

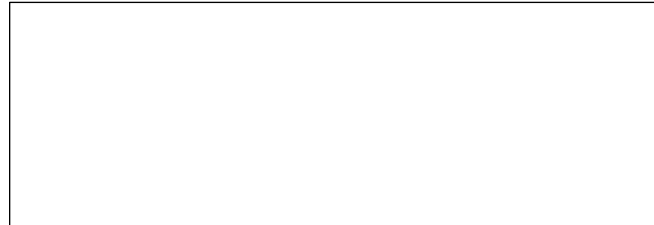


*United Methodist Church*

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# August 2024



## Humboldt and Table Rock United Methodist Churches

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Humboldt UMC  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
Live on Facebook  
("Like" and "Follow" Humboldt  
United Methodist Church)



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)

### Pastoral Ponderings

*“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” Colossians 3:14-16 NIV*

The church at Colossae was divided in loyalty and in vision. It was confused by local cultural practice and often driven by a purely humanistic philosophy. In the day-to-day of life and faith, often they were driven by a sentimental practice of love instead of a principled love; love which rises above all obstacles and circumstances, and which results in feelings of irrepressible joy. When I was starting my Doctoral program, I had a vision of my Thesis. It was titled “Where does culture end and sin begin?” That got shot down fast. ...ideas we have come to culturally accept, and where does all of that fit in the life of a Christian.

So, in Colossae, a letter was written to help the church, the body of Christ to center their lives upon Christ, who is the source of all unity and peace. Their unity is found in the love of Jesus for them. Their peace is found in Christ who calls them to be one body.

Back then most often people only knew the peace that came from war—the peace of Rome. The Peace of Christ comes from love. For God is love, and Jesus commands us to respond to one another in love. Love holds everything together. Love for God, love for each other, love for their church. Love is not optional or conditional. Love is the bond.

Only when believers put on the virtues of Christ, clothe themselves with love can they be united, only then will they be able to teach one another and admonish one another in all wisdom. Love is the garment that holds the body together. Love is not optional, love is the bond.

We—each one of us—know what God has done for us. The gifts of life, the gifts of plenty, and the gifts of struggle. We know that God is with us and understands all that we experience in this gift of life we are given. We know that we have been given a community that lives alongside us.

We each know the redemption we have received in Christ and the new life we are called to live in Jesus. We know that the Holy Spirit comes to strengthen, guide, and inspire us to live lives that are more and more filled with love for God and each other.

How can we not enter into worship with hearts full of songs of thanksgiving? How can we not be thankful to God for the gift of life, the gift of community—even in these turbulent times for our church, our nation and our world?

We live in a culture that is hungry for hope, for purpose, and meaningful relationships. God invites us to a life of discipleship that feeds, builds up, and shares the joy of a life lived for Jesus. We are the right people, at the right time, and in the right place to share the Good News of God’s love with our neighbors, family and friends.

In Christ’s service

Pastor Lori

Humboldt UMC Administrative Council

The United Methodist Church Board had their July 2, 2024 meeting in the church basement.

Members present: Jorene Herr, Rock Herr, Diane James, Pastor Lori Stevens, and Patty Kanel.

Pastor Lori opened with a prayer.

The June minutes were read and approved.

The treasurers report was given. June 3, 2024, \$17858.70- June 30 2024 , \$14234.72.

Rock made a motion and Patty 2nd to accept report as stated. Motion passed.

It was decided that the current Children for Change offering will go to the Santee Reservation for drinking water.

A sewer problem in the church arose during a summer lunch club meal.

Phillips Plumbing was called and was fixed after several hours of hard work. Much thanks to Doug and his crew.

Jorene reported that the sign computer has problems and will not work. It was decided that since a new sign and system is being replaced by insurance we will wait to try to fix it for now.

Pastor Lori reported the new reshuffle by the conference, We are now in the Southeast District. Years ago we were in the Southeast District. What goes around comes around.

