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Hope Happenings

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Have we lost the "Wonder"?

A few days ago, I listened to a sermon by an old time preacher named Vance Havner. He was recounting something he heard about another great soul winner of the past, named Gypsy Smith. When he was 87, someone asked Smith how he managed to maintain such freshness in his ministry at such an old age. He replied: "I never lost the Wonder".

What is the "Wonder?" To me it's how amazing the love of God was to us, how beautiful, pure and deep it was. It was something that far surpassed anything we could have imagined.

And it was the simplicity of our new found walk with Him. We knew little theology or doctrine as yet, but we knew Christ loved us, and we knew we loved Him, and we excitedly and freely shared our Savior with others.

There was a child like joy, almost a giddiness. When we shared Christ with others we didn't try to argue, we just showed them love!

Prayer was natural (we hadn't yet learned all those spiritual sounding phrases!) Simple and direct. And we were convinced that God would answer!

All was new, and WE were new!

Sadly, what later once burned in our hearts like a fire, became a mere dull memory. Like an old, long accustomed portrait on a wall, viewed only occasionally and then, briefly.

I fear our "first love" of those days has been all but extinguished! Instead of loving our precious Lord, He has become little more than a subject to be studied, and His loving sacrifice has become a point of theological contention with others.

Oh Jesus, return us to our first love, and cause us to be lost in the "Wonder" again!

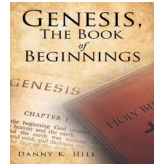
Submitted by Steve Harris

Tuesday Pocahontas Group Study and Havelock Bible Study



**Pocahontas Group Study @ 6:00pm, will be studying "Honor Begins at Home".
Everyone Welcome!**

Havelock Bible Study @ 6:30pm and will be in Genesis., Everyone Welcome!



4:12 Youth Meet



Wednesday, January 25 @ 6:00pm in Pocahontas Friendship Room

Contact Sara Thorkildsen @ 712-297-0814 with questions



Sisters in Christ Women Meet

January 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Friendship Room at Hope UMC in Pocahontas

**Any questions? Contact: Gwen Johnson @ 712-358-2516 or
Rachel Millman @ 563-542-4032. **God has great things in store for us!****

Iowa Walk to Emmaus

The Iowa Walk to Emmaus is dedicated to the development of Christian leaders. If you are looking for a mountaintop experience that will also equip you to take your Christian walk to the next level, this weekend retreat might be for you! Please see Sean or Korey Averill for more information about upcoming walks.



Dear Church Family,

We are appealing to our church family for a fund drive to complete the parsonage window project. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give towards this project.

Total cost of project: almost \$22,000

RAGBRAI profits donated to project: ??????

30 windows are being replaced. Each window costs approximately \$600 each

Write "Window project" on the check memo.

*Your gift may be sent to Hope and is tax deductible for the year in which it is given.
Thank you for your contribution to the future of Hope!*

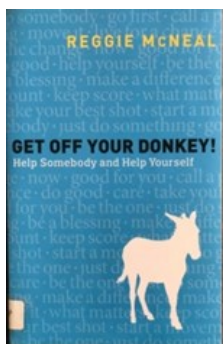
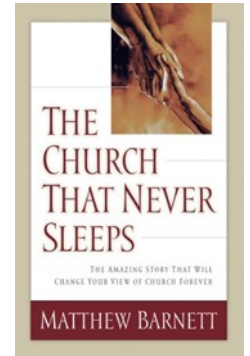
Your Leadership Team,

For January from the HUMC library

Two books about serving others.

The Church That Never Sleeps: The Amazing Story That Will Change Your View of Church Forever by Matthew Barnett

It began when a small group of believers stepped out in faith-against all odds-and claimed the Queen of Angels Hospital in downtown Los Angeles for the cause of Christ. Now 200 different ministries in the Los Angeles International Church reach out to thousands of residents. Innovative programs minister to AIDS victims, the homeless, battered women, drug and alcohol addicts, and abused children-offering hope and a chance for a better life. The Church That Never Sleeps shows how God can use this incredible ministry as a model to make dreams come true in neighborhoods across the nation.



Get Off Your Donkey by Reggie McNeal

Jesus had little patience with institutional religion that cared for its own needs while neglecting the plight of ordinary people. **In one of his most famous parables, Jesus sets up as a model of Christian behavior a man who, unlike some religious folks, actually gets down off his donkey and helps a person in dire need.**

With energy and enthusiasm, Reggie McNeal calls believers to dismount and live a life that makes a difference. He shows readers how to recalibrate their spiritual efforts to move from church-centric service to greater community engagement in order to do their essential part in creating a world worth living in. McNeal also shows readers that helping others actually helps the one doing the service just as much as the one being served. In fact, serving is the very best way to learn about yourself and grow spiritually.

Anyone who longs to have the impact on the world that Jesus did will love this provocative and inspirational message.

These books will be available for checkout at the Book Nook in the Fellowship Hall during January.

Birthdays

February

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| Garrett Haney | 2/1 |
| Michael Wulf | 2/1 |
| Candace Larson | 2/2 |
| Bruce Wheatley | 2/2 |
| Heather Cundiff | 2/3 |
| Ryan Hauswirth | 2/3 |
| Don Ferguson | 2/5 |
| Ruger Bunda | 2/5 |
| Carol Hallman | 2/12 |
| Ginger Ernst | 2/23 |
| Lane Samuelson | 2/25 |
| Duane Wiemers | 2/28 |



Anniversaries

February



If your name and dates are missing go to this website and get signed up.

<https://forms.gle/ksxcTGt6YopPWQj79>

Then please call the church @ 712-335-3663

Worship Assistants for January †

9:00am Havelock Center (Communion first Sunday each Month)

9:15am Pocahontas Adult Sunday School

9:30am Pocahontas God Squad Sunday School

10:30 am Pocahontas Center (Communion first Sunday each Month)

January Communion—Tim & Elaine Cook

January Liturgists:

January 1– Angie Point

January 8–Megan Hauswirth

January 15–Tony Halligan

January 22–Korey Averill

January 29–Pat Sturtz



January Acolytes: Maggie Riskedahl and Dani Cook

*January Ushers: *Don Schendel and John Nedved*

January Greeters:

North Door: Ann Harrison

South Door: Linda Ferguson

East Handicap Door: Bev Hopkins

January Fellowship:

January 1– John & Martie Nedved

January 8–Bill & Monica Plantz and Bob & Joan Reinhart

January 15–Bruce & Carolyn Wheatley and Betty Braunschweig

January 22–Bob & Ann Harrison

January 29–Ginger Ernst

Want to volunteer, contact Pastor K for details!

Hope Happenings-January 2023

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| <p>1 9:00 am Havelock/ Communion 10:30am Pocahontas/ Communion</p> | 2 | 3 | <p>4 3:20pm- Kings Kids </p> | 5 | <p>6 5th Period After the basketball game </p> | 7 |
| <p>8 No Havelock Service 9:00am Pocahontas 11:30am-Conference Meeting 3:00pm-Men's Christian Warrior</p> | 9 | 10 | <p>11 6:00pm- 4:12 Youth </p> | <p>12 Newsletter articles due</p> | 13 | <p>14 Movie "Courageous" 2:00pm- Rialto Theater</p> |
| <p>15 9:00 am Havelock 9:15am- Adult SS 9:30am-God Squad 10:30am Pocahontas </p> | 16 | <p>17 6:00pm- Group Study @ Pocahontas </p> | <p>18 3:20pm- Kings Kids  6:00pm- Missions 7:00pm- Leadership</p> | 19 | <p>20 5th Period After the basketball game </p> | 21 |
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