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## **HAVE-O-GRAM**



#### LOVING PRESENCE

It is our reality that a thing can never be ours before experiencing and encountering it in our life. Yes, it has been my reality. There was a time when I was not able to accept divorce as a Christian thing until I encountered it in my family. LGBTQ persons had not been able to be my friends until I faced their pure hearts inside for knowing and meeting God and living in the world as light and salt, as we do. One day, I realized that I do not deserve to stone other people according to the word of Jesus, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7, NRSV) We have to change something in our life first, including me, to give our kids a better world that is closer to the kingdom of God. Hatred can never make it happen. Let us open our hearts to love each other.

It is shocking to me that so many precious and beautiful children have become stars in the sky by gun shootings in our country. It looks endless. We endlessly get enraged by such tragedies. We endlessly pray for all victims. And then? We get back to normal soon. I know, we cannot stay in sorrow forever. But, forgetting everything soon without proper efforts, actions, and changes in our life must not be natural. If not, we cannot quit the endless cycle of tragedies, pushing our family and friends to the possibility that they can be also the victims of the tragedies.

It has been almost a year for me to be your pastor. You have embraced a pastor who is an Asian immigrant with language and cultural barriers in love. I have only felt that your love and mercy have been overflowing on me and my family. I am so grateful for all your love and care. I feel that the Holy Spirit makes us one in the love of God beyond our barriers. I can see hope here within the Spirit. And, I would like to ask you for expanding your love to other people who are different from you outside of the church.

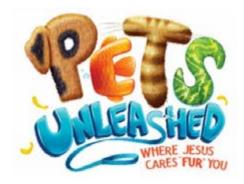
We have hope that Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, the Advocator, to help us and guide us when we do not know where to go, what to do, and how to start changes. So, let us ask the Holy Spirit for supporting us to transform our hearts so that we can also start transforming our family, church, and society into God's kingdom, healing the wounds, feeding the hungry, embracing the alienated, and caring for the lonely.

John 14:26, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

John 16:13-15, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be hosting a vacation bible school on Saturday, July 8th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at HUMC. Lunch will be provided. Please call (402-466-6736) or email (havelockumc@gmail.com) the church on or before June 29th to register for VBS. This year's theme is:



If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, there will be a meeting on Sunday, June 4th in the friendship parlor at 11:00 am, immediately following the morning worship service.

We are also needing monetary donations to help with supplies, lunch, snacks, craft items, and other expenses. These donations can be put in the morning offering, mailed to the church, or placed in the box in the narthex. Please make sure to designate your offering for VBS.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year April 2023. Year to Date Figures:

Giving: \$43,413.12 Savings: \$10,000.00 Total: \$53,413.12

Expenses: \$56,288.14 Shortage: (\$2,875.02)



We do have a positive cash balance of \$1,375.79. We did have to take another \$5,000.00 out of savings in April. We continue to be concerned about our finances. We can't continue at this rate, as we are \$2,500.00 short each month. We need to look at ways to reduce expenses or increase income.

Please remember you can mail a check into the church or drop one off using the mailbox in the alley. You can give online, looking for the updated link on our Facebook page or you can go to our website at <a href="https://www.havelockumc.org">www.havelockumc.org</a>.
Of course, if you're attending church, you can put it in the offering. Please contact me at 4024407512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.



On July 4th, HUMC will be hosting our 20th annual community 4th of July celebration from noon to 2:00 PM at the corner of 61st and Morrill Ave. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of fun! If you have any items for the dollar or quarter table please have them to the church by July 3rd. We are asking the congregation for donations of 2 liter bottles of pop for the ring toss and cookies to go with lunch. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please come and help us celebrate the 4th! If you have any questions please call Luetta Sinner at (402) 890-4915.



Last Wednesday
Community Supper
will be held on
Wednesday, June 28
from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

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Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am.

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If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512 for delivery or pick-up options. You can also purchase the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall.

Our church receives a

The 2023 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.

### PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED!

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 call, the church office (402-466-6736), Beth Honnen (402-466-5722), or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.

Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Friday, July 14th. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling 1-800-640-6307, or visit the website LLSA.SOCIAL/HC. Make sure to inquire about the special discount. See the flyer on the bulletin board!



OUR CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING A
NEBRASKA COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK
BLOOD DRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH
AND THURSDAY, JULY 13TH. PLEASE
CONTACT THE NCBB AT 402-486-9414 TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

The 2023 Great Plains Annual Conference Session will be Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-10, at the La Vista Conference Center in La Vista, Nebraska. More information can be found at https://www.greatplainsumc.org/annualconference.

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PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING – JUNE 4 Our social principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. Fifty percent of the offering remains in our annual conference to support this ministry. The other half of the donations collected fund national and international peacemaking ministries and grants.					AA 7:00 pm 2	3
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