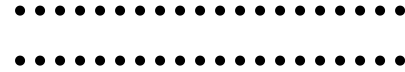


# HAVE-O-GRAM



## *LOVING PRESENCE*



Greetings,

As we gather in the warmth of fellowship and love this December, we are reminded of the beauty and significance of the Advent season. Advent, derived from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming" or "arrival," invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

During this sacred time, we embark on a journey of reflection, anticipation, hope, and joy. The Advent season traditionally spans the four weeks leading up to Christmas, with each week focusing on a different theme—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. These themes guide us as we light the candles of the Advent wreath, symbolizing the increasing light that Christ brings into the world.

In the spirit of Hope, we reflect on the promises of God and eagerly await the fulfillment of God's divine plan. As we meditate on Peace, we seek the tranquility that only Christ can provide, recognizing that true peace begins with Him. Rejoicing in Joy, we celebrate the gift of salvation and the boundless grace bestowed upon us through the birth of our Savior. Finally, anchored in Love, we embrace the selfless and unconditional love that Christ demonstrated on the cross.

This Advent, let us come together as a community of faith to renew our commitment to Christ, to share His love with others in need, and to prepare our hearts to welcome Him anew into our lives. As we decorate our homes and exchange gifts, let us not forget the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

May this season be filled with the warmth of God's love, the joy of God's presence, and the hope that comes from knowing that God is with us always. So, let us enter into this Advent season with open hearts, ready to not only receive the blessings that come from the One who is, who was, and who is to come but also to be the blessings of God, sharing what we have with those in need around us and shining the darkness pervading the community.

Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Advent season, filled with the love and grace of our Lord.

In Christ's Love,  
Kyu



Please join us in the sanctuary on Sunday,  
December 24th for both of our worship services!  
10:00 am - Traditional worship service  
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve worship service

## BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Lincoln Continentals Barbershop Chorus will be performing a Christmas concert at HUMC on Sunday, December 3rd, at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. The suggested donation is \$12, and children under 14 are free. Come out and enjoy this wonderful group of singers!

## YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Our next young adults gathering will be on Sunday, December 17th at 11:15 am in the friendship parlor. Please note the new time for this month! We will be having a "favorite Christmas food" potluck, so please plan to bring your favorite dish to share. If you are between the ages of 20ish – 59ish, please attend and bring a friend!

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Walter Pohlman and Bernice Wisheart. Walter passed away on October 14th, and Bernice passed on October 31st.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year thru October 2023.

Year to Date Figures:

Giving: \$117,013.79

Savings: \$20,907.69

Total: \$137,921.48

Expenses: \$140,044.38

Shortage: (\$2,122.90)

The memorial committee did pay \$1,840.00 of our mission shares. We had a nice month of giving. We do have a positive cash balance of \$2,392.91 at the end of month, due to prior months.

We continue to be concerned about our finances. We need to look at ways to reduce expenses or increase giving. 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 it in the offering. Please contact me at (402) 440-7512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

We donated over 45 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this season. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this great cause!



Christmas Day Dinner:  
Monday, December 25  
from 5:00 pm - 6:00  
pm. Turkey, dressing,  
mashed potatoes, green  
beans, cranberry sauce,  
rolls, and pumpkin pie!  
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!

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR DEVOTIONAL WITH OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS THIS ADVENT SEASON. ADVENT IS THE SEASON OF WAITING FOR JESUS TO COME TO THE WORLD AS THE LIGHT. AND WE WANT THAT TO BE OUR MAIN DEVOTIONAL THEME! INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COUPLES, AND/OR CHILDREN CAN DO THIS! EACH DEVOTIONAL SHOULD BE 2-3 MINUTES.

SOME DEVOTIONAL IDEAS: READ BIBLE VERSES ABOUT JESUS AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS. TALK ABOUT FACING JESUS IN YOUR LIFE JOURNEY. READ AN EXISTING DEVOTIONAL ABOUT JESUS THAT HAS TOUCHED YOUR HEART. SING A SONG ABOUT JESUS. RECITE A POEM ABOUT JESUS. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP, AND PASTOR KYU WILL CONTACT YOU TO SET UP A TIME AND PLACE TO RECORD YOUR DEVOTIONAL. WE WILL POST DEVOTIONALS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE DURING THE WEEKS OF ADVENT.

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.

December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent. If you are interested in reading the Advent worship liturgies and lighting the Advent candles, please contact the church office! We only have one spot left!

Through December 17th, the Children's Sunday School class will be selling Baker's Chocolate before and after church. These make great gifts and 100% of the profit will go directly to the church.

**Our children's Sunday school class will be presenting their Christmas program during our morning worship service on Sunday, December 17th. Please come support our children!**

Christmas is coming, and so are the cookbooks! Cookbooks will be available mid-December, and they are \$12 each. Please see Sandy Carlson or Nancy King-Gardner with any questions. All proceeds will go to the church general budget.

Winter is approaching, so once again we will collect children's stocking hats, mittens or gloves, and socks for the Head Start program. Please place your items on the Christmas tree in the narthex by December 3rd.

**This year's Advent offering will support the Northeast Lincoln Food Pantry. Advent offering envelopes will be in the weekly bulletins each Sunday through Advent.**

# December



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

### Holiday Open Houses:

**Lamb Family** – Sunday, December 10th 4pm – 7pm.

This will be held at Dylan's store: Willow + Sage ~ 1265 S Cotner Blvd. Suite 14.

**Carlson Family** – Sunday, December 17th 4pm – 8pm. 4841 Sherwood Dr.



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9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:00 am Trustees Meeting 3:00 pm Christmas Concert	3	AA 7:00 pm	4	FoodNet 4:30 pm	5	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	6	7	AA 7:00 pm	8	9
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New Year's Eve 31  
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee  
9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
11:00 am Narthex Fellowship



Thank you for the use of the church kitchen. It really helped me win the curry class amateur award for the Asian Center celebration!  
~Ruth Ekka

The church office will be closed  
December 25th - January 1st, and will re-open January 2nd.  
Emails and voicemail will be monitored periodically during this time.