

HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE



It is amazing to realize that we are facing a new year. We have all felt that the last three years were very strange. The pandemic has given us lots of traumatic memories. Yet here the issue is that we do not have to be bound or locked up with the memories.

The book of Leviticus introduces Jubilee as a part of the Law. The jubilee is a utopia-like concept that is hard to find in today's social and economic principles. However, the spirit of the kingdom of God is contained in this. If you look at the whole of Leviticus 25:23, it looks like this, "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me, you are but aliens and tenants." Jubilee is 'Jobel' in Hebrew, which means 'the sound of a horn.' It was named like that because it was the year of blowing the trumpet and proclaiming the joy of freedom. As the year of liberation, which returns every 50 years, all slaves are freed, all possessions are returned to their original owners, and all lands are followed (Lev. 25:10). The word 'jubilee' in modern English meaning 'delight' and 'festival' comes from this backdrop.

Liberation is highly related to restoration, which is interlocked with time flow. God gave us the image and beauty of God with free will. However, their qualities and values are continuously damaged while we are living in the world, enslaved by the values of the world in fear. Nonetheless, we are regularly facing a new year, passing by our past under God's providence so that we may experience the liberation and restoration of God with a new start, which is the reminder of Jubilee. We don't need to be bound to the past but go forward to tomorrow with the hope of God.

Are we still fastened to our past, especially traumatic times, our loss, our failures, our broken relationships, and so on? Through facing a new year, I hope and pray that we are going to experience God's liberation and restoration. In this, our painful and traumatized memories from the pandemic will be the past. Instead, let us have expectations about what God's blessings for us will be.

Christmas is the visible sign of God's liberation and restoration. The word of God came to the world within a human body. Jesus came to us because of your liberation and restoration.

Listen to the word of Jesus. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..." Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:18-19, 21)

In December, shall we share this great news of Jesus Christ?

Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Kyu

FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY: PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

Financial update from the Finance Committee through October 2022:

Giving: \$147,141.56

Expenses: \$142,279.94

Surplus: \$4,861.62



We do have a positive cash balance of \$9,761.42.

We are going to pay three months of mission shares, equal to \$4,252.75.

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 402440752 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.



We donated 39 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!



THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who attended our wedding shower! We appreciate all of the recipes and well wishes. It was a great time of celebration!

~ Kristin Sanford and Dakota Gladson

Please note - the church office will be closed from December 22nd - January 2nd.

Voicemail and email will be checked periodically.

Please contact pastor Kyu at 360-910-7035 for any emergencies during this time.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year's children's Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 18th during our morning worship service.

Please plan to attend to support the kids, and enjoy our real-life baby Jesus!

LIVING NATIVITY



The 3B homestead, at 7603 298th St. Murdock, NE, invites you to their Christmas nativity experiences! They are open every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas (excluding Christmas weekend) from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from noon - 4:30 pm. If you are interested in a private tour, they offer those as well with prior arrangements. This is a free community outreach. Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards for more information.

DEVOTION RELAY - ADVENT DEVOTIONS

You and your family are invited to share your 2-3 minute devotional with other church members this Advent season, with the theme of "waiting for Jesus to come to the world as the light". Some ideas:

1. Read bible verses about Jesus and share your thoughts
 2. Talk about facing Jesus in your life journey
 3. Read an existing devotional about Jesus that has touched your heart
 4. Sing a song or recite a poem about Jesus
- Call the church office to sign up!

Devotionals will appear on the church's Facebook page during Advent.

Christmas Day Dinner:
Sunday, December 25th
from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, and dessert! This will be a grab-and-go meal.



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 2023 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.

