

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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AMY'S ADAGIO

Several weeks ago, the leadership of Havelock UMC met on a Saturday morning to discuss the future of our church. It was a good meeting but we had to look at some challenges we face. We are an older congregation with an older building and that's what people see. We live in a time where people are willing to drive to other churches that have the programs they want rather than attending church close to home for "convenience."

But we also realized there are a lot of possibilities! Northeast Lincoln is one of the fastest growing areas in town – especially east of 84th Street. Our mission field is no longer just the immediate Havelock area. We talked about what we can do to reach new families and bring them into the HUMC community. I hope your leaders left with a sense of renewed passion for our ministry!

I also hope that you will catch that passion as well because everyone has a role to play in this vision. We need people to pray for the success of Havelock UMC. We need people who will give their time and treasure-some sacrificially. We need volunteers who will help with programs and projects. We need people who will invite others to church.

With everyone's help we can overcome every challenge that may face us because we serve a God who has overcome the world and death. He has already won the victory and, because we are his children, his victory is ours. That doesn't mean there isn't work to do. But it does mean that God is for us and, through him, we will succeed in our service for him.

And that definitely is something to get excited about!

In His Love,
Amy

HOLY WEEK

April 9th, Palm Sunday, all present will be given a palm branch to participate in celebrating Jesus' entry into the city. This is a time to rejoice & meditate on the events during Holy Week.

April 13th, Maundy Thursday worship with communion at Havelock UMC at 7 pm.

April 14th, Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be observed in the chapel from 8 am. to 7 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

April 14th, Good Friday, 7 pm. service will be held at Eagle UMC

April 16th, Easter Sunday worship at 9:30 am. We will be flowering the Cross. Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus so that he might live today and forever within your heart.

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK DINNER

Following the morning worship service, Sunday, April 9th, please join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Maybe your favorite Easter brunch or dinner dish. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided. There will be good food and wonderful fellowship!

FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: April 2, 30, May 28, June 25, August 20, 27, September 3, 17, 24 and November 11, 19, 26.

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

BASEBALL ANY ONE?

Are you interested in attending a Saltdogs baseball game this spring? Please let Sandy Carlson know. Sandy has not received a schedule at this time but will post it in the East hall when she receives it so we can choose a date. A sign-up sheet will also be posted in the East hall. Please leave name, phone number and number in your party.

If we have 20 or more in our group we will receive a discount.

MOTHER'S DAY 2017

We will be displaying pictures of our mothers on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. These can be pictures of your mother, grandmothers or anyone who played an important role in your life. You may bring them on Sunday, May 7th or anytime during the week.

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you again to everyone who donated items for the Craft Fair lunch, or stopped by to enjoy lunch. After expenses, there was a profit of around \$300.

The youth also made a monetary donation to Diaper Depot during the Diaper Depot fundraiser.

HAPPY EASTER!

4th of JULY

Please save your special garage sale leftovers and any other small items (no clothes, furniture or food items) for the white elephant table. The items can be brought to the church at any time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Taylor Morris and Benjamin Glantz who were united in marriage on March 18th in the sanctuary.

FINANCE REPORT

February

Income \$10,355
Expenses \$12,180

Year-to Date

Income \$18,796
Expenses \$22,104

Our expenses for this month were slightly more than the income we received. While we have enough in reserves to cover the difference, the finance committee will keep careful watch to ensure that HUMC is making the best use of your tithes and offerings.

Our committee believes the stewardship of the church's gifts is an important part of the ministry of Havelock UMC. This why we are committed to the pledge that was made at the church conference last year to pay our Wider Mission Shares. This is why we have chosen for the Lenten Offering to go to the Lincoln Refugee Resettlement Office as they strive to continue helping refugees already in the Lincoln area after the loss of their federal funding. The ministry of HUMC needs to be more than taking care of ourselves.

We hope that you take your stewardship seriously as well. As followers of Christ, we are called to submit every area of our life to him – including our finances. Regular giving to Christ's church helps ensure that others will have the opportunity to come to know the love of God. It also returns many blessings to the giver!

The HUMC Finance Committee

MANY THANKS!!!

A great big heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for the tremendous outpour of bake goods, snacks and cash donations that were given to the HUMC Bake Sale. The response that we received from this congregation was more than we ever could have expected. We should all feel very blessed that we are a part of such a caring and loving church family. Because of our generosity we were able to raise around \$290 for the church. Thank you so much for your support.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous donation of warm winter clothing for the students of LPS Early Childhood Program. Both the bodies and hearts of the children and their families will be warmed as the latest snowy weather arrives. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Cara Lucas-Richt, Director
Department of Early Childhood

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

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

UMW NEWS

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

This is a reminder that all circles will be collecting for the Bakeless Bake Sale at their April meeting.

CIRCLES

ESTHER – Sat., April 15th, 8:30 a.m.

Panera Bread, 201 North 66th

PRISCILLA Thur., April 27th, 10:00 a.m.

Church Library

Program – Nancy Ess

Hostess – Leona Frerichs

RUTH – Tue., April 25th, 7:00 p.m.

419 Indian Road

Program – Laura Pape

Hostess – Doris Smith

4th WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

Each 4th 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 is April 26th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

Bring a friend and join your neighbors for this time of fun and fellowship. 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, April 2nd. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

APRIL

- 1 9:00 Spring Cleaning
- 2 8:15 Trustees
9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School for All Ages
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church
6:00 Ignite
7:00 MYF
- 3 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 AA
7:00 July 4th Planning Meeting
- 4 8:00-8:00 Primary Election
- 5 6:30 Handbells
7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 6 6:30-8:00 Lenten Study
- 7 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8
- 9 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Potluck Dinner
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church
2:30 Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Ignite
7:00 MYF
- 10 7:00 AA
- 11 5:00 FoodNet
6:30 Committee on Finance
- 12 6:30 Handbells
7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 13 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service
- 14 8:00-7:00 Prayer Vigil
6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 Good Friday Service – Eagle UMC
- 15 8:30 Esther Circle
- 16 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church
6:00 Ignite

17 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 AA

18 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Administrative Board

19 6:30 Handbells
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21 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous

22 9:00 United Methodist Men

23 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship

10:45 Sunday School
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church

6:00 Ignite

7:00 MYF

24 9:30 Deadline for News
7:00 AA

25 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Ruth Circle

26 5:00-6:30 4th Wednesday Dinner
6:30 Handbells

27 10:00 Priscilla Circle
1:30 Hav-O-Gram Issued

28 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous

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9:30 Morning Worship

10:45 Sunday School For all Ages
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church

6:00 Ignite

7:00 MYF