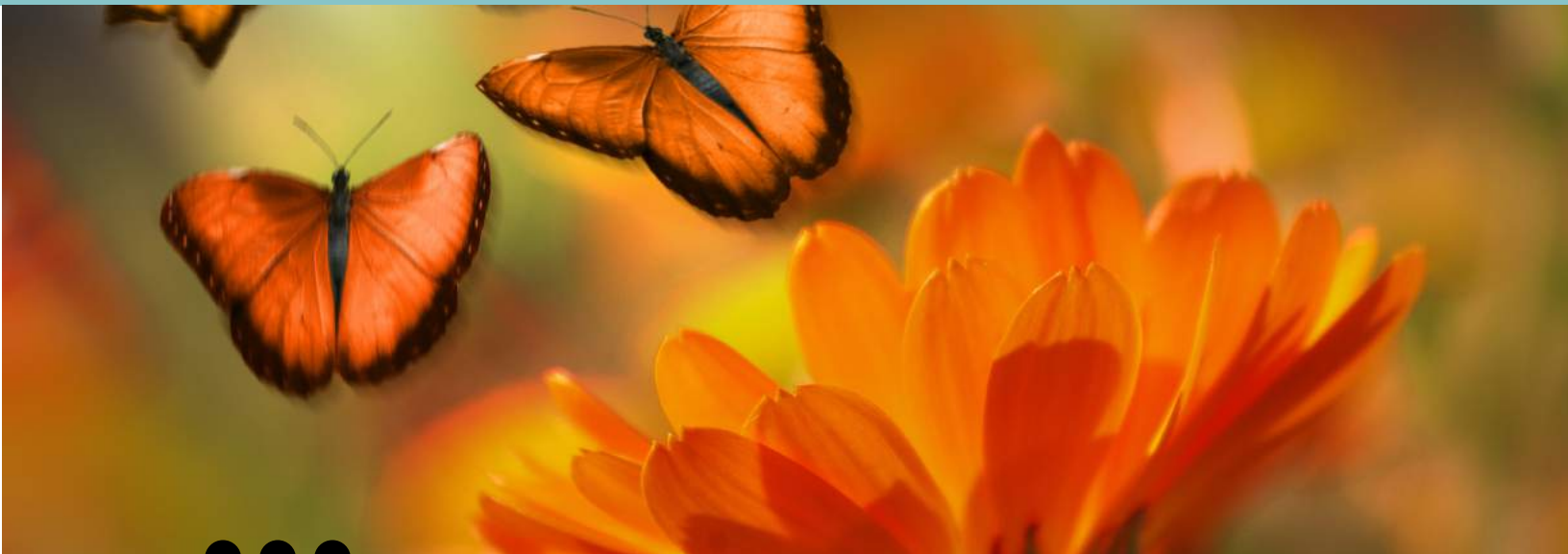
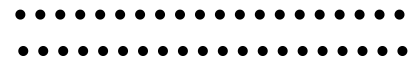


HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE



August is full of life and energy. We can see that corn is growing so fast in the field. Our kids will start the new school year. Some will experience a big transition to upgrading their educational steps. What a wonderful transition for the high school seniors to be freshmen in college! It will be challenging for them but exciting to get into the new world at the same time.

It is also the time of coming back to ordinary life. Many families usually have a family vacation in June and/or July and get back to normal life in August. College students are also coming back to school.

I think that God gives us seasons because we don't usually like changes in our routines, but we may be able to start a new journey or restart a renewed ordinary life according to the season as a physical but also spiritual reminder. I hope August can be the time when we all may start a new spiritual journey with God or restart an ordinary track of our spiritual tradition.

It's been a long time since the pandemic broke out, and we have really struggled during that time with the sense of isolation and lots of disappointment with God for facing unexpected and unpleasant situations. So, maybe consciously or unconsciously, our faith journey has taken a passive track apart from the fellowship and presence of the church body, which was necessary for a while in this exceptional situation, the pandemic. Nonetheless, the thing is that this must be temporary. If not, we will consider this normal.

