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## **Veteran's Day**

November 11th is a special Sunday at Havelock United Methodist.

We want to recognize members of our congregation who served or are serving in the armed forces and reserves.

Any pictures or memorabilia for a display would be appreciated. Please bring items to the church by Wednesday, November 7th.

## **Hanging of the Greens**

The Hanging of the Greens service, a long-standing Havelock UMC tradition, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 25th in the sanctuary. Around 4:30 p.m. we will enjoy a soup supper in the Friendship Parlor. Soup will be provided; others may bring crackers, relishes or desserts. After supper we will decorate the sanctuary.

This service probably began with pre-Christian midwinter festivals. At the Winter Solstice, green boughs were brought into the house to ensure the return of foliage in spring. Christians continued to decorate with evergreens as a sign of Christ's victory over death and his promise of eternal life. In the 1500's John Stow wrote: Against the time of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with...whatsoever the season afforded to be green.

Good fellowship and good food will begin the Advent season. See you at the church for the Hanging of the Greens.

# Annual Church Conference

All members of Havelock United Methodist Church are invited to attend and participate in our Annual Church Conference, Tuesday, November 27th, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered by Lamb Shops. The meal will include lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Tickets will be on sale before and after church during November. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

The purpose of our yearly meeting is to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of Havelock, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals for 2008.

We will adopt the total budget for 2008 and elect officers for the church. We will also act on the annual report of the membership.

Please plan to attend. Your votes and participation are important.

### **Northeast Area Food Pantry**

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The following items are needed by the Food Pantry they may be left in the food cart in the east hall.

Muffin Mix Soup Canned Vegetables

Pork and Beans Tuna Canned Meats



## **Diaper Depot Update**

Diaper Depot has helped 45 babies in the month of September. We are looking for someone to write grant applications so we can continue this mission project. Each kit has a cost of \$9.96 per child, you do the math. All contributions help and we are truly blessed to be able to help the less fortunate.

Carol Peterson
Diaper Depot Coordinator

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A collection box for Diaper Depot will be set out Sunday, November 4th in the narthex. We are in need of diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment. Also, monetary donations will be accepted and put to use to support this worthwhile cause.

The November-December issue of the Upper Room is now available by the food cart in the east hall.



## **Fellowship Coffee**

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in Friendship Parlor.

## Ushers For November

Leonard Barnhill

Randy Irons

John Laird

Ray McDiffett

Lendall Meyer

## **Caring and Sharing Shoeboxes**

November is a great time to help others. This fall we will be collecting new items for people less fortunate than ourselves.

Jesus said "Whatsoever you do for the least of you do also for me." For this reason we will be filling shoeboxes with personal items for Lancaster Manor. We ask you to bring items in a shoebox. If you don't have a box they are available at the church. We will collect items until November 25th.

- Sugarless candies
- Jewelry clip on earrings, long necklaces
- Pop in cans regular and diet
- Batteries Double AA, Triple AAA, 9 volt
- Spray perfumes
- Nail polish pink, red, clear
- Magazines large print when available
- Hair accessories bows, barrettes, ponytail holders
- Women's cotton underpants- size 10 15
- C.D.'s Classical, Big Band, Oldies, Polkas, Gospel, Country Western
- Small stuffed animals
- Lotions
- Socks stretchable
- Greeting cards Postage stamps

### **Holiday Service Projects**

Winter is approaching real fast so once again during the month of November we will collect children's stocking caps, mittens or gloves, and socks for the Head Start program. There will be a Christmas tree set back in the Narthex to put your items on. This will run through the month of November.

Our church will also be participating, once again, in the Santa Cop Program. This is a project that permits children, that don't fall into other programs, to experience the joy of a toy from Santa. This year we are asking that you make your gift donations in the form of cash. The police department can purchase toys at cost or below from local stores. They are able to match the exact toy to the child. If you would like to bring a new toy that is fine. We wilt also accept wrapping paper and name tags. We will be accepting the items on Sunday, November 18th through December 9th.

#### **Pastor's Note**

### **Growing Through Giving**

One of the paradoxes of the spiritual is that in order to keep what you have, spiritually speaking, you have to give it away. This applies to many aspects of the Christian life. We receive so many more blessings as we reach outside of ourselves and give to others. For example, it is by reaching outside of our comfort zone that we often take the risks that produce significant growth in our lives.

The same is true of our material resources. Very few, if any, self-made fortunes were done so without taking significant risks. Many of the wealthiest among us share stories of times when they lost everything before recovering and "making it big".

While there are obvious benefits to our church through increased giving, a greater and subtler benefit is to the giver. As we trust God and take the risk of making our commitment to support God's work first in our lives, we begin to understand the principle of "Growing through Givina."

This commitment involves not only giving our money but also our time and talents in worship, ministry and mission.

All of our members and regular supporters have received a letter this past week asking you to make a financial pledge for 2008. By pledging in faith for this next year we as a church are able to plan for growth in ministry and mission. Your pledge to the annual budget allows for growth in the ministry and mission of the local church. Your pledge to apportionments allows for maintenance and growth of the Nebraska Annual Conference and for the World Service of the United Methodist Church.

We appreciate all of you who have supported the work of the church during 2007. This year, while it is unlikely that we will reach 100% of our apportionment obligation, we have made progress over past years.

We ask you to prayerfully consider taking the risk to increase your giving for 2008, not only of your finances but also of your time in attending worship and of your talents in becoming more actively involved in the ministry and mission of the church. It is my prayer that each of you will experience the blessing of growing through giving.

Pastor Chuck

## **Financial Report**

Operating Budget Needs YTD	\$80,136
Received:	\$74,515
Shortfall:	\$5,621
Apportionments Received YTD:	\$9,799
Remaining:	\$11,307

## **November 2007**

1	7:00	Nurture	17		Esther Circle	
2	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous			Seven Day Baptist -12:00 NA	
3	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	18		Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship	
4	9:00 9:30	Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship Sunday School		10:45 S	Sunday School MYF	
	10:45 2:00 - 6:00	4:00 American Legion MYF	19	7:00 A	AA	
5	6:30 7:00	Committee on Finance AA	20		Prayer Meeting FoodNet	
6	10:00 4:30	Prayer Meeting FoodNet	21	7:00 Y	Chancel Choir Youth Choir Love & Logic Parent Workshop	
7	6:00 7:00	Chancel Choir Youth Choir	22	8:00 - 6:0	00 Private Dinner	
	7:00	Love & Logic Parent Workshop	23		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Narcotics Anonymous	
8	7:00	Administrative Board	24		Seven Day Baptist	
9	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous	25		Fellowship Coffee	
10	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	25	9:30 N	Morning Worship Sunday School	
11	9:00 9:30 10:45	Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship Sunday School		4:00 F	Hanging of the Greens MYF	
	6:00	MYF	26	7:00 A	AA	
12	9:00 7:00	Deadline For News AA	27	4:30 F	Prayer Meeting FoodNet Church Conference	
13	10:00 4:30	Prayer Meeting FoodNet	28	11:30 L	Lydia Circle Chancel Choir	
14	6:00 7:00 7:00	Chancel Choir Youth Choir Love & Logic Parent Workshop		7:00 Y	/outh Choir .ove & Logic Parent Workshop	
15	1:00	AARP	29			
16	9:00 6:30	Hav-O-Gram Issued Narcotics Anonymous	30	6:30 N	Narcotics Anonymous	