

HINCKLEY UPDATE

A free monthly newsletter provided by the Hinckley First United Methodist Church August - Volume 8 - 2023

“Wow, this is amazing!!” Those were the words of my 3.5 year old son, Liam, as we approached the ocean on our recent family vacation. As we walked together into the waves you could see the excitement, sense of wonder, and hint of fear in his face.

My one year old son, Kellen, while not old enough for words expressed the same thrill as he crawled without abandon straight from the safety of the shore into the water, not to be deterred at all by the relentless oncoming waves. When he was in about waist deep, he got up on his knees, lifted up his arms, and let out a shriek of joy.

Reflecting on these moments, I was reminded of a book written by Anne Lamott called *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. As the title of the book gives away, she says that there are three great, essential, prayers that we pray regularly, if not daily, in our lives. The third of those prayers, “Wow, is often offered with a gasp, a sharp intake of breath, when we can’t think of another way to capture the sight of shocking beauty or destruction, of a sudden unbidden insight or an unexpected flash of grace.”

“These wows come in all shapes and sizes,” she says. There are lowercase wows, like crawling between clean sheets after a hard day, or like seeing a kid do a cannonball into the pool. There are uppercase wows, like the Grand Canyon or the destruction of a forest fire. There are wows brought on by listening to Mozart or standing in the midst of a carnival. There are wows brought on by extreme horror like war, or by unimaginable joy like a childbirth.

Whatever the source, I hope that during the course of this summer, you were able to say wow. That at some point you were blown away by something miraculous, or you were stunned to the place beyond words. In those moments when all we can muster is, “wow,” we might be speaking our most honest and faithful prayer. A prayer that recognizes there is so much in the world that is bigger than us and our ability to comprehend.

“All the people were beside themselves with wonder. Filled with awe, they glorified God saying, “We’ve seen unimaginable things today.”” (Luke 5:26)

Rev. Derek Rogers



HFUMC Moms Together Backpack Project

We are collecting donations of various school supplies for those in the area who are in need. All items can be dropped off at Hinckley First United Methodist Church or contact Marci Viland at 630-806-6673.

Items needed are:

Crayons	Markers	Pencil Boxes
Pencils	Glue Sticks	Kid's Scissors
Spiral Notebooks	Folders	New or Gently Used Backpacks

Backpack Project runs until August 7th, 2023.

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 (HFUMC) 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.

Deadline for submissions to the September Update is due by Tuesday, August 15th 2023.

Submit info to:

hinckleyumcupdate60520@gmail.com

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://hincklevil.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.stpaulhinckley.org



HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

HAFP has secured a new location beginning in August. The new location address is 190 W. Lincoln Hwy Waterman, IL

HAFP serves the people in Hinckley, Big Rock, Maple Park 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. Thank you.

Need more information?

<http://www.hinckleyareafoodpantry.org/>

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HinckleyAreaFoodPantry>

HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY



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.

We had an amazing summer at the library with huge events, educational programs, and a post-COVID record of 314 Summer Reading participants! We couldn't have done it without our wonderful sponsors. Please consider supporting and thanking these businesses that made Summer Reading possible. **Thank you to our Partners in Reading:**



Hinckley businesses: Fran's Cozy Kitchen, Hinckley Lions Club, Leigh-Leigh Kossman Coaching, Squaw Grove Dental, Strypes Plus More.

Other businesses: Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Chicago Zoological Society, DeKalb Park District, Ellwood House, Fox Valley Ice Arena, Funway, Honey Hill Orchard, Joffrey Ballet, Kane County Cougars, Lake Geneva Zipline Tours, Little Traveler, Paisano's Pizza, Raging Waves, Sycamore Family Sports Center.

Share Your Views on August 21

Village News

The public is encouraged to attend a discussion about the future of our community at the Village Hall on August 21, at 7 p.m. The Hinckley Planning Commission is updating the village 2003 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, and invites public comments about the draft. These plans provide guidance for future development and land use in our village. The draft was developed by the Planning Commission after discussion and review of Comprehensive Plans of neighboring communities.

The draft includes 2020 U.S. Census data; several village goals and strategies for achieving them; and information about our village, businesses and public services. The Hinckley Plan is intended to outline and support the community's vision for development that improves the quality of life for residents. While it gives a snapshot of the community for anyone looking to move or start a business in Hinckley, the plan also gives village officials goals and possible strategies to achieving them.

While many elements of the 2003 plan have not changed in 20 years, the draft focuses on areas that still need action and narrows the footprint for development. It focuses on elements of our community that are a source of pride and that we want to continue.

Come and discuss the plan; share where you agree or have other ideas. Making improvements to our community begins with public input and a plan.