Sincerely, Rock A. Herr Sec.

TR United Methodist Church Administrative Counsel Meeting

July 16, 2024

PRESENT: Glenda Blecha, Pastor Lori Stevens, Jeannie and Warren Sedivy, Richard Metzger

Pastor Lori Opened with Prayer

No minutes from last meeting

Reviewed Treasurer Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Still working in getting locks in the 2 other doors.

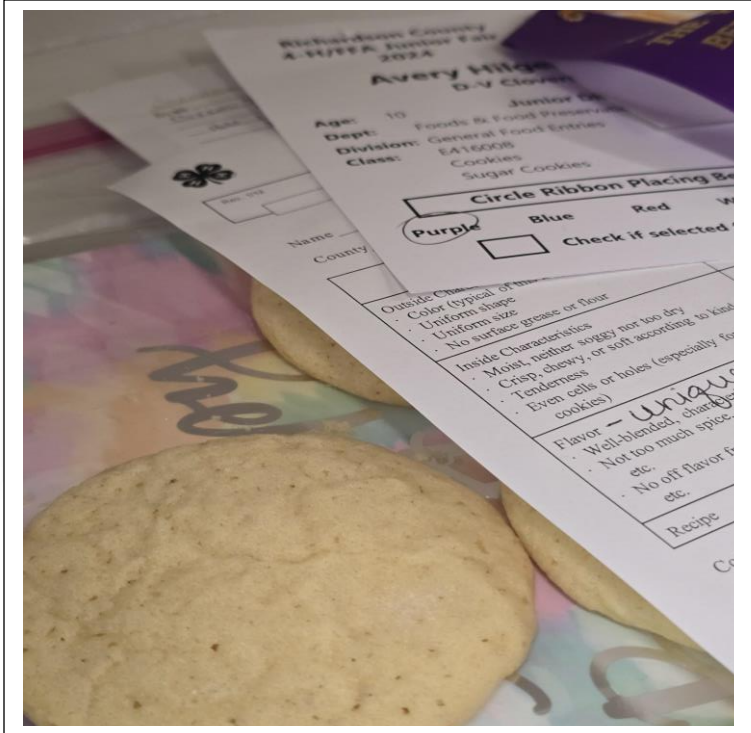
NEW BUSINESS

Siding that is blowing off---Richard reported insurance would pay some but the building has a \$6800 deductible,

Pastor Lori suggested applying for a Nebraska foundation grant for matching funds to re-side the entire church, The existing siding is 45 to 47 years old. (The siding is blowing off and pieces are being found in neighbors yards in Table Rock. There is a concern with all our little people walking to church, fear of safety)

Respectfully Submitted

Pastor Lori Stevens



RICHARDSON COUNTY 4-H FAIR  
July 22-26<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**HEAD  
HEART  
HANDS  
HEALTH**

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### Giving the gift of love

The Santee Sioux Nation Reservation in northeast Nebraska has been under a no-drink order since 2019. Leaders of the Santee Sioux Nation have been purchasing bottled water since the order went into effect. Manganese runs through the water pipes, leaving the water unsafe for cooking or to drink. Boiling water only contributes to the problem as that process makes manganese worse. The 270 households use 20 pallets of water every two weeks — when they are able to get their order fulfilled. For many of us, purchasing bottled water takes place weekly, and we do not think twice about having safe water to use for our daily needs.

The Children for Change at Humboldt is raising funds to help the reservation and their need for water. Your change is continuing to make a difference in other's lives.



**Southeast  
Nebraska  
Community  
Action**

# School Supply Assistance

## Sign-up

Students in Richardson County needing assistance getting school supplies can register with Sherry at the SENCA office. To register please call **402-245-5284**.

- You will be asked to provide your name, phone number, child/children's name, gender & grade child is going into. (All information is confidential).
- **Registration ends July 24, 2024**
- Supplies will be distributed prior to the start of the school year.

