

# 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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The busy month of March is the third month of the year and marks Daylight Savings time in which we spring ahead on March 10. For the Irish it is their time to observe St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Then we begin to move into Holy Week.

March 24 is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday when Jesus made his way into Bethlehem. Crowds of people and his disciples followed Jesus into Jerusalem. The crowd just knew that this was the man that would free them from the Romans.

Palm Sunday is a reminder for us to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives. We join the crowd of people to follow him. (Matthew 21: 1-11)

Holy Thursday is commemorated on the Thursday before Easter. Maundy means "commandment". It is named after Jesus' commandment to his disciples to love one another. This is the time that Jesus instituted the Eucharist or Last Supper with his disciples. Maundy Thursday demonstrates the importance of humanity and service by remembering Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

Good Friday is one of the most important days in the Holy Week. Good Friday marks the crucifixion

and death of Christ. It is a day and time that we need to reflect on Christ's sacrifice for our sins.

"Tetelestai" in the original Greek of the New Testament that translates the word as "it is finished!" (John 19:30) It might also come to mean, "Paid in Full!"

Easter Sunday and the exact date varies each year depending on the Moon's position in early spring. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Easter of course is the resurrection of Christ. Christ died that you can begin to know and understand what happened during those last days that Jesus walked this earth. We need to recall what Judas did to Jesus, Peter's denial of Jesus, the crowds' outcries, the rugged cross, the nails that pierced Jesus' hands and feet, and when he was removed from the cross and placed in a borrowed tomb.

Christ's resurrection is meant for us. Jesus prayed for us, God listened and that is EASTER.

**HAPPY EASTER WITH THE LOVE  OF CHRIST.**

*Pastor George*

## March Birthdays

1	Samantha Schemper Charlene Hanson
2	Chad Booe
3	Trey Weaver Haley Kunz
5	Leslie Grimm Janet Larson
3	Lanette Gleason Pat Scoville Madison Bowers Don Shield
7	Mark Abrabsomson
8	Tammi Sturgis Carly Stewart Tye Marquardt
10	Heidi Rademaker
12	Stacee Stabenow
13	Amy Rademaker Amanda Olson
14	Nita Beam Chase Bailey
16	Wes Nelson
17	Brett Tilson
18	Grady Ganser
19	Shennon Helms Brent Beiriger
21	Ryan Johnson
22	Kristen Wilkins Clayton Nelson
23	Avery Michalski Reese Hodge
25	Tiffany Wiser
26	Chris Helms
27	Taylor Patterson
28	Brad Johnson
30	Jennifer Dennis
31	Allan Hollertz Kyle Rademaker Dotty Jo Patterson

*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!

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE:		
	8:30 am	10:00 am
February 4	31	48
February 11	33	54
February 18	33	45
February 25	33	45



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

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS:	
February 4	\$4,157.00
February 11	\$4,235.00
February 18	\$2,475.00
February 25	\$2,873.00
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>\$13,740.00</b>

# DONATIONS NEEDED



**Head Start** - 8-9" paper plates and paper towels

**Food Pantry** - cereal, breakfast foods, canned meats, paper products

Drop off in the Fellowship Hall.  
Thank you for your donations!

# MARCH

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>GEORGE PROBASCO</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> 8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary	1:30 pm HMH communion  6:30-7:30 pm – “Women Under Construction” begins; 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	10:00 am Prayer Group	9:30-10:30 am HWF Ex. Meeting  {Ski trip kids leave}		9:30 am-3:30 pm – “Take Our City for God” with Joe Rystrom at the Senior Center
<b>Daylight Savings 10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>GEORGE PROBASCO</b> 8:30 am Praise Café in FH (New Members Day!) 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary {Ski Trip kids return}	6:30-7:30 pm – “Women Under Construction” begins; small group with Sheila Bogart	7:30 am Methodist Men’s Breakfast @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm Happy Hookers crochet group meet 6:30 pm-9:30pm Quilt Guild to meet in FH	9:30 am Elisabeth Group 9:30 am Ruth Group 4 – 5 pm Kids Rock 7 – 8:30 pm Youth Group	9:30 am Naomi/Rebecca Group		
<b>St. Patrick’s Day 17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>JEAN CLAYTON</b> 8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary	6:30 pm Church 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 Kids Rock 7 – 8:30 pm Youth Group			
<b>PALM SUNDAY 24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 29</b>	<b>30</b>
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<b>EASTER SUNDAY! 31</b>						
<b>GEORGE PROBASCO</b> 8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Traditional service in Sanctuary		<i>May you and your family have a blessed Easter day.</i>				



**CALLING ALL YOUTH**

Join the church youth group and see what they have to offer in a safe environment.