**Wed, August
9th**

Sponsored by: The Hinckley Business Association

Annual FREE Ice Cream Social

Serving pork sandwiches from South Moon BBQ

and Ice Cream from Dairy Joy!

Pioneer Park

5 pm–7 pm

Also several local businesses will have booths set up

showcasing what they do!

Visit us on the web at

www.hinckleybusiness.com

HBR Homecoming 2023



The Hinckley–Big Rock High School's student council would like to invite you to be a part of our homecoming parade on September 29, 2023!

Our theme this year is Disney: "The Happiest Homecoming on Earth!"

The entry fee will be \$10 in order to help our student council pay for the parade. Donations are also greatly appreciated!

The parade line-up will begin at 4:30, with the parade beginning at 5:30! The parade will be followed by our Taste of HBR in the bus parking lot near the soccer field at 6:00!

We are encouraging any club, group, business, team to participate!!!!

We'd like this year to be the best yet! Please consider joining us!

Thank You!



**WE HAVE MOVED!!! Our new address is 190 W. Lincoln Hwy
(corner of Rt. 30 and cedar St.) in Waterman.**



HAFP is a client-choice shopping food pantry that serves the residents of Hinckley, Big Rock, Maple Park and Waterman. Appointments to shop can be made by calling or texting 815-286-7275.

Financial donations can now be made on our website! Checks can be mailed to PO Box 463, Hinckley, IL 60520. Donations of any size are appreciated!

Visit our website for more information: HinckleyAreaFoodPantry.org

Follow us on Facebook! Facebook.com/HinckleyAreaFoodPantry



Final Summer Band Concert on August 8

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic basket for the fourth and final summer band concert this year on the Community Building lawn. **The August 8th program features the Shade Tree Music Company starting at 6:30 p.m.** This popular local group plays a variety of music from pop, country to classical rock.



Our band concert series, besides bringing band music back to Hinckley during the summer, was intended to encourage youth to play an instrument, enjoy a life-long skill, and join the school band. Playing an instrument has been found to help students academically and to develop coordination, memory, and creativity.

The concerts this year were made possible by grants from the Farny R. Wurlitzer Foundation and Illinois Humanities. If you would like the Historical Society to continue “music on the lawn” concerts next year, send us an email or letter.

Reflections of Hinckley Festival

Perhaps you’ve heard what a good time people had at the Hinckley Festival on June 24. The fireworks certainly lite-up the sky as the band the Historical Society sponsored played-on ending an afternoon and evening of games, music, good food, and vendors of all types. There was something for all ages!



This year’s event came together in a short period of time when a number of individuals, organizations and businesses stepped up to make certain Hinckley had a celebration. Contributions are still needed to continue the festival next year. Perhaps you’ve heard how the cost of fireworks has--so to speak--gone sky high. If you enjoyed any part of the day, send a donation to Hinckley Festival Association, P.O. Box 657, Hinckley, IL 60520. This festival is not supported with tax money; its all of us giving a little that makes it possible.

Hinckley benefits from events like this that are local, attract visitors, offer the kids constructive activities, and create memories of having a “good time for all.” It starts with sending a donation to do your part.

Write Short Memories for Our Collection

Thank you to those who sent us short stories about your life in our community. Last month’s topic about school lunches recalled the colorful lunch boxes we carried to school. This month we ask that you share memories about what you did for fun while growing up.

Collecting short stories about different memories is a state-wide project to preserve our history and draw attention to the varied experiences of residents in an era of cultural change. Send your submission about “school lunches” and “what you did for fun” to HHS at the address listed below.

Our museum, located at 145 East Lincoln Avenue, PO Box 486, Hinckley, IL 60520, is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or by appointment by calling Bob (815-761-4058). Follow us on Facebook. Email: Hinckleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our web site: HinckleyHistoricalSociety.com.

HBR CUSD #429 Updates and Highlights

Greetings HBR community~



As July comes to a close, and August is just around the corner, I am filled with great joy and anticipation as we eagerly prepare for the opening of school. I am filled with gratitude for the wonderful team we have here at HBR working behind the scenes to prepare our buildings, our offices, our buses, and generally keep us open so our teachers, administrators, and instructional support staff can focus on teaching and learning. We were able to provide instruction this summer for 102 students in Prek-12th grade. I want to give a huge shout out to the teachers, bus drivers, support staff and students who woke up early on those June and July dates to participate in the summer learning. Having students in the building during the summer months is energizing!

Upon accepting the role of Superintendent, I was gifted the book, "The Beekeeper" by Katie Desiderio. In this short fable, the author captures the essence of interconnectedness and the power of even the smallest actions. Just as bees work together in harmony, our educational community thrives when we collaborate and support one another. Teachers, parents, administrators, and community members each play a vital role in nurturing the growth and well-being of our students. As we kick off the school year, please join me in committing to maintain open lines of communication, build strong partnerships, and create a sense of belonging for all.

