

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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LIFESONG

Dear Friends in Christ, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26 How would you answer Jesus' question? I believe that the way we answer this question makes all the difference to our lives now and for eternity. This April, we will be celebrating once more the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We trust in the One who is the resurrection and the life. No matter what happens, even death, yet shall we live. God will give us strength to love and serve one another with phone calls, and food deliveries, and prayers. We will be exploring ways to meet together and continue to find ways to communicate on the phone and internet, and video calls.

On Good Friday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm we will share in a special service remembering Jesus' suffering and death for us. This is Good, because without Jesus' death, we would all die forever. Because He conquered death, and took our punishment for our sin, we are forgiven and freed, and will live forever with Him. I will share a very special song that service called "Watch the Lamb", which tells the story of a father and 2 sons who witnessed the crucifixion.

Then, on Easter Sunday, April 4th, we'll have very special music, and joyous songs of praise to our risen Lord. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Because He lives, you and I can live too, really live. We don't have to keep hurting and destroying one another. We don't have to live in fear and selfish sin. We can be raised with Christ to new life and find a joy that will keep us singing God's praise forever.

What will happen after Easter for you? Will life get back to "normal" with no special relationship with God? Why not keep the excitement of Jesus' resurrection going? Keep the action going with acts of devotion, acts of worship, acts of compassion, and acts of justice. Praying that the virus will be gone by May, Sign up for Walk to Emmaus or Church Camp and deepen your walk with Jesus. Go on a Volunteers in Mission trip and use your God-given gifts to help others. Volunteer for a mission around here. Come alive with Jesus!

Let's sing a lifesong of praise to God for raising Jesus and us from death this April.

Love in Christ, Pastor Todd

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

We will kick off our 2021 plant sale on March 1st. It will run through April 12th. All orders and payment have to be submitted by April 12th. We are going through a different vendor this year. I'm excited to announce we will be using Janet's Jungle. They are a local business located in Fremont, Nebraska! Their plants are grown in Roca, Iowa, and Missouri. Good news is there will be on line sales, catalog sales, they take several payment options such as credit card, debit card, pay pal, cash and checks. We will offer annual flowers, perennial flowers, vegetables, herbs, and seed packets. Also, we already know our delivery date will be May 5th. Please consider helping on delivery day as we will need to set up the plants in the church for pick up to be on May 6th. Janet's Jungle will be sending a video for the congregation to watch prior to the sale. A big shout out to Chris Plock who will download that

on the church website and during a church service announcement, and on Facebook! We will have catalogs and order forms for you. Let's make this sale a huge success by inviting our friends, neighbors, families and co-workers to participate! 25% to 30% of our total sale will go to the church!

Please check out the website Janet'sjungle.com. Then go to "search your organization". Enter "Lincoln Havelock United Methodist Church" you will see a preview of the catalog.
*There will be 25 to 30 bonus buys that will only be available on line. They will be offering hanging baskets as a bonus buy.

Please contact Vicki Finney at 402-875-1588 if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial update from the Finance Committee thru end of February 2021.

Giving	\$16,748.35
Expenses	\$25,094.25
Shortage	(\$8,345.90)

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 www.havelockumc.org. If you need help setting up online giving please contact Pati Hughes 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.

Patricia Hughes, Financial Chair

WALK TO EMMAUS

Walk to Emmaus is sponsored by Upper Room Ministries. It's a great faith lifter about the basics of Christianity. It is life-changing. Please consider the following events.

Men's Walk will be held September 23-26 with **Michael Pochop 308-737-6090** as the Lay Director michaelpochop@mccooknet.com

Women's Walk will be held October 7-10 with **Brenda Beliel 308-360-1129** as the Lay Director. tcssmac@aol.com

Both Men's and Women's Walks will be held at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp near Hordville, NE. The cost is \$150 per person. You can find "Upcoming Events" listed on the sidebar of our home page nebraskaawalktoemmaus.org.

Love in Christ, Pastor Todd

SCRIP CARDS MAY BE PURCHASED

If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512. Pati will either deliver the SCRIP cards to your home or you can pick them up at Pati's house. We are again selling the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

The next 4th Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, 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.

POEM BY FANNY CROSBY

O what a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be;
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
Too weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't.

Fanny Crosby

Fanny Crosby wrote this poem when she was only eight years old. Blinded in infancy, Miss Crosby spent the ninety-eight years of her life composing over 9,000 songs, many of which mention a deeper sight than that of our physical vision.

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

“If we are silent about the joy that comes from knowing Jesus, the very stones will cry out! For we are an Easter people and ‘Alleluia’ is our song. Rejoice because Jesus has come into the world! Rejoice because Jesus has died upon the cross! Rejoice because He rose again from the dead! Rejoice because Jesus has come to set us free! Rejoice because He is the master of our life!”

Pope John Paul II