



United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 633

Humboldt, NE 68376

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



July 2020

**Humboldt and Table Rock
United Methodist Churches**



Humboldt UMC
10:45 a.m. Worship
Live on Facebook
("Like" and "Follow" Humboldt
United Methodist Church)
From the parking lot on
FM 90.1 on your car radio

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Table Rock UMC
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Live on Facebook:
("Like" and "Follow" Table Rock
United Methodist Church)
From the parking lot listen on
FM 90.1 on your car radio.

Pastoral Ponderings

It is fun for me to look back at last year's Grapevine. A year ago, we were celebrating that I had finally completed Course of Study. To celebrate we had cowpoke church with lots of western apparel and some country-flavored music followed by a big pot-luck barbeque.

This year, we haven't been able to have so much as Sunday coffee. Well, I miss the breaking bread together. So, I have a plan. Now this isn't church sponsored. We don't have to get approval from administration or from anyone. This is just me inviting anyone who wants to join me in a sack-lunch picnic at Kirkman's Cove.

On July 12, I am packing a lunch for myself and my fishing gear and I am going to Kirkman's to enjoy a little time with God and nature. I plan to go at noon to the Mormon Memorial Picnic area on the west edge of the lake. This is the first right turn at the map at the west entrance. If that sounds like fun to you, bring your own lunch, chairs, fishing gear, a book, etc. and join me. We can sit far enough apart to be safe and still fellowship a little. Unless the CDC changes its mind before then, we won't share food. We will only share the sunshine. If nobody shows up, I will still enjoy the day, but it will be even better if many friendly faces show up. Nemaha NRD has waived the park fees for our group for the day.

Learning from my past mistakes: rain date August 2.

It feels good to be back in the sanctuaries again although we miss many faces who are sheltering at home. We continue to find ways to reach out to the community. For example, our services are now available on your car radio at FM 90.1. The range is very limited by FCC law so the parking lot is the target area. We are also Live on Facebook. If you have an account, "Like" and "Follow" either Humboldt United Methodist Church or Table Rock United Methodist Church. Then log in to your Facebook account a few minutes before services are scheduled to begin. If you "Follow" us, you should get a notification when we go live. Every week I try to adjust sound and camera to get better quality. No matter what I buy or try, nothing is perfect. So we continue to pray for a vaccination or an effective treatment for Covid-19 so we can all worship together in person.

A second outreach is to Colonial Acres. At the moment, we can't get into the building. We miss the visitation, chapel, and bingo. But the pastors have been broadcasting chapel services on FM 88.7 which reaches from the parking lot to the residents' rooms. Also, Glenda Blecha has resumed her weekly reading of interesting articles, etc. Howard Blecha and I have been alternating weeks to help with that.

July 2, we begin a second reading program. We will be reading via radio on Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. and on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. a half hour each time. Volunteers have filled the time slots for July. If we still are locked out in August, we will continue the program via radio. If we can get into the building, we may continue in the garden room or the commons area. We are learning not to make plans too far in advance.

We pray for the health and well-being of all. Also, we pray for understanding between cultures and races.

Holy Spirit flood our world with the peace that passes all understanding. Amen

Pastor Dorothy

Humboldt UMC Administrative Council Meeting
June 2, 2020

The Administrative Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Steffen on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 7:30 PM. Seventeen members were present, following the health-conscious suggestion of sitting six feet apart. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Dorothy.

The Minutes of the May meeting were read by the Secretary. The Treasurer's Report for May was presented by Treasurer Brenda Frederick.

Topics of discussion: a Trustee Committee report; copyright license for the Humboldt UMC; Bible Study group meeting each Thursday at 8:00 AM; extensive discussion on when to begin in-house church services; church services will begin Sunday, June 7, following a number of restrictions as discussed; no Sunday School adult class at present; funerals to be allowed following spacing restrictions; Camp Fontanelle's virtual camps.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Gloria Hunzeker, Secretary

Report from Annual Conference 2020, conference call

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and recommendations, the Annual Conference in Topeka previously scheduled for the end of May could not be held. Most conference business will be addressed October 1-4 in Grand Island at a second Annual Conference. To move forward on the most pressing matters, a conference-wide telephone call was held on May 30th. Voting was done by touch-tone phone, much like an automated teller.

- The nominating committee recommendations for various conference offices and committees were heard and approved. Details available at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/annualconference>
- Clergy retreat time was discussed and approved.
- Health insurance allowance will remain the same. Minimum salary for clergy will remain unchanged.
- The following churches closed: Beemer, Craig and Long Pine in Nebraska. Greele, Iola Calvary, McGraw, Carneiro, St Peter's, Brookside, Burns, Cassoday, Dawson, Metropolitan Avenue, and Walnut in Kansas.
- Camp Comeca at Cozad was sold to a private group to continue as an ecumenical Christian Church camp for \$20,000.
- The following churches were granted dissolution from the denomination: Abeline Emmanuel, Aulene, Bartlett, Benton, Esbon, Norcatur, (all in Kansas).

Other business, the retirement service, the ordination service, and the memorial service will be held in Grand Island, October 1-4, 2020.



