

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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AMY'S ADAGIO

It's been pretty exciting around Havelock UMC lately! Thank you to everyone who came to the special church conference in March. At that meeting, the decision was made for Havelock to move forward into God's service with its own pastor. The step of faith is a bold move into a future full of promise and possibilities. And we know we can rely on God to help us live into what he would have HUMC become.

Our job is to discern what that future should look like. This is something that the church leadership is working on. Thanks to the work of a subcommittee of church officers, we are on our way to discovering the way forward. The goal is to look critically at the programs of the church, the needs of the Havelock community and how HUMC can best minister to meet these needs. The result will be a set of goals that can be passed to Rev. Todd when he begins in July. Several weeks ago, a survey was sent to church members and friends. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey for the committee. The results of the survey are being tabulated and will help tell the story of how HUMC is perceived among those who attend it.

There committee is asking for your help with one additional thing. You are being invited to participate in focus groups which will occur during the week of April 8th. These will be small group meetings of 8 people where very specific questions will be addressed. Several groups will meet before worship on Sunday, April 8th with several more conducted afterwards. It is our hope that many of you will participate in one of those groups on that day. If you are not able to attend that day, additional groups will meet Tuesday morning, April 10th and Wednesday afternoon, April 11th.

It is my hope that you will participate in a focus group. It will allow you to share what brought you to HUMC, what excites about our church and what makes you stay. Sign-up sheets will be available

during worship on March 25th and April 1st. You can also sign up to attend a meeting by calling the church office. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Promise and possibilities! Pretty exciting, indeed!

In His Love, Amy

HOLY WEEK

March 25th, Palm Sunday- we will be celebrating Jesus' entry into the city. This is a time to rejoice & meditate on the events during Holy Week.

March 29th, Maundy Thursday worship service will be held at Eagle UMC at 7 pm. with communion.

March 30th, Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be observed in the chapel from 8 am to 7 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

March 30th, Good Friday worship service will be held at Havelock UMC at 7 pm.

April 1st, Easter Sunday worship at 11:00 am. We will be flowering the cross. Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus so that He might live today and forever in your heart.

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!

4th of JULY

Please save your special garage sale leftovers and any other small items (no clothes, furniture or food items) for the white elephant table. The items can be brought to the church at any time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Sunday, April 29th we will have a very special worship service! We will host the congregation of United Lutheran Church for a time of praise and thanksgiving. Our brothers and sisters from Eagle UMC will also join us that day. We will gather that day at 10:00 am for worship and then share a meal together in fellowship hall. Please watch for RSVP cards in the bulletin to help us plan numbers for the meal.

FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: April 29, August 26, and September 2, 9, 23, and 30.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped the youth during the craft fair lunch. If you donated pop or desserts, or assisted in the kitchen, it was much appreciated. A profit of \$400 was made.

The youth donated 4 Easter baskets to the City Mission. Perry and Kamryn went shopping and chose the items they thought the children would enjoy and assembled the baskets. They also made special treat bags using the Easter Jelly Bean poem and jelly beans to share at the 4th Wednesday Dinner. The kids wanted to share the joy of this Easter season.

Spring is coming!! Blessings to you all!

SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 21ST

The Trustee Committee has decided to do our annual spring cleaning of the church on April 21st at 9 am. We will be cleaning and polishing up the Narthex, Sanctuary, Restrooms on both floors, Balcony, Friendship Parlor and the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for volunteers to dust, vacuum, clean tables and other general duties, nothing too strenuous. We

want to have our church look it's best for our guests coming over from United Lutheran on April 29th, so please if you have the time, come and help "spiffy up" HUMC or just come for some fellowship. And just in case you are one of those people that need a little boost in the morning, coffee and doughnuts will be available to help provide a little extra energy! Thank you and see you on April 21st!

PASTORAL CHANGE COMING

We wish the Rev. Amy Seifert family well as they move to the Topeka, Kansas area this summer. Amy's husband, Todd, is Director of Communication for the Great Plains Conference and his office is relocating to Topeka this summer. Amy's last Sunday with us will be June 17th. The Staff Parish Relations and Nurture Committees will host an appreciation event for Rev. Amy and family that afternoon from 2:00-4:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar now.

United Methodist Church Great Plains Area Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. has announced that Rev. Todd Karges (pronounced car' gaus) has been appointed full-time pastor of the Havelock United Methodist Church effective July 1st. Rev. Todd (he prefers pastor) comes to us from Broken Bow United Methodist Church where he has been serving for eight years. Prior to that, he served Lexington United Methodist Church for twelve years. Todd and his wife, Diane, a teacher in the Broken Bow Public Schools, have grown children living in New York City and Omaha, NE. Several members/relatives of the Karges family are Methodist ministers. Todd grew up on an Albion, NE dairy farm.

