The Chimes of The Hebron United Methodist Church

November

Pastor Wayne's World

The Mission of Hebron UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

THE CHIMES

I had the honor of officiating at a service to lay to rest 3 unidentified homicide victims whose bodies were found in the 1980's in Newton County. Two were young teenage boys who were victims of a serial killer and one was a female who was killed and buried near Willow Slough. Their identities were never discovered and no one, not one single person, came forward to claim these three young people. The Newton County Coroner decided that it was time to put their remains to rest in a dignified and respectful manner.

That is exactly what we did. "We" being the citizens of Newton County. You see the coroner had "adopted" these three as his kids. He named them Adam, Brad and Charlene. He worked tirelessly to identify them as had other coroners before him. It was time to do the right thing.

On that day, all of us, the citizens of Newton County "adopted" Adam, Brad, and Charlene As one of our own kids. We mourned, we grieved, we prayed over three kids whom none of us ever knew. On that day, we showed love, grace, and mercy to Adam, Brad and Charlene.

It was the toughest funeral service I have ever done. I knew nothing about these three kids. I had no family members to minister and provide comfort to. I had nothing. I struggled up until the night before the service with what would I say, what could I say?

As I sat in the early morning light on the couch in the parsonage living room, looking out the window towards the cemetery, Jesus came to visit. He said it's about remembrance. A time to use something that was bad and turn it into something good. He told me that he saw them grow up, he saw them blow out the candles on their birthday cake when they were eight. He saw them express joy when their parents posted a piece of their artwork on the refrigerator door. They were somebody's son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, cousin, neighbor, and best friend. Jesus had one last statement for me. He said, "You didn't know them, but I did. I even know their names."

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This is the assurance that we have that Jesus does indeed know each one of us. This is the hope that we can hold onto that Christ loves us so much that he willingly died on the cross for us. He knows our names, He knows us and even for all the times we disobey and displease Him, He still loves us just the same.

It was the toughest service I have ever had to do so far in my ministry career. I hold on to this verse in Isaiah "But now says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.' (Isaiah 43:1 ESV)"

Hug a loved one today, reconcile your differences with those whom you feel have wronged you, love others as you would love yourself and love God with all your soul, heart and mind!

Blessings!
Pastor Wayne

We are very thankful for all the love and support shown to our family in so many different ways during Pastor Appreciation Month. The cards, gift cards, money, food and other gifts are very much appreciated! Most of all, we are thankful for your prayers for us in our ministry. We are blessed and honored to serve you all! We look forward to sharing Christ's love, grace and mercy with you! Many blessings to you all!

Pastor Wayne and Karen

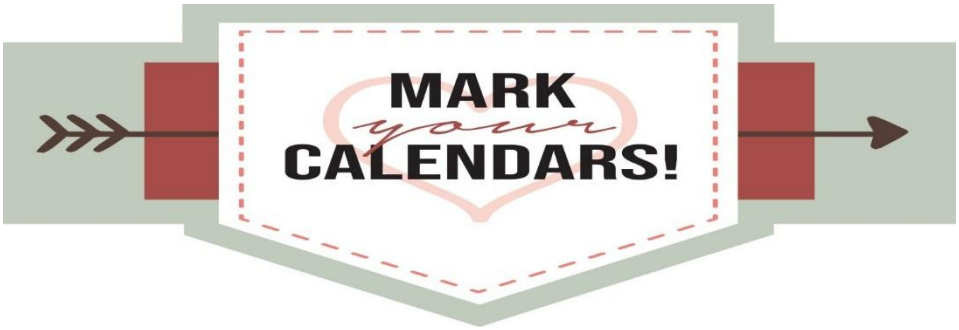
Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1

Holly Lane Bazaar

Sponsored by the Hebron Women

November 14, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Hand-loomed rugs and placemats, handmade baby/youth quilts, cookies, candy apple dumplings, pies, Christmas ornaments, crafts, chicken noodle soup by the quart, scouring pads, baked goods, jellies, zucchini relish, and so much more!



Hanging of the Greens

November 22

Please join us after the service to decorate the Sanctuary

Children's Program

December 6
9:45 am

Chancel Choir Cantata

December 13
9:45 am

Food Pantry Schedule

Tuesday, Nov 3	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Nov 5	9:00-10:00 am/6:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov 10	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Nov 12	9:00-10:00 am
Tuesday, Nov 17	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Nov 19	9:00-10:00 am/6:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov 24	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Nov 26	Closed

We are always in need of volunteers.
Call Joyce Steinhilber at 219-628-2890

Food Pantry Wish List

Canned Soup
Breakfast Cereal
Peanut Butter
Pasta & Sauce
Tuna
Noodles
Canned Ravioli
Canned Spaghetti
Flour
Sugar
Pancake Syrup

Upcoming Sermons

November 1
"Alternate Reality" (Acts 2:42-47)

November 8
"Entrusted: Who is Responsible for My Oil?" (Matthew 25:1-13)

November 15
"Entrusted: Multiplying Our Impact" (Matthew 25:14-30)

November 22
"Entrusted: Entrusted with Each Other" (Matthew 25:31-46)

November 29
"Where We Belong: The End of the World as We Know It" (Mark 13:24-37)

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BIRTHDAYS

3 Dick Bell
5 Sheila Brawner
5 Diana Margis
5 Gary Marshall
6 Michael Walker
7 Crystal Carlson
16 Stephanie Lerand
19 Janet Jones
19 Mike Scobbie
20 Gene Robey
21 Thora Carlson

ANNIVERSARIES

Greeters

1
8 Denny & Joyce Steinhilber
15
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Liturgists

1 Barb Steffel
8 Susan Spurr
15 Deb Bennett
22 Denny Steinhilber
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Ushers

1
8
15 Jim & Susan Spurr
22
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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Day** Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service Laity Sunday 9:45 am	2	3 **Breakfast with Pastor Wayne 7:30 am** Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am **Missions Committee Meeting 12:30 pm**	4	5 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am 6:30-7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am	9 Handbells 3:00 pm	10 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am	11	12 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm	13	14 **Holly Lane Bazaar 9:00-2:00**
15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am (Noisy Offering)	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am **UWF Meeting 10:00 am**	18	19 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am 6:30-7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am **Hanging of the Greens** (after worship)	23 Handbells 3:00 pm	24 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am	25	26 **Thanksgiving Office Closed** 	27 **Office Closed**	28
29 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am	30					