

# HAVE-O-GRAM



## *LOVING PRESENCE*



A little girl, Tess, went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured all the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door.

She waited patiently for the pharmacist to get his attention but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally, she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it! "And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question. "Well, I want to talk to you about my brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle." "I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist. "His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head, and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?" "We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you, the pharmacist said, softening a little. "Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs."

The pharmacist's brother was a well-dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?" "I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money. "How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to. "Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents-the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need." That well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed without charge, and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. "That surgery her mom whispered was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?" Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost... one dollar and eleven cents plus the faith of a little child.

We would hope to have miracles. But don't you think our life itself is already full of miracles? God created us, saved us, and has always led us to the best place because God loves us so much. Can we find any reason why God loves us so much? Are we really good as much as God has clear reasons to love us until sending Jesus to us? It is the greatest miracle in the universe, but please remember that it already happened to us. We call this God's grace. Our heart is beating without any effort. A new day is given to us every morning without any cost. Even when we look at our life and feel that we have nothing, God already prepared helpers and supporters for us to keep doing our journey.

But, the thing is that we have not just recognized we are already encompassed by so many miracles. I would like to say that God's grace and miracle are two sides of the same coin. So, life is the journey of discovering God's grace and miracle, which only requires Tess' looking for a miracle with one dollar and eleven cents. In other words, we only need our hearts looking up God with our small actions to find God's grace in our life. Yes, this is faith.

I bless HUMC and all church members that may February be the time when you all discover the numberless miracles in your life that God has prepared for you as the grace of God with your faith.

Blessings,  
Kyu

## *SPRING CRAFT FAIR*

We will host our spring craft fair at HUMC on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. We hope to have a variety of vendors, as well as lunch/food items available for purchase from the church kitchen. If you would like to sign up to be a vendor, please contact Jamie in the office. Please contact Robert Sanford with any other questions!

  
For those not able to pick up in person, Giving Statements were mailed out on January 30th. Please check your mail!  


## *LIFELINE SCREENING*

“Life Line Screening offers a 5- screening package to provide peace of mind or early detection for risks of stroke and cardiovascular disease. The combination of these tests helps detect problems before you have symptoms and while you and your doctor can still take action!”

Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Saturday, April 1st. Flyers are available on the welcome center with more information. You may call 1-800-640-6307 or visit the website [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC) for more information about how to register for your screening and receive a special discount.

## *FINANCIAL UPDATE*

PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year 2022:

Giving: \$169,490.61

Expenses: \$165,887.84

Surplus: \$3,602.77

We do have a positive cash balance of \$4,250.81.



**We only paid \$4,252.00 of the \$17,011.00 that was due for mission shares. So we were \$12,759 short on this important amount owed to the conference.**

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. Please contact me at 402-440-7512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

## *THANK YOU!*

I want to thank everyone for your concerns and prayers for my daughter, Sherri Stock, when she had open heart surgery in late November. Surgery went well and she is recovering quickly. Both of us are grateful for your thoughts.

~Janice Crewdson

The next  
Last Wednesday  
Community Supper  
will be held on  
Wednesday, February  
22nd from 5:00 pm -  
6:00 pm. 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.

**PLEASE KEEP US  
UPDATED!**

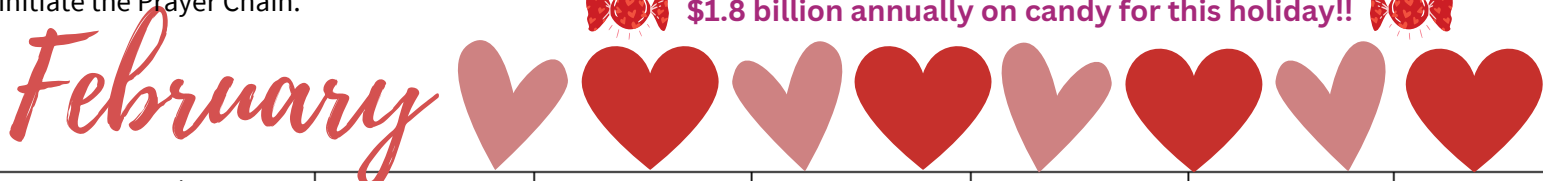
Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual call, the church office (402-466-6736), Beth Honnen (402-466-5722), or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.




**NEBRASKA ECUMENICAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING  
DAY ~ Saturday, February 11th at Christ UMC**

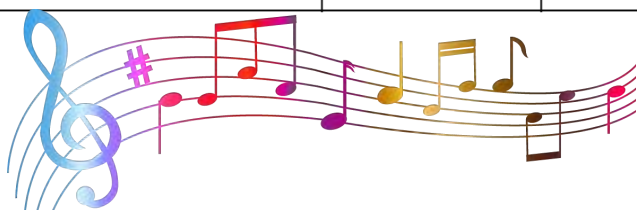
"The purpose of this day, then, is to help voters in the state of Nebraska better understand legislation in the Unicameral and the effects of that legislation in order that they may advocate for justice through the passage of laws that protect the rights and address the needs of the less fortunate."

Please see the bulletin board in the main hallway for a brochure with more information on how to register. You may also go to the website <https://nelegisbrief.org> for more information and to register. The registration deadline is February 4th.

**Fun Fact: According to Valentine's Day sales statistics, Americans spend \$1.8 billion annually on candy for this holiday!!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm 1	2	AA 7:00 pm 3	4
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 5 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Trustees Meeting	AA 7:00 pm 6	FoodNet 4:30 pm 7	Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm 8 Finance 6:00 pm	9	AA 7:00 pm 10	11
9:00 am Outreach Meeting 12 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Valentine's Potluck	AA 7:00 pm 13	FoodNet 4:30 pm 14	Priscilla Circle 10:00 am 15 Ad Council 6:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	16	AA 7:00 pm 17	Esther Circle @ Panera @ 8:30 am 18
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 19 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship	AA 7:00 pm 20	FoodNet 4:30 pm 21	Last Wednesday Supper 5:00 pm 22 Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	23	AA 7:00 pm 24	FP, FH, Kitchen Reserved for Private Event 25
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 26 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship	AA 7:00 pm 27	FoodNet 4:30 pm 28	<b>Please note: Finance and Ad Board meetings will now start at 6:00 pm on their respective Wednesday evenings. This change is being made to prevent a scheduling conflict with vocal choir rehearsals.</b>			



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.