

HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE

A month, 'November,' has been a symbol of abundance, which would come from the idea that it is the time after the harvest season. But, we need to keep in mind that the true abundance does not come from how much we have yielded this year but whether we can be grateful every time, transcending our situation.

If we look back on the puritan's life, it is clear that their circumstance is far from abundance. They sailed to the new continent for the liberty of faith, but what was waiting for them there was famine, disease, and death.

Almost half of the 102 Puritans who arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts in November 1620 died within three to four months. Their first winter in the New World was very harsh. However, the painful winter did not last forever. With the arrival of spring, they were able to sow the seeds and have their first harvest, with the help of native Americans living near the area where they had settled.

It is certain that their quality of life in the first year on the new continent was much worse than their past in Europe. They lost many of their beloved ones, and most things they did there was challenging and dangerous. Even though they had quite a good yield from the harvest in their first year, it was not comparable to their past in absolute figures.

However, the puritans were abundant because they were full of gratefulness. We can only give thanks when we are satisfied. What gave them satisfaction and a sense of happiness? Just expecting what we will get first never gives us satisfaction because that is in the realm of uncertainty. Instead, they focused on who the master of their life is first and concluded with a certain truth that God, the master of their life, loves them and leads them to the best place, which is the direction of their perspective. So, they were able to give thanks to God, and then the expectation for their hopeful tomorrow with God followed. This is Thanksgiving, the spirit of the United States.

Gratitude is a vessel that holds happiness in the heart, and the happiness contained in that gratitude enriches our lives and gives us satisfaction. That's right! Abundance, contentment, happiness, and gratitude are interlocked with each other.

Paul strongly recommends, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NRSV)

In November, how about starting our days with gratitude and finding our reasons for gratitude from God first? If then, we will soon discover what God has already blessed you with in your life, which will extend to contentment, happiness, and abundance. So, let us look backward with gratitude and forward with faith.

Blessings,
Kyu

"Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation." (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY: PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

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

Giving: \$127,403.81

Expenses: \$ 119,552.57

Surplus: \$7,851.24



We did take \$5,000.00 out of saving and now have a positive cash flow.

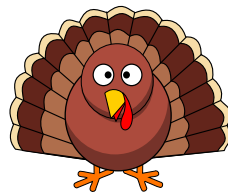
Please consider if you can give more.. we are not keeping up with expenses and have paid no mission shares this year. Please remember you can mail a check into the church or drop one off using the mailbox in the alley. You can give online, looking for the updated link on our Facebook page or you can go to our website at www.havelockumc.org.

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 4024407512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

Our next Children's Choir performance will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 20th!

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?
- The turkey trot.
Why did they let the turkey join the band?
- Because he had the drumsticks.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Samaritan's Purse International Relief is a non-denominational Christian organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to those around the world who need it most.

We have teamed up with them to help provide Christmas gifts for children who otherwise may not receive a gift. Please visit the display in the narthex for more information on how you can sponsor one or more Christmas shoeboxes. **All shoeboxes will need to be filled and returned on or before Sunday, November 6th.** We will bless the shoeboxes during worship on November 13th and the church office will deliver them for distribution.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Hanging of the greens will be on Sunday, November 20th immediately following worship service. Sign-up sheets are on the welcome center in the narthex for those wanting to bring soup, crackers, or dessert for the luncheon.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 6th is All Saints Sunday. During morning worship, we will have a short program to honor those church members who have passed away in the last 12 months. Please plan to attend to show support for those who have lost loved ones this past year.

UM STUDENT DAY - SPECIAL OFFERING

November 27th is the special offering Sunday for United Methodist students. This special offering invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students.

There will be no Last Wednesday Community Supper in November. Please stay tuned for details on the December Supper!



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



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!



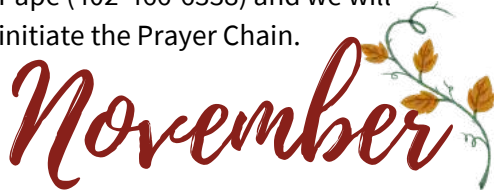
The 2022 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6th!

**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), Beth Honnen (402-466-5722), or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be here at Havelock United Methodist Church on Thursday, November 3rd, and there are still a handful of appointment times left! Flyers are available on the welcome center in the narthex with more information.

Please put your donations of mittens, stocking hats, gloves, or socks on the Christmas tree in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 6th! These will be donated to the Head Start program.

Charge Conference will be held at South Gate UMC on Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 pm. All are invited to attend!

**MUSICAL
OPPORTUNITIES**



We are currently looking for people to join our vocal choir, bell choir, and Ignite praise band. If you are interested in joining one or more of these groups, please contact the church office.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a bridal shower for Kristin Sanford on Sunday, November 13th in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. Please bring no gifts, but rather 2 recipes you would like to share with Kristin. Please contact a host: Sandy Carlson, Julie Burt, or Rhonda Sanford with any questions!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Priscilla Circle meeting in November		FoodNet 4:30 pm 1		Life Line 8:00 am 3	AA 7:00 pm 4	5
Turn clocks back 1 hour 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Trustees Meeting	6 AA 7:00 pm FoodNet 4:30 pm	7 State General Election - All Day	8 Finance 7:00 pm	9	10 AA 7:00 pm 11	12
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