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Now Thank We All
OUR GOD

YOUR INVITED!

The Engine House Cafe, 6028 Havelock Ave., in Havelock will be serving a FREE traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 25th, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

This dinner is open to anyone who would like to enjoy an excellent meal and great fellowship. Please tell your friends and neighbors to join us!

If anyone has an extra pie or dessert they would like to donate please call, Sandy Carlson, Home - 464-0420 or cell - 440-3540.

CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 28, marks the beginning of the Advent Season. The four Sundays before Christmas, we will celebrate the faith, hope, peace and love that was given to us in the birth of the baby Jesus. You are invited to come and share in the celebration on Sunday mornings as well as other special services leading up to Christmas Day.

Sunday, November 28 - we will begin the Advent Season with "The Hanging of the Greens" service. A short worship will begin at 4:00 p.m. and then participants will share in a soup supper at 4:30. Please sign up to bring your favorite soup, dessert or relish. Following the soup supper, we will be putting up the Christmas decorations in the church rooms and sanctuary. Come and join in the festivities. Good food, good fellowship.

Friday, December 24 - There will be one worship service on Christmas Eve that will be held at 6:00 p.m. The birth of Jesus will be celebrated in a candlelight service with special music, carols, communion and many candles.

Plan to share a part of your Christmas Eve with our church family, worshipping and giving thanks for God's special gift, the birth to Joseph and Mary of a son that shall be called "Jesus". He shall save His people from their sins.

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Dinner will be served to those in need and those who are alone on this day. If you are interested in helping prepare the turkeys on Thursday, December 23rd or potatoes on Friday, December 24th please call Sandy Carlson, 464-0420 or contact the church office, 466-6736. If you are available to share in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help serve the Christmas Dinner please contact Sandy or the church office. The church will be serving a traditional turkey dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Come and share in the worship and activities of this Advent Season. Enjoy the Peace of Christmas with your friends and neighbors here at Havelock United Methodist Church.

The church office will be CLOSED on November 25th and November 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.



CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 19, the children's Christmas program will be presented during the worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Following the worship/Christmas program there will be a holiday Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share.



Poinsettia orders will now be taken for decorating the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. Buying a poinsettia is a way to honor the memory of a loved one or to honor someone special in your life. Order forms will be in the church bulletin or you may order through the office.

The flowers may be taken home after Christmas Eve service.

ADVENT ENVELOPES

The Advent Offering envelope is included in this news letter. All proceeds from this offering will be used locally for those in need.

The Advent Offering will be evenly divided between the Peoples City Mission and the Northeast Food Pantry. Prayerfully consider this offering and the help it will provide to those less fortunate.

USHERS
FOR
DECEMBER
Leonard Barnhill
Joe Byler
Wendell Smith
Doris Smith

H A V E L O C K U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T W O M E N



The last General Meeting for 2010 will be held Wednesday, December 8th, in Friendship Parlor. The meeting will be a dessert only at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas program will be presented by Esther Circle. Members of Esther Circle will be hostesses and provide clean up.

All women of our church are invited and encouraged to attend.

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PRISCILLA Thur., December 2nd, 8:30 a.m.
BREAKFAST
Cracker Barrel, 6900 N 27th

RUTH Tues., December 14th, 7:00 p.m.
3240 N 61st
Worship - Doris Schulenberg
Program - Doris Schulenberg
Hostess - Doris Schulenberg

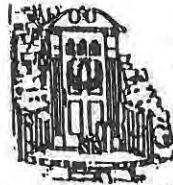
ESTHER Sat., December 18th, 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Tea
2215 Blackwater Bay
Hostess - Julie Burt



The annual mitten, sock, and cap tree for children in the Headstart Program here in Lincoln, has already been placed in the narthex. Members and children of our church are asked to hang those items on the tree anytime until Sunday, December 5th.

Mittens, socks, and caps may either be for boys or girls and need to be in the 3-4 through 7-8 groups.

This project provides an excellent way for us to share with those in need.



