



HINCKLEY UPDATE

***A free monthly newsletter provided by the Hinckley First
United Methodist Church November- Volume 11- 2023***



At Hinckley First UMC we've been talking the past month about the power of words. How our words have the power to build up or tear down, to delight or destroy, to praise or curse. A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon on the most difficult words to say. No, I didn't preach about Worcester Sauce... I preached about words like: I'm sorry, I was wrong, and will you forgive me?

As Rabbi David Winship writes, these are hard words to say not because they are the longest or the most complex. They are difficult, and perhaps even the hardest words to say, because they originate "way down in our gut. They are the type of word that is offered with emotion and which effects change in ourselves and in others." These words are heavy, they can be a burden, they don't just easily roll off the tongue. They are the sorts of words that take vulnerability to say, the sorts of words that require courage to admit, the sorts of words that demand we swallow our pride and embody humility.

I'll admit that I am absolutely no expert on saying any of these words. I hate to admit when I'm wrong, and find it very difficult to ask for forgiveness. So I turned to a book called *The Five Languages of Apology* by Jennifer Thomas and Gary Chapman to help me learn how to do this better.

Thomas and Chapman write about how in order to get better at saying these difficult words, we need to realize that apologies will feature five different languages. There is the language of expressing regret, the language of accepting responsibility, the commitment to make restitution, a promised plan to change, and a request for forgiveness.

Each of these aspects of an apology require us to put ourselves in the shoes of the other person and realize what we said or what we did caused them pain. We need empathy. We also need to swallow our pride and admit what we have done wrong by accepting and acknowledging we were wrong. This takes great humility. We need a changed behavior that backs up our words, because on their own our words don't hold ultimate power. We must change our ways, figure out how we can make it up to the person, and promise to never do the thing again. This takes vulnerability, sacrifice, and courage.

We all need to do better at speaking these difficult words. It's not just something that Christians are called to do, but something we are all called to do as a matter of civility and maturity. Relationships are far too precious for us to throw them to the wayside. Together we can do the difficult work of reconciliation and forgiveness.

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.

Deadline for submissions to the December Update is due by Wed. November 15, 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.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 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>

HBR CUSD #429 Updates and Highlights



HBR429 continues to “get personal”-- through personalized learning! We recognize that each student is an individual learner who may need individualized learning pathways in order to best meet their interests, increase their engagement, and foster their career development skills. In recent years, we have expanded the learning opportunities for our students. This month, we want to make sure that you are aware of the many avenues that students can expand their learning.

In 2018, Board Policy 6:135 was added to create the accelerated placement program. Options for Accelerated Placement programs include early entry to kindergarten or first grade, accelerated content area placement, accelerated grade level placement, and early graduation from Hinckley-Big Rock High School. Requests for content advancement, grade level advancement and early graduation from HBRHS must be submitted in writing to the building principal no later than December 31st for consideration for the following school year. School teams may also initiate the conversation with parents regarding any acceleration. For more information about our accelerated placement program, please visit [Accelerated Placement Program Plan_Final_4.15.19.pdf](#)

New this year we have a cohort of 5th graders taking 6th grade math at the middle school. We continue to have a large number of 8th graders taking Algebra 1 and some 8th graders who travel to the high school for advanced placement in English and Biology. Through our personalized learning approach, we continue to target individual learners to meet them where they are and move them forward.

Another opportunity for advanced learning is provided through enrollment in college coursework while in high school. The district will pay for up to 2 (two) Waubensee Community College (WCC) dual credit courses, per semester, per full-time eligible HBRHS student each school year, pending administrative course approval. Additionally, the district will pay for 1 (one) Edgenuity online course per semester for an eligible full time student, as determined by the student’s educational team. High school students interested in pursuing the WCC course or Edgenuity online course options should meet with our Counselor, Mr. Abbs, for more information. Other students interested in taking an online course through Edgenuity to further their education should contact their building principal for more information.

As we strive to ensure that all of our students have meaningful learning experiences that grow them as learners and as citizens of the community, we welcome your input and ideas for expanded learning opportunities. Please send feedback or suggestions to SuggestionBox@hbr429.org.

~Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent

HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY

Join us for our Open House and 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

190 W. Lincoln Hwy, Waterman, IL 60556

Come see our new facility, learn about the pantry, how we serve the community, and help us honor our 30 years of service.

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Hinckley Lions Club News



What's Thanksgiving Without A Turkey?

You don't have to go hunting for your Thanksgiving centerpiece when you can win a delicious omnivore at the Lions Club drawing on November 16. Come to J&K's Half Moon for all the excitement and fun starting at 7 p.m. Not only will 8 turkeys be presented to raffle winners but also there will be a drawing for a mystery prize you will find amazing. While you may know that herbivores are animals that feed on plant matter, did you know omnivores eat a variety of food types and not all of them have teeth? The turkey is native to North America and is very patriotic with head colors that are red, white and blue! Remember November 16 for the start of a delicious Thanksgiving.

Reward Posted for Missing Queen of Hearts?

The Reward is now over \$64,000 if you find the missing "Queen of Hearts" in the Hinckley Lions card game! The Lions Club card raffle has created a lot of interest and excitement as participants guess where the Queen of Hearts may be and hope their ticket is drawn in the raffle. At the writing of this article, the cash pot of over \$64,000 is just waiting to be split between the winner and the club! 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. You can follow the game on the Hinckley Lions Club Facebook page. Drawings are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at J&K's Half Moon.

