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LIFESONG

Dear Friends in Christ,

Remember the Apostle Paul's words to the Thessalonians: "We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 Thank God for our church outreach in our community, for the Esther's Closet, and FoodNet, 4th Wednesday dinners, and many more events our church supports in this community. Thank God for the way we are working to care for one another and our community in this pandemic. From "Grab N Go" meals to phone calls, to many zoom meetings, broadcasting services online, on the phone, and in the parking lot, to special mailings for our children, we have a lot of good things going on in and through our church. Thank God for our Havelock United Methodist Church.

Now, in November we have many opportunities to express our thanks to God for all God has done for us. Every worship service is an opportunity to give God thanks and to learn how we're "Better together." It looks like we will not have in person worship together for a while, but we will continue to record the service and broadcast it on our website at www.havelockumc.org, Facebook page Havelock United Methodist Church, on FM station 87:9 in our parking lot on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. We also have a new "sermon by phone" ministry where you can call 402-205-8739 and hear last Sunday's worship service. We can give thanks by giving to our church ministries, by contacting and praying for each other, and getting together safely with our

families to thank God for all God's blessings.

Let's sing a lifesong of giving thanks to God this November.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Todd

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

At this point we are planning to have two Christmas Eve Services in person at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. We will monitor the Covid risk factors to see if we can meet together then.

POINSETTIAS

You may purchase a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. They cost \$8.50 each.

The flowers can be in honor of someone or in loving memory. Please include a note of how you want them with your money and mail it to the church, 4140 N 60th, 68507 or drop it in the alley mailbox.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

We will be serving our annual Christmas Day Dinner, Friday, December 25th.

This will be a **GRAB N GO MEAL** served from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Danley (Dan) Sears.

Dan passed away on November 19th. A graveside service was held on November 23rd.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Todd, Robert Sanford and Worship Committee for the presentation of roses on All Saints Day for those who passed away this year. Robert, I so appreciated your words of comfort when presenting Dean's rose to me. It was also kind of you to send extra roses home with me. They helped to brighten my entire week. May God bless all of my Havelock UMC family.

Beth Honnen

FINANCIAL UPDATE

This is a financial update thru October 2020

Giving \$119,234.50 Expenses \$124,702.94 Shortfall (\$5,468.44)

Thank you to those of you who gave to the church this past month. All our bills are paid, even with the \$5,468.44 shortfall year to date, as we started the year with a positive cash balance.

Please continue to give to the church during this pandemic. You can mail in a check or drop one off using the mailbox in the alley. You can also give online, there is a link on our Facebook page, or on our website www.havelockumc.org. Thank you for your continued support of the church.

Next month we will share the final totals we received for the Fellowship Hall Remodel, as donations are still coming in. We are on track to have it done and fully paid for, thanks to the

generous giving of our faithful followers.

Note you can contact me directly for Scrip at 402-440-7512. I am keeping Russ's, SuperSaver and Hy-Vee on hand.

Pati Hughes Finance Chair on behalf of the Finance Committee

SCRIP ORDER FORMS

Please find attached the scrip order form for your Christmas shopping.

You can mail it to the church or Pati Hughes, 6709 Logan, Lincoln, NE 68507.

THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

IN OUR PRAYRS

Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual, the church office (402-466-6736) will initiate the Prayer Chain.

A women went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk.

"Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 50 Catholic and 50 Baptist ones."

Pastor Jim Patrick Indianola, IA