During the pandemic, what we have learned are three things.

1) God is always the same, staying with us and giving us His open arms. Look at the season and mother nature. The world is still going on under His providence.

2) Yet, the passive track of spiritual life that has been kept for a long time hinders us to discover and take joy and grace given by God. Remember that God never changes the amount of joy and grace that He prepares for us, but our physical and spiritual lifestyles have been changed, which has really affected our spiritual life.

3) Changing a passive track to the active track is harder than starting a new track from zero. This is because we feel that we are already doing something now for our spiritual journey.

We need to remember the fact that faith is fundamentally an active spiritual lifestyle with our free will. We would doubt whether the difference between active faith and passive faith is huge. In ordinary times, it looks the same. But, when we face crises, only those actively walking with God can change over the situation from impossibility to possibility, from despair to hope, from anxiety to joy, and from death to life.

Jesus says, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matt 11:12, NRSV) God makes the final decision of salvation, but our free will is essential in the process. Paul guides this in a practical way to his young fellow, Timothy, "But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:11-12).

The way to heaven is made by God, but He never leads us by force. Choosing ways of life is our work. Why? If God decides everything in our life, what meaning does our life have? We are not a doll. He loves us as much as we are made of the image of God. So, he always lets us know the best way with ongoing support even though we do not want to follow His way sometimes.

I believe August can be the best time for us to take an action in our daily life to start a new spiritual journey with God or restart the ordinary track of our spiritual tradition. The Havelock United Methodist Church will be the place where you can get ongoing support for your journey with the presence of Christ and his church body.

Blessings,
Your friend, Kyu



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the families of Roger Steider and Jean Heiser. Roger passed away on June 3 and Jean passed away on July 8. Roger's celebration of life service was June 7 at HUMC. Memorials for Roger are suggested to the family for future designation. Memorials for Jean are suggested to HUMC or The People's City Mission.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY: PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

Financial update from the Finance Committee through end of July 2022:

Giving \$87,028.50
Expenses \$87,522.57
Shortage (\$494.07)



Note we are still operating with a small positive cash flow due to taking money out of our savings account. We are still spending more than we are seeing come in as giving.

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.

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 402-440-752 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Please join us for the Blessing of the Backpacks during regular worship on Sunday, August 14th. All school-aged children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church, and pastor Kyu will bless them in prayer for an educational, safe, and fun school year!

THANK YOU...

For a great send off into retirement! We really appreciate all the cards and well wishes, the generous money gift, the smiles and hugs. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.
Love in Christ,
Pastor Todd and Dianne

The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, August 31 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. This will be a grab-n-go meal.



Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 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!

**PLEASE KEEP US
UPDATED!**

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Adult Sunday School is taking a break and will resume on September 11. We are in need of a volunteer to lead the Sunday School class when it resumes. Please contact Sandy Carlson if you would like to volunteer!



Also, Ignite is needing a few talented musicians to join our praise band! Please contact Kristin Sanford if you would like more information or to audition.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 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.

THANK YOU!



The Outreach committee would like to thank the congregation and friends for their donations, and volunteering their time to make this 4th of July Community party such a success.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AA 7:00 pm 1	FoodNet 4:30 pm 2	Trustees 7:00 pm 3	4	AA 7:00 pm 5	6
7 8:30 am Fellowship Coffee 10:00 am Morning Worship	AA 7:00 pm 8	FoodNet 4:30 pm 9	Finance 7:00 pm 10	11	AA 7:00 pm 12	13
14 8:30 am Fellowship Coffee 10:00 am Morning Worship Blessing of the Backpacks	AA 7:00 pm 15	FoodNet 4:30 pm 16	Ad Council 7:00 pm 17	18	AA 7:00 pm 19	20
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