



HINCKLEY UPDATE



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United Methodist Church April - Volume 4 - 2024*



A number of years ago I was mindlessly scrolling through Twitter one night when one of the trending hashtags caught my attention. It was #explainGodin4words. I clicked and started reading. As you might imagine the 4 words that people used to describe God ran the gamut from hopeful to hurt, from comedic to cringeworthy, and everything in between.

Side by side there was one person who testified God as “loving, forgiving, righteous, just” and another who said God was “A tiny bit rubbish.” There was one person who made an acrostic calling God the “greatest of all dudes.” And another who posted a picture of a platypus and surmised that God has a “good sense of humor.” Sadly, there were many who described God as hateful, judgmental, a justification for the worst of humanity’s actions. But there were also others who described God eloquently as the source of their faith and the reason for their love.

Now we shouldn’t be surprised by the range of perspectives on God. I mean we’ve heard it all, right? Maybe we’ve had our moments where we’ve believed it all at one time or another. Twitter is of course not the only place where we see people express their fair share of differences of opinion about who and what God is.

I was reminded of that hashtag last year as I read the Resurrection story from Luke 24. Each of the characters in that story could have tweeted their own four words to describe what they saw and heard on the first Easter morning. From the women’s confusion “He is not here.” To the disciples skepticism “It’s just idle talk.” To Peter’s curiosity, “Wondering what had happened.”

But perhaps the 4 words to describe God that stand out the most in this story are the ones spoken by the mysterious gleaming figures who appear to the women outside that empty tomb:
Jesus has been raised!

Now there are some of you reading this who hear these words, and like those first disciples you are convinced it’s all nonsense... idle talk. People don’t die and then live again! It’s a fairy tale! There are likely others reading this who hear these four words and your curiosity is sparked, your mind starts churning. You wonder, how does that work? What might that mean? And there are others who hear these four words and for whatever reason you believe it.

Catherine Caimano writes that “for all the joy and fanfare of Easter, for all the complexity and mystery of our whole religious life together, for all the billions and billions of words we use to try and explain it all, it comes down to just four words”... **Jesus has been raised!**

With these four words the bold claim is made that death has been defeated.

With these four words people come to realize that new life is not only a possibility but a reality.

With these four words the world is turned upside down.

Jesus has been raised!

Rev. Derek Rogers



CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Hinckley Update Publication Guidelines

The Hinckley Update is published on the first of each month by the

Hinckley First United Methodist Church as a free service to the community.

The Update is a strictly informational publication which is published to disseminate information or to promote area events to the public for local churches, the library, local non-profit groups, and service organizations.

Following the guidelines stated above, no for-profit business information, advertising with a personal bias will be published.

Due to limited space, personal announcements for publication cannot be included.

Submit info to:

hinckleyumcupdate60520@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions to the **May 2024** Update is due by **Monday April 15, 2024.**

For further info, contact HFUMC at 815/286-7102 Tues- Fri from 9am-1pm

Contributions are always welcome. Thank you.

Village of Hinckley website:
<http://hinckleyil.com>

Village of Hinckley Board of Trustees

Meetings are held on the second & fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Hinckley Village Hall, 720 James Street. If that Monday falls on a holiday, the Board meets the following Tuesday.

Hinckley Public Library District

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Hinckley Public Library, 100 N. Maple Street.

Squaw Grove Township Board

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Hinckley Community Building.

Church Information

Hinckley First United Methodist Church

801 N. Sycamore Street Phone: 815/286-7102

Services: Sunday - 9:30 am with Children's Church during Worship

Fellowship - 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am

Office hours: Tues - Fri from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

AA Meets every Tues. at 6:00 pm. Website: www.hinckleyfirstumc.org

Covenant Restoration Church

181 N. Sycamore Street Phone: 815/286-7131

Services: Sunday - 9:30 am

Sunday Prayer & Praise Service - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm Friday Prayer Service - 8:00 pm

Grace Fellowship Church

17081 Owens Road Phone: 630/318-6420

Service & Children's Church: Sunday - 9:45 am

2nd Sunday of the month is Family Sunday.

