

The Message

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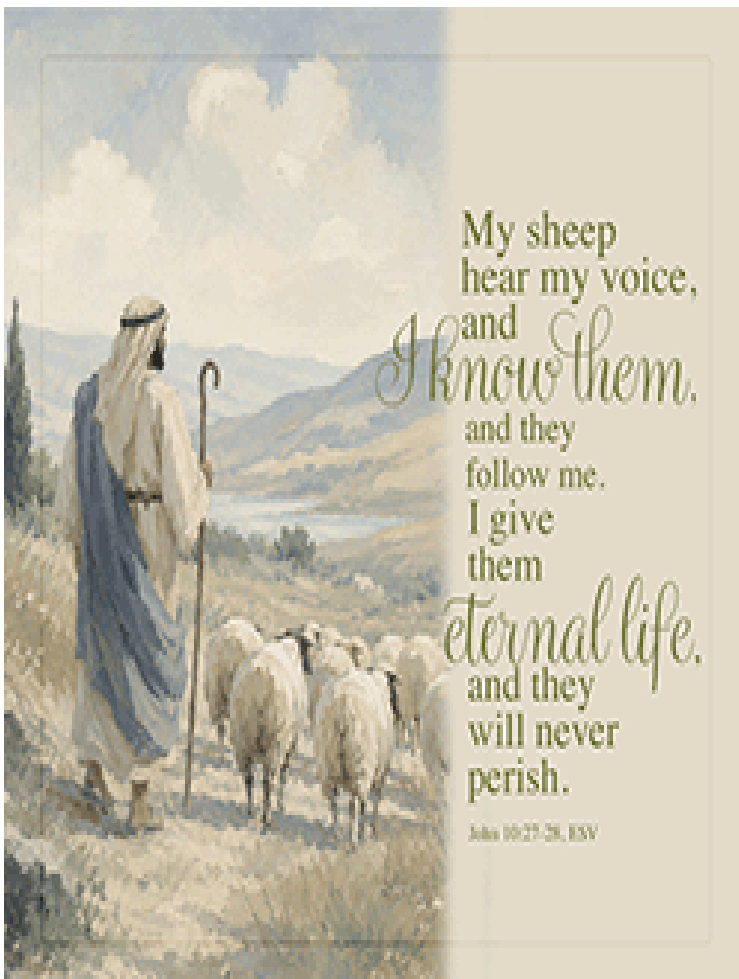
Striving to walk humbly with God through worship, love, and service.

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Mission News for August 2026



Summer Mission Update

We have not had mission requests for support this last month but we encourage you to bring the needs of others to our attention and of course keep people in need in prayer. We will have more mission information next month.

Church Recipes

A thank you to faithful readers, and the many positive comments about this newsletter feature. There were several cooks that made last month's very healthy Brussels Sprouts casserole. (Refer to our July 2026 church newsletter.) Don't miss this creative dish as you entertain this summer.

This month is **Blueberry Season**. We encourage you to think about the nutritional value of this berry. Consider adding Copper Country blueberries to your shopping list with a visit to a farmer's market or go out and pick some great local berries.

Did you know?

One half cup of blueberries is only 50 calories?

Blueberries are high in Vitamin A,C , iron, minerals and antioxidants?

Blueberries are excellent for freezing?

There are many ways to enjoy blueberries. Add them to salads, desserts, cereal, smoothies or just eaten by the handfuls.

The following recipe is one of Sue Aubin's coffee cake recipes. Sue and Chuck are snow birds and always so willing to help out with the after church coffee time in the summer. When you see Sue thank her for her recipe and helping with our coffee fellowship.

Blueberry Buckle Coffee Cake

Mix together 2 cups of flour, 2 tsp baking powder and ½ tsp salt.

Cream together ¼ cup soft butter and ¾ cup sugar.

Beat one egg into the butter mixture.

Add the flour mixture to the egg-butter mixture alternately with ½ cup milk.

Gently fold in 2 cups of blueberries.

Spread batter in a greased 9 by 13 inch baking pan and cover with the following crumb topping.

Combine ¼ cup soft butter with ½ cup sugar and 1/3 cup flour. Add ½ tsp cinnamon if desired.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until done.

Live Streaming Available Every Week

We stream live every Sunday morning for Worship. So even if you can't be there, you can join us on Sunday morning. And, if you're not available Sunday at 10:00 am, the service is available to watch later in the week. You can find it on Facebook. Just login and search for Hancock First United Methodist Church. It's also on our YouTube channel. **Youtube.com/@hancockfumc**



Movie Night on Quincy Green on Thursday Nights at Dusk.

Volunteers needed to help with the popcorn making, handing out bags and clean up. We are looking for **2-4 volunteers from 8:30–10:30 pm.** There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the table in the back. Please sign up to help or Contact Rick Gregg - rsgregg97@gmail.com or 815 531-2749

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In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*
Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*
Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*
Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*
Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*
Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*



The Collins Column

One of the first classes I took at seminary was an United Methodist Worship class. In the class, we needed to have our own copies of the United Methodist Hymnal, and the United Methodist Book of Worship. Luckily for me, I had resources beyond Amazon.com or Cokesbury to get my hands on these such things. By the time I started my journey in ministry, both of my parents were retired, and had little need for these books on a regular basis. Through the art of subtle conversation (“So....what are ya gonna do with these books,”) I was awarded custody of the Hymnal from my mother, and the Book of Worship from my dad.

