



**Holdrege Methodist Church**  
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# HMC The Witness

MONTHLY  
 NEWSLETTER  
 FROM THE  
 HOLDREGE  
 METHODIST  
 CHURCH



## BRAIN DEAD!

I was asked to write an article for the October church newsletter and this is how I felt brain dead! When I was teaching I always had an idea for the school newsletter. The topic centered around what we were studying in science class. I kept the parents updated on what their child was working on in science class. Reminding them of the importance of completing assignments and behavior in class.

This past week I had to supervise work in the Arapahoe Outdoor Classroom. Inmates come down from the Work Ethic Camp in McCook to help trim, weed eat, and clean the flower beds. When inmates came down I was apprehensive about being around them and telling them what to do. I soon learned that they were just as human as I was. Some men shared their own stories as to why they were in confinement. As they shared their story they didn't always blame others for their prison term. Most of the fellas told me they had done was wrong, and they needed to pay their penalty. They told me that while in confinement they were working on their spiritual life. The gentlemen always treated me with respect and appreciation. I soon learned they were there to work and wanted to help out. The guards that came with them mentioned the men appreciated being told how much I liked their work. They wanted to hear it from me, that I, appreciated their work.

Read through Psalms 1: 1 -2, and think about what is written as a map for living as God's people. " Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. 2. But they delight in doing everything the Lord wants: day and night they think of his law." Verse 1 acts as a guide to happiness. It points out wisdom about how to make it through life happy. What does it mean to be happy or blessed? Verse 1 is describing happy as a state of being blessed. This is true, but it is a result of God's actions. How do we live in the manner? The key to verse 1 is to be shaped by God so that we are influencers of the world rather than persons who are influenced by the world. Verse 2 serves as a guide and road map to the good and happy life. This verse describes the happy person as one who delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it moment by moment. How do we learn to delight in the Word? We can pray these words: Lord let me be aware of the riches of your Word, not so that I may become a master of Scripture but so that the Scripture masters me. Are you going to help influence someone life this month? What role will the Scriptures play in your daily life? Believe in someone and listen to their story. Pray with them.

**Continue to grow together as one body in Christ.**  
**Blessings to you, George Probasco**



## 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

**[holdregemethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holdregemethodistchurch@gmail.com)**

Pastor George Probasco: Interim Pastor

#### Office Hours:

First 2 Tuesdays of the month  
 from 10 am-2 pm

**Food Pantry  
Donations Needed**

- Peanut Butter
- Paper goods
- Cereals



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:   |              |
| November:  |              |
| Decemeber: |              |



**SEPTEMBER CENSUS**

| Sundays in September | 3  | 10 | 17 | 24 |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 8:30 Worship         | 31 | 30 | 28 | 31 |
| 10:00 Worship        | 38 | 39 | 43 | 42 |
| 10:00 Online         | 40 | 39 | 43 | 46 |

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Membership Care**

- Working on updates of the church membership

**Finance**

- Spooktacklar Downtown, Oct. 29, 2-4 pm
- Annual Church Auction is scheduled for Nov. 5, Quilt Raffle tickets are on for sale now!

**Trustees/Disaster Response**

- Upcoming: kitchen remodel at the parsonage
- Upgrade lighting in elevator, get a new door for the outside interance to the elevator.

**Memorial**

- Funded new wedding banners for the sanctuary
- Paid for the VBS expenses

**Worship**

- Ordered new wedding banners for sanctuary

**Mission Outreach**

- November/December- Giving Trees for winter items

**Education**

- Wednesday Kids ROCK and the Youth Group began. We had 15 Youth members the first Wednesday!!
- Exciting things to come!

**SPRC**

- Pastorial Candidate Doug Wintermute was offered the Position of pastor at our church. Unfortunately, he declined, due to the distance from family. The search goes on.....pray, pray, pray!!

**Women in Faith**

**SCAR (South Central Area Recovery) Open House**

Oct. 12 @ 9:30 am, 307 East Ave., Holdrege

- Short presentation
- Parking available in front of building or on West Ave. north of Mosaic. The back door will be open.
- Naomi/Rebecca Groups will be serving coffee

**This is a great opportunity for all individuals who want to know more about our community!**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

**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  
Choireperson



Sponsored by the Holdrege Methodist Outreach Committee

**Wednesday Night Groups**



Youth Group, 7-8:30 pm



Pre K-6th Classes, 4-5 pm

Spirit of Grace & Holdrege Methodist present

**THE HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**

Sunday, October 29, 2023  
2:00pm to 4:00pm  
Downtown Holdrege

If you or your business is interested in providing a trunk or a booth contact Heather Behrendt at 308-999-0388

S.A.F.E. Center  
Please bring non-perishable food items to donate for S.A.F.E. Center

**TICKETS FOR SALE NOW!**

2023 Quilt Raffle  
1 FOR \$5  
5 FOR \$20  
10 FOR \$40



Holdrege Methodist Church Auction  
Purchase from: Kathy Wilkins, Linda DiGiovanni,  
Ruth Johnson or the Church Office

Committee meetings @ 6:30 pm

**church council MEETING**

October 30th  
Ad in Council @ 7:30 pm

**A message from the Funeral Committee**

The Funeral Committee is short some members and is in need of "younger" people to relieve some of some "mature" ladies that have been doing this for decades. It is time to pass the baton to younger and more able-bodied members!

- There are 3 teams
- We need 5 people per funeral
- We take turns planning, serving, and cleaning up when the meal is held at our church.
- Current members are not giving this mission up, we just need more people available in case someone is sick, out of town or can't make it.

Please prayerfully consider joining this worthwhile and rewarding service to your church and communittee.

