

HINCKLEY UPDATE

*A free monthly newsletter provided by the Hinckley First
United Methodist Church **March - Volume 3 - 2024***



We are in the middle of the season in the life of the church called Lent. It's a 40 day season (a few more days if you count Sundays) that began this year on February 14th and concludes on Easter on March 31st.

The season of Lent, while a Christian observance, captures a certain amount of society-wide attention. People, regardless of their church going habits, have been known to take up the Catholic tradition of eating fish on Fridays, with several big corporations like McDonald's and others pushing their fish sandwiches during this time of the year. Similarly, others get on the bandwagon of fasting from something during these 40 days whether it be from social media, sugar, or some other vice.

Not to poo poo any of those sorts of Lenten observances, I've been known to fast from soda for the season of Lent myself. But several years ago I was personally challenged to consider a different kind of fast for Lent. Instead of giving up chocolate I was challenged to get out of my comfort zone. Instead of fasting from social media I was challenged to fast from fear and timidity. A book by Phil Ressler that I found years later confronted me with forty things I should be giving up, things like: Blame, Entitlement, Going through the Motions, Complaint, Worry, Self-Sufficiency.

So while we still have about 30 days left of the season of Lent, I would encourage you to give up some of these things.

Give up the need to please everyone.

Give up comparison.

Give up feelings of unworthiness.

Give up excuses.

Give up gossip and negativity.

These are the sorts of things that rip us to pieces internally, and drive a wedge between us and our neighbors. These are the sorts of things that are toxic to our life together.

The whole purpose of Lent is about finding renewal and new life.

May we all find a better way to be human.

Grace and Peace,

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 **April 2024** Update is due by **Friday, March 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://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.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

Join Us for the Scholarship Breakfast March 3

Lions Club members will be cooking a delicious breakfast for you on Sunday March 3 to fund college scholarships for HBR graduates. Again this year you can eat at the high school, carry-out breakfast, or have meals delivered if you are homebound or a senior citizen. For deliveries, simply call Lion Shar by March 2 at 630-800-0742.

Breakfast of pancakes/sausage or biscuits/gravy will be served from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. While you are at the school, you can have a free eye screening. The exam takes less than five minutes to detect if a more complete eye examination is necessary.

Continuing education beyond high school is critical for today's graduate. The scholarships provided by the Lions Club pay for tuition of two-year programs at community colleges, trade schools and apprentice programs. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast while you're supporting the continuing education of our graduates.

Come Watch the Game and Win a Ham

The Lions members will be ham-ming it up at the Brown Pub on March 21 as you watch the first round of the NCAA tournament. They will have raffles to award 8 hams plus cash starting at 7 p.m. These are melt-in-your-mouth hams you can serve at Easter dinner. Come cheer on your favorite college basketball team as Lions raise funding for their college scholarships and projects. The Hoops and Hams Raffles will be at The Pub on the corner of Route 30 and Somonauk Road from 7 until 9 p.m. on Thursday March 21.

Hinckley Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30

Bring the kids and grandkids for lunch with the Easter Bunny at 11 a.m. and then watch them hunt for Easter eggs at 1 p.m. on Saturday March 30. Lunch will be in the HBR elementary school and the colored eggs will be waiting in Pioneer Park.



Bring baskets for the hunt which always produces smiles. There will be plenty of eggs with candy, a few filled with a coin, and a golden egg for redeeming a gift basket. There will be areas in the park for different age groups so everyone will have fun hunting. The Lions enjoy sponsoring the hunt each year as part of their service to Hinckley.

On the Prowl for the Queen of Hearts

The popular "Queen of Hearts" card game in Hinckley has already built a nice jackpot. Drawings are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at J&K's Half Moon. Come have a delicious dinner as you watch the drawing that produces a cash winner every time. Lion Jerry Bahl is usually by the game board to explain the rules and help you select a winner.

The Lions thank all who participate in the Queen of Hearts game which not only benefits the winner, but also supports club community projects.

If you want to join our efforts to serve the community, 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.



HBR CUSD #429 Updates and Highlights

Highlights and Celebrations:

We have several things to celebrate and highlight this month! We had 45 people participate in the Portrait of a Learner Community Engagement sessions. What is a Portrait of a Learner? A Portrait of a Learner invites a community to come together to discuss and name its vision for what they want to see in their learners for college, career, civic, and life success.. Participants were also offered childcare through HBR High School's Educator's Rising program, so we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the participants and those who helped!

