# HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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#### LIFESONG

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26 How would you answer Jesus' question? I believe that the way we answer this question makes all the difference to our lives now and for eternity. This April, we will be celebrating once more the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We'll remember his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, as we face Carona Virus and Covid—19 pandemic, we trust in the One who is the resurrection and the life. No matter what happens even death, yet shall we live. God will give us strength to love and serve one another with phone calls, and food deliveries, and prayers. We will find ways to communicate on the phone and internet, and video calls.

On Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> we will have available a special service remembering Jesus' suffering and death for us. This is Good, because without Jesus' death, we would all die forever. Because He conquered death, and took our punishment for our sin, we are forgiven and freed, and will live forever with Him. I will share a very special song that service called "Watch the Lamb", which tells the story of a father and 2 sons who witnessed the crucifixion.

Then, on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll have on line very special music, and joyous songs of praise to our risen Lord. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Because He lives, you and I can live too, really live. We don't have to keep hurting and destroying one another. We don't have to

live in fear and selfish sin. We can be raised with Christ to new life and find a joy that will keep us singing God's praise forever.

What will happen after Easter for you? Will life get back to "normal" with no special relationship with God? Why not keep the excitement of Jesus' resurrection going? Keep the action going with acts of devotion, acts of worship, acts of compassion, and acts of justice. Praying that the virus will be gone by May, Sign up for a Walk to Emmaus or Church Camp and deepen your walk with Jesus. Go on a Volunteers in Mission trip and use your God-given gifts to help others. Volunteer for a mission around here. Come alive with Jesus!

Let's sing a lifesong of praise to God for raising Jesus and us from death this April.

Love in Christ, Pastor Todd

PS. Worship services will be available at <a href="https://www.havelockumc.org">www.havelockumc.org</a> or on our facebook page havelock united methodist church.

## PIANO RECITAL

Everyone is invited to a Senior Recital by Kamryn Plock on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Fellowship Community Church, 8601 Holdrege St., Lincoln.

Please join us for refreshments after the recital!

"Humor and laughter are a resurrection: they allow us to rise again and again."

**Harold Wessel** 

## **FLOWERS**

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: May 3, 10, 17, 31, June 21, 28, July 12, August 2, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 25, and November 8, 22.

If you would like to provide flowers, please sign the Flower Calendar in the lobby on a date which has not been reserved.

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ...

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Lillian Artz.

Lillian passed away on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Her graveside service was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4th of JULY

Please save your special garage sale leftovers and any other small items (no clothes, furniture or food items) for the white elephant table. The items can be brought to the church at any time.

#### CHILI COOK-OFF 2020 WINNERS!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HUMC Chili Cook-off Contest another big success. This year's winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Ross Farley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dianne Karges, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Robert Sanford.

We appreciate everyone who brought desserts, all the contestants, volunteers and supporters. We would not do this without all of you. Also a very special thank you to our amazingly talented Ignite Praise Band for your wonderful music. We have already started planning and are looking forward to another contest next year! Thank you.

"The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes." Winston Churchill

## THANK YOUS

Thank you to everyone who helped support the HUMC Spring Craft Fair. It was a huge success! A lot of work is involved to make this event happen and we could not do it without all the people who volunteer. From setting up tables, working all day in the kitchen, taking down tables, the cleanup crew, and even all you shoppers...together we are all successful! We were able to raise \$2021.72 for the church!

Also a great big thank you to everyone for the outpour of bake goods that were given to the HUMC Bake Sale. We all should feel very blessed that we are a part of such a caring and loving church family. Mark your calendars for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Fall Craft fair is just around the corner!

Esther's Circle & HUMC Trustees Committee

Thank you for your participation in Starry Nights 2019. Your talent & heart made all the difference in the Festival atmosphere!

People's City Mission

Thank you for the many sacks of food for the Northeast Area Pantry. As the weather gets warmer, I am sure that the Pantry will be helping many people who are hungry. Your contributions certainly do help keep our shelves full and ready to feed those who need help.

Minnie Stephens, Pantry Coordinator

Thank you to all who sent condolences and sympathy cards for the loss of my sister, Barb.

Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

God Bless you, Jean Heiser

## **UMW NEWS**

## **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

ESTHER – Sat., April 18th, 8:30 a.m. Place to be announced

PRISCILLA – Thur., April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Room #4 Program – Shirley Robinson Hostess – Bev Steider

RUTH – Tue., April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Room #4 Program – Laura Pape Hostess – Laura Pape

## **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

This is a reminder that all circles will be collecting for the Bakeless Bake Sale at their April meeting.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

Each 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, the Havelock Church offers a free community meal for all those in our community as a way to get to know one another. Our next dinner is April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

## GOOD CHEER

"O Father, save me from the depression that comes from accepting every gloomy prediction and every bad news story as though they were the whole truth. May your grace help me not to be anxious about tomorrow, but to live with the trust that enables me to cope with today."

Reginald Hollis

## **COMMUNION AT HOME**

Bishop Saenz is allowing us to have communion at home during this Covid-19 crisis. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, please have bread and juice available to serve yourself communion. I will consecrate the elements in the service we will have recorded for that Sunday. You can share in communion then where you are.

Blessings! Pastor Todd

## REMEMBER THE CHURCH

Please remember to support the church with your gifts even when we are apart. You can give on line at <a href="www.havelockumc.org">www.havelockumc.org</a> or you can mail your offering to the church, 4140 N 60<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln, NE 68507