

# HOPE United Methodist Church of Pocahontas County

# HOPE HAPPENINGS

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Hope will be gathering for worship together in August. Sunday, August 2, at 10:30 AM we will be gathering at the shelter at Meredith Park (Plover Pit) for a communion service. Please bring your lawn chair, wear your mask, and practice social distancing of six feet between households. On Sunday, August 9, we will have a 9 AM service at Havelock and a 10:30 AM service at Pocahontas.

Wesley's 3 Simple Rules, as well as information from Public Health, CDC, and the Iowa Conference, will govern our worship together. Wesley's Rules contain 3 simple sentences:

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

Our goal is to enable as many people to worship as we safely can without doing harm to anyone. We realize that there are those who have health and safety concerns choosing not to worship with us. We are endeavoring to include them by filming our Sunday scripture and message and posting it online at the Hope website and Facebook pages. We have ordered a camera for the Pocahontas sanctuary to enable this. Please be patient if we do not get it right the first time or two as we are learning.

We ask that all wear facemasks covering their mouth and nose for worship with the exception of children not old enough to attend school or those with a medical release. Worship leaders able to be more than twelve feet from others are excluded from wearing masks while fulfilling their responsibilities. Hand sanitizer will be used when entering and exiting the building. At Pocahontas only the East Handicap entrance and the North Office entrance will be used. At Havelock only the Rear Kitchen entrance will be used. Please be seated in pews with every other row left empty and socially distant by households. At Pocahontas we suggest couples and singles sit at either end of a pew, leave an empty row, and families sit in the center area of a pew, once again leaving an empty row, followed by a row of couples/singles seated at either end.

We are hoping to be able to accommodate as many people as possible while maintaining six feet between households. Masks will be worn during worship to allow for more participation by everyone. We ask that you come no more than fifteen minutes before the service unless you are assisting with the service. Come in wearing your mask, sanitize your hands, and be seated in a pew. Buckets will be available for your offering near each sanctuary entrance. After worship, you will be dismissed by ushers to avoid bottlenecks at the exits. You may gather outside for conversation but please use social distancing and wear your masks until you are in your vehicle or off the property. Again, our goal is to keep everyone as safe as possible out of our love for others rather than focusing on our own selfish desires. If you have medical reasons for not wearing a mask, please feel free to call Pastor Kris to discuss how best for you to worship. Fellowship/coffee time will not be held at either service until further notice. We ask for everyone's patience and cooperation as we adapt to our current circumstances.

## Worship Guidelines

Wear droplet filtering mask over nose and mouth.

Use hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing.

We will be using every other pew.

Pocahontas Center will enter from the Handicap (East) and the North (office) door only.

Havelock Center will enter from the East (kitchen) door only.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for August †

**Fun & Fellowship none until further notice**

**9:00 am Service - Havelock Center (note time change)**

**10:30 am Service - Pocahontas Center**

**Communion: Elements supplied by Pastor**

### Liturgists:

**August 2,** Meredith Park (Plover Pit)

**August 9,** Linda Ferguson

**August 16,** Sarah Freeburg

**August 23,** Don McLain

**August 30,** Brian Blomker



**August Acolytes:** Luke Friesner and Caden Freeburg

**August Ushers:** \* Tim Cook

**August Greeters: North:** Leon & Gwen Johnson **East Handicap Door:** Elaine Cook

### Fellowship:

**No Coffee Fellowship until further notice**

# Library books featured in August

## New to our library

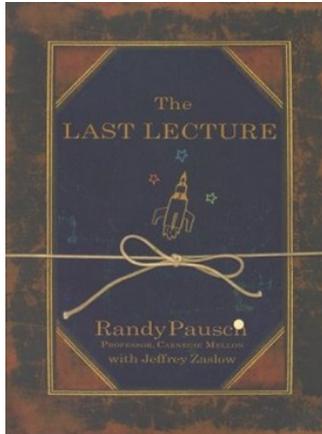
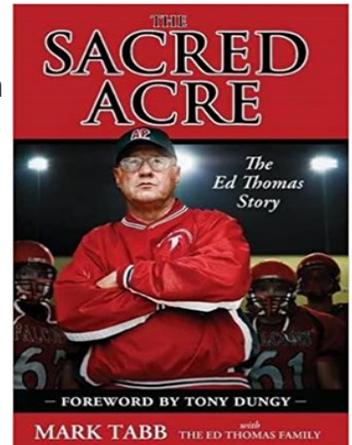
### The Sacred Acre: The Ed Thomas Story

By Mark Tabb and the Thomas Family

On a Sunday in May 2008, an F-5 tornado struck the town of Parkersburg, Iowa, killing eight people and destroying 250 homes and businesses within 34 seconds. The next day, Parkersburg's beloved football coach, Ed Thomas, made a stunning prediction: "God willing, we will play our first home game here on this field this season." One hundred days later, the home team scored a victory on the field they dubbed "The Sacred Acre," serving as a galvanizing point for the town to band together and rebuild. But just as Parkersburg was recovering, another devastating tragedy struck. While

working with a group of football and volleyball players early one morning, one of Ed's former students walked in and gunned him down point blank. Ed Thomas was 58. The murder of this hometown hero spread across national news headlines. Ed's community and family reeled from shock.

