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HAVELOCK METHODIST CHURCH 1940'S AND 1950'S

In 1940, Havelock church celebrated its 50th anniversary with Rev. G.A. Moon as pastor. By this time, it was apparent that the church was in need of extensive repairs. The food concession at the State Fair was expanded to help raise funds. Because of Havelock's great expansion of industry and increase in population during this time, the plans for repairing the old church were abandoned and the money was saved for a new building.

In 1945, under the leadership of Rev. R.R. Kreps, a fund raising campaign was undertaken and preliminary plans were drawn up. The growing needs of the church soon made these plans inadequate also. Later in the Fall of 1950, under the leadership of Rev. Clarence W. Smith, a fund raising campaign was begun. A kickoff banquet for the campaign was held in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church across the street.

Approximately \$76,000 in cash and pledges was raised and planning began for the erection of a church school and fellowship section of the building while using the old sanctuary.

Ground was broken on March 30, 1952 and the cornerstone laid on May 4. After a summer filled with long hours of consecrated labor by many members and friends, it was decided that the needs of the church justified the construction of the entire building.

The last service in the old church was held August 24, 1952. The Fellowship Hall was used for church services, two identical services being held each Sunday, while the new sanctuary was being completed. The first service held in the new sanctuary was on December 21, 1952.

Much finishing work remained to be done on the inside. This continued for several years and was done by volunteer labor by the Men's group, church school

teachers, Women's Society and individuals. Even the children came to help in any way they could; some sanded woodwork.

In the northeast corner of the outside walls of the then sanctuary is a block of bricks which the children purchased at a cost of five cents each. Inside each brick is a slip of paper bearing the name of the purchaser.

Chairs and other equipment were financed by the various departments in many different ways. Little by little, the rooms became attractive and functional.

Later in 1959, the parsonage that had been purchased in 1922 at 6018 Kearney Avenue began showing its age. It had long been evident that the house was too small for most families. The church board voted to buy lots at the corner of Seward and 61st Street. The first occupants of the new parsonage were Rev. and Mrs. John E. Knight and their four young daughters. This parsonage was used until 2001. The Rev. Edgar Millican and wife, Jeanne were the last residents. The parsonage was sold and all pastors since have been paid a housing allowance and they find their own housing accommodations.

Next month – The Sixties and Beyond (August 16th is Celebration Sunday)

FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: May 31, June 7, July 12, August 2, 23, September 13, 20, and 27.

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

It's true, we don't know what we have until we lose it but it's also true we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives!

COOKBOOKS

125th Anniversary Cookbooks are still available. We are selling them for \$9.00 each. They make a nice gift for someone who loves to cook. The books are available on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week.

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

12TH Annual 4th of July Community Block Party – We will be hosting the 12th annual block party for the Havelock community on Saturday, 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 cent table also. Your help will be appreciated.

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Even though it is still officially Spring, it is time to think ahead about the Fall Craft Fair. It is being planned for Saturday, October 3rd, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

If you would like to reserve a table (s), now is the time to consider it. Notices will be going out to other vendors in early May. Should you wish to get a spot, you may contact Jody Shaw at 402-560-9609 and she will send you the form and let you know the cost for a spot.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE!!

Please join us for a celebration on Sunday, May 17th, 2:00-4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are celebrating Marie Hughes' graduation.

ESTHER'S CLOSET

While cleaning out your closets this Spring remember Esther's Closet. We are in need of summer clothes for men, women and children. They may be brought to the church at any time. Please call before you

come, 402-466-6736.

YOUTH NEWS

Members of the Youth Sunday school class attended "This Day of Resurrection" at Southview Baptist Church the evening of Palm Sunday. This performance was absolutely AMAZING, and the kid's enjoyed it very much. We will be making this an annual event!! It has a cast of 200 adults and children, and they use live animals. We would encourage all members of the church to attend next year, it was a great reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us!

The students asked to have an Easter Egg Hunt before the potluck on Palm Sunday, it was fun watching our "big kids" hunt for eggs in the courtyard. Doesn't seem so long ago that they were little!

The class also watched the movie "God Is Not Dead", and we are planning a party for the end of the school year. Which will be coming up the end of May.

Sending God's Blessing to Everyone!

THANK YOU

Blessings to all who shared in the activities during Lent and Easter week. Thank you to all who helped, bought lilies, visited shut-ins and shared in the Easter service. A special Thank You to the youth for their part in opening the worship service on Easter morning. You are an inspiration to all of us.

The Worship Committee

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

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, May 3rd. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

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 will be on May 27th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the food and the company. Everyone is welcome!

UMW NEWS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library. All officers and circle leaders are urged to attend.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

PRISCILLA – Thursday, May 28th
Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – Place to be announced
Hostess – Betty Younkin

ESTHER – Saturday, May 16th, 8:30 a.m.
Lulu's Lunchery, 3939 North 48th St

RUTH – Tuesday, May 26th
Night Out – Time and Place to be announced

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25th, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

MAY

- 1 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 2 10:00 UMW Brunch
- 3 8:15 Trustees
9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 MYF
- 4 7:00 AA
- 5 8:00-8:00 General Election
- 6 5:00 Foodnet
- 7
- 8 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 9
- 10 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday school
- 11 7:00 UMW Executive Committee
7:00 AA
- 12 5:00 Foodnet
- 13
- 14
- 15 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 16 8:30 Esther Circle
- 17 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 MYF
2:00-4:30 Graduation Party – Marie Hughes
- 18 7:00 AA
- 19 5:00 Foodnet
- 20
- 21
- 22 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 23 9:00 UMM Breakfast
- 24 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday school
- 25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 AA
- 26 9:00 Deadline for News
5:00 Foodnet
Ruth Circle
- 27 5:00-6:30 4th Wednesday Community Dinner
- 28 8:30 Priscilla Circle
- 29 9:00 Hav-0-Gram Issued
6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 30 9:30 Morning Worship