



*United Methodist Church*

P.O. Box 633

Humboldt, NE 68376

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## April 2021



Humboldt UMC  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
Bible Study, Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.



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## Pastoral Ponderings

It is almost incomprehensible that it has been a full year since Howard Blecha, Becky Blecha and I stood in the back of Binder Bros. panel truck in the cold drizzle in the parking lot of the Humboldt school to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now we are days away from a much more traditional Easter celebration. I am excited to stand in the pulpit and sing traditional hymns of joy and praise! Slowly but surely, we are getting our vaccinations and coming back into the sunshine. We are a long way from our old normal, but we are getting there, and each step is a joyous accomplishment.

I think of one of my friends who had a stroke at a very young age. Just in her thirties, a young mother, she lay on death's doorstep in an Omaha hospital for weeks of surgeries and procedures to remove pressure from her brain. The family and friends held her in their prayers. God blessed her and blessed her doctors. But the recovery was long and hard. She was in Madonna rehab for months relearning how to sit up, eat, speak and eventually walk. Every inch gained was celebrated across the state via Facebook and phone calls and notes of encouragement. I am happy to report that she danced with her son at his wedding.

Miracles happen like that more often than they happen in the blink of an eye. But immediate or with long, faithful, hard work, the end result is still a miracle.

Covid-19 struck the globe with illness and with fear. Our recovery globally will be slow, like my friend's. The recovery relies on more than medical research. It also relies on faith. We must trust the research. More than that we must have faith in God who gives intelligence and curiosity to researchers. We must not let fear keep us away from life. As we slowly regain our faith and strength and courage, praise God for each forward step.

And remember the victory of Easter as Jesus stepped out of the isolation of a tomb into the light of God's redeeming love. Let that light shine on you, in you and through you!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluiah! Amen!

*Pastor Dorothy*



## Congratulations to our young people!



### HTRS Student Lauren Ogle Receives Poetry Awards



HTRS 9th grader Lauren Ogle, Dawson, had three poems selected to be published on "Teen Ink". She received a BRONZE award for each.

You will find the poems below and to the right. Congratulations Lauren we are proud of you!

#TitanPride  
You can read Lauren's poem on Page 8



Left to right:

\*Scout leader Roxie Snethen congratulates the troop's new Eagle Scouts, Joseph Snethen and Andrew Stalder. Good job boys!

\*HTRS Speech team did well at districts. Joe Stalder, Joseph Lamb, Will Taylor, and Shannon Jones have been active in our youth group over the years. Shannon along with our own Austin Herr advanced to State Speech.

\*Lauren Ogle made front page news with three bronze medals for her poems in "Teen Ink."

\*Austin Branch has been accepted into the RHOP (Rural Health Opportunities Program) program which offers full tuition to Wayne State and a guaranteed acceptance to UNMC in two years when she transfers to the College of Dentistry to become a dental hygienist.

## Table Rock Administrative Meeting

March 16, 2021

Chairman Glenda Blecha opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with eight members present: Glenda, Deb, Edy, Cheryl, George, Dave, Gary, Barb. Pastor Dorothy joined the meeting at 7:15.

Barb read the minutes of the last meeting, with a motion by George and seconded by Deb to approve as read. Motion passed.

The treasures report was given by Deb. She reports that the Money Market has gone up. She noted that large amount was donated by Terri and Bernie regarding their Schwab Charitable account. Gary suggested that this money be used for something we need for the church. This will be decided at a later date. She also reported that we received \$500 from a grant marked Covid-19 Emergency fund.

George had a question on the financial report that Deb handed out. He had a question about the listing of \$300 + for use of the kitchen / dining room. Deb explained that there is a charge to use the church for funerals for Wherry Brothers. They are charged \$150 and there were two times that the church was used for a funeral.

### **Old Business:**

**Consignment sale:** Discussion was what we are charging for the food. The full meal, of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink is \$7.00. Water will be provided with the meal. Sold separately the water will be \$1.00 and dessert will be \$1.00 George reports that they will be enough workers to help. To-go meals will be provided as well as eat-in meals. Gary will pick up some more water bottles and donate them.

It was noted that some more of the chairs are in need of repair. Dave purchased the needed items and fixed another six chairs. He has additional items to fix other chairs, if need in the future.

### **New Business:**

It was decided that plexiglass needed to be purchased and installed at the serving area. It was purchased at Binder Brothers and the Binder boys installed it. Gary and Jan donated the charge for the plexiglass.

Edy mentioned that the banners need to be put in a place where they can be hung straight. Options were discussed. Maybe the trustees can come up with a solution and it will be looked into after church some Sunday. We have decided that we do not have anything, at this time to take to the consignment sale. An old TV, that has no value ,was set out for the trashmen to pick up.