Community Groups begin quarterly. Website: www.gracefc.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church

12760 Lee Rd. Phone: 815/286-3885

Sunday Worship Times: Sept - May 10:15 am, June - Aug. 9:00 am

Men's Bible Study: Every Saturday except 1st Sat. of the month 7:00 am

Website: www.immanuel-hinckley.org

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

324 West McKinley Street Phone: 815/286-3391

Sunday Service: Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 am

Coffee fellowship immediately following Sunday Service.

Website: www.stpaulshinckley.org



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

HAFP is located at 190 W. Lincoln Hwy Waterman, IL

HAFP serves the people in Hinckley, Big Rock, Maple Park, Shabbona, and Waterman. If you or someone you know can benefit from receiving food, please bring 2 forms of identification including one with a photo ID on the distribution day.

Financial donations can be mailed to:
HAFP, PO Box 463, Hinckley 60520.

Every \$1.00 donated can provide approximately 20 meals for the hungry. Please call or text our number at 815-286-7275 for any questions or more information.

Need more information?
<http://www.hinckleyareafoodpantry.org/>

Follow us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/HinckleyAreaFoodPantry>

Hinckley Lions Club News

Note the Longer Hours for the Mobile Food Pantry on April 2

The Lions Club says there's no reason to go hungry in Hinckley. The club is hosting the DeKalb County Grow Mobile in the United Methodist Church parking lot on Tuesday, April 2 for a longer time period. **There will be all types of free groceries and healthy vegetables available from 4 to 5:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome at 801 N. Sycamore St. The Mobile pantry will return to Hinckley on June 4.



The Grow Mobile features fresh, locally grown vegetables during the summer and a selection of vegetables from the Northern Illinois Food Bank at other times. There are always groceries and other necessities offered on the Grow Mobile. Invite others who are hungry to take advantage of this mobile food pantry. The Hinckley Area Food Pantry is also open on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Lions are willing to help connect you with food pantries and the Grow Mobile at other times.

Join Us in Celebrating Lions Day April 4



The first Thursday in April has been declared Lions Day by the Hinckley Village Board. Come to the Lions gathering at 7 p.m. in the backroom of J&K's Half Moon to help us celebrate our anniversary of serving Hinckley. We are a group of women and men that are part of an international organization with over 1.4 million members who have a common aim to work together to strengthen our communities and make the world better. Our club formed in 1970 and in the ensuing 54 years has become a "go to" source of help for nearly every organization in the community. Our assistance can be advice, financial support, or plenty of hands and feet.

We find great satisfaction in providing a Peace Poster Art Contest for Middle School students and celebration picnic for elementary students at the end of a successful school year. Lions have been called "Knights for the deaf and blind" since they agreed to help treat and prevent vision and hearing loss. We partner with the Big Rock Lions Club to fund glasses for needy HBR students who have been identified by the school district. We also recycle glasses, hearing aids and other items for people in developing areas of the world. A collection box for these items is provided outside of the Hinckley Public Library.

Then there are outdoor experiences and camps supported by Lions for those with physical disabilities. The Lions Fishing Derby at the Shabbona Lake State Park each July provides fishing, boat rides, a petting zoo, and tours of the park for a day outing. Illinois Camp Lions provides a week-long experience for those with physical limitations to experience nature and increase self-confidence with their disability.

Our biggest investment each year provides scholarships for HBR students to continue their education. We manage three scholarships for graduates--some to attend two years at a community college or trade school. Deadline for application is April 15 at the high school.

Join Lions and participate in just one activity or more depending on your available time. Together we can have fun as we make our community a better place to raise a family, work, and enjoy life. Follow us on Facebook and in the Hinckley Update newsletter for details about upcoming activities. Contact Secretary Mark.Bernhardy@gmail.com for more information.

