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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, Alpha, Transformed Living, and many more events our church supports in this community. 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." We can give thanks by giving to our church ministries, by coming together in fellowship groups like Alpha and Transformed Living, Sunday School, and families to thank God for all God's blessings. It has been a blessing for me and my family to be here a second year.

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

Love in Christ,
Pastor Todd

**WHEN WE LOSE GOD, IT IS NOT
GOD WHO IS LOST.**

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Decorating the church for the Advent Season will be on Sunday, November 24th at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

Following will be a time of gathering in the Friendship Parlor for the traditional crock-pot soup supper and other goodies.

This is a special time to help us begin focusing more on Mary & Joseph and all they went through as they waited for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and as we wait for the second coming of Christ to this world.

This is a special way for everyone to reflect on this most special time of year as well as to spend time with others, getting to know one another better.

HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT

Winter is approaching real fast so once again during the month of November we will collect children's stocking caps, mittens or gloves, and socks for the Head Start program. There will be a Christmas tree set back in the Narthex to put your items on. This will run through the month of November.

YOUTH NEWS

It's time for our winter fundraiser. The Youth Sunday School will be selling Baker's Chocolates and Jet Splash car washes starting toward the end of November through Christmas. Look for them before and after church, and let them help you with your Christmas wish lists!

RUTH CIRCLE UPDATE

Ruth Circle still has the following RADA products available for Christmas or anytime: 5 granny paring knives, \$4.75 each, 3 peeling knives at \$4.75 each, and 1 serrated pie server, \$7.00. Contact Laura Pape at 402-466-6338 if interested. Thank you for your years of support.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the food items brought to the Northeast Area Food Pantry recently. This will help us feed several individuals or families in our community. May the Lord continue to bless your congregation as you help feed those in need.

Blessings
Minnie Stephens
Northeast Area Food Pantry Coordinator

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Wow! It was my privilege to worship with your congregation on September 29th. Meeting Wendell and Kristen & Chris and your wife, Dianne. Such a joy to meet you all.

The Gift your congregation gave to The Gideons International of \$99.00 will buy 20 Bibles or 82 New Testaments to place around the world. In one of the 200 countries, territories or possessions we are currently in.

Thank you for the warm welcome and hospitality and the gift to the Gideons.

Delwayne Epp
Representative of the Gideons
Lincoln Camp

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in room #4.

4th WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

THERE WILL BE NO 4th WEDNESDAY DINNER IN NOVEMBER. SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

NOVEMBER

- 1
- 2 9:00-3:00 Holy Spirit Workshop
- 3 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School for Adults & Children
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School for Children
5:30 ALPHA
- 4 7:00 AA
- 5 5:00 FoodNet
- 6 8:00 Life Line Screening
6:00 Handbells
7:00 Trustees
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- 10 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School for Adults & Youth
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School for Children
11:15 Outreach
5:30 ALPHA
- 11 7:00 AA
- 12 5:00 FoodNet
- 13 6:00 Handbells
7:00 Committee on Finance
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- 16 8:30 Esther Circle
- 17 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School for Adults & Youth
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School for Children
5:30 ALPHA
- 18 9:00 Deadline for News
7:00 AA
- 19 5:00 FoodNet
- 20 6:00 Handbells
7:00 Administrative Council
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- 24 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00 Sunday School for Adults & Youth
- 10:00 Morning Worship
- 10:00 Sunday School for Children
- 2:00 OVER
- 3:00 Hanging of the Greens
- 25 7:00 AA
- 26 5:00 FoodNet
- 27 6:00 Handbells
- 28 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9:00-4:00 Private Dinner
- 29
- 30 9:00 Starry Night – Handbells - Speedway

Transformed Living Commitment Sunday is November 24th

Remember being a kid and waiting expectantly during the days leading up to Christmas? You were probably on your best behavior, making sure that if Santa really did check that list twice, **you'd be on** the right side of it. Hours felt like days, and days felt like weeks, until the moment finally arrived: Christmas morning.

If you were like most children, you probably hopped out of bed before dawn, before your parents were even awake, and headed expectantly for the gifts wrapped and waiting under the tree. Who knew what wonders awaited?

As we finish reading *Treasures of the Transformed Life* this month, **we're headed toward another wonderfully special event: Commitment Sunday, November 24th. That's the day you'll be able to commit your prayers, presence, service, and financial gifts to the church for the coming season. And just like Christmas morning, you have no idea what wonders await.**

See, God always meets us where we are. And any time we take a step closer to him, he responds **likewise by stepping closer to us. When we're ready to say yes to all that he asks of us,** we can know for certain that he will richly reward us for it, and continue to draw us closer into relationship with him.

That last Sunday in November, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, even if you feel the tiniest bit apprehensive about taking the next step, rely on your faith to get you there. Consider what **Vincent Van Gogh said about doubt in this week's study: "If you hear a voice within you say 'You are not a painter,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced."**

The master painter, the one who created you with beautiful strokes of his brush, awaits. So as your special day arrives, greet it with expectancy and know that God will honor your new levels of commitment and help you stand firm. Keep this in mind:

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.

—Colossians 2:6–7 (NLT)