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JUNE



LOVING PRESENCE

It's a beautiful June.

Just as we enjoyed the refreshing rainy days of May, we hope for a balanced amount of rain in June—not too much, but just enough. After each rain, the following seven days are so vibrant and full of life. However, this beauty doesn't last forever, so we need a continual and timely rain.

In dry land, seeds cannot be planted. The ground is too hard for seeds to penetrate. But rain softens the hard soil, making it receptive so that seeds can take root. In Matthew 13, Jesus emphasizes through the Parable of the Sower that only good soil bears fruit. Good soil is moist, full of life, and soft. Are we like good soil? Are our hearts open to God's word and love?

Hosea proclaims, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you." (Hosea 10:12) The God of justice and love showers us with the rain of righteousness, leading us to reap steadfast love. What does God's justice look like? If God wants to manifest love through justice, what kind of fruit does He expect us to bear?

The guidance for everything in the Bible is found in the words and life of Jesus Christ. We must view all scripture through the lens of Jesus Christ. The essence of Jesus' justice and love is encapsulated in, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) If we can love others as we love ourselves, we can spread justice.

It's a reality that we cannot truly claim something as our own until we have experienced and encountered it in our lives. This has been my reality as a pastor. There was a time when I couldn't accept divorce as a Christian possibility until I faced it within my family. LGBTQ persons hadn't been my friends until I encountered their genuine hearts striving to know and meet God, living as light and salt in the world, just like us. One day, I realized I do not deserve to cast stones at others, recalling Jesus' words, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7, NRSV)

The outcomes of the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church will undoubtedly evoke various thoughts and emotions because our preferences differ. I also have my own preferences. But prioritizing our preferences cannot compare to valuing another's life, if we love them as ourselves. To me, the decisions of the General Conference are missional efforts for the church to see through Jesus' eyes. "What would Jesus do in this situation of 2024? Wouldn't He befriend them, dine with them, comfort and heal them?"

So my message isn't about giving specific directions like, "You have to do something blur blur...", but rather asking you for reconsidering the words and life of Jesus to look back on our hearts and the attitude of our lives, "Does my preference really accord with the heart and life of Jesus?"

Fortunately, we have hope because Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to help and guide us when we don't know where to go, what to do, or how to begin changes. So, let's seek the Holy Spirit's help in all we do today.

John 14:26, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

John 16:13-15, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Blessings ~ Kyu



FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER
Financial Updates thru April 2024



Hello,

I am going to try and breakdown some expenses for you each month to help you better understand where your money goes.

As you are probably aware we have been having issues with our heating and cooling systems. We have spent over \$8,460.00 so far this year on trying to resolve the heating issues. The A/C is still being looked into.

We did have to take out \$5,000.00 from savings in April 2024 to meet expenses. This is a concerning trend as we only have around \$16,000.00 left in our savings at American Funds.

We currently have received \$42,710 in offering, \$8,463 from savings at United Methodist Foundation for maintenance and heating, \$10,000 from American Funds for a total income of \$ 61,173.

We have expenses of \$ 60,783.

We are not bringing in enough money to cover expenses. I ask you to prayerfully consider if you can help with our cash flow shortage. I know that somehow God always provides.

If you would like to give to the church, 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.

On July 4th, HUMC will be hosting our 21st annual community 4th of July celebration from noon to 2:00 PM at the corner of 61st and Morrill Ave. If you have any items for the dollar or quarter table please have them to the church by July 3rd. We are asking the congregation for donations of 2 liter bottles of pop for the ring toss (please place pop bottle donations in room 4). Monetary donations are also appreciated. We are needing volunteers to help with set up, games during the party, and take down. Please see the sign-up sheet on the welcome center to volunteer! We hope you will come and help us celebrate the 4th! If you have any questions please call Luetta Sinner at (402) 890-4915.

Everyone is welcome!



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MERNA MCDIFFETT. MERNA PASSED AWAY ON MAY 20TH. MERNA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 3RD AT 10:00 AM AT HAVELOCK UMC. THERE WILL BE A LUNCHEON IN THE HUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.



We will be hosting a vacation bible school on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at HUMC. Lunch will be provided. Please call (402-466-6736) or email (havelockumc@gmail.com) the church to register for VBS. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. All kids are welcome, ages preschool - 6th grade!

This year's theme is:

Outback Rock -

Where Kids Venture into Solid Faith



We are also needing cash donations to help with supplies, lunch, snacks, craft items, and other expenses. Please use the donation box in the narthex. If you would like this recorded on your giving statement, please indicate this with your donation. Thank you!

The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, June 26 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.

Our children's choir will be singing during our 10:00 am morning worship service on June 16th. We hope you will join us and enjoy the wonderful music!

Our breakfast ministry at Mahoney Manor will be one Wednesday a month, from 8:30 am – 9:30 am, over the summer months. Dates are: June 12, July 17, and August 14. Everyone is welcome!

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

Please plan to join us for a summer potluck on Sunday, June 30th! The potluck meal will be served immediately following our 10:00 am morning worship service. Please bring your favorite dish to share, and enjoy an afternoon of food and fellowship!

The next young adults gathering will be on Sunday, June 23rd at 11:15 am in the friendship parlor. Please bring your favorite food to share in our potluck meal. If you are between the ages of 20ish - 59ish, we hope you will attend and bring a friend!

June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Adult Sunday school summer schedule: June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25. We will still have our weekly 9:00 am coffee fellowship in the friendship parlor. Weekly adult Sunday school will resume on September 8. If you have any questions, call Dianne Karges, Nancy Ray, or the church office.



Reminder: Children's Sunday school meets weekly at 10:00 am

9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Narthex Fellowship 11:15 am Trustees Meeting	Merna McDiffett Memorial Service 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm	FoodNet 4:30 pm				AA 7:00 pm	1
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10:00 am Morning Worship
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11:15 am Summer Potluck

Dad joke: In honor of Father's Day ~
Why can't leopards play hide-and-seek?
Because they're always spotted!
HAHAHA



The 2024 session of the Great Plains Annual Conference will be June 6-9, 2024, (Thursday - Sunday) at the Younes Center in Kearney, Nebraska. More information can be found at www.greatplainsumc.org/annualconference.