

HAVE-O-GRAM

Havelock United Methodist Church
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We will be gathering for supper and a movie on Sunday, October 16th, 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The movie is Soul Surfer.

Come fill your tummy with the faith of a thirteen year old surfer.

For more information contact Jennifer Farley, 402-450-3015.

FALL CRAFT FAIR

October 8th

The Fall Craft Fair is quickly approaching. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact Karen Lamb, 540-8532. We still have room for crafters and commercial vendors.

It would not be possible to hold this event without your help. We are asking for donations of the following items: 12 packs of pop, cookies or bars for the lunch (2 cookies per bag or 1 bar per bag), items for the baked goods table, or cash to help cover expenses.

The money raised from the craft fair goes to help pay utilities and other general church expenses as well as help fund special projects around the church. Your help is appreciated.

Please watch for sign-up sheets which will be out in the narthex.



The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Maurice Carlton jr.

Maurice passed away August 14th. His memorial service was held on August 27th.

HALLOWEEN PARTY



This year's Halloween Party will be on Sunday, October 30th, 1-3 p.m. We will again be inviting children & their families from area schools to join us in games and fellowship.

More information will be shared during worship services, yet we know we'll be needing the con-

gregation's support in supplying snacks (like Little Debbie cakes) for the snack walk, candy for games prizes, 2-liter pop for one of the games, and your presence to volunteer to assist with one of the games.

Rumor has it that the Mad Scientist may return as well as the always-popular Haunted House.

See you there!!



Heartfelt Thanks

Ken and I would like to thank you for the prayers and cards and Pastor Chuck's visit while we took turns in the hospital.

We also wish to say how much we enjoyed the steak dinner and the great take out service.

-The Fishers

I wish to thank Chuck for his visits while I was in the hospital. Thanks to everyone who held me in their prayers.

-Twillia Pohlman

NEWS FROM DIAPER DEPOT

Diaper Depot has received a \$5,000 grant from St. Mark's Foundation and with the continued support of our churches we will be able to open up again.



A collection box will be set out on Sunday, October 2nd 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 worth while cause.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER

Sat., October 15th, 8:30 a.m.
Breda Cafe, 4901 "O" Street

RUTH

Tues., October 25th, 7:00 p.m.
6328 Fremont
Worship - Bonnie Gustafson
Program - Bonnie Gustafson
Hostess - Bonnie Gustafson



PRISCILLA Thur., October 27th, 10:00 a.m.
Chapel
Program - Jean Heiser
Hostess - Bonnie Kalkwarf

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on October 10th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

The planning meeting for 2012's calendar will be held at this time. It is important to send a representative from your circle to this meeting. All circle chair persons should bring or send a corrected complete membership list, completed list of 2012 programs and hostesses for each month, and your circle's ideas for the upcoming General Meetings. Your input is needed!



I would like to thank everyone who contributed salads, pies and cakes for the Fall Festival Dinner. To those who helped prepare the meal, serve and clean up, your help was appreciated. Thanks!!

-Leona Frerichs

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| <p>1</p> <p>2 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Worship
10:45 Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>3 7:00 AA
7:00 Committee on Lay Leadership</p> <p>4 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation</p> <p>5 6:30 Youth Choir
7:00 - 8:30 Youth Fellowship</p> <p>6</p> <p>7 9:00 - 3:30 Home School
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>8 9:00 - 3:00 Craft Fair</p> <p>9 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>10 7:00 UMW Executive Committee
7:00 AA</p> <p>11 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation</p> <p>12 6:30 Youth Choir
7:00 - 8:30 Youth Fellowship</p> <p>13</p> <p>14 9:00 - 3:30 Home School
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>15 8:30 Esther Circle</p> | <p>16 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School for all Ages
5:00 Supper/Movie</p> <p>17 7:00 AA
7:00 Administrative Board</p> <p>18 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation</p> <p>19 6:30 Youth Choir
7:00 Youth Fellowship</p> <p>20</p> <p>21 9:00 - 3:30 Home School
6:30 Private Dinner
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p>22</p> <p>23 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School for all Ages</p> <p>24 9:00 Deadline For News
7:00 AA</p> <p>25 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Ruth Circle</p> <p>26 6:30 Youth Choir
7:00 - 8:30 Youth Fellowship</p> <p>27 10:00 Priscilla Circle</p> <p>28 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued
9:00 - 3:30 Home School</p> <p>29</p> |
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PASTOR'S NOTE

