

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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AMY'S ADAGIO

Something quite extraordinary happened at the Blue River District Office a couple of weeks ago. A Shia Muslim Imam was living in Iraq when ISIS fighters arrived in his village to recruit men and women. The Imam told them they could not recruit there and, in retaliation, they tried to kill him in a car bomb. He was in danger of losing one of his legs. While recovering from the attack in the hospital, a doctor, who introduced himself as Jesu Messia, told him that he needed to find out more about Jesus Christ. The doctor then touched his leg and left the room. When doctors checked on him later, they discovered that his leg was better and the Imam was no longer in danger of losing his leg. By the way, did you happen to notice the similarity of the doctor's name to Jesus?

The Imam and his family received emergency refugee status because an attempt had been made on his life. They were relocated to Lincoln. The children of the Imam attend Northstar High School which is across the street from the District Office. Every day as the Imam took his children to school, he saw the cross and flame on the side of the building. One day he decided to investigate what the building was. As he approached the front door of the office, he saw the peace pole that welcomes visitors to the building. One of the sides of the pole is written in Arabic. When he saw the language that he recognized, he knew this was a safe place for him to enter. And because he went in, he is learning about Jesus Christ with our D.S. Bill Ritter.

When people enter Havelock UMC what do they see that lets them know this is a safe place to enter? What do they see that will make them feel comfortable once they come inside? Are we doing everything we can to help people discover Jesus Christ?

Part of being a follower of Jesus and serving him means that we sometimes must go out of our way to welcome a stranger. It means that we must put the needs of others ahead of our own. It means that we

may have to rearrange a few things to ensure that we have ample space to greet guests. It means that we make sacrifices in order that others may experience the same gift we have in Christ.

This can be challenging – but it can also be so rewarding! Jesus commanded us to tell the world about him. What will people hear us saying about Jesus? Will they hear us complain about the sacrifices we make in his name? Or will they hear and feel the love of God through all of the efforts we make to welcome them?

I hope it's the latter.

In His Love,
Amy

MOTHER'S DAY 2017

We will be displaying pictures of our mothers on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. These can be pictures of your mother, grandmothers or anyone who played an important role in your life. You may bring them on Sunday, May 7th or anytime during the week.

75th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Fred & Sarah Zabel will celebrate their 75th Wedding Anniversary on May 6th! Their family is hosting a card shower for them. Cards may be sent to them at: 225 N. 56th St., Apt 216. Lincoln, Ne 68504.

FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: August 20, 27, September 3, 17, 24 and November 19, 26.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are privileged to have received Edith Fisher, 4241 N 61st #514, 68507 into the life of the church on Sunday, April 9th. We also received Larry and Jay Barrett, 6261 Cornflower Drive, 68504, 402-325-9267 and Janice Crewdson 7121 Seward Ave., 68507, 402-464-8812 into the life of the church on Sunday, April 23rd.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth have had a busy, fun month. The group went bowling at Madsen's on March 26th. They all had a great time.

On Saturday, April 8th, Palm Sunday weekend, we attended "This Day of Resurrection" at Southview Baptist Church. This is a very good production and the youth enjoy going each year. If you have not attended, you should plan to go next year. It is a good reminder of the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

The youth made two Easter baskets to donate to the People's City Mission, and they made special treat bags using the Easter Jelly Bean poem and jelly beans, and shared them with residents at Burke Plaza and Mahoney Manor. The residents are very supportive of the youth fund raiser and the kids wanted to share with the residents a reminder of God's Love.

As our lives become busier with our Spring projects, finishing the school year, and upcoming graduations, may we all give thanks for the blessings God has given each of us.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of June Berry.

June passed away on March 28th. Her funeral service was held on April 1st in the sanctuary.

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual 4th of July Community Block Party! Watch for more information in the coming weeks about ways you can help with

this event. Donations of 2-liter bottles of pop are needed beginning in June. And we can always use more items for the 25-cent table.

GRADUATION PARTIES!

The families of Adam Burt, Danielle Picotte and Josh Seifert invite the congregation of Havelock UMC to attend their children's graduation open houses.

Josh Seifert
Sat., May 20th, 2:00-5:00 pm
9322 Garland St., Lincoln

Danielle Picotte
Sun., May 21st, 11:00am – 2:00 pm
Fellowship Hall – HUMC

Adam Burt
Sat., May 27th, 4:00-8:00 pm
2215 Black Water Bay, Lincoln

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and memorials for James E. Scott. My brother Jim, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June 2015. He lost his battle on January 5, 2017 at the age of 48. Jim's memorial service was January 12, 2017 in Spring, Texas.

The Plock & Scott Families

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ernie Couch & Revival will return to HUMC on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. Ernie and Jason Couch combine Southern Gospel, Rockabilly and contemporary music styles into a unique sound that's all their own. And they share the love of God as they do it! If you missed their concert last year, you won't want to miss this chance to see them. If you became a fan of EC&R last year, invite a friend to come with you! The concert is free but a love offering will be taken.

FINANCE REPORT

March

Income \$13,853
Expenses \$11,319

Year-to Date

Income \$47,700
Expenses \$34,423

The Finance Committee continues in its task of monitoring the financial health of HUMC. Income in March exceeded our expenses with the aid of an interest payment from the accounts held at the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation and a claim payment from our insurance company for the burst pipe in the sanctuary floor. HUMC continues to reach beyond our walls to minister to others. Our Lenten offering raised over \$500 for the Lincoln Refugee Resettlement Office and our contribution for UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) is almost \$200. AND our wider mission giving has been paid 100% each month.

It is because of your stewardship and generosity that we are able to accomplish these ministries. Thank you for commitment to HUMC as we strive to show God's love by serving his people.

The HUMC Finance Committee

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

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

UMW NEWS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m. in Room #4. All officers and circle leaders are urged to attend.

CIRCLES

ESTHER – Sat., May 20th, 8:30 a.m.

Panera Bread, 201 North 66th

PRISCILLA Thur., May 25th

Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – Place to be announced

Hostess – Nancy Ess

RUTH – Tue., May 23rd

Night Out – Time and place to be announced

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 is May 24th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

Bring a friend and join your neighbors for this time of fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

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 7th. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29th, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

MAY

- 1 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 AA
- 2 8:00-8:00 General Election
- 3 6:30 Handbells
- 4
- 5 6:30 -8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 6
- 7 8:15 Trustees
9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
1:00 – 2:30 Spanish Church
6:00 Ignite
7:00 MYF

8 7:00 UMW Executive Committee
7:00 AA
9 5:00 FoodNet
6:30 Committee on Finance
10 8:15-5:30 Life Line Screening
6:30 Handbells
11
12 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
13
14 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School for all Ages
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church
6:00 Ignite
7:00 MYF
15 7:00 AA
16 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Administrative Board
17 6:30 Handbells
18
19 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
20 8:30 Esther Circle
21 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School

11:00-2:00 Graduation Party –
Danielle Picotte
1:00 -2:30 Spanish Church
6:00 Ignite
7:00 MYF
22 9:30 Deadline for News
7:00 AA
23 5:00 FoodNet
Ruth Circle
24 5:00-6:30 4th Wednesday Dinner
6:30 Handbells
25 8:30 Priscilla Circle
1:30 Hav-O-Gram Issued
26 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
27 9:00 United Methodist Men
28 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church
2:00 OVER
6:00 Ignite
7:00 MYF
29 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 AA
30 5:00 FoodNet
31 6:30 Handbells