

Holdrege Methodist Church
604 West Avenue, PO Box 30
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Holdrege Methodist Church

To make disciples of Jesus Christ
who worship passionately,
love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.

Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
Office Phone # 308-995-8691
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Pastor George Probasco: Interim Pastor
Office Hours:
First 2 Tuesdays of the month
from 10 am-2 pm

HMC The Witness

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
FROM THE
HOLDREGE
METHODIST
CHURCH



“Fear Not for I am with You”

*There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
As the stars rain into fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of bethlehem cradles a king!*

By the time you read this newsletter your christmas tree is up, lights are on the house, decorations are making your home glisten. The Christmas cards are ready to be sent and there are Christmas carols playing everywhere. The stores have been decorated for a month, the kids are counting the days until christmas and soon there will be christmas programs in the communities.

“Mary was being prepared for the birth of her baby with a visit from the angel Gabriel. She was troubled by his visit. But Gariel reassured her when he said, “Mary do not be afraid. God has decided to bless you.”

Luke 1:28-30

“Joseph has an angel appear to him in a dream and said to him, Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:20

There were sheperds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

Luke 2:10

Three times the angel appears and says, “Do not be afraid!”. What is the responsibility of angels? Angels are spiritual beings created by God to help carry out his work on earth. They bring God’s messages to people, protect God’s people, offer encouragement, give guidance, carry out punishments, patrol the earth and fight the forces of evil. Eventually, the main role of angels is to offer continuous praise to God.

When the angel appeared to the sheperds he said, “ I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! A savior has been born, yes the Messiah the Lord.” then the angel was jioned by a host of others praising God.

Luke 2:10

Make ready for the holiday season as you participate in the Advent Season and the Candlelight Ceremony on Christmas Eve. Watch and listen for the angels to announce great joy in your life this Christmas season as you celebrate with our family.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,
Continue to grow together as one body in Christ.
Blessings to you, Pastor George**

Food Pantry
Donations Needed

- Hamburger Helpers
- Canned Meats
- Tissues, Toilet Paper



Prayers for all Military Members and their Families



Monthly Giving

- January: \$ 13,932.00
 - February: \$ 18,139.00
 - March: \$ 12,786.00
 - April: \$ 20,638.00
 - May: \$ 15,488.00
 - June: \$ 11,337.00
 - July: \$ 18,882.00
 - August: \$ 24,881.00
 - September: \$ 16,788.00
 - October: \$15,905.00
 - November:
 - December:
- Denotes month not over at time of print

NOVEMBER CENSUS



Sundays in November	5	12	19	26
8:30 Worship	*	37		
10:00 Worship	109	55		
10:00 Online	22	NA		

COMMITTEE NEWS

Membership Care

- We had a great time at **A Thanksgiving Ukrainian Coffee**. Mira Ivanishyn and her husband had beautiful cakes and breads to share with everyone.

Finance

- **Annual Church Auction had a** great turnout. We raised \$9,000.00 for next years missions payment.
- Deb Kassing won the Quilt.

Worship

- Working with pastor George on the Holiday schedule.

Mission Outreach

- December- Giving Trees are set up.
- Reading at Head Start, Giving crocheted blankets to the children.

Education

- Family Night

SPRC

- Still on a search for a pastor.

Nominations: Mark Beam is checking with each committee to see who is going to stay, change or leave the groups. If interested in joining a committee please contact Mark Beam.

Memorial: NA

Trustees/Disaster Response:

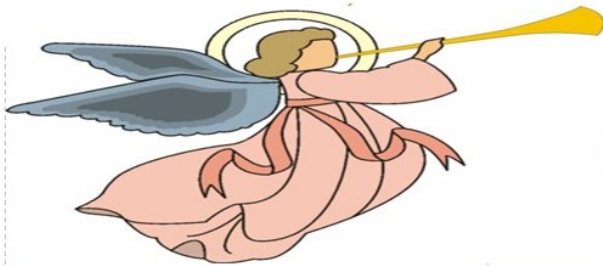
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Everyone is Welcome!