Pastor Dorothy reported on the sound system project. She has had contact with Lantham Music from St. Joseph. The bid of approximately \$5,000 would include speakers upstairs and downstairs, one microphone, one ear microphone. All of this is wireless. This quote does not include any TV's for the sanctuary or west room. They gave a quote of \$999 for a 75 inch TV. It was suggested that we could purchase a TV of that size for less money, probably. She is still waiting to hear from the company from NE City.

Pastor Dorothy said that Pam reported to her that she contacted a gentleman to tune both of the pianos. Dennis Empke will charge \$60 a piece to tune them. He will be at the church March 23rd to do this.

Gary reported that since we have had quite a bit of rain, there is some moisture coming in the north east corner of the basement walls. This issue has been tabled to see whether is gets any worse or resolves itself.

Pastor Dorothy told us that she will be having knee replacement on April 5th. Plans are being made for church services while she is recovering.

Our next meeting will be May 18th at 7pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Barb Harris, Secretary

**Table Rock United Methodist Women  
March 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Glenda Blecha at 6 p.m. with seven members present. Treasurer's report was given by Dena Hildebrand - \$973.03 (dues were not figured in)

**Reflection:** Thank You from Missouri River district for our donation was read.

**Bakeless Bake Sale** – It was suggested not to have a bake sale/craft sale at the Table Rock Fire & Rescue auction this year. Instead, we will do a freewill donation to UMW based on what ingredients and time would be worth. Motion by Cheryl Clement, seconded by Edy Tomek. Motion passed. Donate what you feel.

Pastor Dorothy reported that the Humboldt Summer Lunch Club will provide hot meals and milk five days a week to Humboldt, Dawson and Table Rock this summer. Families in Table Rock or Dawson need to sign up for this so they know how many meals to pack. Summer Lunch Club usually meets the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 but because of Easter week, they will meet April 8 this year. They will start serving in May and would like some help from Table Rock people, especially for delivery to Table Rock. Anyone interested should try to attend the April meeting in the Humboldt United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

**Faith Discussion:** Glenda read message from Mary Beth Tuttle on faithfulness. This can be found in the Grapevine on a separate page. Prayer and adjournment at 6:25 by Pastor Dorothy Smith.

The members then snacked on popcorn and watched the inspirational movie "Overcomer." There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

**Next Meeting:** May 13 at 6 p.m. at Roundup for supper

Amy Hunzecker , Secretary



Pastor Dorothy Smith as Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.



Pastor Howard Blecha explains the stones that separate us from God.



Deb Eis filling in for Pastor Tim Llewellyn.



Pastor Dorothy and Pastor John States in the "Cast-the- First-Stone" skit



Kathy Lenki greets the Ladies' Coffee group. Brunch for the ladies. Pancakes and all the fixings for the men's breakfast. Between the four weeks of ladies' coffees and the final men's breakfast, \$681 was collected for the Ministerial Association. Thank you to all who participated.

WHERE PEOPLE CAN FIND SOME GOOD NEWS.

*By Mary Beth Tuttle of Holmesville Church of the Brethren. Reprinted here by permission of the author.*

My 95-year-old mother calls me from the nursing home each day. “Tell me something good,” she says, “The news is terrible.”

She’s not the only one looking for good news. According to recent polls, many Americans believe the country is spiraling out of control. With a terrible pandemic raging, millions of Americans out of work, and unrest over racial injustice, Americans are anxious.

So, what shall we do? Throw up our hands and give up? Get on social media and argue about how we should solve our problems? Turn off the news, close our eyes, and sing show tunes? Well, as inviting as any of those ideas may be, I will suggest another. Ready? Here it is: Trust God. Put your hope in God.

One of my favorite biblical authors is Jeremiah. Jeremiah has often been called “The Weeping Prophet: because of the grief he felt over his people’s fate. He had hard news to share with his people—news that they really did not want to hear. So, instead of heeding Jeremiah’s warnings, they derided him. They had him beaten and placed in stocks. They called him names and imprisoned him. Finally, when his people were dragged off into captivity, Jeremiah was dragged off, too.

I encourage you to read Lamentations 3:1-41. In this passage, Jeremiah lists his complaints about how he feels mistreated by God. It begins, “I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God’s wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long.” For twenty verses, he tells of his misery, including “my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is.”

But then, Jeremiah turns to corner: “But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

These verses inspired this great old hymn of faith:

“Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

Brothers and sister, the good news is that the God who has been faithful in the past is still faithful today! Even in hard times, especially in hard times, remember: Great is God’s faithfulness!



