

United Methodist Church
361 N. 8th Ave. West
Hartley, IA 51346

MARCH

The word 'MARCH' is written in a large, bubbly, pink font with a green outline. To the right of the word is a yellow diamond-shaped balloon with a green shamrock on it. Below the word and balloon are several colorful butterflies (blue, yellow, orange) and a green vine with small orange flowers.

Newsletter



March Birthdays



Berlou White	3/1	Easton Thorn	3/1
Deb Prins	3/3	Cynthia Hoaglund	3/4
Oaklei Vetter	3/6	Ronald Henfeveld	3/6
Jennie Riedemann	3/7	Daylen Peters	3/7
Gina Wiekamp	3/8	Kyle Brigham	3/9
Paige Dagel	3/10	Kenneth Kroger	3/10
Monte Kroger	3/14	Ruth Hobson	3/14
Karlea Rogné Schmith	3/14	Hunter Orthmann	3/14
Bonnie Linder	3/15	Cherie Sterk	3/16
Emma Schmillen	3/17	Glenda Kroger	3/19
Cynthia Hennings	3/19	Douglas Hoaglund	3/20
Henry Schmith	3/20	Leslee (Susie) Stanley	3/21
Shelley Westphal	3/24	Ashley Westphal	2/25
Lawton Schiphoff	3/27	Renee Crist	3/28
Beth Burley	3/30	Carley Vail	3/30

COMING SOON

As part of our partnership with Love INC, Hartley United Methodist Church will become home to a Baby Furniture Store. The "store" will have cribs, highchairs, swings, layettes, and smaller items for families in need. The families requesting baby furniture will be referred to HUMC by the staff at Love INC. We look forward to this partnership and providing this mission to families in O'Brien County.

Hartley United Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Present: Ruth Hobson, Mark Dodge, Larry Espey, Don Harder, Dave Christenson, Janelle Patton, Kari Schiphoff, Beth Ogren, and Pastor Mike Fillmore **Not Present:** Dale Orthmann, Phil Smith, Ron Sterk

Ruth called the meeting to order. Pastor Mike opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Janelle reviewed the financial/treasures reports, approved by Kari and seconded by Larry.

There will be another Finance Committee Meeting in the near future to continue to talk about the 2019 Budget.

We did receive the parameters regarding the Irene Voss Scholarship Fund - \$5,000 scholarship, up to 2 students, Methodist students preferred, but open to all, will be presented at the beginning of second semester, student will need to write a short essay on why they want to be a teacher.

SPRC Report: Nothing to report

Trustee's Report: Mark will contact Pella Windows to receive a second bid for the window project. It was also suggested to get a quote from DeKok Siding and Windows out of Archer. The Trustees are to develop a plan to prioritize which windows should be replaced in what order as this will be at least a 4 year project.

Larry checked into the current "mic" problems and will need to dig further into what is causing the issues.

Discussion was held on the floor boards that are coming off in the sanctuary. There was discussion on purchasing a new/used freezer and where to put it. We had received a donation of chicken and beef with no freezer big enough to keep the meat frozen.

Worship Report: Nothing to report

Christian Education Report: A Vacation Bible School meeting was held with all churches. It will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. More to come in the future. The number of children attending Wild Wednesday as been 40 – 50. Sunday School has 6 – 15 children. Jr High has 15 – 20 per week. Sr. High-20.

The Jr High will be going to Power Connection again this July and Kari asked if it would be okay to use the van when going on that trip. Approved and seconded.

As there were no Sr. High teenagers that showed up to the recent auction that was held to raise money for a youth mission trip, it was decided that the money raised would go to the Mission's Trip in June.

The Junior High 5th quarter was postponed due to weather so both the Jr and Sr high had a joint 5th quarter. There was good turnout for the Jr High but poor turnout for the Sr. High. The Super Bowl Party had about 10 children and 7 adults.

Evangelism Committee: The Committee will be helping with the Youth Conference. They are looking into other activities in the near future and will report at a later date.

Mission Committee: Next Senior Citizen Meal is February 20th.

The "Banquet" is all set with enough volunteers and a wait list. We received a policy from Love, Inc regarding the Baby Furniture Store. Ruth reviewed, made changes and talked with Love, Inc. and those changes will be acceptable. The room will be set up with the furniture after the Youth Conference is over.

Pastor Mike's Report: The Youth Conference speakers, band and schedule has been confirmed. The next step is to get chaperons scheduled for helping out with the event. A Youth conference committee meeting is scheduled for February 19.

Ash Wednesday will include a community Pancake Supper, WWW as usual, and an Ash Wednesday service with Trinity at 7:00. On Thursday, April 18th, Maundy Thursday Worship will be here. Good Friday Worship will be at Trinity.

It was brought up if we should have a Flower Committee to help take care of the flowers that come in during the year for the various occasions that happen at the church. It was decided that we should ask if anyone would be willing to volunteer to be on the Flower Committee.

Next meeting date: Special Church Council Meeting, Monday, March 11th, 6:30 pm.

Ruth closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes by Beth Ogren, reviewed by Ruth Hobson

Approved – Don Harder, Seconded – Janelle Patton

Mission Information

Everyone is invited to the Community Potluck to be held **Sunday, March 17th**, immediately following the **10:00 a.m. Community Worship Service** (note time change). This will close out the 2019 Youth Conference held at the Hartley United Methodist Church. Soup, sandwiches & drink will be provided. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share. All are welcome to join us in this time of fellowship!

Friends of Love INC

are invited to attend the Annual Banquet, **Friday, March 29, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. at Crossroads Pavilion in Sheldon. The theme of the banquet is "**Share His Love**" and is centered around 1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us." Please kindly respond your intentions of attending the banquet by calling the Love INC office at 712.324.9707 by **March 13, 2019**.

If anyone is interested in joining the Mission Trip in June,
please contact Ruth Hobson
at 712/348-2710

Mission Opportunities always available are the monthly donations to Love INC. and used shoe donations to Soles for Souls at Village Northwest Unlimited.

The Banquet

"The Banquet" mission opportunity on **March 30th**, is currently filled with volunteers, if you would like your name on the wait list, please contact
Ruth Hobson.

Kids Corner



Preschool - 3 year olds

In 3 year old Preschool, our topic was snow and snowmen, which was perfect with our weather. We talked about how to make a snowman and other fun things to do in the snow. We also talked about what we need to wear to go out and play in the snow. The beginning of February we changed topics to Valentines. Our discussion was being kind to one another and how that looked in the classroom. Their favorite part about Valentines was being able to hand out little cards/treats to their friends. Our Bible story during this time was Daniel and the Lions Den. We read the Bible story and used flannel board pieces to retell it. We talked about praying to God to give us the courage to face times when we are scared.

Sara Dodge
Teacher

