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The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: July 31, August 7, September 4, 11, 18 and 25.

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



4th of JULY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! July 4th is the day for celebrating. Dress - PATRIOTIC! A community block party will be held in

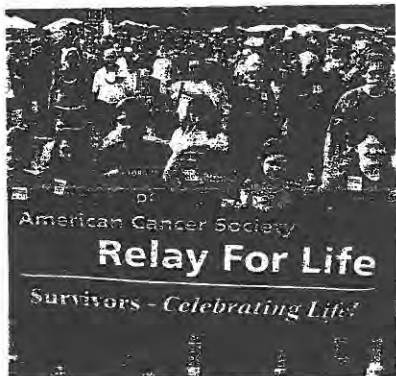
the courtyard, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. There will be games, food, fun and community fellowship. Fire trucks from Station 5 will be here.

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). 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, 464-0420, for more information.

Morrill Street, 60th - 61st, will be closed from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. on the 4th of July.



Congratulations to Adam Patrick & Kristina Gattbrect, June 4th, Aaron Kumpula & Heather Gerard, June 11th and Matthew Stewart & Lisa Lothrop, June 17th who were united in marriage in our sanctuary.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

WHAT IS RELAY?

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer,

remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

As the sun sets over campsites and darkness falls, the night is brightened by the glow of illuminated bags called luminaria, each bearing the name of someone who has battled cancer. Some celebrate cancer survivors, while others help us honor and remember those gone too soon. All represent someone special who has been profoundly affected by cancer and the family and friends who continue to fight back in their honor.

The Lincoln 2011 Relay for Life will be Friday, July 29 - 30, beginning with the survivors lap at 7:00 p.m. The most moving part of the event is the Luminaria Ceremony at 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to purchase a luminaria to honor or in memory of someone please contact Leona Frerichs, Karen Lamb or Sandy Carlson. They are all participants on Sandys team, Over 60/IBTC. You may also just give a donation to American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.

INCONCERT - BRENT VERNON

Spend your evening with your friends and family at Havelock United Methodist Church on Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Singer, Songwriter, and Ventriloquist - Brent Vernon featuring Sam will perform. Cost: Free will offering Questions, please call Susan Martin at 402-890-3391



The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Elsie Hermone.

Elsie passed away on June 8th. Her memorial service will be held on June 30th, 10:30 a.m. at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home.



Have a good time on vacation this summer but don't forget to pay your pledge as the church's bills never take a vacation. Thanks!



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.





The women of Havelock UMC are invited to Grace UMC Women's Annual July Brunch. This year the emphasis will be on the Joplin, MO tornado and the recent flooding in our own state.

Literature will be available for Flood Buckets and Health Kits creation to use at your own church. Donations can be made and we will purchase items to create these buckets and kits. A speaker will be presenting on their recent mission trip to Joplin, MO.

A DELICIOUS BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 10:00 a.m. ON SATURDAY, JULY 9th.

Please call Doris Smith, 402-489-3281 by July 5th if you plan to attend.



Bible School will be held August 1st - August 5th. We will have classes for children from three years old through the sixth grade. Class time each evening will be from 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

We are expecting to have a great time with music, crafts, skits, lessons and much more. Please join us for a fun week. We'll be looking forward to your attendance.

BE THERE CLUB

Bee There Club is getting off to a good start. We worked on fitness and Bee Kind and Bee Thankful. Next week we will work on Bee Helpful and Bee Healthy. We will move to Mahoney Park, 70th & Fremont, for more fun events on Thursday, June 30th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Have a great summer!

Jennifer Farley & Sue Souders

THE JULY-AUGUST ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IN NOW AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY THE PANTRY CART.

USHERS FOR JULY

Randy Irons

Candy Irons

Walt Pohlman

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DRIVERS NEEDED

We are asking for your help! PLEASE call Laura Pape at 402-466-6338 or Dean Honnen at 402-466-5722 if you are willing to provide transportation for those who wish to attend services but do not have a way to get to church. For those who may need a way to church we strongly encourage you to call as well so we can match up drivers and riders.



Heartfelt Thanks

I wish to express my thanks for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and cards. I appreciated your thoughtfulness and concern during my long illness. I am doing well.

