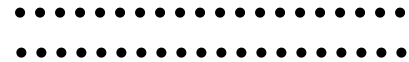


HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE



Dear Havelock,

As we step into the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to pause, reflect, and surrender our hearts more fully to God. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this journey—a solemn reminder of our mortality, our need for repentance, and the boundless grace of our Savior.

When the ashes are placed upon our foreheads, we acknowledge our humanity, our imperfections, and our deep longing for renewal. It is not merely a ritual; it is a call to transformation. Lent is a time of surrender, stripping away distractions, and drawing nearer to the heart of Christ.

Then, how can we try to be deeply touched and hugely transformed this Lent? This season is not about empty sacrifice but about meaningful change. I have three suggestions.

- Fast with Purpose – Not just from food, but from anything that pulls you away from God (negativity, impatience, self-centeredness).
- Pray with Depth – Set aside time to truly listen to God’s voice in silence and scripture.
- Give with Love – Let generosity be your act of worship, whether through time, kindness, or resources.

As we journey through these 40 days, let us walk with Jesus in the wilderness, allowing Him to refine us, restore us, and prepare us for the joy of resurrection. May this Lent be a season where we don’t just go through the motions but truly encounter the presence of God—touched by His mercy and transformed by His love.

-Join us for Ash Wednesday Service & Lenten Study

- o Ash Wednesday: March 5th at 5pm in the Sanctuary
- o Lenten Study: March 12th (1 Wednesday) and then Mar 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, 15th (All Tuesdays) at 7pm in the Library

Let’s journey together, embracing the call to repentance, renewal, and revival. Remember that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” – Genesis 3:19

Blessings,
Kyu





We will be hosting our Spring Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 1st from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at HUMC. There will be over 35 vendors with a variety of products for sale!

The church will have a bake sale, along with lunch and cookbooks available for purchase! 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!



Lenten Season Events for March:

Ash Wednesday - Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be Wednesday, March 5, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Lenten Study - This year, our Lenten study will be at 7:00 pm in the church library on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 12, and Tuesdays - March 18 & 25; April 1, 8, & 15.

The book we will be studying is *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. Books can be purchased for \$17 each directly from the church. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the welcome center, or contact the church office, if you plan to attend.

Lenten Offering - Our Lenten offering this year will go to Loaves & Fishes, which is a local non-profit operated by Karen Lamb! The Lenten offering begins Sunday, March 9th!

DISTRICT LAY SERVANT TRAINING COURSES

Two Lay Servant Ministries training courses will be held on March 28-March 29 at Beatrice Centenary, 608 Elk Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

The courses offered are:

- **Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course:**

Friday, March 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- **Spiritual Gifts - Each One a Minister:**

Saturday, March 29th from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Visit the Lay Servant Ministry Webpage for more information:

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/lay-events>

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Bures at:

centenaryumc29@gmail.com

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial Update thru January 2025:

Giving: \$9,395.77

Interest from Ess Investment: \$11,385.52

Total Income: \$20,781.29

Expenses: \$11,207.39

Difference: \$9,573.90 (extra)



All Bills are paid. We did already use about \$1,500 of the Interest money. I was hoping we would only use \$1,000 a month and it would last all year. We do have the craft fair coming up in March and that always brings in additional money.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!



The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, March 26th 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 2025 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.

Our next Mahoney Manor Breakfast will be on Wednesday, March 12th at 8:30 am in the Mahoney Manor dining room. All are welcome!

We will have our March Young Adults Gathering on Sunday, March 16th at 12:00 pm in the friendship parlor. Please bring a potluck dish to share and join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Thursday, April 10th. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling 1-888-814-0466 (promo code HSCA001) or website <https://www.lsa.social/hasca>

We hope you will consider purchasing a lily for our Easter Sunday morning worship service, to celebrate the life or memory of a loved one. Details on price and how to order will be available soon!

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) or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.



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.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9th! Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday, March 8th!



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Important Dates: First Sunday in Lent – Sunday, March 9th Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 13th Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 20th We hope you will join us on these dates for our 10:45 am morning worship service!		 March worship music schedule: Choir will sing on March 2 & 23. Ignite praise band will play on March 16 & 30. Please contact the church office if you'd like to join the choir or Ignite!				1
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting	2 AA 7:00 pm 3	4 FoodNet 4:30 pm	5 Ash Wednesday 5:00 pm Animal Ambassadors Meeting 6:00 pm	6	7 AA 7:00 pm	8
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