Table Rock Fire and Rescue Auction brought a crowd of people to town. The United Methodist crew was willing and able to serve soup, sandwiches, and dessert to many happy customers.

Thank you to all who participated.

Humboldt Administrative Council

March 2, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Liz Hilgenfeld at 7:11 pm.

Members present: Larry Rexroth, Alan King, Diane James, Roxie Snethen, Deb Farwell, Gloria Hunzeker, Brenda Fredrick, Pastor Dorothy, Rock Herr

Minutes from February meeting were read.

The treasurers report for February given. A significant drop in giving versus bills was noted.

Trustee Chair Roxie Snethen discussed with the board the advantages of cashing a small CD and waiting for another small CD to come due so they could be rolled together for better interest. Board gave approval.

Sneeze guard for serving windows is still not installed, but has been promised before Lenten Coffees. Nothing new on organ repair, but the roll top was fixed. The church wishes to thank George Marburger, Ernie Blecha and Dale James.

The foundation grant that was applied for, was received on this day in the amount of \$500.00. Key pads for doors are up and operational. Any member needing to unlock the door may call a trustee or Pastor Dorothy for the code. It is important to keep the key box closed and the slide closed to protect from moisture.

Painting of fellowship hall is progressing just fine and looking good.

The 150-year anniversary of church was discussed. Diane is heading up pictures and updates for new directory. Jorene and Sandy are heading up history part of directory. Many others are helping along the way with decorations, contacting former pastors, planning the program, etc..

The Trustees reported that UMW has folded for our church. It was discussed to have some sort of honor for ladies who have been long time UMW members. The board then discussed about having a tax exemption plan for the Real Estate. Brenda will continue to take care of incorporation paperwork.

Diane made a motion to give \$50.00 to the post prom. Deb made a 2 Motion passed.

The kitchen sink and faucets are fixed and Diane requested we not know who donated the new hand-washing sink or who did the repairs since the kind-hearted soul wishes to remain anonymous, so we will forget this portion of the March minutes. But we thank you who ever you are. Wink, Wink.

Pastor Dorothy is having knee replacement the day after Easter. Here' s praying all goes well and a full recovery.

It was reported that Austin Herr made the State Speech contest. Of course the report came from his proud father, but Pastor Dorothy requested it be in the minutes and since his proud father writes the minutes, here it is.

Chairwoman Liz closed meeting at 8: 15 Next meeting April 6. (Daylight savings will be in place so the trustees will meet at 7 and the Ad Board at 7:30 p.m.)

Sincerely, Rock A. Herr, secretary

A special meeting of church council was called to order by Chairwoman Liz after church on March 21 St.

Members present: Chair Liz, Kathy, Diane, Sara, Rock, Judy, Trudy, Roxie, and Pastor Dorothy.

Business to discuss and act upon was a church computer and handicap signage.

Pastor Dorothy explained she will be taking her laptop computer which we are currently using with her as she recovers from knee surgery.

Roxie presented computer ideas and prices researched by Linda King and Pastor Dorothy. Motion by Diane and Roxie seconded to purchase a computer recommended by Linda and extended warranty and software. The computer is \$649.00, warranty is \$50.00 and software will be about \$99.00. Motion passed.

The other item on agenda is handicap parking. It was decided to assign 6 handicap parking spaces. All will have appropriate signage. On the North side of church, West three spaces and last East spot. In the East parking lot the closet to back door will be assigned two handicap spots. Motion by Roxie and seconded by Kathy to move forward with handicap parking. Motion passed.

### Humboldt Celebrations

April-2 Kellee Snethen  
April-4 Violet Heim  
April-6 Russ Snethen  
April-9 Rachel Workman  
April-11 Stacy Fankhauser  
April-11 David McNealy  
April-11 Nora Shupp  
April-12 Joseph Snethen  
April-14 Scarlet Jean Wamsley  
April-15 Zander Lambrecht  
April-16 Mary Ellen Gaither Marburger  
April-25 Les & Shari Drake (A)  
April-26 Ted Harshbarger  
April-29 Jay Kanel  
April-29 Brandon Rausch  
April-30 Alan Heim

### Table Rock Celebrations

April-4 Joey Blecha  
April-4 Kamron Fender  
April-9 Joy Robison  
April-9 Terri Vrtiska and Bernie Swenson (A)  
April-11 Kim Sharpe  
April-13 Kelsee Sharpe  
April-17 Sam Binder  
April-19 Deb Aylor  
April-20 Tammy Hildebrand Fritz  
April-20 Mike & Amy Hunzeker (A)  
April-20 George & Edy Tomek (A)  
April-21 Kris Vrtiska  
April-22 Brantlee Gilbert