We are also excited to announce that through a restructuring of our administrative team, Mr. Brandon Kriesch will now serve as the Director of Operations and Ms. Becky Lauer will be the new Hinckley-Big Rock High School Principal! Mr. Kriesch will work closely with Dr. Sonntag in the District Office to provide leadership and oversight to our Transportation, Facilities, & Technology teams as well as ensure compliance with Health Life Safety, Security, and more.

Save the Date for some upcoming celebrations:

HBRES: Royal Celebrations 5/23

HBRMS: 8th Grade Promotion 5/24

HBRHS: Graduation Ceremony 5/19



The elementary school celebrated 100 Days of School on 2/1. Our kindergarten & 1st grade classes did many activities that involved counting to 100, including dressing up like 100-year-olds. We are having a great year and we are definitely 100 days smarter!

Additionally, our young Royals spent time participating in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge from 2/5- 2/9. They exceeded their fundraising goal raising a grand total of \$5,621.94. A special aspect of this spirit week was honoring our own HBR heart heroes- Marshall M. (kindergarten), Harper K. (3rd grade) & Quincy A. (6 months, daughter of our reading teacher, Mrs. Ardelean).

The middle school has had many exciting events through our library that Ms. Slosar has organized! The Rebecca Caudill Book Challenge just ended and we had a high number of participants, students and staff included! The goal was to read as many of the 20 nominated Caudill books as possible by February 1st either as an individual or team participant. The students had a lot of fun with this! Ms. Slosar has organized "Blind Date with a Book" for February. Students chose a book without knowing too much about it (other than its genre). Students enjoyed this so much last year that they asked for it again!

The high school celebrated two send-offs at HBRHS with the band playing by the front doors and all of the students and staff lined the hallways on Monday, February 5th to cheer for Chris and Matt Weibler as they headed to state for the Special Olympics. They returned with multiple medals. Congratulations to Chris and Matt! On Thursday, February 8th the band and students gathered again to send our Chess team off to the state tournament. At the tournament our team had a strong showing, winning three matches and placing 6th highest among 1A schools. The team continues to improve each year and we look forward to more strong finishes in the future!

~Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent

HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Hinckley
Public
Library
District



Big event!

The library received a grant from Altrusa with a focus on literacy and food literacy. On March 25th, ages 5-14 can join in a book club. Check out one of two book choices at the library, then discuss the book and enjoy some treats. Both books are about cooking competitions.

After you've read about a cooking competition, show off your own culinary skills! Create your own team or sign up alone and be assigned a team. We'll have a technical challenge and a showstopper challenge in the style of Junior Bake Off.

Ages 5-18. March 28th, 5:00-6:30pm.

Parents are welcome to spectate. Space is limited; contact the library to register.



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.

Spring Break is coming up!

During the break, kids can visit the library for three free snacks per day from our Snack Station.

Anyone under age 8 needs to be accompanied by a caregiver at least 13 years old when using the library.

Ages 8+ are welcome to visit on their own.



Try It Club will meet on Saturday, March 23rd at 2pm to attempt needle tatting. Learn the basics of this classic needlework skill and decide if it's your new favorite craft.

All supplies are provided for this free class. Ages 16 to adult.

[Contact the library to register.](#)

Library swag is now available online!

Celebrate your love of reading and support the library's building project at the same time. Visit <https://www.storessimple.com/cbd/books> to see the selection of shirts.



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.



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.





High School Students Help Record History

Nick Sullivan's high school history class has gotten involved in recording interviews with a few community members about their memories of Hinckley. With the support of the Historical Society, the students identified ten individuals to interview during the Fall semester. Twenty individuals have been identified for interviews in the Spring semester.

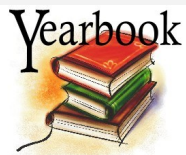
Sullivan said his goals in creating the student project were for the students to learn something new about the history of the local community, develop their skills in interviewing older people, and then develop skills in editing the video interviews. The project also resulted in an example of their creative work that could be added to their career portfolios. "We are studying modern history and this project brings that study right down to the local level, increases the student's curiosity, and builds skills in asking questions," he said.

One student said "This project helped me improve my communication skills and increased my confidence in speaking with (someone new). My favorite moment throughout the project was hearing the stories of the long-time Hinckley residents, what Hinckley was like when they were growing up, and how they became who they are today."

Another student said "I was really nervous about interviewing people that I didn't know. This assignment was very interesting and I (learned how) Hinckley used to be much different—aspects that my peers and I (would never) have learned without this project. Personally, I am very happy to have had the experience and am super grateful for my interviewee's participation and flexibility."