**Meeting Dates:**

**March 13th and 20th**

4:00 – 5:00 pm Pre-K – 6th

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

**Family Easter Night**

**March 27th from 5:00-6:30 pm**

(Pre-K – 6 do not meet this night)

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!



# Women Under Construction

SMALL GROUP  
BIBLE STUDY

with Sheila Bogart

Join us March 4  
from 6:30-7:30 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

## Serving the church:

### 8:30 am Praise Café in Fellowship Hall

	Café Hosts	Greeters
Mar. 3	Jean W& Gayla	JoAnn & Sandy
Mar. 10	Bill M, Kenton & Marilyn T, Larry H	Janet Larsen
Mar. 17	Kendall & Lola Moseley	Marilyn & Kenton T.
Mar. 24	Linda D & Bonna W	Mke & Marilyn L
Mar. 31	Marilyn B& Shirley M	???

### 10:00 am service in Sanctuary

	USHERS
Mar. 3	Team1
Mar. 10	Team2
Mar. 17	Team3
Mar. 24	Team4
Mar. 31	Team5



## HOW DO I PRAY FOR A PASTOR?

1. Pray for the Search Team. Here are six areas to pray for on behalf of our search:
  - Pray for patience. Pray that our church would wait for God's timing.
  - Pray the search team will have the mind of Christ and agree.
  - Pray for wisdom to choose the right person.
  - Pray that the pastoral search team will renew their minds in the Bible so that they can have Wordcentered wisdom (Romans 12: 1–2).
  - Pray for discipline for the search team and other church leaders. The search process requires a great deal of follow-through and communication.
  - Pray for unity and agreement between your elders and the pastoral search committee.
  
2. Pray for our next Pastor. Here are six ways you can pray for the future pastor during the search:
  - Pray God would increase his passion for preaching the Word of God.
  - Pray God would give him a love for our church and the strength to leave his current position (if the candidate senses that is God's direction).
  - Pray our next pastor would begin new relationships at our church in the right way, even during the search.
  - Pray God would prepare our future pastor to shepherd the flock more effectively through the trials and blessings he has faced or currently faces.
  - Pray for our next pastor's family. Of course, he may be single or married. He may have children or not.
  - Pray God, who knows each detail about each member of our pastor's household, would give the members of his family strength as they consider leaving their current setting and going to a different church, or beginning pastoral ministry for the first time.
  
3. Pray for the people in our church. Here are four ways you can pray for our church family during the upcoming search:
  - Pray for patience. The search process can go on longer than expected. It is hard doing the work of searching.
  - Pray our people would trust the leadership and uphold them in prayer during the whole process.
  - Pray our people would learn to place a high priority on biblical preaching over personality, programs, or any other ideals.
  - Pray, above all, our congregation would call a pastor who will proclaim the Word without apology.

**Reminder: Prayer Group will meet March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to join us!**

**Just a reminder** for those doing flower ministry these are your months for taking care of the flowers.

January – Connie Nelson

February – Sharon Nelson

March – Amanda Olson

April – Marilyn Thompson

May – Gayla Hunt

June – Jean Wells

July - ???

August – Heather Miller

September – Marilyn T.

October – Helen Wells

November – Judy S

December – Shirley M.

As you can see we still need someone to take care of July. Please contact Judy Shrock (991-1036) if you would be interested in volunteering for that month.

