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AMY'S ADAGIO

Baseball great Yogi Berra once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you might end up someplace else." He was talking about knowing what it is that you're striving for and setting a goal to get there.

Each year, the HUMC Church Council, the elected leadership of the church, is tasked with the responsibility of setting goals for our church. Usually, this is done during a council meeting and the goals for the upcoming year are announced at the annual Church Conference. This year, we took a different approach.

I suggested to the council that we spend some extra time taking a close look at Havelock UMC. How are we meeting (or not meeting) the needs of our congregation? How are we meeting (or not meeting) the needs of the community? What do current members and friends see when they look at HUMC? What do members of the community see when they look at HUMC? Have people even heard of HUMC?

I invited several of our church's leaders to help me with this task. They are working hard, in conjunction with our conference and the United Methodist Church, on what is called a Church Marketing Plan. This isn't marketing in the traditional sense of determining the best way to advertise and get the name of Havelock United Methodist Church out in the community. It's taking a closer look at what we as a church do well, what we need improvement on and are we really in touch with the needs of the community around us that is constantly changing.

Our group needs your help with this project. We have put together a 30-question survey that will help us determine how we, as a congregation, view HUMC. The survey will be sent to you via email in the next few weeks. It is an online survey that will take only a few minutes to complete. We hope that as many people in the congregation that can take it, will

participate. The survey is written for individuals rather than families so please have others in your family fill out their own survey.

If completing the survey online is not possible for you, have no fear! We will have hard copies of it as well for you to complete by hand. Hard copies of the survey will be available at the welcome center during worship. We can also send you a survey in the mail for you to return.

I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey. It will help the Church Marketing Committee discern the reality of our church and report to the church council its results. The church council can then, not only make specific goals, but also decide upon a plan in which to achieve those goals. I had planned to use this information for myself in helping move HUMC into the future. Now, it will be a helpful tool for your new pastor when he or she arrives.

Be on the lookout for your survey! In His Love, Amy

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK DINNER

Following the morning worship service, Sunday, March 25th, please join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Maybe your favorite Easter brunch or dinner dish. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided. There will be good food and wonderful fellowship!

CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

The Craft Fair is Saturday, March 3rd. Please bring wrapped baked goods & treats to the church either Friday 5:00-8:00 pm or Saturday before 9:00 am. We are looking for donations of any kind, cookies, bars, brownies, bread, candy, etc. We can mark prices on the items for you. If you have any questions call Julie Burt, 402-432-0907.

FLOWERS

There are still several Sundays in 2018 which alter flowers have not been provided. This is a nice way to honor a loved one, someone's birthday or anniversary, or someone who is deceased.

If you would like to provide flowers, please sign the Flower Calendar in the lobby on a date which has not been reserved.

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

PLANT AND FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Spring is almost here and it is time again for our plant and flower fundraiser. Last year's fundraiser was a big success and we would like to thank everyone for making that possible, and again this year we will be ordering beautiful flowers and plants through Living Color. Order forms are now available and located at the welcome center. Deadline for orders is March 25th that way we can expect delivery just in time for Mother's Day! Payment is due when you turn in your order.

If you have any questions please contact Vicki Finney 402-464-4481 or Julie Burt 402-432-0907.

EASTER CHOIR REHEARSALS

If you would like to participate in the Easter Choir, rehearsals will be held on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you again to all who purchased candy or car washes from our Winter Fundraiser. We sold 78 boxes of candy and 35 car washes, for a profit of \$541.00. The youth wanted to make a donation to the church from their profit, \$100 each was given to the air-conditioner fund and the church bell choir fund.

Please plan to stop at the craft fair on Saturday, March 3rd. The youth will be serving lunch! We hope to see you there.

The youth plan to attend "This Day of Resurrection" again this year. We plan to go to the performance on Palm Sunday evening. This is a very moving performance of the final days leading up to the death of Jesus. All are welcome to join us! See the bulletin board for additional information.

Spring is right around the corner! Blessings to all!

HUMW EXECUTIVE METING

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet in the church library on Monday, March 12th, 7:00 pm. All officers and circle leaders are urged to attend.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER – Sat., March 17th, 8:30 a.m. Panera, 201 N 66th

PRISCILLA – Thur., March 22nd, 10:00 a.m. Room #4 Program – Betty Younkin Hostess – Joan Kunkee

RUTH - Tue., March 27th, 7:00 p.m. Mahoney Manor Program – Lois Spencer Hostess – Lois Spencer

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in room #4.

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 March 28th, 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, March 4th. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Havelock United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, noninvasive and painless health screenings on March 21st. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which included 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening,com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979

MARCH

7:00 Lenten Bible Study - Eagle
9:00-3:00 Craft Fair
9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Morning Worship
2:00 Lenten Bible Study - Havelock
7:00 AA
5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Trustees
6:30 Handbells

7:00 Eagle Lenten Study - Eagle UMC

7:30 Easter Choir

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