

HAVE-O-GRAM



• HELLO •

March

LOVING PRESENCE

Dear Friends,

Christianity is often described as the religion of paradox, where losing becomes winning, sharing becomes receiving, and dying becomes living. It's a worldview that may seem logically inconsistent to the world's standards, yet when we look back on our lives, we realize that life cannot be fully understood through worldly logic alone. The paradox of faith offers us a different perspective, one that transcends universal knowledge and common sense.

At the heart of this paradox lies Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came in human form. His life, death, and resurrection challenge the norms of the world. Instead of conquering through power and might, Jesus chose the path of humility and sacrifice. His victory came not through the defeat of his enemies, but through the offering of himself as a sacrifice. It's a paradox of weakness overcoming strength, suffering leading to redemption.

In our daily lives, we often rely on deductive reasoning based on the logic of the world. Yet, we encounter uncertainties and challenges that defy our understanding. The resurrection of Jesus invites us to embrace an inductive way of life, where we view his life and death through the lens of his victorious resurrection. It's a realm of faith beyond human comprehension, where the result of the paradox is revealed in the resurrection.

As we journey Lent through March, let us focus on the trajectory of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Let us live in the light of his victory, knowing that beyond the cross there is resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus shows us his paradoxical way is leading us to the way, the truth, and the life. By embracing the paradox of the gospel, we may embody the paradoxical life of Jesus Christ in our own lives.

Indeed, He is risen! Praise the Lord!

Blessings,
Kyu



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!



Remember to
"spring forward"!

Daylight saving time
begins on Sunday,
March 10th.

Please bring your favorite food to share and plan to join us for a Palm Sunday potluck on Sunday, March 24th immediately following our 10:00 am worship service.

LENTEN STUDY

Please join us for our Lenten study every Tuesday during Lent, at 6:30 pm in the church library.

This study will go through Tuesday, March 26th. During this study, we will be discussing the book: *Final Words from the Cross*, by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the church office!

If you would like to celebrate the life or memory of a loved one by purchasing a lily for our Easter Sunday worship service, please see the special insert in your weekly bulletin, or contact the church office. The cost this year is \$13.00 and orders are due by Sunday, March 10th.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING



Our next young adults gathering will be on Sunday, March 17th at 11:15 am in the friendship parlor. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, please bring your favorite St. Patrick's Day food to share in our potluck meal. If you are between the ages of 20ish – 59ish, please attend and bring a friend!

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair



We will be hosting our Spring Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at HUMC. There will be over 30 vendors with a variety of products for sale, and food will be available for sale from the church kitchen. If you have any questions, please see Jamie in the church office, or a member of the Trustees. We hope you will join us for a fun day of shopping!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial update from the Finance Committee Thru January 2024.

Year to Date Figures:

Giving: \$7,701.00

Savings: \$7,310.64

Total: \$15,011.64

Expenses: \$12,794.16

Extra: \$2,217.48



We were closed on one Sunday in January (due to weather) and our total giving was down from last January about \$1,600.00.

Giving is not bringing in enough money to cover payroll for Pastor Kyu, Jamie, and Aaron. We did take out \$ 5,000.00 from savings with American Funds, from United Methodist Foundation \$ 1,129.76, and from the Parsonage Acct \$1,180.88.

I am currently concerned that I will have to withdraw money to make month end payroll.

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 next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, March 27 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.

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 still available! 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 Lenten offering this year will be evenly split between Fresh Start (an agency focused on eradicating homelessness for women) and the Diaper Depot. Please see the special offering envelope in your Sunday bulletin.

Are you passionate about making your church or community group equitable and inviting for everyone, regardless of background? Elevate your leadership skills with this transformative training event. March 14-16 at Waverly First UMC. Visit <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/bethebridge> for more information!

Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Saturday, April 6th. 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!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
|---|--|--|---|----------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Lenten/Easter Services: • Palm Sunday - March 24th - morning worship at 10:00 am • Good Friday - March 29th from 7:00 am - 9:00 am - open communion in the sanctuary • Easter Sunday - March 31st - morning worship at 10:00 am | | | | | | Craft Fair 1 Set Up 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm | 2 Craft Fair 9:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 3 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:15 am Trustees Meeting | AA 7:00 pm 4 | FoodNet 5 4:30 pm Lenten study 6:30 pm | Choir 6 Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 7 | AA 7:00 pm 8 | 9 | |
| *Daylight Saving Time Begins* 10 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship | AA 7:00 pm 11 | FoodNet 12 4:30 pm Lenten study 6:30 pm | Finance 13 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 14 | AA 7:00 pm 15 | Esther 16 Circle 8:30 am Panera Kitchen & FP reserved 11-5 | |
| 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 17 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:15 am Young Adults Gathering | AA 7:00 pm 18 | FoodNet 19 4:30 pm Lenten study 6:30 pm | Priscilla Circle 20 10:00am Ad Board 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 21 | AA 7:00 pm 22 | 23 | |
| 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 24 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:15 am Palm Sunday Potluck | AA 7:00 pm 25 | FoodNet 26 4:30 pm Lenten study 6:30 pm | Last Wednesday 27 Supper 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 28 | Good Friday 29 Open Communion 7:00 - 9:00 am AA 7:00 pm | 30 | |
| *Happy Easter* 31 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship | Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Super Bowl food drive. Our church collected and donated 318 pounds of food for the Northeast Lincoln Food Pantry! In total, the Great Plains conference collected 168,253 pounds of food to be donated. The California-Nevada and California-Pacific conferences collected 32,945 pounds, meaning that team KC took home the victory! | | | | | | |