Remember the Queen of Hearts Drawing on Wednesdays



Join Lions for the Queen of Hearts card game at J&K's Half Moon each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Come and watch the excitement! The Lions Club card raffle has created a lot of interest as participants guess where the Queen of Hearts may be in the deck of cards. Lion Jerry Bahl is camped out by the Queen sign at J&K's Half Moon to explain the rules and where to look for the Queen. Proceeds help fund club service projects. Thank you!



HBR CUSD #429 Highlights and Celebrations

Greetings Community ~

March was a busy month in our schools filled with celebrations, assessments, field trips, conferences and student and teacher learning days. Now, as we return to school from Spring Break, there are more events happening! You can stay up to date on District events by visiting our District Events Calendar on the homepage of our website...and on the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD429 app.



It's everything HBR #429,
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We have big news in case you missed it - our 5th grade Royals will be shifting over to Big Rock next school year, joining the middle school students at HBRMS! This means that HBRES will serve students in grades PreK-4 and HBRMS will serve students in grades 5-8. We are so excited for this change and the opportunity that it will provide to all of our students. If you don't have a student in HBR schools and want to receive school news and updates, sign up on our website or download our app. We'll send out highlights from our Board meetings and include you in our community wide communication.

This school year has simply flown by! I cannot believe that it is already April. There are lots of things happening as we gear up for our last quarter. You're going to want to save these end of the school year dates:

May 19 HS Graduation

May 21 ES Field Day & Lion's Club Hot Dog Day

May 22 1:00 MS Awards (ES rain date)

May 23 ES Royal Celebrations: Kindergarten, 4th, & 5th

May 24 9:00 8th Promotion

Summer will be here before we know it! Keep an eye out for information about summer learning opportunities. We will be holding learning sessions in July & August this year due to the facilities projects happening at the start of summer. As a reminder, we will be restructuring the high school entrances at Door 1 and 10, expanding our middle school parking lot, creating a second middle school gym hallway entrance, and improving the sound and air quality of our classrooms.

Do you have suggestions or comments about the district? Let us know at suggestionbox@hbr429.org or contact me directly at jsonntag@hbr429.org.

#TogetherWeAreHBR

~Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent



HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Hinckley
Public
Library
District



Have questions?????

Reach out! Call the library at 815-286-3220, message us on Facebook, or send an email through our website at www.hinckleylibrary.org.



The library's second round of federal funding was approved March 9th!

This brings our federal total to \$1,814,000. We have also received \$62,500 from other grants and \$163,706 from private donations! Yes, more than \$2,000,000 has been collected for our building renovation project. You will see progress on the building as soon as the federal paperwork is completed.

Every day brings us closer to an amazing new library!

We are planning the library's biggest event of the year: the Summer Reading Program!

The theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat" this year, lending itself to events about recycling, nature, and, of course, reading! Keep watch as we prepare lists of recycled items you can donate for craft projects. Summer at the library is exciting for all ages with events, prizes, and fun for everyone. Don't miss it!



Story time meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10:30**. Ages 0-8+ are welcome to join in stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, and more. Story time is a crucial part of early literacy. Please contact the library to register.

Have you tried Vox books yet?

This collection includes picture books and a few chapter books with built-in audio players.

The reader can turn the pages and listen to the story being read, either through the speaker or with headphones. Do you have a struggling reader in your life? Do you have a road trip coming up?

Do your kids want to listen to the same bedtime story every night? Vox books can help! Check them out today.



HBR Youth Baseball Presents

5B'S DINNER FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
4:30-6:30PM

\$17: CHICKEN/PORK CHOP/COMBO MEAL

\$8: HOT DOG MEAL

DINNER PICKUP AT HBR HIGH SCHOOL ROTUNDA

Join us for A Night At The Ballpark

HBRHS BOYS BASEBALL GAME STARTS AT 4:30PM.

GRAB YOUR DINNER AND STAY FOR THE GAME!

Advanced tickets available from HBR Youth Baseball Players in April.
Call/text Hillary Neibert at 630-207-7802 or FundHBRYouthBaseball@gmail.com for tickets to 5Bs Dinner. Walk-up dinners also available.