# EASTER SERVICE

*Schedule*

HOLDREGE METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 24	PALM SUNDAY	8:30 & 10 AM WITH GEORGE
MARCH 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY	6-7 PM WITH JEAN
MARCH 29	GOOD FRIDAY	SERVICE AT BEPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 31	EASTER SUNDAY	8:30 & 10 AM WITH GEORGE



## 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



## Monthly Meetings

March 18, 2024

All Committees at 6:30 pm  
Ad Council at 7:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!



The Quilter's Guild will be meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

## WELCOME New Members!

March 10 at the 8:30 am service

**AD COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE- 2-19-2024**

<b>MEMBERSHIP CARE</b> Marilyn Layton	Marilyn Layton reports. Holdrege Homes communion is thriving. 25-30 residents partake from Holdrege Homes and 12 from Christian Homes. They are looking for support from the congregation as the residents enjoy seeing people. Marilyn asked for information on graduates to get gifts. Holly Johnson said there are four graduates this year; Education committee and membership care will do graduation gifts together. Asked for information on confirmation class (TBD).
<b>Finance</b> Kathy Wilkins	Swedish days Kathy will be gone and needs someone to take over. Lots of people are willing to help but need a volunteer to be in charge. Made \$7k last year. Reported that church giving on Sundays is staying steady
<b>Trustees</b> Larry Marvin	Larry reported insurance and workman’s comp is secured. Automatic door opener for elevator should be installed in a couple weeks, Brad ordered cabinets and countertops for parsonage; volunteers needed to demo old countertops and cabinets.
<b>Memorials</b> Linda DiGiovanni	Undesignated totals are \$14,514.69 Designated is \$6,668.52 with a total of \$21,183.21
<b>Worship</b> Karen Philips Merry Johnson	Karen Phillips reported that on March 10 at the 10:30 service there will be a welcoming of the newest member (Chris Kipp). April 7 <sup>th</sup> a potluck to increase attendance and to honor George Probasco. Church will furnish meats and congregation is asked to bring salads and desserts. April 21 will be to honor seniors. Merry Johnson said on March 9 Joe Rystrom will be at the senior center to do “Take Our City For God” where they will pray for our city to get rid of any negativity. Merry proposed a motion to hold Holy Spirit Awakening on April 13 <sup>th</sup> at the Holdrege Methodist Church. Registration at 9:30 am; morning session is about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the afternoon is a healing session. Holy Spirit Friends through Global Methodist sponsors the event. Brad Ludeke motions to approve the event, Mark Beam seconds. All attendees in favor, no one opposed. Motion approved.
<b>Missions</b> Sandy Dahlgren	Sandy gave report. She is in charge of recycling in the church; Sharon is collecting food pantry items, Janice would like donations of 8-9” paper plates and paper towels to Headstart group.
<b>Education</b> Holly Johnson	Family Fun Night Feb 28 5-6:30, Elisabeth group will do supper and activity. March 27 Family Fun Night needs a group to help. April 24 Education committee will handle. (On these nights there is no kids ROCK, youth group as usual). Senior Sunday for high school will be April 21 to recognize four seniors. VBS will be July 30, 31, and August 1 at 9:00 am. Set-up on Monday, tear down Friday. Ski Trip is March 7 – March 10. 11 boys, 5 girls; 5 vehicles. Fund raiser will go until the end of February. Sheila Bogart is starting a FREE women’s small group study called “Women Under Construction” on March 4 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Childcare is a maybe. Will possibly have a float for the parade June 15, campfire theme.
<b>SPRC</b> Brenda Johnson	George Probasco will do the service on March 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> , Jean Clayton on March 17 <sup>th</sup> , George will returns for March 24 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> (including Palm Sunday and Easter). George’s last service will be April 14. Jean will continue to do the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday until a Pastor comes; Pastoral search came up with 3 profiles popped up but none of them worked out. Haley Bernt is making video to entice new pastor, first part of March.
<b>New Business</b> Tracie Ludeke	Tracie reported that the Lenten meal we volunteered to serve is Feb 22 5:30-7. It will be a drive-thru (Grab-and-go) service with martial arts kids running meals to cars. Rob Schmidt will smoke a loin for sandwiches, will have chips, and need 10 dozen cookies from volunteers.

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

**NE GMC WEBSITE:** [Nebraskagmc.org](http://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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