (9:00-noon) at Cass Lake.** Leech Lake Reservation has an annual celebration welcoming babies into their community. JMT participates in the celebration and donates baby food.

Would you be willing to help us with monetary donations for baby food?

Could you knit or crochet baby booties for the Leech Lake children?

**\*\*This fall, Union Church will be starting a children’s ministry. Would you be willing to teach bible stories to children during a Sunday School hour?** Volunteers will participate with another leader, maybe once a month.

**\*\*Stay aware of the needs of children and do what you can...** You never know where \$50 will lead you, maybe to the place where you were meant to be.

In Peace, Sue

## BOARD OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Operating Income and Expenses

Income - April	\$ 9,971.00	Year to Date 2025 Giving	\$ 39,910.00
Other Income* - April	<u>\$ 561.26</u>	YTD Other Income*	\$ 4,02.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,532.26</b>	<b>YTD Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 43,131.68</b>
<b>Expenses - April</b>	<b>\$ 19,144.10</b>	<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,305.59</b>
<b>Balance - April</b>	<b>\$ - 8,611.84</b>	<b>Balance - Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ - 13,173.93</b>
		Prepaid & Carryover	\$ 14,738.00
		<b>Final Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,564.07</b>

\* Other income includes Treasure Sale, fundraisers, building use, donations and all other income sources except interest and dividends generated from restricted funds and specified donations or grants not going into operating funds.

Checking available: \$ 48,401.30

### Summary

Income for April and year to date has been poor, and expenses for April were very high.

The contract for the Solar Array has been signed, and a payment of \$ 11,250 from undesignated funds was made on signing.

In consultation with the Investment Advisory group, \$40,000 from Bequest & Specials Gifts, from a CD that came due in May, is being held in liquid funds and will be used as a short-term loan for the completion of the solar project and paid off with the receipt of the grants and refunds from that project. The solar array is an investment and good stewardship of the environment.

A capital campaign will be started this summer. Union Church needs a new roof. One quote has been received, and more are being requested. The roof should be replaced within the next 15 months. You will hear more soon.

Donations will also be accepted to help defray the cost of the solar installation!

### The Outreach Team Update

So what is the purpose of the Outreach Team?

1. Our purpose is to engage our local community through events which highlight our church's values, build positive relationships with them, and invite them to engage in a friendship with Union Church.
2. Increase church visibility through monthly fundraising meals for one of our local non-profit organizations.
3. Increase Union Church's involvement in our community by participating in seasonal festivals such as Sweetheart Days, Chainsaw events, and Back to Hack. (e.g. build a float for the parade, ice sculpture contest)
4. Be an active part of the Chamber of Commerce and be listed as part of their annual calendar and promotions.
5. Lead the congregation in support of local ministries such as: Faith in Action, Food Shelf, Paws and Claws, Family Safety Network, etc.

### Calendar for Outreach Meals

**June 18th - Kid's Fishing Contest**

**July 16th - Purchasing Meat for the Community Holiday Meal Boxes**

If you would like to participate or become a member of The Outreach Team, please contact Pastor Torri.

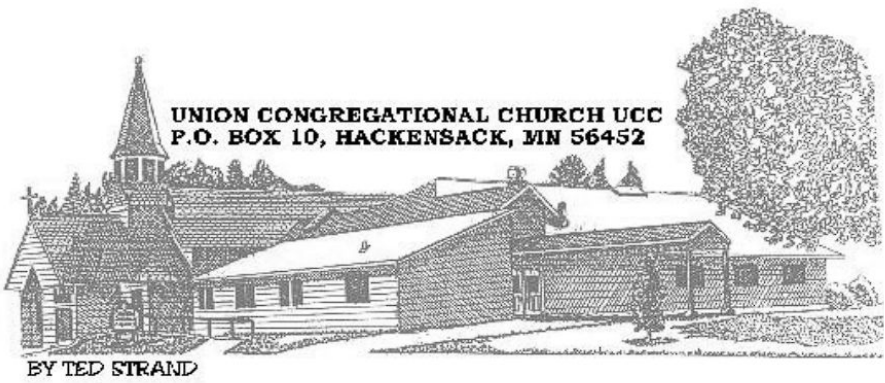
# Union Congregational Church, UCC, Hackensack MN

## June 2025

\* Community event

1 SUNDAY	2 MONDAY	3 TUESDAY	4 WEDNESDAY	5 THURSDAY	6 FRIDAY	7 SATURDAY
9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1:00 pm Birchview Church	1:30 pm Bone Builders* 6:00 pm AA Open Meeting*	9:00 am Tech Team Meeting	10:00 am Fit2Move 4:00 pm Lectio Divina	10:00am-12:00pm Dream Group 5:30 pm Justice Ministry Team Meeting - Potluck	Office Closed 1:30 pm Bone Builders*	
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**FORWARD SERVICE REQUESTED**



**2025**

**Have old tech, but nothing  
to do with it? Consider  
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