

HOPE United Methodist Church of Pocahontas County
November 1, 2020

HOPE HAPPENINGS

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**We are having church services this Sunday,
November 8th at both Havelock and
Pocahontas Centers.**

Please watch the website for future information.



From the library...

November 12 is “National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day”!

We’ve all heard of, maybe even read one of the “Chicken Soup” books. Each of these selections contain about 100 inspirational, heartwarming short stories. Easy to pick up and read one or two stories even if you only have a few minutes!

[Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul](#)

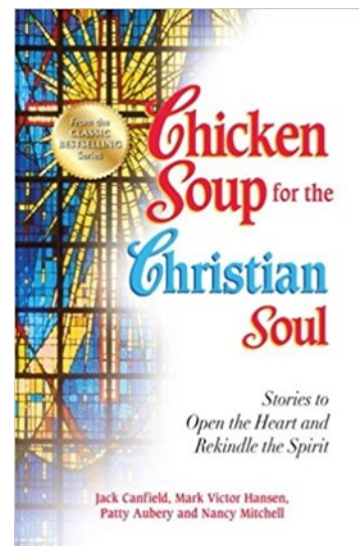
[Chicken Soup for the Father’s Soul](#)

[Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Treasury](#)

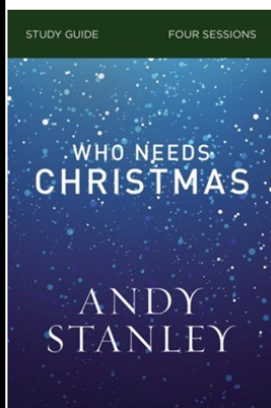
[Chicken Soup for the Soul: Empty Nesters](#)

[A Second Chicken Soup for the Woman’s Soul](#)

[Chicken Soup for the Teacher’s Soul](#)



These books will be displayed and available for check-out in the “Book Nook” located in the Fellowship Hall during the month of November.



Time to sign up for an ADVENT STUDY Small Group

The stories of Christmas is so familiar that we rarely dig into the details. But what if we did?

In *Who Needs Christmas*, Andy Stanley explains how the remarkable details of the Christmas story are what make it so believable. And he tells us why, after so many years, it took something unexpected to get people’s

attention. Sessions include: The Story Behind the Story; The Author of Life; The Message of Christmas; and, Ready or Not . . . He Is Coming!

Who Needs Christmas is a four week study and will begin on **Sunday, Nov. 22 or 29th** (to be determined by group) at the Poky Center and there are several options to choose from:

- Attend the 9:15 a.m. Advent Study group in the Chapel in Poky
- Attend the 11:45 a.m. Advent Study group in the Friendship Room in Poky
- Order a book and do the Advent Study on your own
- Just attend a study group and participate with no book

Study books cost **\$12.00** and will be **ordered after worship on Nov. 8th**. Please pick up a form at church or call the **church office before Nov. 8th** to order a study guide for this Advent Study. We would love to have you join us!

Please turn in your form and check to Elaine or Moira.

Advent



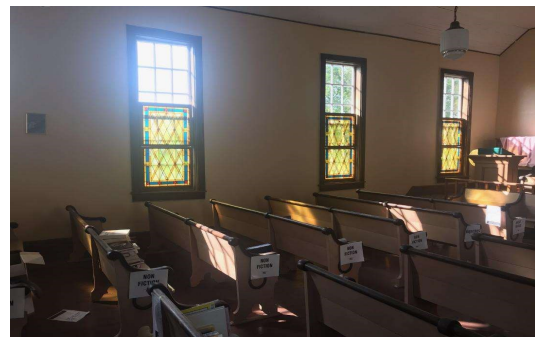
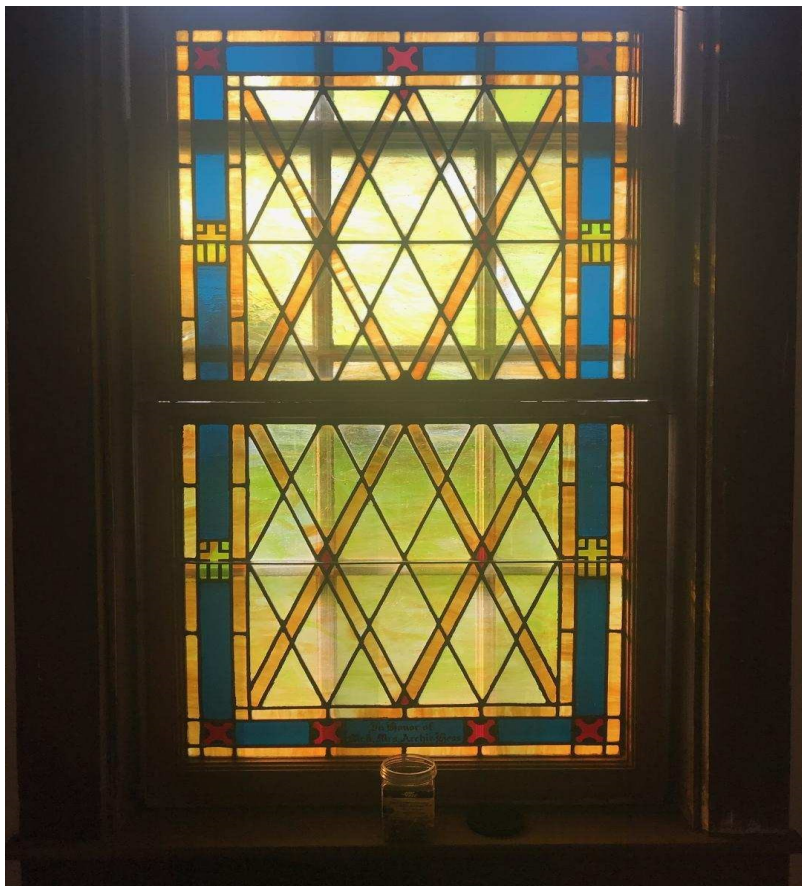
2020 Poinsettia Order

