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SPECIAL EDITION

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

We hope you all are having an amazing summer! July generally comes and goes without a church newsletter, but we have a few important things going on in July that we wanted to share with everyone.

HUMC has our 22nd annual 4th of July party coming up on Friday, July 4th. We've also included an updated finance report, as well as a "thank you" regarding our VBS in June. Please see the back page of this newsletter for more information.

Also, pastor Anny begins her time as pastor at HUMC as of July 1st. I asked pastor Anny to write a few paragraphs to introduce herself, and her family, to us. I know we will all enjoy getting to know pastor Anny, her husband, and her children, as we come together and grow in Christ.

In God's Love - Your Office Manager, Jamie

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! My name is Pastor Anny Kapundu, and I am so grateful and excited to be appointed to serve as your new pastor at Havelock-Lincoln and Malcolm United Methodist Churches. As we begin this journey together, I'd love to introduce myself and my family so you can get to know me a bit, both personally and pastorally.

I was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and later lived in South Africa, where I heard God's call to ministry again during a retreat in 2014 called The Walk to Emmaus. That experience renewed my commitment to serve God wholeheartedly. I am a pastor's kid and a lifelong Methodist with a deep love for Christ, the church, and walking alongside others in faith.

In 2017, I came to the United States with my three sons to join my husband, Rev. Kalaba Kapundu, who was pursuing his Master of Divinity. I hold a Master of Theological Studies from Eden Theological Seminary and recently completed my Master of Divinity at Saint Paul School of Theology in 2024. I am now beginning my Doctor of Ministry degree while also entering the residency process toward ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church.

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JULY CALENDAR

July 4 - 4th of July party 12:00 pm
- 2:00 pm - Courtyard

July 6 - Pastor Anny's first Sunday
at HUMC
Trustees @ 12:00 pm

July 9 - Finance @ 7:00 pm

July 16 - Ad Council @ 7:00 pm

July 16 & 17 - Nebraska Community
Blood Bank blood drive -
Fellowship Hall

July 27 - Congregational Care
Team mtg @ 12:00 pm

July 30 - Last Wednesday
Community Meal 5:00 pm

AA - 7:00 pm every Monday and
Friday

Foodnet - 4:30 pm every Tuesday

My husband, Rev. Kalaba, is also a United Methodist pastor in Springfield, where we are residing. We are blessed with three wonderful boys: Ian (15), Dan (12), and Tim (10), who bring so much joy and energy into our lives. They love sports and camping a lot. As a family, we enjoy spending time together, whether it's cooking, playing games, serving in church, or exploring parks and community events. I love gardening, crocheting, and sewing.

I believe ministry is about building genuine relationships, sharing God's love, and helping people grow in faith. I'm passionate about preaching, offering pastoral care, and guiding the church to be a light of hope in the community and for ourselves. The Bible says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn; live in harmony with one another" (Romans 12:15-16a, NIV); my prayer is that together, we will worship fully, care deeply, and serve joyfully.

My family and I are truly grateful to be part of this community and this new chapter with you. I look forward to getting to know each of you, learning your stories as you, too, learn mine. We will be walking together in faith as we follow Christ in mission and ministry.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Anny Kapundu
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VBS THANK YOU!



Vacation Bible School was held on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Our theme this year was "Yee Haw" set in a farm scene to learn about God's love. Our focus was the bible verse John 3:16- "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

We had a small group, but thanks to our dedicated VBS team, we brought "God" and "Jesus" into our children's lives. The morning session celebrated the birth of Jesus.

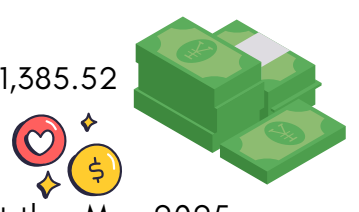
The afternoon session celebrated Jesus's eternal life and how we can have eternal life by following Jesus. The children also enjoyed music, skits, fun games and had craft time.

We could not have done this without all of you! Thank you to everyone who donated their money, their time and/or their talents and helped share their love of God to help make this VBS a success!

-In God's Love- Gloria Coil and Jennifer Bridgmon

Financial Update through May 2025

Totals are year to date -
Giving: \$50,890.78
Interest "Ess" Investment: \$11,385.52
Total Income: \$62,276.30
Expenses: \$61,779.81
Difference: \$496.49
All bills are paid and current thru May 2025.



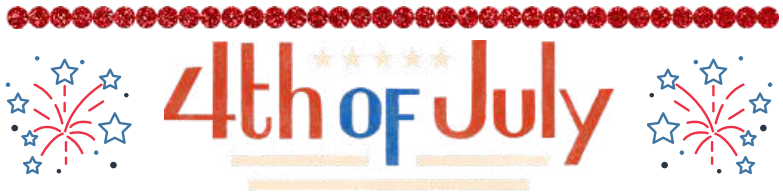
I had not paid the pastor pension & benefits yet in June, however I had a generous church member write a check on 6/22 to cover that. We had \$1,339 in the account at the end of May. As of 6/21 we have \$629 in the account and I need \$3,862 by month end to cover payroll.

If we do not have have offerings the next 2 Sundays that cover the payroll need, I will have to withdraw from Ameritas - American Funds - which currently has a balance just over \$3,000.00. I of course will do that only with the Financial Committee approval. We did have a large travel bill that was due to Pastor Kyu for mileage & hotel for Annual Conference of over \$700.00 in June and our offerings are down a bit so far in June.

We do know that our new Pastor's salary and benefits are less that what we were paying so that should help us in July. With God's help it will all work out, as it always seems to.

Let me know if you have any questions and thank you all for your faithful giving and help with HUMC.

Pati Hughes, Treasurer of HUMC



On Friday, July 4th, HUMC will be hosting our 22nd annual community 4th of July celebration from noon to 2:00 PM at the corner of 61st and Morrill Ave. If you have any items for the dollar or quarter table please have them to the church by July 3rd.

We are asking the congregation for donations of 2 liter bottles of pop for the ring toss. Monetary donations are also appreciated. We are also needing volunteers to help with set up, games during the party, and take down. Please see the sign-up sheet on the welcome center to volunteer!

Please come and help us celebrate the 4th! If you have any questions, please call Luetta Sinner at (402) 890-4915. Everyone is welcome!