

# HAVE-O-GRAM



## *LOVING PRESENCE*



“For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes.”

This is a famous quote from Dag Hammarskjold, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations. He was the first thinker to establish the concept of an international public official and an international leader recognized by international politicians and leaders. In the 1950s, when the whole world conflicted with each other due to the Cold War, his leadership innovatively solved complex international problems drew attention from all over the world, making the phrase popular in the diplomatic world, “Leave it to Dag.”

On September 18, 1961, he died in a plane crash. The plane of the UN Secretary-General on his way to arbitrating peace negotiations to end the civil war in Congo crashed over an African jungle, killing all of the passengers on board, including him. At the time, suspicions arose that it was an assassination, not an accident. It was because there were obviously forces that do not like the peace he was trying to achieve. But there was no evidence.

Instead, something was ‘discovered’ at the scene of the accident. It was the “inner world” of the Secretary-General who was so dedicated to the peace of the world that John F. Kennedy, the former president of the United States, described him as “the greatest politician of this century” and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after his death. His briefcase found contained two books he took with him as he went to the middle of the bloody conflict. One is the Bible, and the other is a famous Christian classic called *The Imitation of Christ* written by Thomas a Kempis.

The fact that the Bible and the book of a medieval monk were in the briefcase of the UN Secretary-General, who was going to solve the fierce and complex realities of the modern world, gives us great meaning. His diary, published as a book called *'Markings'*, shows the inner world of a talented activist who traveled to conflict sites around the world at the time and struggled to achieve peace “if I could.”

His ultimate concern, at the center of his inner world, was to know God more and walk with Him every day. This shows his inner driving force that was not shaken by power, not tired of endless conflicts and hatred in the world, but able to lead the world's many problems to God's peace.

In Dag's words, gratitude for the past and hope and positivity for the future are revealed, which are difficult for those who have been at the forefront of many conflicts in the world, “For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes.”

Today, many Christians are not much interested in the Bible or Christian classics such as *The Imitation of Christ* because they do not seem to have anything to do with today's busy life. Our immediate interest is in politics, the economy, real estate, sports, and Social Network Services like Facebook, which seem most relevant to our busy lives today.



**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.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our adopted family this Christmas. We were able to bless each family member with several items off their list!

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are pleased to announce that Andy and Ashley Krei welcomed their newest daughter, Aelin Krei, into the world on Tuesday, December 6th. Both Ashley and Aelin are doing great!


**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the loved ones we've lost over the last few months. Church members who have passed away:

- Roger Steider
- Jean Heiser
- Marjorie Smith
- Lois Anderson
- Addie Mae Criswell
- Harold Kunkee
- Mel King



We extend our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

*January* 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Trustees Meeting	2 AA 7:00 pm	3 FoodNet 4:30 pm Church office re-opens	4 Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5	6 AA 7:00 pm	7
8 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship	9 AA 7:00 pm	10 FoodNet 4:30 pm	11 Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm	12	13 AA 7:00 pm	14
15 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship Human Relations Day Offering	16 AA 7:00 pm	17 FoodNet 4:30 pm	18 Priscilla Circle 10:00 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Ad Council 7:00 pm	19 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 18-25	20 AA 7:00 pm	21
22 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship	23 AA 7:00 pm	24 FoodNet 4:30 pm	25 Last Wednesday Supper 5:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	26 Nebraska Blood Bank Blood Drive	27 AA 7:00 pm	28
29 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship	31 AA 7:00 pm	31 FoodNet 4:30 pm	<p><b>United Women in Faith Circle Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Esther Circle - Not meeting until further notice</li> <li>• Priscilla Circle - Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the church</li> </ul>			



We are currently looking for people to join our vocal choir, bell choir, and Ignite praise band. If you are interested, please contact the church office.