

# HAVE-O-GRAM



## *LIFESONG*

Thanksgiving is just barely over, and Christmas is upon us! We've already been bombarded with Christmas advertisements, movies, plays, and fundraising. Our whole culture revolves around Christmas. Think about it. What would happen to our economy if we didn't have Christmas? All our stores, all our churches, all our missions, and ministries, rely on Christmas, on the generosity and good feelings of Christmas to inspire people to give money. If we didn't have Christmas, if we cut off the months of November and December, every business and every church would be bankrupt. We couldn't operate. The majority of American funds flow at Christmas time. Why? Is it because of all the advertising, the lights, the sounds, the music, the traditions? Or is there something deep inside us that recognizes the coming of Jesus Christ to earth is the most important event in history, is the real reason we're alive today, is the real hope for life tomorrow?

What really gets me excited about Christmas is not the colors and sounds and lights, or even the Christmas carols and nativity scenes and plays. Jesus' birth was nice and it's good to remember, but much more exciting than that is the fact that Jesus is alive today and Jesus is coming again. There is something in our heart of hearts that recognizes this. Life will not continue the way it is, with all the hate and hurt and destruction and sin. Jesus is coming. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. God's way, God's will, will reign on the earth, and it may start today. In the Christian calendar we call this Advent. Advent usually gets trampled by Christmas. We want to skip over all the hymns about the second coming of Jesus and get right to those sentimental Christmas carols. But without the Advent, without the second coming, the first coming would have no meaning. Jesus didn't just come 2 thousand years ago and leave us.

Jesus is here today and Jesus is coming to the earth to reign, to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I believe this is something worth celebrating and looking forward to. Take a few moments to celebrate the second coming of Christ, and the hope for the future of the world each day this Advent, this December. We will have very special music in worship services in December including Ignite Praise Band, Sunday School Children on the 19th, My wife and I. Christmas Eve service is at 5 p.m. Every service will be a time to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. Let's sing a lifesong of Praise for the first and the second coming of Jesus this December.

**PS:** Thank you for the gift cards to Texas Road House and Scooters. I love them both. I appreciate you all very much and am glad to serve as your Pastor.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Todd

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY PATRICIA HUGHES

Financial update from the Finance Committee through end of October 2021:

Giving: \$114,786.10  
Expenses: \$133,626.47  
Shortage: (\$18,840.37)

Note we are still operating with a positive cash flow of over \$5000 due to the positive balance from last year.

Please remember you can mail a check into the church or drop one off using the mailbox in the alley. You can give online, looking for the updated link on our Facebook page or you can go to our website at [www.havelockumc.org](http://www.havelockumc.org).

Of course if you're attending church you can put one in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact me at 402440752 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

## WITH SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Leroy Bonneau. Leroy passed away on November 5th. Graveside services will be held on November 20th in Bancroft, NE.

If you would like to send a sympathy card to Leroy's family, please send it to:

Shelly Berchtold  
1033 Colony Ln  
Lincoln, NE 68505

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Pati Hughes is happy to share that she has a new grandson named Dallas Ross. He weighs 7 lbs 5 oz and is 20 inches long. Dallas and mother are doing good.

## ADVENT

If you are interested in reading the Advent worship liturgies and lighting the Advent candles, please contact the church office. Thank you!



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias will be available for purchase through the church again this year. We will be ordering them from Hy-Vee. The estimated cost is \$10 each, but the church may qualify for a discount. Order forms will be made available soon and we will need to give Hy-Vee final order totals during the second week of December. Contact Robert or Rhonda Sanford with any questions!



*Christmas Day  
Dinner:  
December 25th  
from 5:00 pm to  
6:00 pm.  
Turkey,  
dressing, mashed  
potatoes, green  
beans, cranberry  
sauce, and pie!.*



Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Parlor at 8:30 am.



## SCRIP CARDS

If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512 for delivery or pick-up options. You can also purchase the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall. Our church receives a percentage of all sales!



## IN OUR PRAYERS

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) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.



## FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2021 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.



## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be here at Havelock United Methodist Church on Friday, December 10, 2021 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Flyers are available on the welcome center in the narthex with more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$139.

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
- Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)
- Text: the word circle to 797979

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Trustees 7:00 pm 1	2	3 AA 7:00 pm	4
8:30 am Fellowship Coffee; 8:45 am Adult Sunday School; 10:00 am Morning Worship 5	6 AA 7:00 pm	7 FoodNet 4:30 pm	8 Finance 7:00 pm	9 Priscilla Circle 10:00 am at Doris Schulenberg's home	10 Life Line Screening 8:00 am - 5:30 pm AA 7:00 pm	11
8:30 am Fellowship Coffee; 8:45 am Adult Sunday School; 10:00 am Morning Worship 12	13 AA 7:00 pm Sanctuary reserved for NE Christian Chorus rehearsal 6:30 pm	14 FoodNet 4:30 pm	15 Ad Council 7:00 pm	16 NE Christian Chorus concert 7:00 pm	17 AA 7:00 pm	18
8:30 am Fellowship Coffee; 8:45 am Adult Sunday School; 10:00 am Morning Worship - Children's Christmas program during service 19	20 AA 7:00 pm	21 FoodNet 4:30 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve service 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	25 Christmas Day
8:30 am Fellowship Coffee; 8:45 am Adult Sunday School; 10:00 am Morning Worship 26	27 AA 7:00 pm	28 FoodNet 4:30 pm	29	30	31 AA 7:00 pm New Year's Eve	

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