Calling All Sportsmen

Tickets for the long-awaited annual Lions Sportsmen Raffle are now available and going fast. Only 400 tickets will be sold with three winners selected for three special prizes or \$500 in cash. Cash is always useful but then you may enjoy a Jackpot chartered five-hour fishing excursion on Lake Michigan for up to 5 people; or a Centerpoint Wrath Crossbow kit with illuminated scope; and then there's a Smith & Wesson CSX Range bundle with case, equipment, and concealed carry training. Tickets are available from any Lion and at BMC Insurance. The winners will be drawn starting at 7 p.m. on November 16 at J&K's Half Moon.

Don't Pitch it, Recycle it!

What do old eyeglasses, tattered flags, hearing aids, keys, key fobs, wire, desk top ink cartridges, brass, and cell phones have in common? You can recycle them through the Lions and not send them to the landfill. Package the smaller items in a plastic bag and drop all items in the purple and yellow Lions' collection box outside of the Hinckley Public Library. Lions Club International helps us respectfully retire flags, and repurpose other items. Thank you for helping Lions on their mission of service.

*Contact Lion Secretary Mark Bernhardt (mark.bernhardy@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.*

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Paul's UCC in Hinckley is
having their

Annual Cookie Walk

scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9th
from 8 AM - 12 PM.

If you have any questions please
call Donna at 815-742-7258.

Thank you.

Reminder: Turkey Drop & Food Drive is on
Sun. Nov. 5th from 11 AM - 1 PM at Plowman's
Park in Big Rock.

Items needed are: 12-14 lb. Frozen Turkey,
Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes, Canned Yams,
Canned Veggies, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce and
Dessert Mixes & Frosting.

Monetary Donations are appreciated. Make
checks payable to Hinckley Area Food Pantry
P.O. Box 463, Hinckley, IL 60520.

HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Hinckley
Public
Library
District



Family Reading Night is coming up on Thursday, November 16th at 6pm.

Local author Marisa Richards will read her new picture book *Girls Who Build* and answer your questions. Families will also enjoy snacks and a STEM activity. The book is intended for ages 3-5 but everyone is welcome.

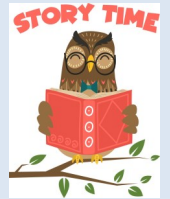
Contact the library to register.



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.

Homeschool chess and academic bowl activities continue through November 17th. **Join in every Friday.** Ages 12-18 are invited to participate in chess from 1:00-1:45 and academic bowl-style trivia from 2:00-2:30. A different challenge will be set up for the younger siblings each week as well.

Story time is still ongoing. Engage your littles in stories, songs, crafts, and more on Wednesdays at 10:30. The activities are designed for ages 0-6 with a caregiver, but older siblings are welcome too. Registration is requested.



As a public library we serve all ages. Our policy is that children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a guardian at least 13 years old at all times. Kids 8+ are welcome to use the library alone and we see a big group of kids after school each day.



Twisted Stitchers

The Twisted Stitchers would like to thank everyone who purchased items from our booth at the Hinckley Arts Festival on September 23, 2023.

We sold hand knitted and crocheted items and had two raffle baskets with an afghan in each.

All proceeds are going to the Hinckley Area Food pantry (HAFP).

We would like to thank the family of Marilyn Shattuck for the donation of her hand made afghans to sell and Diane Stalker for her cash donation.

We are happy to say we made a \$695.00 donation for the food pantry.



Grief Support Group : Offering support meetings to all who are grieving a personal loss at Hinckley First United Methodist Church at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for any meeting.

Meetings this month are on: Wednesday, November 8th & November 22nd

Reach out with questions or comments at ibbhealthandwellness@gmail.com

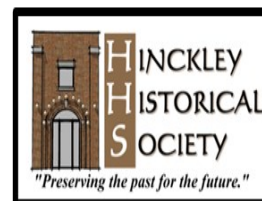
Join us most mornings beginning at 8AM located at HFUMC for **Fitness at First**. Come and walk or exercise with us at your own pace. Bring a friend or exercise partner along with you. This is open to everyone and no reservations are needed.

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



A Poem for the Season

*Thanksgiving poems were common in the 19th and 20th centuries.
We hope you enjoy this one by an unknown author.*



“Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don’t know something.
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,
Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes,
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you’re tired and weary,
Because it means you’ve made a difference.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
And they can become your blessings.”

Our Blessings...The Historical Society has had many blessings this year due to the generosity of those who have helped us on our mission of preserving and sharing the stories of our community. Your donations have made possible the programs, concerts, exhibits, research, and writings. Our plans for 2024 are taking shape and we hope you will help make them possible.

HHS relies on memberships, donations and also volunteers. Why not consider coming to the museum for some social time, help with accessioning items, research, and organizing our collection. You can make a real difference! Year-end financial donations are tax deductible with the power to turn our dreams into reality for the community’s benefit.

Our museum, located at 141 East Lincoln Avenue, 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.



Village News

The Village of Hinckley is happy to announce the hiring of our new Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Stephanie Long. Stephanie is a Hinckley native, graduating from Hinckley-Big Rock High School, and living in Hinckley with her husband and three children. Stephanie is a teacher in the Sandwich School District. In the past, Stephanie worked with Hinckley’s former park coordinator, Kris Ohnstad, and she has experience in the planning and running of the program.

In the near future, Stephanie will be announcing classes, lessons and activities for all ages for our community. We look forward to adding events that the entire community can enjoy.

