### HAVELOCK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • VOLUME 65 • NUMBER 4 APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

# HAVE-O-GRAM



### LOVING PRESENCE

The time is coming. Apostle John describes that, during the last supper, Jesus recognized the time to his death was coming. Judas Iscariot was ready to betray him. Everything on the road to his divine mission/death was getting clear. Yes, it's in the hands of Jesus. It was the last time he could stay with his disciples. Most people in the world usually do what is most meaningful to them with their beloved ones at the last moment. Then, what about Jesus? What did he really want to leave to his disciples at that moment? He took off his robe, tied a towel around himself, poured water into a basin, and knelt at the feet of the disciples to wash them. Washing others' feet was the work of servants at that time. So, you would remember Peter denied getting his feet washed by Jesus as he thought that it went against the class of Jesus as the Lord and teacher of the disciples.

That was the point penetrating the life and death of Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus came to the world and walked to the cross to serve all people as the servant "because he loved them to the end." (John 13:1) What he wanted to deliver to his disciples and all of us through his life and death, in my understanding, is that God loved us to the end, that His love does not stop at the level of words but goes further to the level of actions as the servant of the world, and that such a way is the only way to reach the resurrection, passing over the trap of eternal death.

People in the world usually focus on becoming higher than others because they believe such a life will make their life better. However, this lifestyle intentionally or unintentionally alienates each other, generates stragglers and losers, and neglects them to live in hopeless circumstances and situations.

In fact, there are many Christians who speak of the love of Jesus in this world. But why do we still see more despair than hope and more fear than joy in our lives? Is it because our hearts stay in the world, and our lives follow the ways of the world while we speak the words of Jesus through our mouths? Is there a fear within us that we would become the losers or stragglers of society if we try to follow the way of Jesus as servants? Then, what would happen if Jesus sought the king's crown instead of the cross like us? Could we be forgiven and saved by God?

Now, we are having the Lenten season, more deeply meditating on the life and death of Jesus. Then, what is the point we should never forget during this time, looking at Easter? Jesus said to the disciples after washing their feet, "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14) The love of God revealed through the life and death of Jesus is not philosophical knowledge for our intellectual satisfaction or boasting. It is the heart but also the lifestyle we should take. Only then can we go beyond the death of sin and the fear it causes and move toward resurrection.

Jesus overcame the death of sin and rose again. If we believe this, we must also note and believe that serving others like a servant with the love of God is the fundamental way to the resurrection of Jesus. Imagine if everyone in the world lived a life like Jesus. What would such a world look like? Could that be heaven? A God who loves those who serve and exalts the lowly provides salvation and builds the kingdom of heaven through such people today. May you be one of them.

Happy Easter!

Your friend, Kyu

### PALM SUNDAY EVENTS

• We will have an Easter egg hunt for all Sunday school children on Sunday, April 2nd, immediately following our morning worship service. This will be held outside in the church courtyard (weather permitting), and we may even have a surprise visit from the Easter bunny!

• Please plan to stay after the Easter egg hunt for our Palm Sunday potluck! Bring a dish to share and join in on the great food and fellowship!



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

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

Giving: \$28,432.19 Expenses: \$29,058.82 Shortage: (\$626.63) We have paid \$1,000 toward our 2023 mission shares.



We do have a positive cash balance. We did have to take \$5,000.00 out of savings.

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.

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Please note that the friendship parlor will be used for the Lincoln city primary election polling on Tuesday, April 4th. FoodNet will be moved to Monday, April 3rd at 4:30 pm for this week.

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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.

Order forms for Easter Lilies are now available. The cost this year is \$12.50. Lilies will be in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one.

### GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP LIFE LINE SCREENING

Good Friday will be on Friday, April 7th, and this year our Good Friday service will be an open communion from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Please come to the church as you are able during that time frame to receive communion, and freely stay for silent prayer, reflecting on the death of Jesus on the cross. All are welcome! 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 for more information about how to register for your screening and receive a special discount. The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, April 26th from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This will be a grab-andgo meal.

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

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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.

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Summer will be here before we know it, and the Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this year's 4th of July party. We need help to make sure we can give everyone the best experience possible! Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the welcome center on or before May 21st! Contact Luetta Sinner

with any questions.

# NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Special Offering ~ April 23, 2023 This Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds collected allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in our annual conference to develop local ministries. The conference committee on Native American ministry administers these funds.

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Why did the baby chick cross the road? To meet up with her Peeps. What kind of bean can't grow in a garden? A jelly bean. What is Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music? Hip-hop!						Life Line <sub>1</sub> Screening 8:00 am
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