WILDERNESS: "THE IN-BETWEEN TIMES"

It has been said that if Moses had been a woman the Israelites would have arrived in the Promised Land in 40 days instead of 40 years because she would have stopped and asked for directions.

While humorous, this little story highlights our need to find simple effective solutions to the complex challenges that face us in our churches. What makes us extremely uncomfortable is that most of the major problems we face as a church do not have simple, clear solutions.

The fact is that the Israelites probably could have arrived in the Promised Land in 40 days if they would have taken a straight, direct path. The problem would have been that they would have arrived still having a "slave" mentality. It took the 40 years in the wilderness to harden them and condition them with the survival skills it took to be the warriors who eventually conquered the land God had promised them. The wilderness was their "in-between times". In-between Egypt and the Promised Land and in-between being slaves and conquerors.

Gilbert Rendle in his book *Leading Change in the Congregation* says that the entire Christian Church today has entered the "In-between" Times. The things that we once did that made the church thrive for the most part don't work like they once did throwing us into the chaos of the wilderness. There won't be a direct path to success but the "wilderness" provides us with the opportunity and possibility of a new time and a new model for church and ministry. The problem is we don't know what it looks like or even how to get there – yet!

What we can do is hold on and not give into the fear of not knowing what comes next. As God led the Hebrews through the wilderness, we can also hold on and allow the future to emerge.

Eventually the church will get through the chaos and be stronger than ever. It has before and will again. The Methodist Church, for the most part, has followed a model of ministry developed by John Wesley over 250 years ago. It replaced an old model in the Church of England that was no longer effective. We are finding today that our church model is not getting the response it has in the past. If we are faithful and hold on, we will adapt to a changing culture and environment and find new models of ministry.

Some of us, like Moses, will die in the wilderness before the new model fully emerges. We live during the "In-between Times". If we can accept this and not give into fear, we can appreciate the excitement of learning the skills we need and passing them on as we create a new model for ministry.

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2011	\$80,496
Receipts Year to Date	\$70,858
Shortfall:	\$ 9,638

The above does not include apportionments paid to the Annual Conference and is our operations budget only. As you can see we have a significant shortfall in our budget. The 2011 budget was less than our 2010 Budget which paints even a more severe picture of a deficit budget. Our weekly operations budget need is \$2064 per week. Last week's offering was less than \$800.

We know times are difficult and some of our members have reduced their giving to the church. There are various reasons for the reduced giving but some may think that the Havelock Church is not in need of the money. In the past two years we have paid 100% of our apportionments to the annual conference, put a new roof on the church, added additional air-conditioning in the Sanctuary and put carpeting in our entrance and hall way which replaced the unsightly broken tiles. Most of the cost was taken from savings that were sitting idle and not accruing much interest.

If the fiscal picture at the Havelock Church does not turn around soon, there will be drastic cuts in how we operate as a church. I ask you to prayerfully consider your giving and commitment to the church.

God's Blessings, Pastor Chuck

- 30 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
- 9:30 Morning Worship
- 10:45 Sunday School for all Ages
- 1:00 - 3:00 Halloween Party
- 31 7:00 AA

USHERS FOR OCTOBER	
Leonard Barnhill	Randy Irons
Ron Pape	Deane Younkin



Have you every felt like you were in a tight spot and didn't know how to get out of it? Remember this: "Lord, whenever I find myself in a bind, you were always there for me." Yes, the Lord will always be with you.