A grant to the Historical Society from META helped fund some of the equipment used in the recording of the interviews. The Historical Society will feature the interviews in one of its new museum exhibits and they will become part of the oral history of Hinckley. The Society also welcomes volunteers to be interviewed in the future.

Let us Borrow Your High School Yearbook



Hinckley and HBR high school yearbooks are valuable research tools at the Historical Society. While we have about half of the yearbooks since 1924, we are missing the following yearbooks: **1932 to 1949, 1966, 1998 to 2003, and 2013 to 2016**. If you have any of these yearbooks, can we borrow them, make a copy, and then return your original copy? Call HHS at 815-761-4058 and let us know.

Want to Join Us in Bringing History to Life?

The Historical Society was created in 2007 to preserve the history of our area and bring it to life for future generations. You are invited to join us in this mission by becoming members of HHS and supporting our programs. Contact us to receive our five newsletters each year, informative programs with speakers about our history, the summer band concerts, and much more. Call, email, or write us for details.

Our museum, located at 141 East Lincoln Avenue, Hinckley, IL 60520, is closed for the winter until April 6. However, if you have out-of-town visitors who want to tour the museum, call Bob (815-761-4058) for a special opening. You can follow us on Facebook, Email: Hinckleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com and visit our web site: HinckleyHistoricalSociety.com.

Hello from Hinckley Parks and Registration!

We have had some exciting classes and programs to start off the New Year!

We are looking forward to adding more classes and programs for the Spring/Summer. Our next newsletter will come out in April with upcoming events and classes. In the meantime, we still have open gyms available to the public.

Adult Open Gyms:

Where: HBRHS

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Dates: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

Admission: Donation to Hinckley Parks and Registration



HBR FFA Alumni "COMING EVENTS"

SAVE THE DATES:

Strawberry Pick-Up:

Fresh Florida Strawberry Pick Up - 1st week of March

If you placed an order you will receive a phone call when the berries arrive.

If you missed ordering call Nan at 815-693-7214 ASAP there may be a few extras to sell.

HBR FFA Alumni 5B's Drive Thru Dinner:

Thursday March 14 - 4:30 - 6:30

\$16.00 per dinner in advance. \$17.00 at the door.

Dinners include 2 chops or 1/2 chicken or Combo and sides.

ADVANCE TICKETS: (strongly suggested)

AVAILABLE: at Jack & Jina's BP - Hinckley

GOT "SPRING FEVER"?

Join us at Midwest Sports Plex for a FFAMILY FUNdraiser

212 W. Woodlawn Ave., Hinckley

Saturday April 6 from 4-8 PM

\$10 per person, \$30 max per family. Jr High and under must be accompanied by an adult.

"Snacks Provided" *Cash Bar will be available.

We will have all the fun stuff available! - * Darts * Bags * Golf Sim * Cards * Bounce House * Drawings

* Silent Auction * Mystery Box

FREE - "Spring Photo OP (have your camera ready!) Snap a pic with a Vintage 1947 Dodge 1/2 Ton Pick-Up provided by the Kane County Farm Bureau! Tickets to win the truck or a cash prize of \$7,000 will be available for sale.

Ready to Jump Start Your Day?

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

There never is a charge and no reservations are needed. Come as you are and join us!

We look forward to seeing you.

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

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

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

The meeting dates this month are:

March 13 & March 27

Everyone is welcome

Please feel free to reach out with questions or comments at

lbbhealthandwellness@gmail.com

or call/text 815-520-0026.

HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY



The Hinckley Area Food Pantry needs help stocking our shelves!

The items most needed are:

Apple and Cranberry Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Apple Sauce, Tuna, Sugar, Flour, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Shampoo, & Toothpaste.

Drop off items at our donation box outside of the pantry at 190 W. Lincoln Hwy. in Waterman or at the Hinckley First United Methodist Church at 801 N. Sycamore St. in Hinckley.

Happy Easter
March 31



Spring is near... don't forget to move your clocks and spring ahead 1 hour for Daylight Saving Time on March 10.





Hinckley First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

May 28 - 31
9:00 - 11:30 AM

Ages- Pre-K (3 years old and potty trained) to entering 5th grade in Fall 2024

Cost- \$20 per child or \$50 per family

Register- By May 15th by filling out the form at the QR code

Questions? Email hinckleyfirstvbs@gmail.com
or call the church office at (815) 286-7102

