

Holdrege Methodist Church
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HMC The Witness

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
FROM THE
HOLDREGE
METHODIST
CHURCH



As I was trying to decide what to write about this month, two words kept popping into my head: connectional and direction. What does connectional mean and what direction is the church going?

This is what connectional, through the Global Methodist Church, means to me – we’re not necessarily connected to the “institution” only, (although there will be support from the conference and denomination) but to be connected with each other. Our brothers and sisters in our own congregation along with the congregations in our (in the future) districts, in our state and in our conference. To have those relationships to share in their joys, offer support (material or financial) in times of need, share resources, and to be able to worship together like a family of faith. Not just the Holdrege Methodist Church, but all the Global Methodist churches together.

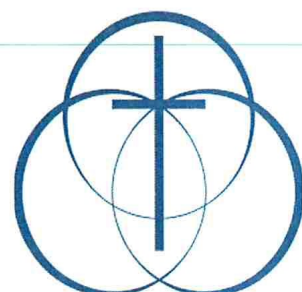
I understand there have been some questions about what direction the church is going, I see us working on growth – specifically young people, healing from past hurts, moving forward with God, strengthening our church family relationships, forming a sense of community, and spiritual wholeness. The church is at a pivotal moment to change the direction we came from, which was a heavy thumb and a declining congregation. We’re ready to take that leap of faith into our new denomination, with more say for our future but with the connectional feel of a family.

We’ve been very fortunate to have had some amazing lay speakers filling the pulpit that have brought the holy spirit back into our church! The church has only technically been released from the UMC since July 1, in those two months we’ve had 2 pastoral candidates. One of which was just this last weekend. (I’m writing this early, so I hope it went well!) Please continue to pray, pray, pray for this position. This is the first time ever we’ve gotten a voice in our pastor and it will take time and a lot of patience to find that fit.

Tracie Ludeke
Administrative Council Chair

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
Office Phone # 308-995-8691
humcholdrege@gmail.com



Holdrege Methodist Church

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

Food Pantry

Donations Needed

- Cereals
- Canned Meats
- Paper Goods



Prayers for all Military Members and their Families

Monthly Giving



January: \$13,932.00	July: \$18,882.00
February \$18,139.00	
March: \$12,786.00	
April: \$20,638.00	
May: \$15,488.00	
June: \$11,337.00	

JULY CENSUS



Sundays in July	2	9	16	23	30
8:30 Worship	0	35	34	30	25
10:00 Worship	54	65	63	39	33
10:00 Online	29	95	30	54	38



Meeting Reminder

September 25, 2023

Committee Meetings 6:30 pm
Ad Council Meeting 7:30 pm

COMMITTEE NEWS

Membership Care

- Will be updating the church membership

Finance

- \$4,080.52 raised from the BBQ, funds to be used to fix up the 3rd Floor for the Youth Group
- Annual Church Auction is scheduled for Nov. 5, and will have a Quilt Raffle.

Trustees/Disaster Response

- Ordered and recieved a new laptop for the Education Department/Youth Director.
- Preformance review was done for Dianne Menze, Church Custodian.

Memorial

- Paid for the new laptop for Education/Youth Department.

Worship

- Worship is looking for members interested in lighting the candles at the 10 am Worship Service.

Mission Outreach

- Thank you to those that donated tissues for the Back to School Supply Program we participated in with Spirit of Grace Church.
- November/December- We will do the Scarves, Hats, and Mittens Christmas Trees, and Sock Collection for the needs of our community.

Education

- Sunday Children's Worship starting Sept. 17, during the 10 am service.
- Wednesday Kids ROCK and the Youth Group will be starting on Sept. 13. Pre k- 6 will be from 4-5 pm, an the Youth Group will be from 7-8:30 pm.

SPRC

- We had Pastoral Canidiate, Doug Wintermute from Texas come on August 27th for services and interview.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same spirit."

This church is composed of many different people with various gifts and abilities. We all may be different but we have one thing in common- our faith in Jesus Christ. We have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body of believers.

Since I have been a part of this church the body of believers have been very welcoming, helpful, and sharing their faith. You have been extremely kind in sharing your garden produce and snacks. Thank you for making me feel apart of the Holdrege Methodist Church.

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



WELCOME!

