

# HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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## AMY'S ADAGIO

I'm sure that you don't need me to tell you what a wonderful place Havelock UMC is! I never cease to be amazed at the dedication, spirit and generosity of all of us who call HUMC our church home. When a call goes out for a need to be met, there is always abundant giving no matter what items are requested. So the first thing I need to do is say a great big "Thank you!"

When I arrived at Havelock one year ago, our church's finances weren't in the best of shape. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Wendell Smith who, as the financial secretary, managed to keep track of all of the money, who gave it and where it was supposed to go. Since last July the Finance Committee has worked hard to ensure that your stewardship to Havelock is handled with the appropriate checks and balances. They worked with each Ministry Team chairperson to establish a budget so we know the financial needs the church needs to be able to accomplish the ministries God sets for us. Our current financial secretary, Mike Gardner, keeps track of all tithes and offerings that come into the church, and our treasurer, Tony Martin, accounts to the penny each expenditure we have. The committee monitors giving and spending, making sure that we are in good financial health. I am extremely proud of this committee's work and owe them another big "Thank you!"

The committee needs your help, though. I understand there has been a past practice of donations being given to individuals in the church for specific programs. For example, checks are written and given to Sandy Carlson for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday dinners or the July 4<sup>th</sup> Block Party; cash has been given to Bob Lamb for Vacation Bible School or the Halloween Party. These donations are so very important and appreciated. And the funds are being handled for the desired purposes. But there are a couple of problems with handling these donations this way.

First, there is no way to track the money coming into the church ministries and activities when it doesn't come through the church. Second, it places the individual who receives the money in the position of having to keep track of the money and on what it is spent, which is not fair to them. Third, the Book of Discipline – the book of rules that our church must follow – states that funds given for church activities and ministries "shall be deposited promptly in the name of the local church." Our church could get in trouble with the conference if we don't handle our money the way we're supposed to.

Please do not interpret this to suggest any impropriety on anyone's part. I have no doubt that donations have been used for what they were given. However, we must be in compliance with the financial policies for the Great Plains Annual Conference. Therefore, I must ask that if you wish to donate for specific activities and ministries, please do so through the church. If you designate them for a specific activity or ministry, I give you my assurance that they will be used the way you want.

Thank you for your help with this. By making sure we're conducting "business" the way we should, we set ourselves up with a good foundation for Havelock to continue growing.

In His Love, Amy

## FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and September 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>.

This is a nice way to honor a loved one, someone's birthday, or anniversary, or in remembrance of someone who is deceased.

**THE JULY-AUGUST ISSUE TO THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! July 4<sup>th</sup> is the day for celebrating. Dress – **PATRIOTIC!**

A community block party will be held in the courtyard, 1:00-3:00 p.m. There will be games, food, and fund and community fellowship. Fire trucks from Station 5 will be here.

We are still in need of volunteers to work the different activities and help with serving and clean-up. We are asking for donations of 2 liter pop (prize for a game), and suckers (for sucker tree). There will be a white elephant table – we will be collecting donations for it. These items may be left at the church or call Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420, for more information. We are also in need of homemade or purchased cookies for the lunch.

Morrill Street, 60<sup>th</sup> – 61<sup>st</sup> will be closed from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Congratulations to Hannah Ann Burt who was baptized on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Hannah is the daughter of Matthew & Kelsey Burt. Hannah is the granddaughter of Tony and Julie Burt and the great-granddaughter of Barbara Cotter.

## THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN JULY DUE TO LEONA'S VACATION.

## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in Friendship Parlor.

Laughing at ourselves as well as with each other gives a surprising sense of togetherness.

Hazel C. Lee

The best way to get something done is to begin.

## MISSION: CALLED VBS 2016

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to train to become an agent for Christ.

It's no secret that this is a big job. And we need the best agents possible to teach about the love of Jesus to our world today. It's important that we start young by training the best agents possible.

And your child has been selected for this tremendous opportunity!

Kids will "train" to be secret agents for Christ by having fun with crafts, games and, of course Bible stories as they learn about God's love for us.

Code name? "Mission: Possible."

Join us for Vacation Bible School July 11-15. Kids ages 3 through those who just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to take part in this **free event**.

Each night's mission starts at 6:30 and continues until 8 p.m. at the church. We hope to see lots of agents for Jesus!

## 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

Each 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month the Havelock Church offers a free community meal for all those in our community as a way to get to know one another. Our next dinner will be on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the food and the company. Everyone is welcome!

## DIAPER DEPOT

The first Sunday of each month we will be collecting diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment for Diaper Depot. The box will be placed in the narthex on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

## JULY

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| 1  | 6:30 – 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   | 16 | 8:30 Esther Circle  |
| 2  |   | 17 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School |
| 3  | 8:15 Trustees<br>9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School            | 18 | 7:00 AA   |
| 4  | <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>1:00-3:00 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Community Block Party<br>7:00 AA | 19 | 5:00 FoodNet<br>7:00 Administrative Board                             |
| 5  | 5:00 FoodNet  | 20 | 1:00 Havelock Crafters  |
| 6  | 1:00 Havelock Crafters  | 21 |   |
| 7  |   | 22 | 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   |
| 8  | 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   | 23 | 9:00 United Methodist Men   |
| 9  |   | 24 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School |
| 10 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>11:00-2:00 O.V.E.R. BBQ  | 25 | 7:00 AA   |
| 11 | 6:30-8:00 Vacation Bible School   | 26 | 5:00 FoodNet  |
| 12 | 6:30-8:00 Vacation Bible School   | 27 | 1:00 Havelock Crafters<br>5:00-6:30 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Dinner  |
| 13 | 1:00 Havelock Crafters<br>6:30-8:00 Vacation Bible School   | 28 |   |
| 14 | 6:30 -8:00 Vacation Bible School  | 29 | 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   |
| 15 | 6:30-8:00 Vacation Bible School   | 30 |   |
|    |   | 31 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School |