

HMC The Witness



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE HOLDREGE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 12:30-2:30 pm

Friday – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live! Choose to love the Lord your God and to obey him and commit yourself to him, for He is your life. Then you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Moses speaking to the Israelites in
Deuteronomy 30: 19 - 20

Do you ever find that the will of God is difficult to understand or when He is speaking to you? There are those times when you want to do the will of God, do the right things and make the right decision. Which direction do you need to turn? First, you need to turn to the word of God. God has something to say to you and it is written in the Bible. God’s will for you is not lost but is there for you to grasp if you take the time to listen, read, and pray. God will direct and share His direction for you.

Read the above verses and think about what God’s will is for you each day during the month of April.

As my time comes to a close for the Holdrege Methodist church, I am sure some of you are thinking about what I am going to do with my time. This is where the will of God comes into my life. **“Retire Again!”**. On most days I usually make out a list of things to accomplish for the day or week. But God enters into that list and makes changes for me to do His ministry.

I have already thought about the list of chores I need to do: yard work, housekeeping duties, invite friends over for supper (liver and onions) and visiting friends in their homes or care centers. There are some projects in my woodworking shop that I want to complete. I do have two speaking engagements booked. When it warms up perhaps a friend of mine will ask me to go fishing. I do have an Alaska tour planned in June and a Christmas time in Florida with the family.

Then I think of the past year that I have spent pastoring in the Holdrege Methodist Church. You folks have been a real pleasure to serve and be a part of the ministry. There has been a wedding, a baptism, accepting new members into the church and the celebration of life for some members.

I certainly have made many new friends and lots of memories along with laughs. You will not be forgotten and may you continue to share the love of Christ with each other and your new pastor. Peace of the Lord be with you.

George Probasco

April Birthdays

2	Jessica Blair Madison Grove
4	Mikala Vrbka
5	Kenton Thompson Donna Carlson
7	Lily Schrock Clausen Nelson
8	Jayda Schroeder
9	Joyce Anderson
10	Sue Wagner Veneta Johnson
11	Jeff Johnson Mike Sisson Shelby Schmidt
17	Grady Johnson
21	Vickie Blair Ben Silver
22	Sharon Nelson
23	Dan Imel Vicki Sisson Reagan Stabenow Elijah Dutcher
24	Bill Beiriger
28	Jean Beiriger Dario Arcieri
29	Jean Wells Jim Burkholder
30	Mary Olson Mary Magill Brenda Johnson

Happy Birthday!
*May the Lord continue to protect you
and bring peace and joy to your life.*

If you have not been attending church in person, WE MISS YOU! Please come see us, we would like to see you again!

MARCH ATTENDANCE:		
	8:30 am	10:00 am
March 3	23	44
March 10	32	48
March 17	35	40
March 24	32	80
March 31	33	114



How are we doing financially?
MONTHLY BUDGET: \$25,000.00

MARCH OFFERINGS:	
March 3	\$5,520.95
March 10	\$2,114.99
March 17	\$4,965.92
March 24	\$1,955.00
March 31	\$5,949.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$20,505.86

**2024 Member Directories are
now available by the office
door, the front door, and in the
Fellowship Hall!**



Monthly Meetings

April 15, 2024

All Committees at 6:30 pm

Ad Council at 7:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

APRIL

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30-7:30 pm – “Women Under Construction” small group with Sheila Bogart	7:30 am Methodist Men’s Breakfast @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm Happy Hookers crochet group meet	10:00 am – Prayer Group 4 – 5 pm Kids Rock 7 – 8:30 pm Youth Group	9:30-10:30 am HWF Ex. Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
GEORGE PROBASCO’S LAST SERVICE COMMUNION 8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary POTLUCK AFTER 10AM SERVICE!	1:30 pm HMH communion 6:30-7:30 pm – “Women Under Construction” small group with Sheila Bogart	7:30 am Methodist Men’s Breakfast @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm Happy Hookers crochet group meet 1:30 pm Christian Homes Communion ALL DAY – Quilter’s Guild meet in FH & Sanctuary	9:30 am Elisabeth Group 9:30 am Ruth Group 4 – 5 pm Kids Rock 7 – 8:30 pm Youth Group	9:30 – Naomi/Rebecca Group		9:30 am – 3:30 pm – Holy Spirit Awakening,
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PASTORAL CANDIDATE, SARAH 8:30 am Praise Café in FH 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary	6:30 pm All Committee Meetings 7:30 pm Ad Council Mtg.	7:30 am Methodist Men’s Breakfast @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm Happy Hookers crochet group meet	9:30 am – Hannah Group 10:00 am – Prayer Group 4 – 5 pm Final Kids Rock 7 – 8:30 pm Youth Group			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
JEAN CLAYTON 8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary HONORING THE 2024 SENIORS!	6:30-7:30 pm – “Women Under Construction” small group with Sheila Bogart	7:30 am Methodist Men’s Breakfast @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm Happy Hookers crochet group meet	6:00-7:30 pm – BBQ Cookout (join us for hamburgers and hotdogs) 7:00-8:30pm Youth Group	6:30 pm – Spring Fling Salad Supper		
28	29	30				
ONE SERVICE 10:00 am – The Armouaries Quartet plus Frankie Valen will be performing! 9:00-10:00 – Join us for brunch served to you by our youth!		7:30 am Methodist Men’s Breakfast @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm- Happy Hookers crochet group meet				



Join the youth programs!

