

HAVE-O-GRAM

Havelock United Methodist Church
Lincoln, Nebraska
466-6736

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MOTHER'S DAY - 2011

Sunday, May 8th, we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a display of our favorite cookbooks. Old ones, new ones, different ones, any cookbook that is special to you.

Please bring and place them on the tables that will be in the narthex. There will be cards if you would like to make any notations. Please have your name on them. You may also leave them in the church office the week of May 2nd.

They may be taken home after church.

Thank you for sharing.

Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

8th Annual 4th of July Community Block Party - We will be hosting the 8th annual block party for the Havelock community on Monday, July 4th.

There will soon be sign-up sheets for volunteering and donations in the narthex. We are also asking for 2 liter bottles of pop to be donated. Start looking for those items for the 25¢ table also. Your help will be appreciated.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library. All officers and circle leaders are urged to attend.

CIRCLES TO MEET

- ESTHER Sat., May 21st, 8:30 a.m.
Breada Fresh Express Cafe
4901 O Street
- RUTH Tues., May 24th
Night Out
Time & location to be announced
- PRISCILLA Thur., May 26th, 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon
Time and location to be announced



The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: May 15, 29, July 31, August 7, September 4, 11 and 25th.

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



Congratulations to William McFarland and Carolyn Wilder who were united in marriage on Sunday, April 17th.



The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Lois Fox.

Lois passed away on April 7th. A memorial service will be held sometime this summer.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE BY THE FOOD CART IN THE EAST HALL.

PASTOR'S NOTE

DEATH OR RESURRECTION?

Last Sunday I mentioned during the sermon that out of 387 churches in the Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at the end of 2010, only 77 churches worshiped more than 100 persons on Sunday morning. The Havelock United Methodist Church was one of the 77 (barely) with an average attendance of 105. However, if the trend continues as it has been in 2011, we will end the year under 100 in average attendance. We continue to lose older long-term members to sickness and death. While new people come into the church, there are not enough to offset our losses.

Another alarming fact is that after 2011 most of our young people will be either in middle school or high school, with only three children of elementary school age who attend and participate regularly. What is equally troubling about this is that there is no lack of children in the Havelock Community, many of whom do not attend church anywhere.

The Nebraska Conference recognizes that this is a church-wide problem and has indicated that things must change! I would like to share a quote with you from a letter I received from our District Superintendent, Galen Wray, just last week: *One of the practices of the church in the past has been egalitarianism. We have to let go of the thought that all churches and all pastors are treated equally. We do treat everyone justly and kindly, but the norm that "no church is left behind" is no longer true. The District Superintendent role, for example, is no longer one of advocacy for pastors. The mission field is the primary client of the Cabinet, not even the congregation. If a congregation or pastor is not effectively serving the mission field in which they are positioned, a change needs to take place.*

We are in changing times. The approaches of the past will not produce the results needed in our "mission field" of the Havelock Community. There is always a death before a resurrection and there are some things that we have to be willing to let go of if we are going to survive and rise up. During the past 5 years I have seen significant changes in our congregation that demonstrates an awareness and willingness to change for the better. I believe we can!

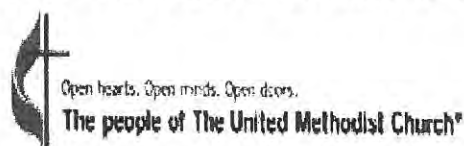
On **May 10, 2011 at 7 pm** we will have an important meeting for our church. All are invited, not just Administrative Council Members. This meeting is a **call to action** to all those who love our church and are committed to its ministry both present and future. We must lay definite plans, not merely to increase attendance on Sunday mornings, but to find ways of reaching out to unchurched children and families in our communities. At our last meeting we only had 13 in attendance. We will need at least three times that number to do the work at hand. Please make this meeting and your participation a priority! What is your choice for the Havelock Church: Death or Resurrection?


ALSO CHECK OUT A FEW OF OUR RECOVERY AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- **Counseling Services** (For more information call 476-2300 and mention you are part of Havelock United Methodist)
- **Foodnet & Northeast Family Services:** (Providing food for those in need) Tuesdays at 4:30 pm
- **Esther's Closet:** (Providing clothing for those in need) Call for times 466-6736
- **12 Step Recovery Groups:** Call for times – 466-6736

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

QUESTIONS? Call Pastor Chuck 402-499-9848



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| <p>1 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group</p> <p>2 7:00 AA</p> <p>3 8:00 - 8:00 City Election</p> <p>4 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Children's Choir
7:00 Praise Choir</p> <p>5</p> <p>6 6:30 Wedding Rehearsal
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>7 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist
7:00 Wedding Ashley Kassebaum -
Cody Knox</p> <p>8 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group</p> <p>9 4:00 - 7:30 Goodyear Retirees
7:00 AA
7:00 UMW Executive Committee</p> <p>10 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Administrative Board</p> <p>11 7:00 Children's Choir
7:30 Praise Choir</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>14 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist
Fishing Clinic</p> <p>15 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group</p> |  | <p>16 7:00 AA</p> <p>17 5:00 Foodnet</p> <p>18 7:00 Children's Choir
7:00 Praise Choir</p> <p>19</p> <p>20 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>21 8:30 Esther Circle
10:00 - 2:00 Seventh Day Baptist</p> <p>22 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group</p> <p>23 9:00 Deadline for News
7:00 AA</p> <p>24 5:00 Foodnet
Ruth Circle</p> <p>25</p> <p>26 11:30 Priscilla Circle</p> <p>27 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>28 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist</p> <p>29 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
12:00 - 4:00 Graduation Party
Theron Harris</p> <p>30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 AA</p> <p>31 5:00 Foodnet</p> |
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FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 17, 2011

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2009	\$30,960
Receipts Year to Date	\$33,694
Ahead:	\$ 2,734

The above does not include apportionments paid to the Annual Conference



as the money went to Diaper Depot. We received \$230.

Sincerely,
Carol Peterson

I would like to thank Pati Hughes for coordinating the garage sale. A special thanks to all of the people who bought tables



USHERS FOR MAY	
Marie Hughes	Pati Hughes
Tony Martin	Susan Martin