Yet the story doesn't end here. What happened next proves that even a double tragedy is no match for faith, love ... and the power of forgiveness.



### The Last Lecture

By Randy Pausch

A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy? When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie

Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about *living*.

In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form. It is a book that will be shared for generations to come.

**These selections, along with selections from March through July, will be available in the Book Nook during August.**

# ANNUAL MISSION INGATHERING 2020

Once again it is time to begin putting together our kits for the Ingathering. As in past years we will be concentrating on the School Kits and health kits, which are now called Personal Dignity Kits (PDK).

## STUDENT KITS

- 3 Notebooks – 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 pair of student round tip scissors – remove from package
- 1 12" long ruler with metric
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pencil eraser 2" or larger – remove from package
- 1 pencil sharpener 1", remove from package
- 1 box of 12 **colored** pencils
- 6 pencils – do not sharpen



**If you have a one-handed school bag, you may place everything in the bag. Otherwise you may put everything into a resealable bag.**

## PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS (PDK)

- 1 Bath Hand Towel – no kitchen towels
  - 1 Bath Washcloth – no kitchen dishcloths
  - 1 Comb – sturdy – no rattail or picks
  - 1 Razor – with guard
  - 1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards
  - 1 Adult Tooth Brush – no multipacks
- (Please note SPECIFIC SIZES for the following items:)

- \*10 Band Aids – 3/4 x 3"
- \*1 Adult Tooth Brush – no multipacks
- \*1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz or larger
- \*1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz
- \*1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz
- \*1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz stick, roll on or pump. No aerosol

**Please place in a one gallon resealable bag.**



There will be tubs up on the stage in the Fellowship Hall in which to put your kits. I will also put some of these little sheets there for you to pick up. In the next week or so there will be some school bags there for you to use. **Each kit also needs \$2.00 for postage.** Rather than putting your money in with the bags I would appreciate it if you could just give the money to Margaret when you drop off your kits and tell her that it is for postage on the kits.

**Thank you faithful servants for so generously giving of your time and resources!**



# UMW August Notes

*“God saved you by his grace when you believed.  
And you can’t take credit for this; it is a  
gift from God.” Ephesians 2:28 NLT*



**August 13—Executive Team meet at 2:00pm**

## UMW Annual Nut Sale



Plans are underway for the UMW annual nut sale for October 10, 2020. The sale will look a little different this year – **no morning coffee, no noon lunch** – and the nuts will all be sold by **pre-order only**. This means that you can pre-order one bag or more of any kind of nuts that we are selling. **There is no minimum order.** The pre-sales will happen during **July and August with August 31 as the deadline to order nuts.**

On the date of the sale, orders will be sacked and ready to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.

Below is a listing of the nuts available this year and price per bag or case. Please email your order to Linda Ferguson at [dlferguson@q.com](mailto:dlferguson@q.com) . Payment will be due when the nuts are picked-up.

Kind of nut	Price/case	Price/bag
Pecan halves	\$132.00	\$11.00
Pecan pieces	\$132.00	\$11.00
Light walnuts	\$132.00	\$11.00
Black walnuts	\$132.00	\$11.00
Cashews	\$132.00	\$11.00
Almonds	\$132.00	\$11.00
Mix nuts	\$132.00	\$11.00
Heart healthy nut mix	\$132.00	\$11.00
Trail Mix	\$120.00	\$10.00
Almond cranberry granola	\$108.00	\$9.00
Chocolate covered cashews	\$144.00	\$12.00
Chocolate covered pecans	\$144.00	\$12.00
Chocolate covered cranberries	\$120.00	\$10.00

# Hope Happenings for August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 am Meredith Park (Plover Pit) Masks and social distancing observed	3	4	5 Outreach Team— 4:00pm	6	7	8
9 9:00 Havelock 10:30 Pocahontas Masks and social distancing observed	10	11	12	13 UMW Executive Committee Meet 2:00pm  Leadership Team— 7:00pm	14	15
16 9:00 Havelock 10:30 Pocahontas Masks and social distancing observed	17	18 Newsletter articles due	19 Education Team— 5:15pm	20	21	22
23 9:00 Havelock 10:30 Pocahontas Masks and social distancing observed	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 Havelock 10:30 Pocahontas Masks and social distancing observed	31					