Meeting Dates:

April 3, 10, and 17

4:00 – 5:00 pm Pre-K – 6th

7:00 - 8:30 pm Grades 7-12

Pastoral candidate, Sarah Fisher, will be here April 14th for both the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. services! We encourage you to join us for one of these special services!

Meet Our Newest Member – Christine Elaine Kipp!



I was born January 17, 1959 (in **the** biggest blizzard as my mom told me every birthday). I was baptized in the Bertrand Methodist Church, and I grew up in Bertrand. I attended school at Bertrand for my entire educational years, I graduated in 1977. I have always been very active and willing to help others. There wasn't a horse that I hadn't ridden in my area. As you can see, I LOVE horses! I used to barrel race and then went to team roping in my area. I sure miss those days! I have always loved animals.

I worked at BD for 23 years, Gosper County for 10 years. Bellamy Implement and different places over the years before retiring. I really don't have any family but consider all my friends and pets as family. I have two dogs, Ruthie and Patches, and one cat, Dolly!

God has always had a very special place in my heart. He has listened to me and always sent me in the right direction – thank you God!

My numerous hobbies are: horses, yard work, canning, sewing, and embroidery. I also love house plants, helping friends, meeting new friends, baking, making noodles, fishing, and hunting. I look forward to meeting more members of this church and serving it where needed.

Serving the church:

8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall

	Café Hosts	Greeters
April 7	Jean & Gayla	Bill M & Larry H
April 14	Marilyn L. & Chris Kipp	Linda DiGiovanni
April 21	JoAnn & Sandy	Lola Moseley
April 28	ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM	ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM

10:00 am service in Sanctuary

	USHERS
April 7	Team 1
April 14	Team 2
April 21	Team 3
April 28	Team 4

Spring Fling Salad Supper

Featuring: The Group Revisited
(a new community choral group!)

THURSDAY APRIL 25TH
AT 6:30 PM

in the Holdrege Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall

EVERY METHODIST WHO ATTENDS IS ASKED TO BRING A SALAD
GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Please sign up by April 16 with your
name and number of guests.



