

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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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 FoodNet, 4th Wednesday dinners, AA groups, our new Fellowship Hall, 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.

This has been a tough year and a hard year for giving thanks with all the people sick and dying from Covid-19. I am reminded of Paul's admonition to the church at Thessalonica, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 This was the man who was stoned, shipwrecked, beaten to within an inch of his life, and finally crucified upside down. Notice that he doesn't say "Give thanks **for** all circumstances, but "give thanks **in** all circumstances." In the midst of all our circumstances, even the fear and devastation of a pandemic, God is with us. God is stronger than anything that happens to us, even death. Some of us can give thanks to God in the circumstances of being forced to be at home more often, given the blessing of spending more time with family, slowing down a little to notice God's creation, to read a little more, to rest a little more. I challenge you to think how you can thank God even in these challenging times.

Now, in November we have many opportunities to express our thanks to God for how God is with us. I'm thankful that through our "Opening/Worship committee" we are safely worshipping together again on Sundays with masks, shields, social distancing, Lysol, and hand sanitizer. 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 small groups, even if it's on "Zoom", to thank God for all God's blessings. It has been a blessing for me and my family to be in this, our third year at Havelock United Methodist Church.

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

Love in Christ,

Pastor Todd

ALL SAINTS DAY

During morning worship on November 1st, we will be honoring the memory of those who have passed from this earthly life to their Heavenly reward this year. Come and join in remembrance of those who have touched our lives as members of the Havelock United Methodist Church family.

They are Mary Jean Forst, Hazel Tenopir, Lillian Artz, Lois Spencer, Dean Honnen and Donna Cave.

THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE BY THE FOOD CART.

**4th WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY
SUPPER**

**THERE WILL BE NO 4TH WEDNESDAY
COMMUNITY DINNER IN NOVEMBER.**

We will again be serving our CHRISTMAS
DINNER on Friday, December 25th, 5:00 – 6:30
pm. This will be a GRAB AND GO MEAL.

**REMEMBER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER
1st IS THE END OF DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME. REMEMBER TO
TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS ONE
HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.**

**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.

“Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!” – Psalm 95:2