The theme for the 23/24 school year around the HBR schools is #BeTheChange. As educators and members of this community, we possess the incredible ability to influence and inspire the young minds around us. Our actions speak louder than words, and it is through our actions that we can model how we want to be treated by others and how we wish to communicate with others. Let's all be #ChangeAgents guided by the words of Katie Desiderio, "The change we create today will shape the future we desire for tomorrow." Together, we have the power to create a transformative culture that will shape the lives of our students and prepare them for their tomorrow.

~Jessica Sonntag

HBR429 Superintendent

#BeTheChange

Join us at HFUMC most mornings at 8AM in Fellowship Hall for FITNESS AT FIRST.

Everyone can work at their own level. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

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



Community Grief Support meetings are for anyone grieving over a loss in their life. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Hinckley First United Methodist Church at 7PM.

Upcoming meetings scheduled for this month are: August 9 & August 23rd.



Hinckley Lions Club News

Grow Mobile Offers Free Food August 1

The Lions Club will again be assisting with the distribution of free food in Hinckley on August 1. The food items are supplied by the DeKalb County Community Gardens and Northern Illinois Food Bank for anyone who stops between 4 and 5 p.m. The Mobile will be parked in the First United Methodist Church parking lot, 801 N Sycamore St. and will return on the first Tuesday of even-numbered months. The next visit is October 3.



There was an amazing selection of fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, snacks and other items at the last distribution. The Community Gardens has received a grant to help provide people in our area with wholesome foods. Share the word about this distribution with those who could benefit from the food items. Help with the distribution is welcomed.

Offering Toppings at Ice Cream Social August 9

The Lions Club salutes the Hinckley Business Association for bringing the community together for another “get-acquainted” ice cream social on August 9. The tradition of a gathering to enjoy a sandwich and a cool cup of ice cream during the summer has been a way for the various organizations in town to build awareness for the services they offer and to invite volunteers.

The Lions want to top-off your desert with a selection of toppings as we share our enthusiasm for service and the many activities we provide during the year. We also want to hear your ideas of needs in our community that Lions can help address. When we all work together, we can achieve great things for our community.

Queen of Hearts Remains Elusive

In case you haven't been following the search for the Queen of Hearts in the Hinckley Lions Club card game, at the writing of this article the person who finds the Queen will share the cash pot of over \$44,000! The last game ended without finding the Queen, but two jokers were drawn which resets the game. Lion Jerry Bahl can explain the rules and where to look for the Queen. You can follow the game on the Hinckley Lions Club Facebook page.



Drawings are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the J&K's Half Moon Tavern. The Lions Club retains a portion of the cash pot in this popular card game for their service projects in Hinckley and to support Lions Club International efforts to reduce hunger and childhood cancer, assist those with diabetes, hearing or vision issues, and sustain our environment. Lions are having an impact around the world.

Remember to Recycle Eyeglasses and Flags

The Lions are collecting old eyeglasses and tattered flags for recycling. Just drop them in the Purple and Yellow Lions' collection box outside of the Hinckley Public Library. The flags will be respectfully retired while the eyeglasses are repurposed for people around the world who want to improve their vision.

Thank you for helping Lions on their mission of service.



Contact Lion Secretary Mark Bernhardt (mark.bernhardt@gmail.com) for more information. Lions meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the backroom of J&K's Half Moon.

Artisan & Craft Vendor Application

Participants Name: _____

Business Name if applicable: _____

Cell: _____

Email (Required): _____

Website: _____

Facebook/Instagram: _____

Hinckley Art Festival

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Maple Street, Hinckley

Artisan & Craft Vendor Booth Information: (No Rain Date or Refund)

1. Street Market is open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
2. Artisan & crafters are responsible for their own set-up and take down. Bring your own tent, table, chair, etc. Since we will be set up on the street on Maple Street, tents MUST be weighted down.
3. Set-up starts at 9:00 am. Be ready to sell at 10:00 am! You may pull your vehicle to your booth to unload, then immediately park in the designated vendor parking area. (Nelson Funeral Home parking lot)
4. Take down at 3:00 pm. You may pull your vehicle to your booth AFTER 3:00 pm to pack-up

Booth Description-

Please indicate what you will be selling:

How many Booth spaces would you like? _____

Booth fee—\$25.00 (HBA Members are free!)

Nonprofits are exempt from a booth fee.

Artists will have a 12x12 booth space with no spaces between tents.

Email application to southmoonbbq@aol.com

You may mail application & check, written to Hinckley Business Association to:

Resource Bank 280 East Lincoln Ave, Hinckley, IL 60520

****Application must be received by September 1st to reserve your booth****