

HAVE-O-GRAM



Hello
August

LOVING PRESENCE

I am back!

Thanks to your ongoing prayers for me and my family, I had a good renewal trip. Actually, I had never been to the east side of the country from Lincoln. So, this trip was a new journey for me, reminding me that this country is so huge. It was a kind of a road trip that I drove over 2,600 miles, passing a lot of cities in the east part of the country from Lincoln, such as Des Moines, Chicago, Indianapolis, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Washington DC, Cincinnati, Louisville, Saint Louis, Kansas City, and numberless small cities. They all are beautiful and amazing. For example, we went to Chicago, IL on the first day. It was one of the most beautiful cities in my life. Every way to which I turned my eyes looked like a movie background. Washington DC was giving me a feeling that all people there seem to be political leaders moving this country and the world. However, when I came back home, Lincoln, I shouted out, "Yaiks, we finally come back home." I think that was the happiest moment of the travel.

Our life is a kind of travel. There are so many good places in the world. They offer a lot of things we have longed for or never experienced before. I believe we learn so many things while visiting new places and experiencing what they offer. However, the truth is that we always want to be back home regardless of whether the travel is awesome. This is because home is a place where we fill and refill the necessities of our daily life, such as the reason to live, energy, rest, love, comfort, and so on. Without a home, traveling would be wandering, which cannot give us learning and excitement but rather pain, loneliness, and fear. That is why the life of immigrants or the homeless is not easy.

Do you have a home? I believe you would say, "Absolutely!" But, I don't mean your house but your home. I think the place where your family is waiting for you is your home. God gave your family to you, so you should be grateful for them. You get so many necessities and refill them because of their existence. If you have conflicted with your family and are disconnected from them now, your home might be broken. If so, now is the time to think of how to restore your home. As you would know, you would always feel wandering in your life if your home is broken.

God also gave us another home, the journey with God and the church. Abraham did not know a certain destination when he left his place to follow God. So, he moved a lot to follow God, facing lots of troubles and struggles, but his journey with God was not wandering because God's embrace was a perfect home for him.

Jacob fled from his home since he took the blessing of Isaac from Esau. His home was broken because of his greedy choice, so he was alone, lonely, tired, scared, hungry, and weak in the world. At that time, he encountered God's angel and God's voice, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac... Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." Jacob called the place of the incident Bethel, which means the house of God.

Are you wandering? If you think or feel so, please know that God is with you and will keep you wherever you go. If you recognize God's presence, your wandering will become traveling with God because God is now your spiritual home. For helping to recognize God's presence in your daily life, God gave you the church family. So, the basic role of our worship, fellowship, and ministry is to make us recognize the fact that we all are not orphans but have a home we can always come back and family members who are not connected by human blood and love but by the blood of Christ and love of God.

We are so busy in the world, but should remember the fact that we must be back home to start a new day, new travel, and new life.

~ Blessings, Kyu

VBS THANK YOU!

"PETS UNLEASHED"

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"WHAT A TEAM!"



Vacation Bible School was held on Saturday, July 8, 2023. We had 23 children and 21 adults share the Bible stories "Jesus sheds light on how we live" and "Jesus dies and comes back to life."

"Pets Unleashed" Vacation Bible School began with a morning snack and music. Then the children headed off to different stations which included a bible lesson, arts & crafts, and games.

After a pizza lunch, the afternoon included music and the visiting the three stations.

It was a great day learning about God's love for us! Thank you to Dianne Karges for being the music leader and to the 21 very important volunteers that made our VBS great!

Teamwork always makes things successful!

Also, thank you to everyone who donated money or supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your cash donations of \$327.00 helped our church provide the children a great experience.

~ In God's Love,
Gloria Coil



Please plan to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, August 3rd at 4:30 pm at HUMC. This meeting is open to all church members. We will meet with photographer Jim Christensen to get more information regarding the process for creating an updated church directory. We hope to see you there!



We are currently accepting vendor registrations for our fall craft fair, which will be held on Saturday, October 14th 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.

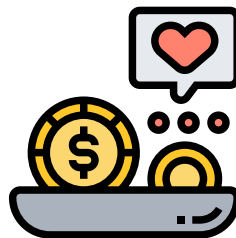
Please contact Robert Sanford with any other questions!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year through June 2023. Year to Date Figures:

Giving: \$67,123.64
Savings: \$10,000.00
Total: \$77,123.64
Expenses: \$81,047.96
Shortage: (\$3,924.32)



We do have a positive cash balance of \$326.49. We continue to be concerned about our finances. We can't continue at this rate, as we are \$2,500.00 short each month. We need to look at ways to reduce expenses or increase income.

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



There will be no Last Wednesday Community Supper in August. The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, September 27 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.



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.



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Beverly Steider and Eldine Dove. Beverly passed away on June 21, and Eldine passed on July 14.

A special thank you to pastor Kyu and the members of HUMC for the prayers, cards of sympathy, and verbal condolences to me during the recent illness and passing of my sister, Ramona. This congregation has been a blessing since I rejoined HUMC a few years ago. The outpouring of your kindness and love for one another is evident. Thank you for being there for me at this challenging time. God's blessings to all of you.

~ Sincerely, Nancy Ray




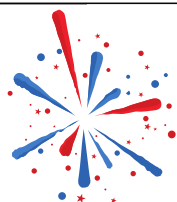
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS DURING REGULAR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH. ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR BACKPACKS TO CHURCH,

AND PASTOR KYU WILL BLESS THEM IN PRAYER FOR AN EDUCATIONAL, SAFE, AND FUN SCHOOL YEAR!

August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
<p>Why do bananas use sun screen in August? Because they peel!</p> 		FoodNet 4:30 pm	1	2	Photo directory meeting 4:30 pm	3						
<p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 Trustees 5:00 pm AA</p>	6	AA 7:00 pm	7	FoodNet 4:30 pm	8	Finance 6:00 pm	9	10	AA 7:00 pm	11	12	
<p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm AA</p>	13	AA 7:00 pm	14	FoodNet 4:30 pm	15	Ad Board 6:00 pm	16	17	AA 7:00 pm	18	19	Esther Circle 8:30 am Panera
<p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 12:00 pm FH/kitchen reserved 5:00 pm AA</p>	20	AA 7:00 pm	21	FoodNet 4:30 pm	22	23	24	AA 7:00 pm	25	26		
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The outreach committee would like to thank the congregation for all the help and contributions that were donated for the 4th of July party. The party was a great success! Without your help, we would not be able to provide this to our community. Thank you!

