

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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LIFESONG

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Many of us have struggled in 2020, financially, emotionally, spiritually. With God, we always have hope. 2021 gives us hope that things will indeed be better. In fact, I believe that with God, every day is a new day. We’ll begin the New Year with a message about the light no one can put out. We’ll remember the good news of great joy, exceeding great joy that the magi carried with them to Bethlehem to see the baby King Jesus. We call the New Year 2021 because of the birth of Jesus.

We celebrate great mission and service we’ve accomplished together in 2020, in spite of a global pandemic, and look forward to even greater love shared in the year of our Lord, 2021.

I wrote this verse recently to add to the Advent carol “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” As we look to the coming of a new year and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, consider this prayer:

“O come, O come, our hope fulfilled.
And lift our spirits until we will
Do all You’ve shown us how to live
In peace, justice, and Your love revealed.

Rejoice, rejoice, our hope fulfilled.
You’re coming soon our longings to make
real.”

Let’s sing a lifesong of hope for new life this
January.
Love in Christ, Pastor Todd

CANDLES AND COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

There will be no in person service for Christmas Eve.

Be sure and have a candle and communion elements for everyone in your household for Christmas Eve Service. It will be broadcast at 5 p.m. on www.havelockumc.org, Facebook Page Havelock United Methodist and on the phone at 402-205-8739.

If you need a candle(s), give me a call at 402-480-1669.

Pastor Todd

POINSETTIAS

Those who have purchased poinsettias may take them home after the Christmas Eve worship service. We will try to have covers available for them. Thank you for filling the sanctuary with color during the Advent season.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Dinner will be served to those in need and those who are alone on this day. If you are available to share in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help serve the Christmas Dinner please contact Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420. The church will be serving a grab- n- go traditional turkey dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

HOW TO SEE AND HEAR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

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.havelockume.org, Facebook page Havelock United Methodist Church on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. You can also call 402-205-8739 and hear last Sunday's worship service. Share this phone number with people you know who don't have a computer.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Fresh Start,

Thank you for joining in our efforts to bring joy this Christmas. We appreciate you giving several \$50 gift cards. The women will be able to use these to purchase essential items for their home. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, Audrey

We have greatly appreciated the many phone calls and cards which we have received from Pastor Todd and friends following the death of our son, Danley. Just knowing that we were and are in your prayers adds to our comfort.

Marlys & Maynard Sears
Jamie & Heather Sears
Jeffrey & Denice Sears

FINANCIAL UPDATE

This is a financial update thru November 2020

Giving	\$129,338.00
Expenses	\$136,143.11
Shortfall	(\$6,805.11)

Please continue to support the church during the pandemic. You can mail in a check or drop one off using the mailbox in the ally. You can also

give on-line. We have a link on our Facebook page or on our website www.havelockumc.org. Note we do still have a positive cash flow balance from last year, so we are current on all our bills.

UPDATE ON GIVING TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL

Total giving from congregation \$18,860.00 – remember we were matching up to \$16,000.00 from funds already in savings. Total \$34,860.00

Total expenses to date \$24,764.93

The extra \$10,095.07 will be kept in savings for future capital improvements that might be door replacement, window replacement or other needs.

The Trustees and Finance Committees would like to thank everyone for their generous support of the church and our mission. God is good!

Pati Hughes – Financial Chair

THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY THE PANTRY CART.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

The next 4th Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 27th, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

This will be a grab-n-go meal. Please enter from Morrill & 61st Street, drive SOUTH on parking area to EAST door.

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.