*****REMINDER*****

Please have your 2023 financial giving in by December 26th, so it is done by the end of the year.

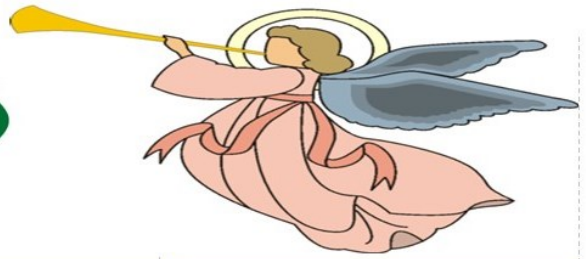
**Thank you,
from the Finance Committee**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
26	27	28	
		7:30 am: Holdrege Methodist Men Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm: Happy Hookers Crochet Group	1:00 5:30 7-8
3	4	5	
George Probasco COMMUNION 8:30 am: Praise Café 10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary	1:30 pm: HMH Communion	7:30 am: Holdrege Methodist Men Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm: Happy Hookers Crochet 1:30 pm: CH Communion	10:00 1:00 4-5 7-8
10	11	12	
George Probasco 8:30 am: Praise Café 10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary Special Music-Mark Beam		7:30 am: Holdrege Methodist Men Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm: Happy Hookers Crochet Group 6:30 pm: Quilters Guild	1:00 4-5 7-8
17	18	19	
Jean Clayton 8:30 am: Praise Café 10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary 3-5 PM: ALL CHURCH CAROLING AND WHITE ELEPHANT 		7:30 am: Holdrege Methodist Men Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm: Happy Hookers Crochet Group	10:00 1:00 NO
24	25	26	
George Probasco 10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary 5:00 pm: Candlelight Service Special Music- Madison Bowers 	OFFICE CLOSED 	7:30 am: Holdrege Methodist Men Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm: Happy Hookers Crochet Group	1:00 NO
31	1	2	
George Probasco 8:30 am: One Service 4:00 pm- Harold/Johnson Wedding 	HAPPY NEW YEAR 	7:30 am: Holdrege Methodist Men Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm: Happy Hookers Crochet Group	1:00 NO

MEMBER



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 pm; Afternoon at the movie 10:00 pm FAMILY NIGHT 8:30 pm: Youth Group	30	1	2
6 10:00 am: Prayer Group 10:00 pm: Afternoon at the movie 10:00 pm: Kids ROCK 8:30 pm: Youth Group	7	8	9 8:00 am: Cookie Walk coffee 8:30 am: Doors Open for Sale 
12 10:00 pm: Afternoon at the movie 10:00 pm: Kids ROCK 8:30 pm: Youth Group	14	15	16
20 10:00 am: Prayer Group 10:00 pm: Afternoon at the movie KIDS ROCK OR YOUTH GROUP	21	22	23
27 10:00 pm: Afternoon at the movie KIDS ROCK OR YOUTH GROUP	28	29	30 4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal 
3 10:00 pm: Afternoon at the movie KIDS ROCK OR YOUTH GROUP	4	5	6

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am Praise Cafe'/10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Please Help Decorate Our

Mitten Tree

In the spirit of the season, We are collecting new or home made mittens, gloves, hats and scarves* to help those in need in our area.

*Need comes in all sizes, so new or hand made items of any size are welcomed!

If you have questions please contact:
Cathy Woolley,
Mission Outreach
Chairperson



Sponsored by the Holdrege Methodist Outreach Committee

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS We need your mailing address

Please email your student's address to the Church Office
holdregemethodistchurch@gmail.com



Happy Hookers Crochet Group have been working hard getting blankets ready for the Head Start kiddos and prayer shawls made for the hospitals in our communittes.