LAMB'S OPEN HOUSE

The Lamb Family's annual Christmas open house will be Sunday, December 5th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The address is 4901 NW Fairway Drive. Please join us in celebrating the blessed Christmas season!



CARLSON'S OPEN HOUSE

Members and friends of the church are invited to the home of Ken and Sandy Carlson on Sunday, December 12th. The Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.



Havelock UMC congregation,

Thank you so much for inviting Fannye and I to your service earlier this month (October). We appreciated the opportunity to share information about the important work done by Fresh Start. The donation will help us to provide the shelter, food clothing and support to the women who are homeless and in need in our community.

We are truly grateful for your support and blessings.

Sincerely,
Monica Zinke
Executive Director



PASTOR'S NOTE

THE "WISEGUYS" OF CHRISTMAS

My title might make you think of the popular HBO series "The Sopranos". Picture mafia boss Tony Soprano sitting around the Christmas tree with his loving family giving them extravagant gifts. Of course you would want to delete the scenes before and after depicting extortion, robbery, prostitution and murder. But those are not the "wiseguys" I wish to write about. The subject of this article is the "wiseguys" (wise men) mentioned in Matthew chapter 2.

There is a lot of fiction surrounding these "wiseguys" but we really know very little about them. The word Matthew uses to describe them is magi (magoi in Greek) and is used to refer to magicians, sages or Zoroastrian priests from the East. Seeing that they were from the East and were following a star, they were probably Zoroastrian priests. The point is, they were foreigners and not like the people Matthew was writing to. Matthew is telling us that the coming of Christ was not for just a few. He was telling the Jews of his time that God provides all people with salvation, not just people who were like them.

These "wiseguys" set out on a journey to find the promise of God. That is what advent and Christmas is about. We prepare for the coming of Christ which will involve a journey of faith similar to the journey of these men. As a church the journey of the magi reminds us that we must prepare to lift up the coming of Jesus to our community which is diverse. As we prepare for advent celebrations, we can't just prepare for ourselves. How can we bring our community to Christ during this season and the year to come?

We will advertise Christmas Eve and Christmas services in the newspaper, we will send out mailings, we will have a dinner here at the church on Christmas day for all those who have no other family or who want to celebrate with their church family.

If we are truly wise in the year to come, we will continue our effort to be the body of Christ in our community which is rich with diversity as well as in need of some "good news".

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 7, 2010

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2010

\$95,036

Receipts Year to Date:

\$89,682

Shortfall:

\$ 5,354

Apportionments not included



The 2010 Confirmation Class was received on Sunday, November 7th. Members of the class were - Zachary Farley, Micah Farley and Kristin Sanford.



Congratulations to Joseph Whitehead and Radonna Smith who were united in marriage on Thursday, November 4th.



- 1 7:00 Praise Choir
7:00 Children/Youth Choir
- 2 8:30 Priscilla Circle
- 3 9:00 - 3:00 Home School
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 4 9:00 - 12:00 Private Meeting
10:00 Seventh Day Baptist
- 5 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
2:00 - 6:00 Lamb's Open House
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group
- 6 7:00 AA
- 7 5:00 Foodnet
- 8 7:00 UMW General Meeting
7:00 Children's Choir
7:00 Praise Choir
- 9
- 10 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 11 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist
- 12 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
4:00 - 10:00 Carlson's Open House
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group
- 13 7:00 AA
- 14 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Ruth Circle
- 15 7:00 Praise Choir
7:00 Children's Choir

- 16
- 17 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 18 8:30 Esther Circle
10:00 - 2:00 Seventh Day Baptist
- 19 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Potluck Dinner
6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group
- 20 7:00 AA
- 21 5:00 Foodnet
- 22 7:00 Praise Choir
7:00 Children/Youth Choir
- 23
- 24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 Christmas Eve Service
6:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 25 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist
4:00 - 6:00 Christmas Dinner
- 26 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
- 27 7:00 AA
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