HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

402-466-6736

Volume 56, No 5 May 23, 2014

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE

May brings baskets, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. It also signals the end of high school and college. Congratulations to those seniors graduating this May.

LINCOLN NORTHEAST

Tiffany Harris Julia Sanford

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Amy (King) Swartz

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Matthew Porath

YOU ARE INVITED

AMY SWARTZ IS GRADUATING SO LET"'S PARTY!

After all her hard work and determination, Amy is going to be a Radiology Technologist. We want to help her celebrate, so we are having a party. June 14th, 12:00-5:00 pm at Havelock UMC in fellowship hall. Please come and join us!

If you want to RSVP or have questions, please call Nancy King Gardner @ 402-560-6848.

CHAIRS FOR SALE

The trustees have about 100 folding metal chairs for sale at \$1.00 each.

Apply to church office, 402-466-6736. First come first served. Gary Ehlers, Trustee Chair

PENTECOST

On Sunday, June 8, 2014, Christians across the world will celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is not as well-known or as popular as Christmas or Easter in Christian history, even though Pentecost is the birthday of the church.

WHAT DOES PENTECOST MEAN?

Pentecost means fiftieth in Greek. It is the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks. It also can refer to the whole 50 days between Easter & Pentecost.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church". Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

To celebrate Pentecost, everyone is encouraged to wear red or shades of red to church Sunday, June 8th. There will be a **potluck dinner** following the worship service. Please bring a covered dish or two to share. Tableware and drinks will be furnished.

FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: August 24 & 31, September 7 & 28.

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

ALERT!

All Havelock United Methodist Men please join us on May 31st at 9:00 am for a breakfast to kick off the planning of our reorganized Men's group. Please plan to attend and bring along your ideas, appetite, and good stories to help us all kick-off a great supportive group to help support the church family we all love and enjoy spending time with. Since this is a breakfast meeting we are looking for cooks to help prepare something edible!! Please call Gary Ehlers (402-476-3874) with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

4th of JULY - 2014

This will be our 11th year for our 4th of July Community Block Party, 1:00-3:00 p.m., held in the HUMC courtyard.

There will be our usual fun games, prizes, a free hot dog meal and our 25 cent table plus more.

We also can use your special garage sale leftovers any other small items (no clothes, furniture or food items) for the white elephant table. Cash donations would also be appreciated. We would appreciate donations of 2 liter bottles of pop and pencils for games.

Volunteers are needed to help set-up Friday morning at 9:00 am. Come dressed accordingly and patriotically. We will need help with games, between the hours of 1-3 pm. Afterwards we will need you to help tear down and clean up. Please see Sandy Carlson for sign-up.

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, June 1st. Also monetary donations will be accepted.

PASTOR'S NOTE

I am reading a book by Jim Wallis named On God's Side. He shares an Abraham Lincoln quote, "My concern is not whether God is on our side" my greatest concern is to be on God's side." We use labels like conservative and liberal or progressive to describe people. This is not always helpful in that there are extremes in each philosophy and belief.

He wrote as to what each position gets right and what they get wrong from both a theological and a political framework and how they interact with each other.

Whatever place we come down on do we claim that God is on our side? With God on Our Side is the title of a political song written a number of years ago by Bob Dylan:

Oh my name it is nothin'
My age it means less
The country I come from
Is called the Midwest
I's taught and brought up there
The laws to abide
And the land that I live in
Has God on its side.

I know that believers want to believe that they have God on their side but which side is God on? It seems that the Question too often breaks down along political lines. My guess is that God is apolitical and not so interested in one's politics but in the flourishing of the people. Interested in conversation? Let's talk.

Grace and Peace Pastor Richard

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

DON'T COOK WEDNESDAY JUNE 25th!

Join us here at Havelock UMC for our "4th Wednesday Community Supper" event. Supper will be served from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

YOUTH NEWS

The month of May brings to a close another school year. A celebration was held on May 4th during Youth Group for Matthew Porath, who graduated from Concordia University. Mother's Day (and Father's Day) celebrated a bit early, were made special with gifts. May 18th concluded the school year with a trip to Champions for minigolf and lunch. A donation of Russ's gift cards was taken to Fresh Start on behalf of the students. This was something they wanted to do before the year ended. Congratulations to Julia Sanford for her graduation from Northeast High School. Prayers and Blessings for a safe and fun summer.

Jennifer Bridgmon

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

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

JUNE

1	8:15	Trustees
	9:00	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30	Morning Worship
2	10:00	Bible Study
	7:00	AA
3		
4		
5		
6	6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous	
7		•

```
9:00
          Fellowship Coffee
          Morning Worship
   9:30
   10:45 Potluck Dinner
   10:00 Bible Study
   7:00
          AA
10 5:00
          Foodnet
11
12
13 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
14 12:00-5:00 Amy (King) Swartz
   Graduation Party
          Fellowship Coffee
15 9:00
   9:30
          Morning Worship
16 10:00 Bible Study
   7:00
          AA
17 5:00
          Foodnet
18
19
20 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
21 8:30 Esther's Circle
   9:00-2:30 Quilts for Kids
22 9:00
          Fellowship Coffee
   9:30
          Morning Worship
          Deadline for News
23 9:00
   10:00 Bible Study
   7:00
          AA
24 5:00
          Foodnet
25 5:00-6:30 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Dinner
26
27 9:30
          Hav-O-Gram Issued
   6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
28
29 9:00
          Fellowship Coffee
   9:30
          Morning Worship
30 7:00
          AA
```