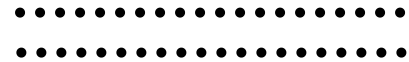


HAVE-O-GRAM



A HEART-TO-HEART MOMENT



Grace and peace to you,

As we step into March, we enter a meaningful and sacred season in the life of the church. This month leads us deeper into Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, renewal, and preparation for Easter.

Lent is not about guilt. It is about drawing closer to God.

The prophet Joel invites us with these words:

“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13).

That invitation is for all of us. No matter where we have been, how busy life has been, or how distracted we may have become, God gently calls us back. Back to prayer. Back to trust. Back to love.

During this season, we may choose to give something up, but more importantly, we are invited to take something up: deeper prayer, acts of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, or time in Scripture. Lent helps us make space for God to shape our hearts again.

As we continue worshiping and serving together at Havelock United Methodist Church and Malcolm United Methodist Church, I am grateful for your faithfulness. Whether you serve quietly behind the scenes, offer prayers for others, or simply show up week after week, you are part of what God is doing in this community.

March reminds us that growth often begins beneath the surface. Just as the ground slowly prepares for spring, God is at work in us, even when we do not yet see the full picture.

May this season draw you closer to God’s heart and fill you with steady hope.

A little March smile:

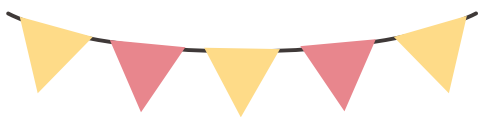
Why is March such a confusing month?

Because one day it’s winter... and the next day it thinks it’s spring!

With gratitude and prayers,
Pastor Anny Kapundu



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8th! Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday, March 7th!



Our Spring Craft & Vendor Fair will be Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

We are sold out of vendor spots!

We expect to have over 35 vendors to shop from, lunch will be available for purchase from the church kitchen, and we will also have our church bake sale. We hope you will join us for a day of fun!

If you are wanting to volunteer to help with the bake sale, clean-up crew, or somewhere else during the event, please contact Jamie in the church office.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES – TREASURER

Financial Update thru Jan 2026:

Totals are Year to date –

Giving: \$18,973.72 + Interest – Ess Investment: \$15,038.00

Total Income: \$34,011.72

Expenses: \$12,195.63 plus \$2,798.00 paid for 2025 Mission Shares on January 7, paid out of the Ess Interest received January 6.

Net Excess: \$19,018.09 – However we had negative beginning balance of \$(4,943.34) which was a held check for Mission Shares so they could reflect in 2025. Real Net Excess is \$14,074.75.

We have not paid the pension or benefits for the Pastor yet, as we just received the bill and we discovered they billed us for 100% again. I asked Jamie to call and they did correct it for us. So, the monthly amount is \$902.12 and I will put a check in the mail for Jan and Feb today for \$1,804.24.

As I reported last month, we had two very generous donors in Jan, so we are very stable in our cash situation as I have over \$10,000.00 in our Pinnacle Bank account. The Financial Committee did decide to invest our extra cash and opened up an Access CD at Union Bank. The CD has no fees associated with it and it is for 10 months and is earning 3.5%. We can access the money monthly, with no withdrawal fee. We do not have to maintain a \$10,000.00 balance; it just had to be open with it. It will close if the balance is ever below \$1,000.00. We wanted to earn money on our excess cash with the ability to withdraw the money as necessary.

I did want to share an expense we pay monthly in greater detail. Right now, our monthly budget amount for Black Hill Gas is \$1,063.00. So, you can see how it is important that we try to conserve as much as possible, while still having a comfortable environment for all.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to answer any questions.

GAME TIME

If you love delicious food, playing games, or just having some social time after church, please join us on Sunday, March 22nd for sandwiches, snacks, and games! This event will be at 12:00 pm, immediately following our 10:45 am morning worship service.

Sandwiches and snacks will be provided. If you wish, you may bring a finger food or snack to share, as well as your favorite board, card, or other non-electronic game to play.

We hope to see you there!

All are welcome!



Our next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be on Wednesday, March 25th from 5:00 - 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 2026 Flower Calendar has been placed in the hallway 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.

Priscilla and Esther Circle are sponsoring an Easter basket drive for children of the People's City Mission. If you would like to make a basket, please include only wrapped candy and small toys. Baskets also must be wrapped. Baskets must be at the church by Palm Sunday (March 29th). They can be left in the church office. If you have any questions please speak with Leona Frerichs or Rhonda Sanford. Thank you!

Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Thursday, April 16th. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling 1-888-814-0466 (promo code HSCA001) or website <https://www.lisa.social/hsc>

Our Lenten offering this year will go to the Food Bank of Lincoln, to help fight food insecurities right here in SE Nebraska. The Food Bank of Lincoln services a 16 county area, and offers mobile food distributions 6 days a week. Please see the special Lenten offering envelope in your bulletin.

The Lincoln Community Concert Band will be performing a free concert on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm at Kimball Recital Hall (1113 "R" St.). The theme of this concert is "Tony Meets Oscar". We hope you will attend if you are able, and support Dianne Karges and the rest of the fantastic musicians!

Please note that we will not have a Faith Table Gathering in March. Our next Faith Table Gathering will be on Sunday, April 19th at 12:15 pm. Also occurring in April is a potluck meal on Sunday, April 12th at 12:15 pm, as well as a return of our Mahoney Manor breakfast ministry on Wednesday, April 8th. More info coming soon!

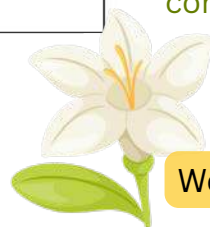
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Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual call, the church office (402-466-6736) or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	AA 7:00 pm	FoodNet 4:30 pm	Choir 7:00 pm		Craft Fair Vendor Set-up 5:00	Craft Fair 9:00 - 3:00
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Palm Sunday 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 Cong. Care Team Mtg.	AA 7:00 pm	FoodNet 4:30 pm	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 contact the church office with any questions.			

Cookbooks are still available! They make great gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, graduations, or just because!

They are located at the welcome center and the price is \$8.00 each. 100% of the sales from the cookbooks goes directly back to the church!



Upcoming Important Dates:
 Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 29th
 Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 5th
 We hope you will join us on these dates for our 10:45 am morning worship service!