**You may contact one of the following to join or get additional information:**

- Sandra Raddatz: 308-999-7649
- Marilyn Layton: 308-455-0572
- Jean Wells: 308-991-2451
- Church Office: 308-995-8691



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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3- Bob Woolley       | 17-Tamara Sabatka     |
| 4- Betty Newton      | Traci Ganzer          |
| 5- Maggie Malm       | 18- Genevieve Johnson |
| Chase Brown          | 20- Sierra Schemper   |
| 6- Carlene Schemper  | 21- John Bowley       |
| 7- Kyle Imel         | 22- Jenn Nelson       |
| 9- Calin Nelson      | 24- Barb Sander       |
| 10- Brent Schroeder  | Jean Hutton           |
| 12- Brenda Wisner    | Calvin Gleason        |
| Kelly Burgeson       | 25- Dawn Schemper     |
| 13- Carol Pouk       | 26- Warren Miller     |
| David Calvin         | 28- Kristy Anderson   |
| Morgan Marquardt     | Dixie Jensen          |
| Marion Sisson        | Sara Nelson           |
| 15- Allan Upthagrove | Maggie Nelson         |
| Rex Winz             | Larry Hanson          |
| Kelsie Gardels       | 30-Lindsay Nelson     |
| 16- Tegan Weaver     |                       |

**October 2023 8:30 am Praise Café**

**Service Greeters:**

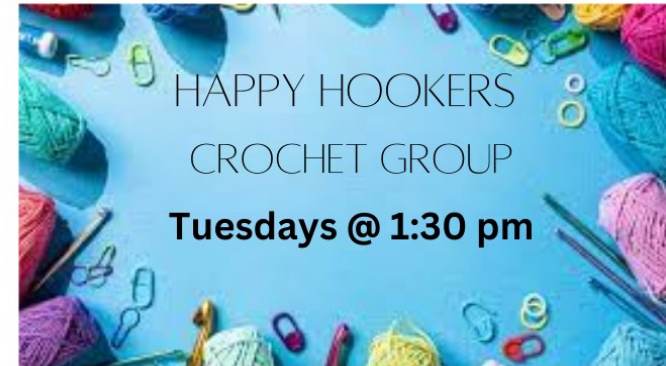
- Oct. 1: Layton's
- Oct. 8: Linda DiGiovanni
- Oct. 15: Marilyn Burkholder
- Oct. 22: Gwen Harden
- Oct. 29: Bob & Cathy Woolley

**Cafe' Coffee Hour:**

- Shirley M. & Marilyn B.
- Gwen H. & Thelma S.
- Linda DiGiovanni
- JoAnn E. & Sandy
- Ruth Johnson

**Ushers Schedule**

- 10/01 Team 1
- 10/08 Team 2
- 10/15 Team 3
- 10/22 Team 4
- 10/29 Team 5



**Quilters Guild**

Second Tuesday of the Month



QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE



Wednesdays @ 1pm  
Popcorn provided

**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

**Holdrege Methodist Church Women in Faith October Meetings**

- Executive Meeting: Oct. 5**
- Installation of Officers @ Executive Mtg.**
- Hannah Group: Oct. 10**
- Elisabeth Group: Oct. 11**
- Ruth Group: Oct. 11**
- Naomi/Rebecca Group: Oct. 12**

# OCTOBER 2023



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|-----------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>                                   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>George Probasco</b><br>Communion<br>8:30 am- Praise Café<br>10:00 am- Worship in Sanctuary   | 1:30 pm: HH Communion  | 7:30 am- Men's Coffee<br>1:30 pm- HHCG<br>1:30 pm: CH Communion   | 1:00 pm- MOVIE<br>4-5 pm- Kids ROCK<br>7-8:30 pm- Youth Group  | 9:30 am- HMC Women in Faith Executive Mtg. |   |           |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>                                  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b> |
| <b>George Probasco</b><br>8:30 am- Praise Café<br>10:00 am- Worship in Sanctuary  |   | 7:30 am- Men's Coffee<br>9:30 am- Hannah Group<br>1:30 pm- HHCG<br>6:30 pm: Quilters Guild  | 9:30 am- Elisabeth Group<br>9:30 am- Ruth Group<br>1:00 pm- MOVIE<br>4-5 pm- Kids ROCK<br>7-8:30 pm- Youth Group | 9:30 am- Naomi/Rebecca Group               |   |           |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>                                  | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b> |
| <b>Jean Clayton</b><br>8:30 am- Praise Café<br>10:00 am- Worship in Sanctuary   |  | 7:30 am- Men's Coffee<br>1:30 pm- HHCG  | 1:00 pm- MOVIE<br>4-5 pm- Kids ROCK<br>7-8:30 pm- Youth Group  |  |   |           |
| <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>                                  | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b> |
| <b>David Oldham</b><br>8:30 am- Praise Café<br>10:00 am- Worship in Sanctuary   |  | 7:30 am- Men's Coffee<br>1:30 pm- HHCG  | 1:00 pm- MOVIE<br>4-5 pm Kids ROCK<br>7-8:30 pm Youth Group  |  |   |           |
| <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>                                   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>George Probasco</b><br>8:30 am- Praise Café<br>10:00 am- Worship in Sanctuary<br><br>2-4 pm<br> | 6:30 pm Committee Meetings<br>7:30 pm- Ad Council Meeting<br><br> | 7:30 am- Men's Coffee<br>1:30 pm- HHCG<br><br> | 1:00 pm- MOVIE<br>4-5 Kids ROCK<br>7-8:30 pm Youth Group   | 9:30 am: HMC Women Ex. Mtg                 |  |           |