## HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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#### **LIFESONG**

Dear Friends in Christ, Revelations 5:11-14 says: "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angles surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered ten thousand times ten thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing. "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped."

Worshipping God will be our occupation for eternity. I used to think worship was boring. The music was dull, the scriptures and prayers were long, and the sermon put me to sleep. If you are coming to church services to be entertained, you will be disappointed. There is no way that any church could give you exactly what you want every week. But church services are not meant to entertain us, but to give us an opportunity to worship God together with others. They give us a glimpse of what it will be like in heaven, when thousands of thousands will sing praises to God and all creation will bow down and worship our Creator, Our Savior, and King. I stopped being bored in worship services when I began to focus on God and not all the other human-made trappings of worship. When I think of what God has done for me, this fabulous creation, the sacrifice Jesus made for me on the cross, the power of the Holy Spirit to move me to be all God created me to be, I can't help but praise God. Worship is not the songs, not the prayers, not the

words, or the pictures; worship is the attitude of our heart toward God.

Come join us to worship God this September as we continue our worship through the Gospel of Matthew, pointing us to God's way to live every day. Worship is different during this Pandemic, but we can always worship, no matter where we are. We hope to do some more in person safe kinds of worship this September. We might try another outside worship or socially distanced worship inside. I hope you're taking time to pray and worship God at home or in nature.

Let's sing a lifesong of worship to our God this September

Love in Christ,

Pastor Todd

#### FROM TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Look for a letter arriving in your mail within the next week regarding the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. It's going to be quite the project!

#### THANK YOU

Dear Havelock UMC Congregation,

Thank you for the generous check. I appreciate everything you all have done for me: including into the future. While it may be unknown, & uncertain, one of the things we do know is that God's love is forever. Thank you again for your support as I head off to Doane. Kamryn Plock

#### KING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The King Family Scholarship was presented to Kamryn Plock on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at her graduation party by Pastor Todd.

#### FINANCIAL NEWS

Financial update from the Finance Committee

Giving \$82,436.91 Expenses \$88, 293.57 Shortfall (\$5,856.66)

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's a link on our Facebook page or on our website <a href="www.havelockumc.org">www.havelockumc.org</a>. If you need help setting up online giving please contact Pati Hughs at 402-440-7512. Note we did have a positive cash flow balance from last year so we are current on our bills. Thank you for your support of our church. We did apply for and received a stimulus loan of close to \$16,000. We are pretty sure that the loan will be forgiven. We are not reflecting that in our reporting yet.

Pati Hughes

Finance Chair

THE SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER ISSUE
OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY
THE PANTRY CART.

# FREE!! GRAB & GO MEAL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

### 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Please enter from Morrill & 61<sup>st</sup> Street, drive SOUTH on parking area to EAST door.

\*Dinner will be handed to you through your car window\*

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.