We will be recognizing Memorial Day

with a ceremony on

Monday, May 27th at the

Hinckley Community Building

beginning at **9:30 AM**.



We invite everyone of all ages, their families and friends to join us in honor and remembrance of all our American heroes.



Historical Society Museum Reopens April 6

After being closed for the winter, the museum reopens Saturday April 6 with many new exhibits. The museum hours are every Saturday from 10 to noon and also by appointment.

One of the new exhibits at the museum features pictures of present and former restaurants, bakeries, and soda shops in Hinckley. As food is part of our everyday lives, it connects us to each other, to our community and our world. Stop by, review the photos, and share your stories about family food traditions and favorite gathering places.

The exhibit is in collaboration with the DeKalb County History Center, the Smithsonian Institution, libraries, and other local museums around the county. Watch for the next Historical Society newsletter too that features an article with Chris Goerlich Weber about her memories of the Goerlich Bakery.

Another attraction in our museum theatre is the oral histories collected by the high school history class. Last semester they recorded interviews with ten long-time residents of Hinckley and more interviews are being recorded this semester. This project to bring history to life is made possible by a grant from META. HHS is also thankful for faculty member Nick Sullivan and his class for their focus on local history. Come and hear the stories.

“Community” is About Sharing

One of the hallmarks of rural areas and small towns is how the community pulls together to help each other. This spirit of generosity has expanded throughout the county during the last ten years as the DeKalb County Community Foundation (DCCF) has organized a fundraising event for nonprofit organizations called “Give DeKalb County.” Held in just a 24- hour period of one day on the first Thursday of May, thousands of people helped raise funds for worthy organizations to continue their services.



Last year 142 organizations serving DeKalb County benefited from the event. Not only could people donate directly to their favorite charity, but also some individuals and businesses donated to a general fund that was distributed to the participating organizations. The generosity of people, despite their own challenges, helped these worthwhile organizations. The donations-- large and small--amounted to over \$1.8 million last year.

Among these participating organizations this year from our community are the Hinckley Food Pantry, the Hinckley Festival Association, and the Hinckley Historical Society. They benefit from not only local donations but also others who support their mission, plus a share of the general fund. When people give to these organizations, they also receive a share of the general fund. On this Give DeKalb County Day May 2, consider donating to these three nonprofits. Go to givedekalbcounty.org for more information. Donations can be made by mail or on-line on May 2.

Our museum, located at 141 East Lincoln Avenue, Hinckley, IL 60520, is open for the season at 10 a.m. on April 6. You can always call Bob (815-761-4058) for tours other than on Saturdays. Follow us on Facebook, Email: Hinckleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com and visit our web site: HinckleyHistoricalSociety.com.

Rise and Shine, It's Exercise Time!



We invite you to join us most mornings beginning at 8am located in Hinckley First United Methodist Church for **Fitness at First!**



You and your exercise partners can work at your own pace. You may also just walk the building during this time if you prefer.

No charge and no reservations are needed. Come as you are and join us!

Call Mary Pritchard at 815-751-3033 with questions.

Celebrating Arbor Day by Planting Trees

Two white oak trees have been donated to the Village of Hinckley. **On April 19th, Arbor Day**, one will be planted in Pioneer Park with the participation of the Hinckley-Big Rock Elementary. This tree is in honor and memory of Sharon Luker. She inspired many of us and/or our children with her passion for nature while teaching at Hinckley Elementary for over 19 years. Another tree will be planted in Streamside Park in memory of Jack Davis, a longtime resident of Hinckley who served two years on the village board and was a friend to all.

White oak (*Quercus alba*) are outstanding, long lived trees that grow under a wide range of climate conditions. It is also the state tree of Illinois. Consider planting a tree in your own yard or learning more about trees at Arborday.org.

The Village of Hinckley is a member of Tree City USA and is in the process of filling positions on the Tree Board.