Not only those in the pews are relocated to unfamiliar spaces. Trying to get the words on the screen with the pulpit in the camera shot has been a challenge. Things are quite constricted on the chancels for now. In Table Rock, Dorothy was “Standing on the Promises” and all the other hymns in nine hymnals to make her taller. Keep repeating, “This, too, shall pass.”



(above) Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA) provided stimulus money which, along with HTRS grants, continued to pay for lunches and to pay the HTRS kitchen staff to prepare them for the students in the entire HTRS district throughout the summer. But when school was officially out, para-educators and bus drivers were no longer paid to help pack the lunches or to deliver them to pick-up points. Since Summer Lunch Club was not needed this year, many of their faithful workers volunteered to help at the school. Big thanks to all those who helped pack or deliver meals.

A few of the many helpers are pictured above.

(Right) Andrew Stalder and his mom, Sus Stalder do more work on the steps at the Humboldt Church. This turned into quite a complicated job!



Humboldt Celebrations

1-July	Duaine & Sandy Stalder (A)
2-July	Dennis Thacker
3-July	John Vrtiska
4-July	Ava Shupp
5-July	Rochale Fankhauser
8-July	Stan & Joan Stalder (A)
12-July	Dale James
13-July	Marj Merwin
19-July	Kerry Dahlke
20-July	Susanne Stalder
21-July	Stacey Edmundson
21-July	Pearl Mayer
22-July	Jordan & Laura Thacker (A)
23-July	Jackie Hoy
26-July	John Cander
27-July	Emma Shupp
28-July	Lucas Snethen
30-July	Sarah Pineda

Humboldt Events

Each Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Bible Study downstairs
10:45 a.m. Reading to Seniors at Colonial Acres via FM

Each Saturday: 2:30 p.m. Reading to Seniors at Colonial Acres via FM

Saturday, July 4: Car Show downtown, BBQ and music at Ag Hall, Fireworks

Sunday, July 5: Drive through breakfast - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cancer Memorial Garden

Tuesday July 7: Trustees 7:00 p.m.
Administrative board 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 12: Let's Go Fish! Bring your own sack lunch and lawn chairs to Kirkman's cove at noon for a time of social-distancing fellowship and fun. Park fees will be waived!

Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.: Youth Group pizza in Cancer Garden to honor the only 2020 youth group graduate.

Thursday, July 16-July 23: Pastor on Vacation

Sunday, July 19: ETS at Titan-noon

Table Rock Celebrations

4-July	Cooper Hunzeker
6-July	Matthew Mezger
7-July	Leona Pepper
16-July	Rudy Vrtiska
19-July	Gordon Clement
21-July	Zeke Ferebee
26-July	Gary Warnick
28-July	Madison Fender

Table Rock Events

Thursday, July 9:
UMW at Shirley's Place 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 12: Let's Go Fish!
Bring your own sack lunch and lawn chairs to Kirkman's cove at noon for a time of social distancing fellowship and fun. Park fees will be waived!

Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.:
Youth Group pizza in Humboldt Cancer Garden to honor their only graduate.

Thursday, July 16-July 23: Pastor on Vacation

Tuesday, July 21: Ad Board 7:00 p.m.

Table Rock UMW

There was no UMW meeting in Table Rock in June.
The next meeting will be July 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley's Place in Pawnee City.

³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 NRSV

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¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. II Corinthians 3:17 NRSV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Duaine & Sandy Stalder (A)	2 Dennis Thacker Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (H)	3 John Vrtiska	4 Ava Shupp Cooper Hunzeker 
5 Rochale Fankhauser Drive-thru breakfast SE NE Cancer Garden 8-1	6 Matthew Mezger Mobil food bank HTRS 10-11 am	7 Leona Pepper Trustees 7 p.m. Ad Board 7:30 p.m. (H)	8 Stan & Joan Stalder (A)	9 Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (H) TR Evening UMW at Shirley's in PC 6:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Dale James Sack lunch and fishing with Dorothy 	13 Marj Merwyn	14	15	16 Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (H)	17 18 Pastor Dorothy on vacation	
19 Kerry Dahlke Gordon Clement ETS at Titan noon Pastor Dorothy on vacation	20 Susanne Stalder	21 Stacey Edmondson, Zeke Ferebee, Pearl Mayer Ad Board 7 p (TR)	22 Jordan & Laura Thacker (A) Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (H)	23 Jackie Hoy Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (H)	24	25
26 John Cander Gary Warnick	27 Emma Shupp	28 Lucas Snethen Madison Fender	29	30 Sarah Pineda Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (H)	31	

Missing church dinners? We are trying to stay healthy. But Dorothy is taking a sack lunch and a fishing pole to **Kirkman's Cove at noon on July 12th**. If you feel like joining her at a **safe distance** for some sun and fun, all are welcome. No trading sandwiches or sharing food with anyone outside your family, however! (Unless CDC loosens restrictions by then) She will be at the **Mormon Memorial Picnic area on the west side of the lake.**

Park fees will be graciously waived by the Nemaha Natural Resource District.

Rain date: August 2.

