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Put Muscle in your Pledge

The Finance Committee will be starting a PLEDGE DRIVE in the month of October. We will be sending letters to member's homes asking them to complete a pledge card and return it to the church office. We are asking everyone; to "Prayerful" consider what you are able to give to the church. We are hoping that people can increase their pledge amounts for 2007 as the church is faced with increased costs. We will also have pledge cards available at church, so you can easily pick one up when you're in church. We will be sending follow-up letters to members who we do not receive a pledge card back from. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Finance Committee. Thank you so much for your generous support of HUMC; thru your support we can continue to spread "GOD'S LOVE AND MESSAGE OF SALVATION".

Pati Hughes Chair of the Finance Committee

Fall Craft Fair

The Parenting Class will be sponsoring a craft fair October 14th from 9-4. Once again we are asking for people to help in the kitchen, and also for cash donations to purchase items needed for the lunch. Those of you who like to bake can help us out by cooking up some cookies or brownies. These need to be packaged as follows: 2 cookies in a baggie or plastic wrap or 1 brownie or bar cookie individually wrapped.

If you would be willing to help, please contact Sandy Carlson, 464-0420 or Karen Lamb, 477-5115.

Soul Flakes

by Kenneth Freese

Each man and each woman,
When he or she is created,
is given the power to do good or bad.
Each deed that she or he does, is absorbed by another,
As Mother Nature absorbs each snow flake and is glad.
These little acts,
These little deeds,
These little "flakes" sublime,
Are nothing less,
Than mi-ra-cles
That are touched
By the Divine.
Each act must live forever,
Each Soul Flakes felt from pole to pole,
For the sum of Man is their total,
Together they make up "Mankinds" Soul.

Youth News

Coming Soon. . . . The youth group will be selling 2007 wall and pocket calendars during the months of October and November. They make great gifts!

In Sympathy

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the families of Roberta Rasp and Steven Goebel.

Roberta passed away on August 21st. A graveside service was held on August 24th. Steven passed away on August 26th. A memorial service was held in the chapel on September 14th.

Marriage

Congratulations to Travis Hindera and Angela Oaks who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 9th and Shane Bottorff and Lindsey Fleming who were united in. marriage on Saturday, September 16th.

Dear Havelock United Methodist,

It is so hard to sum up 28 years of church life; we have so many wonderful memories. Thank you to everyone for being part of our church family and letting us be a part of yours. We are hoping for wonderful things to happen in this church as we leave and move to Marshalltown, Iowa. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. The following is our new address and phone number: Dave and Jenny Ahlemeyer, 301 Brentwood Road, Marshalltown IA 50158. Cell 641-751-3484 Land - 641-351-4189 E-mail Dahlemeyer@aol.com Please call or send us a note when you think of us. We will be back to visit. God Bless!

Women's Activities

Circle Meetings

ESTHER Sat, October 21st, 8:30 a.m.
Steamers
6220 Havelock Ave.

LYDIA Wed, October 25th, 1:00 p.m.
Friendship Parlor
Program - Phyllis Samuelson
Hostess - Merna McDiffett

RUTH Tue, October 24th, 7:30 p.m.
6328 Fremont
Worship - Bonnie Gustafson
Program - Bonnie Gustafson
Hostess - Bonnie Gustafson

PRISCILLA Thu, October 26th, 9:30 a.m.
Church Library
Worship - To Be Announced
Program - Nancy Ess
Hostess - Leona Frerichs

Attention!

Thank you to all who are so faithful in saving Campbell's labels for United Methodist Women for so many years.

At the Annual Lincoln District Meeting on Sept. 16th the enclosed flyer was made available to everyone. They want us to know that Campbell's Soup Company has changed what portion of the label they will now accept. Instead of the front portion that we are used to saving, they are now only accepting the UPC portion of each label.

The enclosed flyer shows clearly, from each product what part to save and the other side of the flyer gives an explanation.

Epworth Village benefits from these labels and in turn allows them to redeem them for many items that would otherwise not be something they could get to continue their work with children and families in need of their services.

Executive Committee to Meet

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, October 9th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

The planning meeting for 2007's calendar will be held at this time. It is important to send a representative from your circle to this meeting. All circle chairpersons should bring or send a corrected complete membership list, completed list of 2007 programs and hostesses for each month, and your circle's ideas for the upcoming General Meetings. Your input: is needed!

Fellowship Coffee



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

Alvo United Methodist Church

Is Looking For:

DONATIONS

For an Auction

Saturday, October 7th

To Raise Money to Replace
Their Furnaces.

Questions, Call:

Bonnie Rosenboom at: '781-2074

OR

Blanche Root at: 781-2779

OR

Pastor Joan Frenzel at: 310-3015

No Clothes Please!