Pastor George Probasco from Araphoe
Our Interum Pastor
Office Hours:
Tuesdays from 10-2

Membership Care Communion at the Homes

Holdrege Homes



Christian Homes



Holdrege Methodist Church VBS Photos 2023





- 2- Alec Wiese
Margaret Wendell
- 3- Karon Peterson
Bill Weaver
Lloyd Johnson
- 5- Corey Wiese
- 6- Joseph Marvin
Cade Wiese
- 7- Larry Marvin
Tina Wiese
- 8- Alice Richardson
- 9- Reed Schultz
- 10- Dustin Stewart
- 11- Mike Streeter
- 12- Caron Sunblade
Chelsie Sunblade
- 13- Frank Lindsay
- 14- Johanna Osborne
- 16- Larry Fellows
Connie Dahlin
Dan Nelson

- 18- Mike Peterson
Kathy Wilkins
Kamden Bell
- 19- Renae Engel
Mark Dahlgren
Rebeka Abramson
Halle Bell
- 20- Karna Bryan
- 21- Larry Hutton
- 22- Mandy Sunblade
Jett Johnson
- 24- Mike Wiser
Carol Snyder
- 26- Linda DiGiovanni
Dawn Dierking
- 27- Judy Schrock
Rhonda Thorell
James Anderson
- 29- Wanda Johnson
Andrew Anderson
- 30- Mason Marquardt

September 2023 8:30 am Praise Café

Service Greeters:

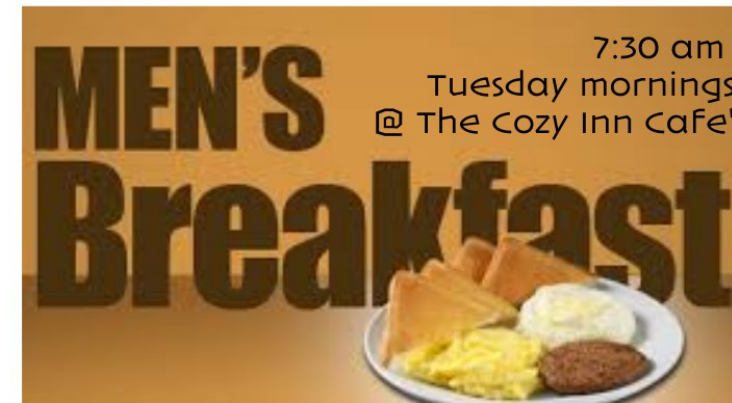
- 03 Sandy & Jo Ann
- 10 Gayla Hunt
- 17 The Thompson's
- 24 Marian Sisson/
Bill Michalski

Cafe' Coffee Hour:

- 03 Marilyn Layton
- 10 The Moseley's
- 17 Gayla Hunt/Jean Wells
- 24 Bonna Walker/
Merry Johnson

Ushers Schedule

- 9/03 Team 1
- 9/10 Team 2
- 9/17 Team 3
- 9/24 Team 4
Team 5



Volunteers Needed
Contact: Jeanne Bergsten
(308) 991-1462



Quilters Guild
Second Tuesday
of the Month



MOVIE DAY
Wednesdays @ 1pm
Popcorn provided

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

- Executive Meeting: Sept. 7**
- Hannah Group: Sept. 12**
- Elisabeth Group: Sept. 13-Brunch**
- Ruth Group: Sept. 13**
- Naomi/Rebecca Group: Sept. 14**



**Wednesday Night Groups
re-starting September 13th**
Pre K-6th Classes, 4-5 pm
Youth Group, 7-8:30 pm



September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Doug Wintermute 8:30 am- Praise Cafe 10:00 am- Worship in Sanctuary		7:30 am- HMM Coffee @ Cozy Inn 1:30 pm- HHCG 7-pm Back Pack Packing location TBD	1:00 pm- Afternoon at the movie			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion George Probasco 8:30 am- Praise Café 10:00 am- Worhsip in Sanctuary	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 am- Men's Coffee 1:30 pm- HHCG	NO MOVIE	9:30 am- HMC Women in Faith Executive Mtg.		<i>Howsdén Barwick</i> <i>Wedding</i> 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Grandparent's Day George Probasco 8:30 am- Praise Café 10:00 am- Worhsip in Sanctuary	1:30 pm- HH Communion	7:30 am- Men's Coffee 9:30 am- Hannah Group 1:30 pm- CH Communion 1:30 pm- HHCG 6:30 PM- Quilters Guild	9:30 am- Elisabeth Group 9:30 am- Ruth Group 1:00 pm- MOVIE 4-5 pm- Kids ROCK 7-8:30 pm- Youth Group	9:30 AM- Naomi/ Rebecca Group		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Jean Clayton 8:30 am- Praise Café 10:00 am- Worhsip in Sanctuary		7:30 am- Men's Coffee 1:30 pm- HHCG	1:00 pm- MOVIE 4-5 pm Kids ROCK 7-8:30 pm Youth Group			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TBD 8:30 am- Praise Café 10:00 am- Worhsip in Sanctuary	6:30 pm Committee Meetings 7:30 pm- Ad Council Meeting	7:30 am- Men's Coffee 1:30 pm- HHCG	1:00 pm- MOVIE 4-5 Kids ROCK 7-8:30 pm Youth Group		Abbreviations: HHC= Happy Hookers Crochet Group HH= Holdrege Homes CH= Christian Homes	