## Adopt a child for school supplies

This year we want to try something a little different. We will take student names and grades as usual. Then we will give community members a chance to be a part of the child's success by purchasing school supplies for that particular student for the grade they are in.

Each child will be assigned a number. The person adopting will be given the child's assigned number, gender, grade and supply list if needed and the date to return supplies to the SENCA office for distribution.

We encourage you to shop local.

Thank you for your participation in this program and for supporting your community.

## Karen Metzger memorial school supply needs

Highlighters      pencil boxes      sharpened pencils      markers (broad)

100 + packages of Wide & 100+ packages of college lined notebooks

Dry erase markers      colored pencils      glue sticks      back packs (Neutral)

Pens Black & blue      folders

**No crayons** are needed this year...Have plenty still...

Box in entry way at Table Rock

Box at bottom of stairs at Humboldt (Before fellowship hall)



## Sabetha Methodist Church

806 Main

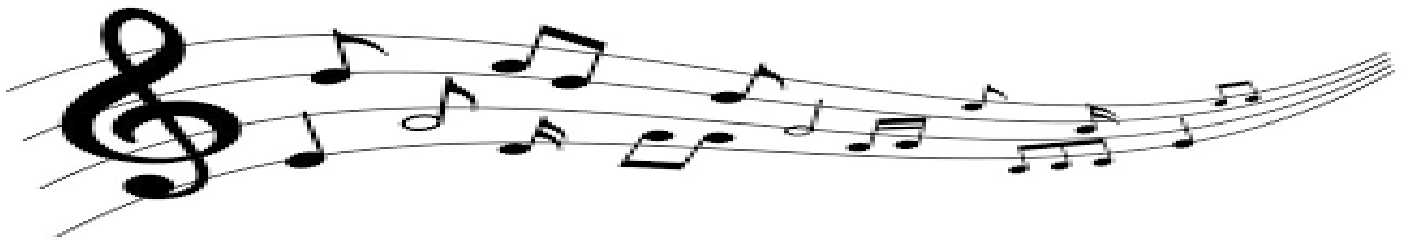
August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm

Organ Concert in Sanctuary

Dr. Geoffrey Wilcken (from KC)

He is a church musician, Jazz Pianist, conductor,  
organist

Open to all communities.



### Summer Lunch Club

Last day of SLC is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

That evening at 5 pm we will meet at the Round-Up at Table Rock to celebrate another successful year.

We will have the closing meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the basement of Humboldt UMC.

Half way through the summer we were already over 1900 meals served.

Serving meals in Dawson and continuing to deliver to Table Rock has been a great ministry.

Thank you to the leaders, the workers, the drivers, and everyone that has participated.

Also a huge thank you to Nider's for the discounts and the ordering in bigger quantities and all the help you have provided us this year.

### DO NOT FORGET OUR COLLEGE KIDDOS

Pray for them                      send a note

Send a love gift (a homemade cookie goes a long way for a college kid missing home)

The one's I know: Matilyn, Andy, Lauren, (Please let me know of others....)

### I need to know...

One of the most frustrating things of being a minister is I am the last to know, if I ever know.

If you know of someone sick, hurt, hospitalized, in a nursing home/shut-in that needs or is asking for pastoral care....PLEASE NOTIFY ME.

At the Last SPRC meeting we had a long discussion about pastoral visits. I admit I can do better. BUT---I cannot visit if I do not know.

SO PLEASE call me, text me, e-mail me or yell it to me.