### Humboldt Events

Bible Study Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.  
April 6: Trustees 7:00 p.m.  
Ad Board 7:30 p.m.  
April 8: 4:30 p.m., Summer Lunch Meeting  
April 18: ETS at Titan @ noon  
April 28: 7 p.m. Anniversary Committee

### Easter Week

April 1, 6:00 p.m.: (note time change)  
Maundy Thursday Service, Humboldt  
April 2, 7:30 p.m.: Good Friday Service Table  
Rock Cemetery. If it is bitter cold we will  
meet in the sanctuary.  
April 3: Easter Sunday  
6:40 a.m. Joint sunrise service at Kirkman's  
Cove west side followed by breakfast at  
Table Rock. To-go will be available, also.

### Table Rock Events

Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.  
No UMW or Ad Board this month

Traditional Easter Services at each church at the  
normally scheduled times:

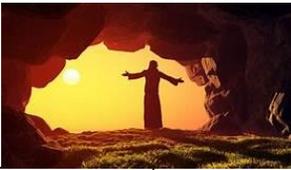
9:00 a.m. Table Rock  
10:45 a.m. Humboldt



April showers may bring May flowers, but March birthdays were celebrated with flowers, family, and music.  
Happy belated birthday Alice, Lila and Betty .



Humboldt's Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Bible Study includes members  
from several congregations. We  
are learning together. We are  
studying the Book of Mark. Jump  
in anytime.



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| Sunday  | Monday                       | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday             |
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|   |                              |  | Bible Study<br>8:30 a.m. (H)<br><br>Youth 7 p.m.   | <b>1</b><br><br><b>Maundy<br/>Thursday<br/>Service<br/>Humboldt<br/>6:00 p.m.</b>                  | <b>2</b><br>Kellee Snethen<br><br><b>Good Friday<br/>Service<br/>Table Rock<br/>Cemetery<br/>7:30 p.m</b> | <b>3</b>             |
| <b>4</b><br>Violet Heim<br>Joey Blecha<br>Kamron Fender<br><b>Easter Sunrise<br/>Service 6:40<br/>Kirkman's Cove</b><br><br><b>Breakfast TR</b> | <b>5</b>                     | <b>6</b><br>Bible Study 9:30<br>a.m. (TR)<br><br><b>Trustees 7:00 (H)<br/>Ad Board 7:30 (H)</b>                              | <b>7</b><br>Bible Study<br>8:30 a.m. (H)<br><br>Youth 7 p.m.                                 | <b>8</b><br>Ministerial<br>Alliance 9:30<br>a.m. (H)<br><br><b>Summer Lunch<br/>Club 4:30 p.m.</b> | <b>9</b><br>Rachel Workman<br>Joy Robison<br><br>Terri Vrtiska &<br>Bernie Swenson-A                      | <b>10</b>            |
| <b>11</b><br>Stacy Fankhauser<br>David McNealy<br>Nora Shupp<br>Kim Sharpe  | <b>12</b><br>Joseph Snethen  | <b>13</b><br>Kelsee Sharpe<br><br>Bible Study 9:30<br>a.m. (TR)  | <b>14</b><br>Scarlet Jean<br>Wamsley<br><br>8:30 a.m. Bible<br>Study (H)<br><br>Youth 7 p.m. | <b>15</b><br>Zander<br>Lambrecht   | <b>16</b><br>Mary Ellen Gaither<br>Marburger  | 17<br><br>Sam Binder |
| <b>18</b><br><b>ETS <u>Meet at Titan</u><br/>for Lunch (H)</b><br><br><b>Colonial Acres 4 p</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Deb Aylor       | <b>20</b><br>Tammy Fritz<br>Mike & Amy<br>Hunzeker (A)<br><br>George & Edy<br>Tomek (A)<br><br>Bible Study 9:30<br>a.m. (TR) | <b>21</b><br>Kris Vrtiska<br><br>Bible Study<br>8:30 a.m. (H)<br><br>Youth 7 p.m.            | <b>22</b><br>Brantlee Gilbert<br><br><b>Anniversary<br/>Com. 6:30 p.m.<br/>(Hum)</b>               | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>            |
| <b>25</b><br>Les & Shari Drake<br>(A)   | <b>26</b><br>Ted Harshbarger | <b>27</b><br>Bible Study 9:30<br>a.m. (TR)   | <b>28</b><br>Bible Study<br>8:30 a.m. (H)<br><br>Youth 7 p.m.                                | <b>29</b><br>Jay Kanel<br><br>Brandon Rausch   | <b>30</b><br>Alan Heim  |                      |