

HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE

I am writing this on a day having heavy snow. It was quite hard for me to shovel all the snow on the driving way and sidewalk of the house by myself. But, at that time, a neighbor gentleman came to me, saying “Do you want me to help with my snow blower?” My brain thought, “That’s fine! I can do it by myself, thank you though,” but my mouth was much faster, “Thank you so much!” It would be at least 2-hour work, but it took only 10 min in his hands with the awesome snow blower. Helping me may not be much work for him because he has a good resource to make the work easier. But, the thing is that he decided to use it for helping me out, spending his time and energy on his neighbor. I felt a warmth from his heart and glimpsed the love of Christ through his kindness.

When I went out to the bigger street, many snow removal vehicles were removing snow on the street so that people may drive more easily and safely. The snow on big streets cannot be removed by individual resources, but the force of the government was enough to deal with this so that we may keep our normal life even in a heavy snowstorm. This would be an expansion of help from my neighbor to a community.

This is the infrastructure of our life that is working autonomously in individuals and systematically in the community, which sustains us with ongoing hope, supporting and encouraging each other to get over all struggles invading our life.

We do not know when a massive snowstorm invades our life and break our peace down, but if our infrastructure is working well, we will be able to deal with all kinds of struggles well. I believe God has called us as individual Christians and a church as a faith community to form the infrastructure of the kingdom of God in the world.

Here, we have to check if our infrastructure is working well because it cannot work properly without the energy resource for operating it. We remember the story of the Good Samaritan. If we don’t check whether our resource is abundant, we won’t act properly like a priest and a Levite in the story. I believe love is the only resource operating Christians, churches, and all their ministries. Paul said we are nothing and meaningless without love. All we need is love, which is the only starting point of our faith, church, ministry, and so on for enlivening all of us.

Now, we are in the Lenten season. This is the time when we meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus was full of love so that he kept walking the road to the cross. He did not turn away from our destiny toward death. He did not stop to come to the world to love us, heal us, and save us. He gave us his love as free in God’s grace but the value is precious more than everything in the universe. Because his love changed everything about us, leading us to new hope, new journey, new life, and new joy.

So, the Lenten season is inviting us to plug in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ to recharge us with his love so that we may voluntarily resemble him to help, support, encourage, touch, and transform our neighbors as an individual and a community. We cannot follow 100 percent the way of Christ, but Jesus wants us to be at least good Samaritans, which is the essential infrastructure of the Kingdom of God. Let us try not to turn away from others’ struggles but approach them to help and support their needs with our best. That will be one of the best practices for the Lenten season.

Hope and pray you all stay strong and get closer to Jesus in this Lenten season.

~ Kyu

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY

March 25th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm will be our church spring cleaning day so that we make our church ready for Easter Sunday. We need some people who will be willing to dust, vacuum, clean restrooms, replace lightbulbs, etc. As a little incentive, egg casseroles and cinnamon rolls along with coffee and juice will be served before we get started. Whatever little job you're willing to take on will be appreciated. Thank you ~ Trustees Committee

Please bring your favorite food to share and plan to join us for a St. Patrick's Day potluck on Sunday, March 19th immediately following our 10:00 am worship service.

LENTEN STUDY AND MEDITATION

- Preparation: Read each chapter of a book, *Why? : Making Sense of God's Will* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2018) written by Adam Hamilton, before attending the study.
- Date & Time: Every Tuesday in March at 6:00 pm
- Place: Fellowship Hall

Why does God allow pain and suffering? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why should I trust God when nothing seems to make sense? This Lenten Study would like to start focusing on 'Why?' questions in our life and explore the will of God with biblical viewpoints. Yet, we need to access the word of God by not only studying to know it logically in our minds but also by meditating on it to hear it intuitively in our hearts. So, every study will be finalized with *Lectio Divina*, which is a traditional meditative practice. Please register for this study using the sign-up sheet on the welcome center!

Sunday, March 19th is United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) special offering. This offering allows UMCOR to support individuals who have been affected by storms, fires, wars, climate change and other types of displacement. Please look for the special bulletin insert on the 19th for more information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year Jan 2023:

Giving: \$ 11,382.75

Expenses: \$ 14,994.11

Shortage: (\$3,611.35)

We do have a positive cash balance.



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

MOVIE MATINEE!

The Outreach Committee is hosting a movie matinee on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. The movie we will be watching is "Wonder".

Popcorn and a drink will be provided. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



The next
Last Wednesday
Community Supper
will be held on
Wednesday, March 29th
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.

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:

Nancy Ess

Glema King

We extend our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

Remember to "spring
forward!"
Daylight Saving Time begins
March 12th.



SPRING CRAFT FAIR

We will host our spring craft fair at HUMC on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. We will have close to 30 vendors with a variety of items available for sale, as well as lunch/food items available for purchase from the church kitchen.

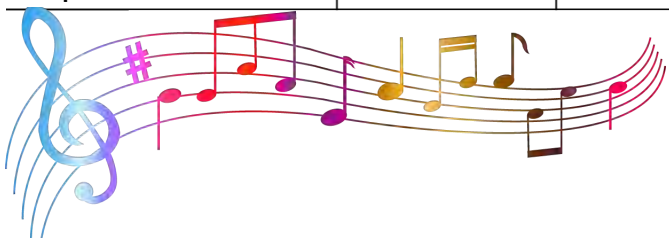
We are asking for donations of 12 pack cans of soda and baked goods/desserts for the kitchen and the bake sale. Sign-up sheets are located at the welcome center.

Please contact Sandy Carlson, Julie Burt, Robert Sanford, or Jamie Hofschulte with any questions!

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This year's Lenten offering will go towards the pastor's discretionary fund and Turkey/Syria earthquake relief efforts. Please use the special offering envelope in your bulletin.			Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm 1	2	AA 7:00 pm 3	Craft Fair 4 9:00 am
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 5 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Trustees Meeting 5:00 pm AA	AA 7:00 pm 6	FoodNet 4:30 pm 7	Finance 6:00 pm 8 Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	9	AA 7:00 pm 10	Movie 11 Matinee 2:00 pm
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 12 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm AA *Daylight Saving Time Begins*	AA 7:00 pm 13	FoodNet 4:30 pm 14	Priscilla Circle 15 10:00 am Ad Council 6:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	16	AA 7:00 pm 17	Esther 18 Circle @ Panera @ 8:30 am
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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.