As I was working on some worship prep recently, I was thumbing through the hymnal. Through the miracle that is the internet, little is left in the choosing process—hymn suggestions are made based on the scripture. One of the songs for the week was “Pass It On”. When I read the title, to be honest, rolled my eyes a little. “Ugh, that song.” But I thought about it, and looked it up in the hymnal, previously my mother’s. I saw a little note at the top of the page, in my handwriting from 31 years ago letting Mom know that I loved this song---in fact, I loved it so much that I used a heart rather than the word love. To a twelve-year-old in 1995, hearing something was just about the highest praise something could get. I wondered for a moment how I went from loving that song, to wanting to run from the room whenever I heard it. I realized that it was because somewhere in the last 31 years, I had lost my ability to hear the words of the song. I was too wrapped up in the memories of hearing it on the last night of camp and watching some of the kids just in tears because they weren’t going to be able to see each other every day. Camp is very emotional, especially for adolescents, and for someone of Scottish heritage emotions are icky.

When I reread the words to the song I was reminded that YES! YES! I do want to pass it on. Through trial and error, and through many attempts to do things “on my own” I have finally concluded that the answers and the help have always been right there just waiting for to me pick them up. The hymn was chosen because of its likeness to the parable of the mustard seed. The message of both the parable and the song is that it does not take much to experience or create something amazing. Simple kindness to others can inspire the same or perhaps give just the zap of encouragement someone needs to start on their journey. It only took a spark to get the campfire going, and five days to create in teenagers lasting friendships. That’s how it is with God’s love...once you’ve experienced it.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mikki



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

	June 2026	Year to Date 2026	Last Year: Jan -June 2025
General Fund	\$7,220	\$70,573	\$63,746
Building Fund	\$1,090	\$6,566	\$6,553
Mission Gifts (thru Gen. Fund)	\$30	\$927	\$1,887
Book Sale/Window Fund		\$2,134	
Endowment Fund Interest transferred to General Fund		\$33,100.00	\$31,000.00

(Significant additional mission gifts made to local and UM missions through Book Sale, Northy Fund, United Women in Faith, and gifts to Salvation Army Food Bank, Angel Mission, and other community needs.)

If you'd like to try electronic giving for one-time or on-going gifts to the church, click on "Donate" at our website, www.hancockfumc.org, or get in touch with Financial Secretary Karen Snyder (482-8422, karensnyd@gmail.com, text 906/370-8422) to submit an authorization form.

If you haven't received your Annual Statement of Giving for 2025 , or if you have any questions about your statement, please get in touch with Karen.

Ad Board and Finance Committee Meetings

Finance Committee and Ad Board met on July 16, welcoming Pastor Mikki to her first meetings.

- (1) Finance Chair Rick Gregg reported on the significant increases in total giving so far this year, offset by increases in costs for our property insurance, utilities, and supplies. Cash flow, expenses, and the monthly "gap" are being closely monitored. The Finance Committee will meet in August to discuss strategies for supporting the General Fund and closing the gap between income and expenses.
- (2) Trustees Chair Jerrod Moilanen reported on repair/maintenance of the parsonage during the pastoral change-over. He and Ken Farrish continue to get expert advice about how to maintain our historic stained glass windows, and will continue to report on this, as well as possible strategies for applying for grants to assist us.
- (3) Pastor Mikki reported on her first two weeks with us, and her family's pleasure in being here. She is looking forward to meetings in August with the Education Committee and others to plan our fall programs.
- (4) The next Ad Board and Finance meetings are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19 (subject to change if members have conflicts).



Home:

Judy Monticello
Carol Bird

White Oasis:

Ruth Jean Barkell

Portage Pointe:

Bessie Haapala

Twin Lake, MI

Glenda Bierman

The Bluffs:

Nancy Johnson
Claire McCoy

Jacobetti Home:

Gordon Dodge

Omega House:

Bette Lundin



We are looking for volunteers to be Greeters and Ushers.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Please sign up,

Thank you!



08 27 Gerald & Jean Parker

08 30 Ron & Patty Thomas



Mark Dennis 08 01

Avianna Hicks 08 05

Tina Eakin 08 09

John Drew 08 09

Levi Brule 08 12

Evelyn Stewart 08 16

Christina Thomas 08 16

Mary Anderson 08 23

June Eakin 08 24

Emily Dennis 08 25

Ramon Sague 08 28



August 2026



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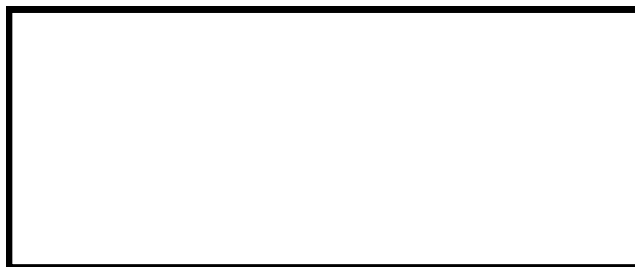


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