7 APRIL

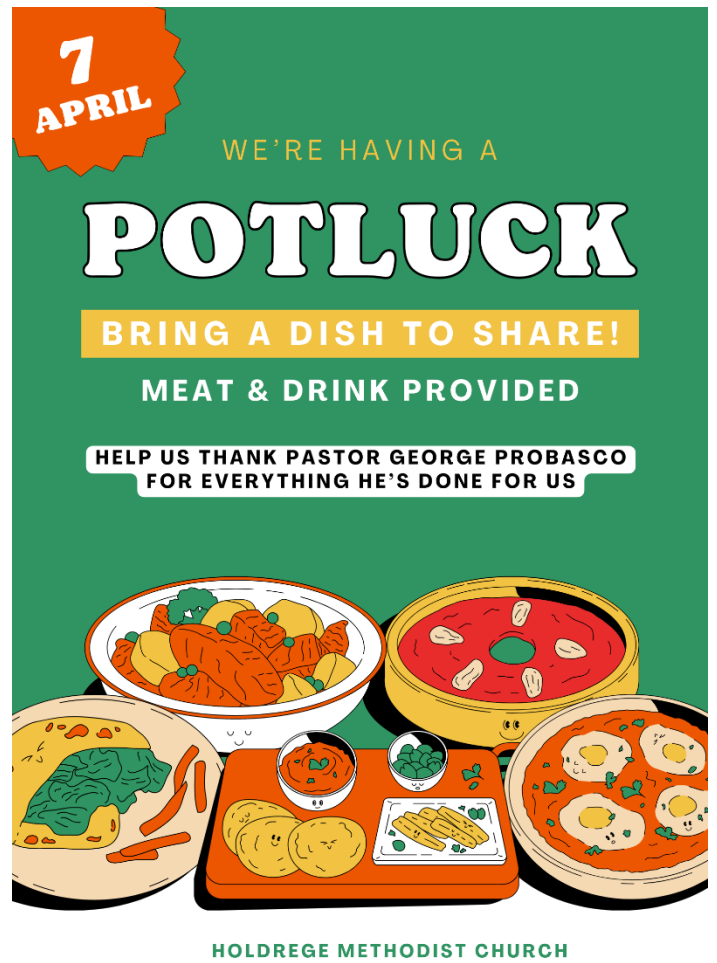
WE'RE HAVING A

POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

MEAT & DRINK PROVIDED

**HELP US THANK PASTOR GEORGE PROBASCO
FOR EVERYTHING HE'S DONE FOR US**



HOLDREGE METHODIST CHURCH

The youth group would like to thank all those who help support financially, and with all the goodies for our youth ski trip. We had a great time skiing and snowboarding, in Wyoming at snowy range. Also, a huge thank you to Lexie Ludeke, Shelby Schmidt, Kam Murray, Rob Schmidt, and JC Schemper for sponsoring our trip. We appreciate all the support!!



HOLDREGE METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS

Armouraires Quartet

WITH SPECIAL GUEST FRANKIE VALENS



SOUTHERN GOSPEL
QUARTET



SINGER OF
"THIS MAGIC MOMENT"
"THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT"

**APRIL 28
10 AM**

**THE YOUTH IS SERVING BRUNCH
FROM 9:00-10:00 AM!**

JOIN US FOR A HOLY SPIRIT AWAKENING

People of all denominations welcome!

**SATURDAY APRIL 13TH
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
HOLDREGE METHODIST CHURCH
604 WEST AVE**

Morning: Baptism of the Holy Spirit
Afternoon: Healing Session
\$10 fee, lunch included
(cash only, pay at registration)

Please pre-register
Call/text (402) 380-5650
Email: kingdomevent1@yahoo.com

*thank
you*

*Mike Layton for building shelves
and organizing the storage
underneath the stairs and Brad Ludeke
for installing an automatic light! It is so
nice!*

*And to Larry Marvin for helping get the
printer up and running just in time to print
everything for Easter services!*

Congratulations

CLASS OF 2024




HELP US HONOR THE GRADUATES ON APRIL 21!



The Quilter's
Guild will be
meeting **all day**
on April 9!

Our church's Happy Hooker crochet group
meets on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall to work on crochet projects
and build relationships. All are welcome!

**Knit
Crochet
Pray**





AD COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE- 3-18-2024

MEMBERSHIP CARE Marilyn Layton	Asking for participants for communion at the homes April 8 & 9; collection for monetary gifts for George to present at potluck. Budget balance after purchasing baptism gift and graduation gift is \$554.14. Easter cards available for care bears. Trustees do a church clean-up day?
Finance Kathy Wilkins	Heads of the committee got an update on actual versus needed and everything is right on track; been going really well. There will be a special giving for Easter to caring cupboard, Tracie asks if everyone is in favor. Everyone agrees.
Trustees	Brad reports in the parsonage everything removed but the wall; floor after the cabinets. Old appliances were sold and Abramson appliance gave quote for new appliances; please remember to lock the doors, NW door is being left unlocked. Elevator pads installed this week and will check into replacing canopy
Memorials	Current balance: \$21,183.21. Trustees will be using some for a new automatic door on the elevator. Received a new donation to memorials.
Worship	Palm leaves given to the congregation on Palm Sunday; 40 tulips ordered for Easter Sunday; Potluck on April 7 to honor George (bring salad, side, or dessert in bulletin). Merry reported that April 13 is the Holy Spirit Awakening and volunteers are needed. 9:30-3:30 Sat April 13. Mandy-Thurs with communion on 3/28 with Jean Clayton.
Missions	17 Headstart kids; Every donation earns points for grant money; March and April they are asking for paper plates, paper towels, baby wipes and 13-gallon trash bags; Caring cupboard will be June and July
Education	Holly reports senior Sunday on April 21: 6 graduates. Cole Bailey, Alex Cage, Carlie Stewart, Brooklyn Weise, Alyssa Bradley, Trey Johnson. Sheila is making blankets for seniors. Family Fun Easter night is March 27; April 24 th hamburgers and hotdogs from 6 -7:30 pm. Last day kids rock April 17 th .
SPRC	Pastor Sarah Fisher will arrive April 13 and preaching at both services. Jean Clayton will begin doing communion starting in May on the 3 rd Sunday. Quartet coming April 28, there will be one service, youth will have a brunch between 9-10. Committee Sunday possibly in May?
Endowment	Wes reports, Trustees working on parsonage and endowment added \$12k to parsonage

To become better acquainted with our denomination and conference, please check out the following areas:

NE GMC WEBSITE: Nebraskagmc.org In the upper left-hand corner, click on the three lines. Click on 'Events'. Then at the top, click on "Upper Midwest Conference New Beginnings" slide presentation.

NE GMC Facebook page: Friends of the Global Methodist Church movement in Nebraska.

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