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A HEART-TO-HEART MOMENT

A Note From the Church Office:

Havelock UMC would like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Anny, and her family. Our congregation has enjoyed getting to know Pastor Anny over the last month. It is with great joy that we share our Sunday morning worship experience with her. We look forward to the months ahead with excited anticipation of what is to come. Thank you, Pastor Anny, for being a part of our faith journey.

When Life Feels Heavy, God Is Nearby

Have you ever felt like hope is slipping away? Many people silently battle depression and discouragement, but God offers comfort and light even in the darkest moments. This verse comes to mind: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 42:11 (NIV)

There are seasons in life when hope feels distant. Many people silently carry heavy burdens, feelings of depression, loneliness, and despair. Often, they don't want to talk about it, fearing they will not be understood or that their struggles will be minimized. Yet, the truth is that we all face moments when our hearts feel broken, and our minds are weary.

As a church, we are called to speak life and encouragement into one another's lives. When someone is struggling, they may not need solutions right away; they need compassionate words, a listening ear, and the reminder that they are not alone. The psalmist in Psalm 42 cries out honestly, acknowledging his pain but also choosing to put his hope in God. This reminds us that hope is not about ignoring our feelings but trusting that God's love is greater than our darkest moments.

Prayer:

Gracious God, when we feel hopeless and alone, remind us that Your love never fails. The Fill our hearts with peace and courage and help us to bring hope to others who are struggling. Amen.

Pastor Anny Kapundu



We will be hosting our Fall
Craft & Vendor Fair on
Saturday, October 11th from
9:00 am - 3:00 pm. At this
time we are allowing new
vendor registrations. If you
or someone you know is
interested in being a vendor
at our event, please contact
Jamie in the church office for
more details.

Information on ways the congregation can help us prepare for this event will be coming soon. Thank you to everyone for helping to make our craft fairs so successful.

You are all very much appreciated!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial Update through June 2025 – Totals are year to date: Giving: \$61,384.81 Savings: \$1,500.00

Interest – Ess Investment: \$11,385,52 Total Income: \$74,270.33

Expenses: \$74,560.58 Difference: \$(290.25)

All bills are paid and current through June 2025.

We are very tight on money at the end of July. We have enough to cover payroll on the 31st and depending on the offering 7/27 - we might have to pull from savings to cover insurance and payroll taxes. The amount needed for insurance and payroll taxes is right around \$2,000.00. The summer giving is always down but it usually is. It seems that things have always worked out, I am sure they will this time also.

Pati Hughes - Treasurer

The Young Adults Gathering is back!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday. August 24th at 12:00 pm in our fellowship hall. This gathering is geared towards those in the age range of 20 – 59, but everyone is welcome!

Please bring a potluck dish to share and join in the fellowship – whether you are young in body, mind, or spirit!

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Yvonne Oziah. Yvonne passed away on June 23.





The next Last
Wednesday
Community Supper
will be held on
Wednesday, August
27th from 5:00 pm 6:00 pm.
This will be a graband-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.

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.

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Dear Church Family.

Thank you so much for warmly welcoming me and my family into the church. I am grateful and honored to join the ministry team and be part of this wonderful community. Your kind words, beautiful flowers, and thoughtful cards have truly touched our hearts. Thank you! I look forward to serving and growing with you all. - - With gratitude, Pastor Anny

The August Adult Sunday School schedule has been updated, and there will be no Adult Sunday School in August. We will announce details about the September schedule once they become available. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our special offering for Texas flood victims. We received several generous donations, and will announce our total amount once it is available. If you would still like to donate to the Texas flood victims, please drop-off or mail in a check to the church, and indicate the offering is for "Texas Flood Victims". Thank you!

On behalf of the Outreach committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your participation with the 4th of July community party. Without this congregation it wouldn't be such a great success. Again thank you friends for all you do for this community party. – Luetta Sinner

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.

Don't forget your cookbooks for all those new summer recipes! Only \$8 each! Sundav Tuesday Wednesday Friday Monday Saturda From the Trustees - please help keep our church comfortable and safe: AA 7:00 pm · If you have church keys, please show Robert so he can make sure you have the correct keys for your access needs. Please do not turn off fans or adjust the thermostats. · When exiting the church, please make sure the door latches behind you. 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee Animal 4 FoodNet AA 7:00 pm 8 9 AA 7:00 pm 10:45 am Morning Worship **Ambassadors** 4:30 pm Fellowship Hall 10:45 am Children's Sunday school Meeting 6:00 pm reserved for 11:45 an Narthex Fellowship private event 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting 11:30 - 3:00 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 13 14 AA 7:00 pm 1512 16 AA 7:00 pm FoodNet 10:45 am Morning Worship 4:30 pm 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship Finance 6:00 pm 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 19 AA 7:00 pm 20 AA 7:00 pm 22 23 FoodNet 10:45 am Morning Worship 4:30 pm 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 pm Worship Team Mtg. Last Wed 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 24 FoodNet 26 AA 7:00 pm 25 AA 7:00 pm 29 30

Community

4:30 pm

Supper 5:00 pm

Ad Board 6:00 pm

Animal Ambassadors Meeting 6:00 pm

9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 10:45 am Morning Worship 31 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 pm Cong. Care Team Mtg.

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10:45 am Children's Sunday school

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.