Poinsettias are being ordered thru Heart 'n Home in Laurens. They are using an Iowa grower that is second generation. The poinsettia pots will be in foil covers. **Cost is \$20** (tax is included in price). Please make the check out to Hope UMC.

Deadline to order is November 15th.



Stained glass window suncatcher orders from the Plover church building are now completed. The remnants were donated to the Arthaus at Decorah, IA for their use and classes in stained glass. The windows from the west room now have a new home in a church owned by the Laura Ingalls Wilder museum at Burr Oak. They were just the right size to be installed on the inside of the existing windows. We're very happy they have found a new home and will beautify another church. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.



Sunday School Christmas Mission Project



For our Christmas Mission Project this year, the Sunday School kids would again like to ask the congregation to help them send

"Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes",

to children around the world, who may not otherwise received a

Christmas gift. **Operation Christmas Child** is sponsored through Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Everything you need to pack a shoebox will be set up on a table in the Fellowship Halls at the Pocahontas and Havelock Centers. All you need to do is take a box, a brochure (be sure to read **ALL the details... very helpful**), a prayer bookmark (so you can be praying for the child who will receive your box), and a sticker (because stickers are Fun!!) Have fun shopping for and packing your box!!

We are collecting boxes until Thursday, November 19th.

Bring your filled and prayed-over boxes to the church office along with \$9.00 for shipping. Please contact Moira at 712-358-1444 if you have any questions.

PS: if by chance we run out of printed shoeboxes, feel free to Christmas wrap a sturdy shoebox you may already have or purchase a plastic shoebox.



Upper Des Moines Opportunity is in need of the following items.

Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, and dish soap. If you have any of these items you can donate they will be greatly appreciated. You can bring them to Hope UMC and time during office hours. For the UDMO challenge see the Hope UMC website for a list of items they are in desperate need of. Please help if you are able!





UMW November Notes

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV*

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the UMW nut sale. **Thanks** to those who were there to help unload the semi, **thanks** to the crew who sacked up the nut orders, and **thanks** to those who worked at the sale on Saturday. And **special thanks** to all of you that bought nuts. The proceeds from the sale are used for various mission projects. This year we ordered 876 bags of nuts and there are only three bags of black walnuts left in the office. Please call the office if you can use a bag of black walnuts.
Hope UMW

November 5—World Thank Offering

Charity Circle—9:00 am and

Truth Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall—7:00pm

November 12—Executive Committee—2:00pm—Fellowship Room

We regret that there will be no Vespers Service this year because of Covid-19 restrictions.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for November†

Fun & Fellowship

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

10:30 am Service - Pocahontas Center

Communion: November 1—Elements supplied by Pastor

Liturgists:

November 1 - Linda Ferguson

November 8 - Sue Gould

November 15 - Ginger Ernst

November 22 - Ann Harrison

November 29—Elaine Cook

November Acolytes: Caden Freeburg and Micah Waterman

November Ushers: * Tim Cook

November Greeters: North: Bill & Monica Plantz




East Handicap Door: Elaine Cook

Fellowship:

No Coffee Fellowship until further notice



Hope Happenings for November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:00 Havelock/ Communion 9:30 SS All ages 10:30 Pocahontas/ Communion</p> <p>Annual Charge Conference— 2:00pm</p>	2	<p>3 Ecumenical Bible Study 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall</p> 	4	<p>5 Charity Circle 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall Truth Circle 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall</p>	6	7
<p>8 9:00 Havelock 9:30 SS All ages 10:30 Pocahontas</p> <p>Advent Study orders due</p>	<p>9 Pocahontas Women's Club— 7:00pm</p>	<p>10 Ecumenical Bible Study 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11 Education Team— 5:15pm</p> <p>Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>12 Leadership Team— 7:00pm</p>	13	14
<p>15 9:00 Havelock 9:30 SS All ages 10:30 Pocahontas</p> <p>Poinsettia orders due</p>	16	<p>17 Ecumenical Bible Study 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall</p>	18	<p>19 Christmas Child shoe-boxes due</p>	20	21
<p>22 9:00 Havelock 9:30 SS All ages 10:30 Pocahontas</p>	23	<p>24 Ecumenical Bible Study 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall</p>	25	<p>26</p> 	27	28
<p>29 9:00 Havelock 9:30 SS All ages 10:30 Pocahontas</p>	30				<p>Masks and social distancing observed for all activities and meetings</p>	