A Vision and A Future

The Havelock Church has a wonderful history as part of the Havelock community as well as the Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church. God also has a vision and a future for the Havelock Church. As Methodist we believe that God gives us a choice of whether we want to be a part of that vision and future. The choices we make today will determine what the future will hold for us as individuals and as a local church. So what are we doing right now, today?

The Church Council has appointed a Vision Team to focus on a vision that will determine the future of our church. This team will be responsible for "researching" a vision of the future. "Researching," means more than brainstorming ideas or studying the demographics of our surroundings. It begins and ends in prayer. God has a vision. We first and foremost seek God's will, purpose and vision for our church. The vision team is not a decision making group. The team will report regularly to the Church Council who will in turn take appropriate action. Also, I will be asking Staff Parish to set up meetings with members to ask for input into our vision of the future.

While we must look toward a vision of the future and answer the questions "Where do we want to go?" and "Where does God want us to go?" we also must ask the question "Where are we now?"

The Havelock Church has exciting ministries of outreach in our community. There are many dedicated members who are committed to these ministries. We are planning a 40 Days of purpose campaign for the beginning of the year to reach out to new people in our community. But we also have some obstacles in the area of finance.

Currently, after the September 17 offering, the church is still experiencing a shortfall of \$3000 in meeting our operating expenses (paying the bills). During the summer months of June-August attendance and giving are typically down. We are hopeful and prayerful that giving will increase for the remainder of the year to make up for this shortfall. With three-fourths of the year is past we have barely raised one-half of our budget for operating expenses. These figures do not include our apportionment obligations to the Nebraska Annual Conference where currently we stand at having raised 12% of the total obligation.

Why are we in this kind of financial difficulty? The answer is clear. It has to do with giving. Out of 161 individuals and families who give to the church, 120 have given less than \$360 so far this year. Half of these 120 have no record of any giving for the year. Another 29 of these 120 have given \$100 or less to the church.

As your pastor I don't want to focus on money. Typically the pastor has the finance committee raise the money and deal with shortfalls. The fact is it is all of us who are responsible. As your pastor I am, asking you, to join with me in overcoming this obstacle. Pastors of local churches have a choice here to give their offerings. My pledge is to give my tithe to the Havelock Church. I am asking you to tithe as God intended or at least increase your giving in an effort to work toward tithing. In this way we will secure the present and our vision for the future.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

Report from Financial Secretary 9-17-06

Operating Budget Needs YTD:	\$ 78,052
Receipts for Operating Budget YTD:	57,537
<u>Operating Budget Shortfall YTD:</u>	<u>\$20,515</u>
Apportionment Receipts YTD:	2,351
Remaining Obligation:	\$ 17,717

October Calendar

1	9:00	Fellowship Coffee	17	5:00	FoodNet
1	9:30	Worship	17	7:00	Administrative Board
1	10:45	Sunday School	18	6:00	Chancel Choir
1	12:30	NA Area Service Committee	18	7:00	Youth Choir
1	6:00	Youth Fellowship	19	12:00	AARP
2	7:00	AA	20	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous
3	10:00	Prayer Meeting	21	3:30	Esther Circle
3	11:00	Memorial Committee	21	10:00	Seven Day Baptist
3	5:00	FoodNet	22	9:00	Coffee
4	6:00	Youth Choir	22	9:30	Worship
6	5:30	Wedding Rehearsal	22	10:45	Sunday School
6	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous	22	6:00	Youth Fellowship
7	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	23	9:00	Deadline for News
7	4:30	Wedding Kristy Gillespie - Jereme Gynan	23	7:00	AA
8	9:00	Fellowship Coffee	24	10:00	Prayer Meeting
8	9:30	Worship	24	5:00	FoodNet
8	10:45	Sunday School	24	7:00	Ruth Circle
8	6:00	Youth Fellowship	25	1:30	Lydia Circle
9	7:00	UMW Executive Committee	25	6:00	Chancel Choir
9	7:00	Finance Committee	25	7:00	Youth Choir
9	7:00	AA	26	9:30	Priscilla Circle
10	10:00	Prayer Meeting	27	9:00	Hav-0-Gram Issued
10	5:00	Food Net	27	6:00	Wedding Rehearsal
11	6:00	Chancel Choir	27	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous
11	7:00	Youth Choir	28	10:00	Seven Day Baptist
12	7:00	Nurture	28	3:00	Wedding Terra Bailey - David Robertson
13	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous	29	8:00	Trustees
14	9:00	- 4:00 Craft Fair	29	9:00	Fellowship Coffee
14	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	29	9:30	Worship
15	9:00	Fellowship Coffee	29	10:45	Sunday School
15	9:30	Worship	29	3:00	- 5:00 Halloween Party
15	10:45	Sunday School	29	6:00	Youth Fellowship
15	6:00	Youth Fellowship	30	7:00	AA
16	7:00	AA	31	10:00	Prayer Meeting
17	10:00	Prayer Meeting	31	5:00	Foot Net