

# HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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## 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, 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), pencils (for pencil pull), 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.

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.

## SAVE THE DATE August 16, 2015

Preliminary discussions have begun concerning next year's celebration of 125 years in ministry to the Havelock neighborhood. For all of these years, Havelock United Methodist Church has had a presence on Morrill Street between 60<sup>th</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> Streets.

Next year on August 16, 2015, we will have a day of remembrance and celebration to mark the occasion.

August 16 was chosen for the day so that Bishop Scott J. Jones of the new Great Plains Conference could be with our congregation for the worship service and observance ceremony.

Updates on activities leading up to the special day will be in future Hav-O-Grams as well as the church bulletin. Suggestions or comments are encouraged for this event. Contact Dean Honnen or leave a message in the church office.

## RECIPES, RECIPES, RECIPES! WE WANT YOUR RECIPES!!

We will be collecting recipes for a cookbook to help celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HUMC.

We are asking members, friends and families to please go through your favorite recipes and pick several to share. We are looking for any and all types of recipes for this cookbook.

We will be collecting the recipes until August 15, 2014. We ask that they be typed or written on any 8 by 10 piece of paper, we will then type and send them to the cookbook company to be printed. We will then proof it before the final printing.

Any questions, please call Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420 or Leona Frerichs, 402-466-6736.

## FLOWERS

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

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 OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY THE PANTRY CART.**

## CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Congratulations to Amanda Kaluza-Johnson and Kaleb Johnson who were baptized on Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

Kaleb is the son of Amanda Kaluza-Johnson and Nicholas Johnson.

## NEW MEMBER

We are privileged to have received Amanda Kaluza-Johnson, 3740 Paxton Drive, 402-730-7163 into the life of the church on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## CANDLES – CANDLES

The church has many used candles that someone might find useful for craft projects. Most of the candles are white but some are of various colors. If interested in these free candles, please see (or call) Dean Honnen, 402-466-5722 or Laura Pape, 402-466-6338.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Also monetary donations will be accepted.

## DON'T COOK WEDNESDAY July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Join us here at Havelock UMC for our “4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PASTOR'S NOTE

### FIRST FRUITS OR WHAT IS LEFT OVER

#### First Fruits in the Old Testament

The first fruits offering was an offering required by God of the Israelites. It's mentioned several times in the Old Testament law:

Exodus 23:19a: “The best of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your GOD.”

Leviticus 23:10: “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, when you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.”

Proverbs 3:9-10: “Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, ‘and your vats will be bursting with wine.’”

#### RUSS KELLY'S CONVICTION:

New Covenant giving is: freewill, sacrificial, generous, joyful, regular and motivated by love for God. Fellow Christians and lost souls. Do not burden or curse God's poor who struggle to feed and shelter their family. Although there is no set percentage for Christians to give, all should give sacrificially or lower your standards of living in order to further the reach of the Gospel.

#### Jesus' Teachings about Giving

While the Christian Gospels include no accounts of Jesus instructing followers to continue any form of tithing, he does teach about the nature of giving within a spiritual rather than legalistic context. In Luke, chapters 12 and 21, Jesus used imagery to show that how much a person gives is related to the spirit in which one gives. In Luke 21, a poor widow gave from what little money she had. Jesus compared her gift to that of a wealthy person who, although giving a great deal, still has a great deal left. In Luke 12, Jesus sums up his

teaching by saying that those who have much are required to give much. Read more:

[http://www.ehow.com/about\\_4572423\\_what-does-jesus-say-tithing.html](http://www.ehow.com/about_4572423_what-does-jesus-say-tithing.html)

## **THE NEW TESTAMENT UNDERSTANDING OF TITHES**

Jesus speaks strongly against the Jewish leaders who had kept the strict 10 percent tithe but had disregarded the purpose behind giving to the Lord (Matthew 23:23). The only other mention of tithes is in Hebrews, in discussing the role of Abraham and the temple (Hebrews 7:5-9). However, there are several places where the principle of giving is at work in the church. Paul asks the church on numerous occasions to set aside money to give (2 Corinthians 8-9; Romans 15:25-32). Perhaps, then, “tithing” in the sense of the Old Testament tenth is no longer necessary. What is now required is a heart obedient to God, a heart bound to give not only 10 percent but rather much more. The Christian has a responsibility to give from what is received to care for the church. Those who follow Jesus are no longer bound to give 10 percent; they are required to let God have complete control of their finances, giving as much as they can to bring glory to God, Read more: [http://www.ehow.com/about\\_5402515\\_firstfruits-vs-tithes.html](http://www.ehow.com/about_5402515_firstfruits-vs-tithes.html)

The current economic condition has made it hard for some churches to be about the calling of the church. Each year a number of churches in our conference have to make the decision to close or not. Although we are not in that situation now we still have monthly obligations to be met. Please consider what you might do to help.

Grace and Peace  
Pastor Richard

## **VACATION**

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

## **UMW READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

Now that Nebraska and the two Kansas Conferences are officially united into the Great Plains Conference there is a change regarding deadlines for submitting our reading plans.

The following comes from our current Blue River District Reading Program Resources Secretary – “We will have one short, 6 months schedule: June 1 to December 31, 2014. The conference has asked us to transition into a 12 months program to start January 1, 2015 and end December 31, 2015.

If you participated in the reading program this current year, my report is due July 1<sup>st</sup> to the District Reading Program Secretary and I have not contacted you, please give me a call so I can submit your name to her as well as which reading plan you completed.

Our reading material covers a wide range of subject matter and is chosen by the Women's Division to help us stay informed about many topics. You can also learn about current topics by reading articles from the magazines we have in the library – Response and New World Outlook.

Laura Pape  
Reading Program Secretary

## **FELLOWSHIP COFFEE**

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

## **HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Independence Day.

## JULY

1 5:00 Foodnet  
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4 1:00-3:00 Community Block Party  
6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
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6 8:15 Trustees  
9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
7 7:00 AA  
8 5:00 Foodnet  
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11 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
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13 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
14 7:00 AA  
7:00 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration Com.  
15 5:00 Foodnet  
7:00 Cookbook Com.  
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18 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
19 8:30 Esther Circle  
11:30-6:00 Private Party  
20 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
11:00-3:00 O.V.E.R. Bar-B-Q  
21 9:00 Deadline For News  
7:00 AA  
22 5:00 Foodnet  
23 5:00-6:30 4<sup>th</sup> Wed Community Dinner  
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25 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued  
6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
26 9:00 Men's Breakfast  
27 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
28 7:00 AA  
29 5:00 Foodnet  
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