If you are interested, please email jenniferk@hinckleyil.com.

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There's a Lot of Activity in Our Town

Village News

It's not just that the Dairy Joy or the museum are open again for the season, there is a lot of activity in our community. It's easy to see the new retail businesses like Dollar General and Caseys that opened earlier this year. The laundromat has changed its name and operations as the Royal Laundry Lounge, and construction progresses for a new restaurant on Lincoln Avenue and a cabinet builder in the old fire station on May Street.

The Midwest Sportsplex continues to be an attractive venue for meetings, parties, baseball, golf, tournaments, movies, exercise and more. All of this is easy to miss if you don't travel on West Woodlawn Avenue. There is also activity in the new library as architectural plans are developed and funds continue to be collected for construction. You can monitor progress by viewing the pictures and comments in the side window of their new location at 142 West Lincoln Ave.. All this activity is in addition to the regular programs for all ages offered at the current library.

The Hinckley Business Association reports a growing membership of businesses and services for our community. Unlike years ago, when businesses were located along or near Lincoln Avenue, today's businesses are spread around town and nearby so they are not as visible. Hinckley can be proud of its over 70 businesses offering products and services for area residents. Visit the Hinckley Business Association website at Hinckleybusiness.com for more information.

Public Meeting to Discuss New Landscaping Plan

Come to the Hinckley Planning Commission's meeting at 7 p.m. on April 1 in the Village Hall to hear and give feedback on their draft landscaping regulations. The plan was written to encourage landscaping, enhance the appearance of the community, and promote vegetation biodiversity. Hinckley is known as a "Tree City" but has not had an ordinance dealing with landscaping for new and redeveloped subdivisions, or to encourage property owners to maintain and improve their landscaping.

The plan is available on the village website (hinckleyil.com) and you can give feedback to Planning Commission members who are listed on the website.

Hello from Hinckley Parks and Recreation!

We are so excited to announce so many fun classes and camps for the spring/summer! We will be having a variety of art, dance, and tumbling classes. We will also have many camps to choose from such as Fun Friday Camps, volleyball, acting, and a running camp. We will be bringing back Safety Village, Movies in the Park, Hot Dogs in the Park, and Crafts in the Park. Please check your elementary child's folder for our newsletter that will be coming home in April. Also, always check the Village of Hinckley website for up-to-date information. Classes and camps will be updated to the website in April.

Registration forms for all programs are on the village website to print out and turn into the village office. All programs can be paid by using the EPAY option on the village website. As always, please contact Stephanie Long at stephanie@hinckleyil.com if you have any questions.

ONLINE
REGISTRATION

Thank you and bring on spring!
Stephanie Long

The Community Grief Support Meetings at Hinckley First United Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings **begins at 7PM.**

This group offers support to all whom are grieving a loss in their life.

The meeting dates this month are:
April 10 & April 24

Everyone is welcome

Please feel free to reach out with questions or comments at 815-520-0026.



YOUR FAMILY HAVE SPRING FEVER? We have the Cure! ***ALUMNI FFamily FUNdraiser!***

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
All Ages Welcome!

**Midwest Sports Plex
212 W. Woodlawn Ave.
Hinckley**

Saturday April 6 , 2024 4-8pm
Entry Fee:
\$10 per person
\$30.00 Family Max.
(*Jr.High and under must be accompanied by an adult*)

***Snacks & Appetizers Provided**

***Cash Bar will be available**

We will have all the fun stuff available:
***Darts, *Bags, *Golf Simulator**
Kids Games, *Free Bounce House & Activities
Come Join the FFA Alumni Family for a Fun Night!
(Tournaments Available!)
***Drawings * Silent Auction *Mystery Box & More**

***FREE* Spring Photo OP**

Have your camera ready! Snap a Spring Family Picture with a Decked out... Vintage 1947 Dodge 1/2 Ton Pick-up Courtesy of the Kane County Farm Bureau. Tickets to win the truck or a cash prize of \$7,000 will be available for purchase!