Holdrege Women in Faith
Annual Cookie Walk

Holdrege Methodist Church
604 West Ave.
Holdrege NE

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023
8:00 am: Doors open for coffee & cookies
8:30 am: Cookie Walk Begins

ON SALE FOR \$7.00 PER lb.

Let us do your holiday baking for you!

A-Caroling We Go!

Sunday, December 17, 2023
3-5 pm
All church Caroling

White Elephant Gift Exchange to follow @ the Church

Holdrege Women in Faith NO December Meetings

A THANKSGIVING UKRAINIAN COFFEE
We had a great time and yummy desserts from Mira Ivanyshyn





- 1- David Arford
Tricia Schemper
- 2- Nancy Morse
- 4- Mike Olson
- 5- Taylor Wiser
Macksdon Robinson
- 10-Phyllis Osborn
Monica Hueftle
- 12-Brian Anderson
Deb Fellows
- 13-Sawyer Schemper
- 14-Lilie Anderson
Holly Johnson
Sabrina Schemper

- 16-Dorothy Peterson
Michaela Everett
Jordan Nelson
Zach Osborn
Rusty Wise
- 17-Terri Morton
Erika Wilkins
- 18-Joy Marquardt
Gayla Hunt
Charlene Schrock
- 19-Cheryl Linden
Mitchell Johnson
Linda Richter
- 20-Dorothy Shapland
Brooke Wohlgemuth

- 21-Delores Rademaker
Rich Engel
Casey Brown
Gabe Beam
- 22-Hannah Watson
- 23-Merry Johnson
Thelma Steinshouer
- 26-Mariana Stuart
Dan Wagner
Nick Arford
Jaydin Schmalz
- 29-Elizabeth Dahlin
LuEtta Berry
- 30-Ross Winz
Rodney Osborn
Judy Wolfe
Alex Linden
Nolan Stabenow
- 31-Janel Schemper

December 2023 8:30 am Praise Café

Service Greeters:

12/03 Bonna Walker
 12/10 Shirley Messersmith
 12/17 Mike & Marilyn Layton
 12/24 One Service

Cafe' Coffee Hour:

12/03 Sandy Mueller/JoAnn Everett
 12/10 Kendall & Lola Moseley
 12/17 Gwen Harden
 12/24 One Service

Ushers Schedule

12/03 Team 1
 12/10 Team 2
 12/17 Team 3
 12/24 Team 4

**SECRET
 CHRISTMAS
 ANGEL
 2023**



Will you be a Secret Christmas Angel?

What you need to do:

Week 1 (Dec. 3-9)

- We have addressed cards to those on our Care List
- These cards are available on a table downstairs or in the Sanctuary.
- Choose 1,2 or more cards to be their "Secret Angel".
- Just sign that first card "Your Secret Angel" and mail it!

Week 2 (Dec. 10-16)

- Please send a couple more cards and you may include a small item (Like an ornament or door hanger)

Week 3 (Dec. 17-25)

- You reveal who you are with a phone call or a visit. (Perhaps bringing a treat!)
- If your person is at one of the nursing homes, please call ahead to check their visitation policy.

Christian Homes: 308-995-449

Holdrege Memorial Homes: 308-995-8631

HAVE FUN! BE CREATIVE!

You will make such a difference in their holiday by being their Secret Christmas Angel!

Thank you from the Membership Care Team



Wednesdays @ 1pm
 Popcorn provided



Quilters Guild

**Second Tuesday
 of the Month**



**Mission Outreach will be collecting items
 for the Holdrege Head Start Program**

- **Items needed:**
- Floor Cleaner
- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
- Construction paper
- Paper Bowls
- Trash Bags
- Unscented Hand Soap
- Packing Tape
- Play-doh



Head Start is a government ran facility, and that comes with a limited budget.

All donations are greatly appreciated, and allow us to purchase more material for the classroom!

**Thank you from the Head Start Staff
 2023-2024 School Year**