Fred Zabel

A big thank you to all who participated in providing a beautiful funeral in remembrance of Mary Schreurs. We were very pleased with the ceremony, music and luncheon. It removed a lot of the burden from us in our time of sorrow.

Bob and Shirley Schreurs and family



DIAPER DEPOT

A collection box will be set out Sunday, July 3rd, in the narthex. We are in need of diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment. Also, monetary donations will be accepted and put to use to support this worthwhile cause.



"BLASTED WOODPECKERS!"

PASTOR'S NOTE

A SEASON OF STORMS

My brother Bob and his family came to visit me for the second year in a row just last week. Also, for the second year in a row we could not go to Big Lake where I have a lot because of the storms and flooding. When I bought the lot in 2007 I did some research and found that Big Lake flooded about once every 10 to 12 years for the past 100 years. Three days after I purchased it the property was under 4 feet of water. It has flooded three times in four years. Last year was record flood but this year threatens to break the 100 year record.

This seems to be the case throughout the world these past several years with earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornado's and floods. We seem to be in a "Season of Storms" globally. The same is true of the church. Most Christian denominations in the United States have been seeing a sharp decline for the past 40 years. The Havelock United Methodist Church is no exception. God has blessed us with resources thus far to weather the storm but we see signs that cause concern. A continued declining of the young among us, declining attendance at Sunday morning worship and Sunday School and the death of long-time members.

Our world and community is changing rapidly throwing us into a state of chaos. As a church we often don't want to change. It is said that the only people who like change are wet babies. The chaos of the storm creates feelings of fear, anger and sadness. In the storm we can only do what we can to prepare and realize that some things will be destroyed – changed forever. Some things that we do in preparation are successful, others aren't but we keep preparing.

Storms don't only create destruction but also new opportunities for growth and building anew. This is not the first "Season of Storms" in the history of the world or the church. Out of each of these storms the Church of Jesus Christ has survived. We too will survive if we stand on the rock of Jesus Christ and not on the sands of the past. The church we know today does not look the same as it did 100 years ago, or 500 years ago, or 1000 years ago and certainly doesn't look the same as the church of 2000 years ago. After we come out of this season of storms the church will not look the same as it does now.

I thank God for the leadership that God has raised up in the Havelock Church during this time. Leadership that is planning on surviving the storm with God's help. So they put a roof on the church and fix the air conditioning and carpet the halls because they plan on being here in Havelock for years to come. They are also going and observing practices of growing congregations so that we can try new ways of ministry in our community. Not everyone understands or approves. Some are afraid of the change and perhaps some are just a little selfish because they want things to be the same as they were.

A few years ago our bishop told the story of going to a church in the conference that was failing and asking what they were willing to do to change and stem the tide of decline. One woman responded by saying "Nothing. As long as my church is here when I die to bury me, that's all I want." This woman expressed honestly what the sentiment of people in our churches is too often.

I invite you to join with the leadership of our church that is committed to not only surviving the storm but growing and renewing as a result. Please join us for a five-week church development seminar called "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" beginning on **Wednesday, August 31st**. We will be looking at several resources during these five-weeks and planning the steps we need to take as a congregation so we can not only survive this "season of storms" but be renewed and refreshed as a result.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 19, 2011

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2011	\$51,600
Receipts Year to Date	\$48,475
Ahead:	\$ 3,125

The above does not include apportionments paid to the Annual Conference

1 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
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 3 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 4 7:00 AA
 1:00 - 3:00 Community Block Party
 5 5:00 Foodnet
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 7 6:00 - 7:30 Be There Club
 8 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
 9 8:00 - 6:00 Private Party
 10 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 11 7:00 AA
 12 5:00 Foodnet
 13
 14 6:00 - 7:30 Be There Club
 15 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
 16 8:30 Esther Circle



17 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 18 7:00 AA
 7:00 In Concert - Brent Vernon
 19 5:00 Foodnet
 20
 21 6:00 - 7:30 Be There Club
 22 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
 23
 24 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 25 9:00 Deadline For News
 7:00 AA
 26 5:00 Foodnet
 27
 28 6:00 - 7:30 Be There Club
 29 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued
 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
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 31 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship