

HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE

Greetings,

Happy New Year to all our friends in the UMC community. As we embark on a new journey in 2024, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the blessings of the past and the opportunities that lie ahead.

The beginning of 2023 seemed uncertain to me as a new pastor. Faced with financial challenges and the loss of core members, it was a discouraging and anxious time. However, we came together remarkably well to overcome these challenges and carry out our ministries guided by the Spirit. The church leadership and volunteers, with their unseen helping hands, devoted time, money, passion, and talent to glorify God, love the church, and support fellowship in various areas. Your passionate involvement in assisting our neighbors in need is truly commendable. As Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Matt 25:40). This is essential work in following our Lord Jesus. Thank you for your compassion. I believe God will look upon our church with beauty.

However, I hope we don't stop here. The apostle Paul emphasizes in Ephesians 4:15 that the church, being the body following Jesus as its head, must surely grow. We grow in our journey with God. In 2024, may we grow and mature a bit more.

Personally, I aim to focus on three key areas of development.

Firstly, fellowship. The reason for the church's existence is fellowship. Faith must be lived out, and it starts with the fellowship of the church community. In our gatherings in the name of Jesus, through conversations, worship, and various ministries, we learn about faith, encourage each other, and grow together. I encourage all of you to meet more people and engage in fellowship at the church in 2024.

Secondly, growth. When we come to church, we initially seek to receive God's love. However, as we experience God's love, we begin to transform into givers of love. Worship attendees become worship leaders, and those who receive love and encouragement through church ministries become contributors. Growth is impossible without dedication. In 2024, I hope you will experience the joy of volunteering and dedication in at least one church ministry.

Thirdly, transformation. Growth leads to life transformation. If your faith doesn't bring about a change in your life, James strongly declares it as dead faith (James 2:17). I hope that your personal life, family, workplace, and community will witness the manifestation of your faith. A life of increased forgiveness, love, and generous giving will bring blessings to your life.

As we journey through January, let us walk hand in hand, united in faith. Your presence and contributions make our community stronger. Together, we can make a positive impact. May our collective strength and love for one another be a beacon of hope.

Blessings to you all,

Your friend, Kyu

“Brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT

This year we collected 5 hat/mitten combo sets, 18 pairs of socks, 2 headbands, 2 earmuffs, 13 stocking hats, 11 pairs of mittens, and 27 pairs of gloves for the children of the Head Start program. We wish to thank everyone who donated items to this worthy program.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Our next young adults gathering will be on Sunday, January 21st at 11:15 am in the friendship parlor. Please bring your "favorite cold weather comfort food" to share in our potluck meal. If you are between the ages of 20ish – 59ish, please attend and bring a friend!

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of James Vernon. James passed away on December 16th. His funeral service will be on Friday, January 5th at 2:00 pm at Lincoln Memorial.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial update from the Finance Committee for the year Thru November 2023. Year to Date Figures:

Giving: \$130,098.31

Savings: \$23,912.83

Total: \$154,011.14

Expenses: \$155,588.10

Shortage: (\$1,586.94)



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 or 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.

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.

The children's Sunday school class sold 84 boxes of candy during their fundraiser, and donated the profit of \$370.00 to the church! The children had fun selling candy and helping each other "run the calculator" and "make change!" Thank you again for your support!!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES IS CURRENTLY WORKING TO COMPILE A ROUGH DRAFT OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY. WE WILL NOTIFY EVERYONE WHEN THIS ROUGH DRAFT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. ALL FINAL COPIES OF THE DIRECTORY WILL COME TO THE CHURCH FOR DISTRIBUTION, AND WILL NOT BE SHIPPED TO YOUR HOME.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ORDERED PICTURES, THOSE WILL SHIP TO YOUR HOME. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL THE PICTURES YOU ORDERED, PLEASE CONTACT JAMIE IN THE OFFICE FOR A PHONE NUMBER TO CALL. THANK YOU!

The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 31 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 2024 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our adopted families this Christmas. We collected so many great donations for both families, and we could not have done that without the generosity of our congregation. The families were very appreciative of the items they received. Thank you!

**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.



Cookbooks are here! Please see Sandy Carlson or Nancy King-Gardner with any questions. They are \$12 each, and all proceeds will go to the church general budget.

Our church will be hosting a Nebraska Community Blood Bank blood drive on Wednesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 25th. Please contact the NCBB at 402-486-9414 to schedule an appointment.

Thanks Havelock United Methodist Church for hosting my Lincoln Continentals Barbershop Chorus Christmas show December 3rd. We had a wonderful time. A special thanks to Sandy Carlson and crew for the refreshments after. Delicious!!!

~ Pastor Todd Karges



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AA 7:00 pm 1 Church office closed <i>Happy New Year!</i>	FoodNet 2 4:30 pm	3	4	AA 7:00 pm 5	6
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 7 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:00 am Trustees Meeting	AA 7:00 pm 8	FoodNet 9 4:30 pm	Finance 6:00 pm 10 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	11	AA 7:00 pm 12	13 FH reserved for private event 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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Why was the telephone late for work on January 1?

It was busy ringing in the new year!



Why is New Year's a slice of bread's least favorite holiday?

It has to make a toast.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY - SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY - JANUARY 14, 2024

We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers, and programs that work with at-risk teens.