We will welcome Pastor Todd and Diane at a brunch before the 11:00 am service on July 1st.

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 April 25th from 5:00-6:30 pm. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

Everyone is welcome!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A solid majority of HUMC members voted to support a full-time pastor on Sunday, March 4th. Your Staff Parish Relations Committee thanks everyone who attended church that morning for participating in the discussion and prayerfully voting. This message is an attempt to re-state the committee's confidence in our church's ability to meet the financial investment of a stand-alone pastor.

First, though, we would like to cite some of the benefits we will realize with a full-time pastor. They include:

- Allow more flexibility in scheduling our current Sunday service and Sunday school times.
- Allow for a second Sunday service when required.
- More time available for community outreach
- More time to visit member/friends hospitalized or home bound by phone/in-person
- Continue current programs but with full-time focus on our congregational growth
- More flexibility for meeting times as pastor will not be pulled to another church
- Full-time supervision/participation with church staff and committees

Regarding the financial investment in a full-time pastor, we find that with the support of all our membership, we can achieve the needed additional funding without creating a hardship on anyone. When determining our needs, we must remember that our total membership numbers reflects individuals who are young and still living at home along with those who cannot attend church on a regular basis (for whatever reason), but still are and will benefit from the church's services moving to a full-time pastor. For example, each member might consider giving a minimum amount above their normal tithing of either \$7.50 weekly of \$30.00 monthly or \$360.00 annually. The dividend we all will enjoy obviously is determined not only by our dollars, but the commitment we each make to keep the dreams of all the members who had a hand in keeping our church serving the Havelock and other areas for the past 127 years. Keeping the tradition of making Disciples of Christ and providing for people less fortunate is not always easy, but it is always rewarding for all.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and encouragement as we move forward with full-time pastoral leadership.

Blessings,

Ken Carlson, Chair, Jenni Bridgmon, Gary Ehlers,
Deb Hammond, Dean Honnen, Marlys Sears.

THANK YOU

The members of Esther's Circle would like to thank everyone for helping us make our Spring Craft Fair such a huge success! This year's Spring Craft fair was our best and most successful ever! Whether you helped in the kitchen, brought baked goods for the bake sale, donated soda pop, gave cash donations, worked on the set-up/clean-up crew or just came to shop and have lunch to support our youth – we greatly appreciate your generosity. This could not have happened without the kindness and support of each and every one of you in our congregation. We feel very grateful and blessed to be a part of HUMC knowing that we can count on everyone when needed. Mark your calendars now for the Fall Craft Fair which will be held on October 6th, and again thank you so very much!

UMW NEWS

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

This a reminder that all circles will be collecting for the Bakeless Bake Sale at their April meeting.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER – Sat., April 21st, 9:00 a.m.
Will meet at the church to help clean

PRISCILLA – Thur., 26th, 10:00 a.m.
Room #4 - Church
Program – To Be Announced
Hostess – Bev Steider

RUTH - Tue., April 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Room #4 - Church
Program – Laura Pape
Hostess – Kathy Dukes

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

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

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

APRIL

- 1 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
- 2 7:00 AA
- 3 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Trustees
- 4 6:30 Handbells
- 5
- 6
- 7 7:00-11:00 Theta Chi
3:00-7:30 Children's Choir
- 8 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Focus Group
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
12:15 Focus Group
- 9 7:00 AA
- 10 10:00 Focus Group
5:00 FoodNet
6:30 Committee on Finance
- 11 2:00 Focus Group
6:30 Handbells
- 12 1:30 Memorial Committee
- 13
- 14
- 15 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
12:15 4th of July Committee
- 16 7:00 AA
7:00 Joint Planning Meeting United Lutheran
- 17 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Administrative Board
- 18 6:30 Handbells
- 19

- 20
- 21 8:30 Esther Circle
9:00 Spring Cleaning
- 22 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
- 23 9:30 Deadline for News
7:00 AA
- 24 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Ruth Circle
- 25 5:00-6:30 4th Wednesday Dinner
6:30 Handbells
- 26 10:00 Priscilla Circle
1:30 Hav-O-Gram Issued
- 27
- 28 9:00 United Methodist Men
- 29 10:00 Joint Worship with United Lutheran Church
- 30 7:00 AA