

HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE



Greetings,

As we step into the vibrant month of October, we are reminded of the ever-changing tapestry of life that surrounds us. The leaves are turning brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow, painting a canvas of transformation in nature. Just as the seasons change, so do the seasons of our lives. Change can be both exciting and daunting. It may involve embarking on new adventures, facing unexpected challenges, or simply embracing the shifting winds of life.

The life of David in the Bible was dynamic. He started as an unnoticed shepherd boy, while his brothers were all strong and handsome. However, Samuel, the last judge of Israel, anointed David with oil to be the king of Israel, choosing him over his brothers. David experienced defeating the giant Goliath as a young shepherd. From there, he became a military leader in the kingdom of Israel and even married Saul's daughter. However, he had to flee for years, hiding from King Saul's jealousy. Later, he became the king of Israel and strengthened the kingdom. However, he also succumbed to temptation and orchestrated the death of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband. In his later years, his own son Absalom rebelled against him, leading David to seek refuge.

Looking back at his life, it doesn't seem too different from our own. He experienced victories and successes, as well as failures, despair, and even crimes. Yet, the evaluation of him in the Bible is this: "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." (Acts 13:22). He was a man after God's own heart. Not because he was a perfect man of God, but because in the midst of his life's ups and downs, he sometimes strayed from the path of faith but always returned, never giving up on looking to God. David knew that God was there in every moment of his life.

Your life will have its ups and downs. Somewhere between the success and failure that the world measures, your life will be found. But that doesn't matter the most. What truly matters is whether you are walking with God. We can't predict what tomorrow holds, but one thing is certain: God is with you. If you don't forget that fact, you can find your way back even if you get lost for a while. In moments of despair that may feel like losing everything, you can look to the grace of God that restores. Psalm 23 beautifully conveys David's encounter with God in his life. In beautiful seasons like October, I hope you can experience the same joy in life as David did.

Blessings,
Kyu

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." (Psalm 23)

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Our Halloween Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 29th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the HUMC parking area. At this time we are collecting donations of candy and Halloween trinkets, as well as monetary donations. We are also looking for people to decorate their trunks and hand out their own candy. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the welcome center if you are able to assist!

Last year's event was a huge success, and we are hoping for an even bigger event this year. Please contact Luetta Sinner at 402-890-4915 with any questions.



LIFELINE

Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Saturday, October 28th. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling 1-800-640-6307, or visit the website LLSA.SOCIAL/HC. Make sure to inquire about the special discount. See the flyer on the bulletin board!



Please plan to come shop and get a head start on your Christmas gifts! HUMC Trustees and the members of Esther's Circle will be hosting the Fall Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday October 14th from 9am - 3pm. Some of our loyal HUMC church members will be in the kitchen to provide lunch for everyone to enjoy! We are needing donations of 12 pack cans of soda, and bars and/or cookies to sell in the kitchen. If you are interested in helping with those items, sign-up sheets will be located at the Welcome Center. Please have soda to the church no later than Sunday, October 8th.

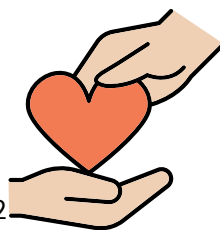
Also, since we have had such a huge success in past, we will again be doing a HUMC CHURCH BAKE SALE! Please bring your favorite baked goods, pies, cobblers, muffins, and treats to sell. Any questions please see Sandy Carlson or Julie Burt. All funds raised will go to church budget. Thank you, and as always, we appreciate your support.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year Thru August 2023:

Year to Date Figures:
Giving: \$91,850.85
Savings: \$18,000.00
Total: \$109,850.85
Expenses: \$110,659.52
Shortage: (\$808.67)



We did have to take out a total of \$8,000.00 out of saving to cover payroll amounts.

We do have a positive cash balance. We continue to be concerned about our finances. 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 4024407512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

CRAFT FAIR



The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 25 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This will be a grab-and-go meal.



Please join us for coffee and refreshments every Sunday:

- In the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am
- In the narthex immediately following our morning worship service



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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING – OCT. 1ST

We are called to reach out to all people and model the diversity of all God’s children. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

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 for all of the gifts, cards, thoughts and prayers for my surgeries last October. I appreciate the continued words of encouragement. I am feeling good but still have some walking and standing issues.
~ Kristen A. Plock

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Thank you to everyone who attended our first young adults gathering on September 24th. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, discussion, and collaboration. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 22nd and will be a fall potluck, so please plan to bring your favorite dish to share. Meeting time will be announced soon. If you are between the ages of 20ish – 59ish, we would love for you to attend and bring a friend!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 1 9:00 am Outreach Meeting 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:00 Trustees Meeting	AA 7:00 pm 2	FoodNet 3 4:30 pm	Choir 4 Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5	AA 7:00 pm 6	7
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 8 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:00 am SPRC Meeting	AA 7:00 pm 9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples’ Day	FoodNet 10 4:30 pm	Finance 11 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	12	AA 7:00 pm 13	14 Craft Fair 9:00 am
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9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 22 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship Time TBD Young Adults Gathering	AA 7:00 pm 23	FoodNet 24 4:30 pm	Last 25 Wednesday Supper 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	26	AA 7:00 pm 27	28 LifeLine
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 29 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 2:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat	AA 7:00 pm 30	FoodNet 31 4:30 pm Happy Halloween	Special thanks to Scooter’s Coffee for providing us with FREE coffee on Sunday, September 17th when our church building had no electricity! Their generosity was very much appreciated!			

CHARGE CONFERENCE REMINDER

Our annual Charge Conference is Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 pm at South Gate UMC - 3500 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68506. All interested members and visitors are encouraged to attend. Conference packets and additional information will be available closer to the conference date.

What do birds say on Halloween?