We are in ministry together....PASTOR LORI

### Humboldt Celebrations

August-1 Allen & Trudy Fankhauser (A)  
August-2 Matilyn Stalder  
August-3 Dennis & Robin Thacker (A)  
August-3 Ron Allman  
August-4 Mike Blecha  
August-6 Brenda Frederick  
August 9 Marge & Chuck Stevens(A)  
August-10 Jeane Farwell  
August-12 Leigh Edwards  
August-12 Jeff & Jana Fink (A)  
August-12 Jorene Herr  
August-12 Gloria Hunzeker  
August-16 Brad & Cheryl Rausch (A)  
August-17 Bob & Pam Mendenhall (A)  
August-18 Ali & Craig Schmit (A)  
August-19 Trevor Lambrecht  
August-19 Preston Mezger  
August-21 Scott Hammon  
August-21 Anita Kimpston  
August-24 Joleen Hilgenfeld  
August-25 Allen Fankhauser  
August-25 Alicia Schmit  
August-25 Taya Schmit  
August-25 Roxie Snethen  
August-29 Gene Wilhelm  
August-29 Kellie Workman  
August-31 Linda King

*"Hope is the thing with feathers*

*That perches in the soul*

*And sings the tune without the words*

*And never stops at all."*

— **Emily Dickinson**

### Humboldt Events

#### **Thursday, August 1:**

Ministerial Assoc. at Christian Church 9 a.m.

**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>**—Fellowship time after worship (HUM)

Club wrap-up meeting.

#### **Wednesday, August 14:**

Blood Drive 10-4 Ag Building

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**Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>** : HTRS School begins classes

**Sunday, August 18:** ETS at Titan-noon

Colonial Chapel 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 29:** 4:30 p.m., Summer Lunch final meeting

### Table Rock Events

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August-1 Sarah Binder Taylor

August-2 Liz Panko

August-6 Grayson Sherman

August-6 Grey Sherman

August-9 Erin Dyas

August 9 Marge & Chuck Stevens

August-13 Kim & Kris Vrtiska (A)

August-14 Tom & Dena Hildebrand (A)

August-15 Sean and Tammy Fritz (A)

August-25 Colin Fender



# August 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Allen & Trudy Fankhauser (A)  Sarah Binder Taylor  Ministerial Meeting 9:30 a.m.	<b>2</b> Matilyn Stalder  Liz Panko	<b>3</b> Dennis & Robin Thacker (A)  Ron Allman
<b>4</b> Mike Blecha  <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Brenda Frederick  Grayson & Grey Sherman (B)  <b>Bible Study 9:15 (TR)</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Bible Study 8:30 a.m. (H)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Jerry Vrtiska Erin Dyas  Marge and Chuck Stevens (A)	<b>10</b> Jeane Farwell
<b>11</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship (HUM) following worship	<b>12</b> Leigh Edwards Jeff & Jana Fink (A) Jorene Herr Gloria Hunzeker	<b>13</b> Kim & Kris Vrtiska (A)  <b>Bible Study 9:315 (TR)</b>	<b>14</b> Tom & Dena Hildebrand (A)  <b>Bible Study 8:30 a.m. (H)</b>  <b>Blood drive Ag building 10-4</b>	<b>15</b> Sean and Tammy Fritz (A) <b>FINAL SLC</b>  <b>SLC celebration 5 pm @ Round up in TR</b>	<b>16</b> Brad & Cheryl Rausch (A)	<b>17</b> Bob & Pam Mendenhall (A)
<b>18</b> Ali & Craig Schmit (A)  <b>ETS at Titan noon Colonial Acres 4 p.m.</b>	<b>19</b> Trevor Lambrecht Preston Mezger	<b>20</b>  <b>Bible Study 9:30 (TR)</b>	<b>21</b> Scott Hammon Anita Kimpston  <b>Bible Study 8:30 a.m. (H)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Joleen Hilgenfeld
<b>25</b> Allen Fankhauser Alicia Schmit Taya Schmit Roxie Snethen Colin Fender  <b>HUM-fellowship hall reserved in afternoon</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Bible Study 9:30 (TR)</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Bible Study 8:30 a.m. (H)</b>	<b>29</b> Gene Wilhelm Kellie Workman  <b>FINAL SLC meeting 4:30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Linda King



