

# HAVE-O-GRAM

Havelock United Methodist Church  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
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## ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

This year the annual meeting will again be held jointly with Eagle UMC, Monday, November 7th, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of our yearly meeting is to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of Havelock, receive reports, adopt objectives and goals for 2012.

We will adopt the total budget for 2012 and elect officers for the church. We will also act on the annual report of the membership.



## HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Havelock Church will begin observing the Advent/Christmas seasons with our traditional "Hanging of the Greens" observance on Sunday, November 20th. During our 9:30 am worship service, in addition to our normal liturgy and sermon, we will have special readings on the significance of the Christmas decorations and sing Christmas hymns. Immediately after the service we will start decorating the church and break about 11 am

for a soup lunch. The soup will be provided, others may bring crackers, relishes or desserts.

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 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.

THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE BY THE FOOD CART IN THE EAST HALL.

## HAPPY

## THANKSGIVING!!

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.



## HOLIDAY

### SERVICE PROJECT

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.

### THIRD GRADE BIBLES

The third graders that received their Bibles on Sunday, October 16th are - Kyla LuAnn Farley and Perry Picotte.

### PRAYER CHAIN

We are in the process of updating the Prayer Chain at this time. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Chain please call the church office, 402-466-6736.

### Congratulations on Your New Baby!



Congratulations to the proud parents Tom & Amy Swartz on the new arrival of their son Andrew Elliott on Sunday, October 9th.

Andrew is the grandson of Nancy King and the great-grandson of June Berry and Mel and Glema King.



Members of Havelock United Methodist - Thank you so much for your recent food donation (12 full sacks!). Our shelves are very bare and your food donation has made them full again.

Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community.

Virginia Carter, Director  
Northeast Area Food Pantry



## CIRCLE MEETING

ESTHER Sat., November 19th, 8:30 a.m.  
Breada Fresh Express Cafe  
4901 O Street

Ruth and Priscilla Circles will not be meeting in November.

## PASTOR'S NOTE

### OUTSIDE THE BOX

#### "The Gift that Can't be Contained"

What is on your Christmas wish list? If you have young children or grandchildren have you already received their "Santa List"? Whatever gifts you may desire to give or receive, Advent is a season for us to focus on the gifts that God has provided for us that are "outside the box".

This Advent Season we will join with other United Methodist Congregations in a lectionary based worship series entitled "Outside the Box". This Advent Worship Series will include video clips, devotionals, sermons and songs centered around the unique gifts that God offers us through faith in Jesus Christ. Here's what to expect:

November 27 <sup>th</sup>	"The Unexpected Gift" – Mark 13:32-37
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	"The Gift of Acceptance" – Isaiah 40:1-6, 2 Peter 3:8-9
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	"The Gift of Family: Family Outside the Box" – Isaiah 61:1-4
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	"The Gift of Opening Up Yourself" – 2 Samuel 7:1-3

### FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2011	\$88,752
Receipts Year to Date	\$77,761
Shortfall:	\$10,991

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

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 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



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| 1  | 5:00 Foodnet  | 15 | 5:00 Foodnet   |
| 2  | 6:30 Youth Choir<br>7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth  | 16 | 6:30 Youth Choir<br>7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth                             |
| 3  |   | 17 |  |
| 4  | 9:00 - 3:30 Home School<br>6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  | 18 | 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued<br>9:00 - 3:30 Home School<br>6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous |
| 5  | 9:00 - 12:00 Private Meeting  | 19 | 8:30 Esther Circle   |
| 6  | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>3:00 Private Baby Shower | 20 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Soup Luncheon                |
| 7  | 7:00 AA<br>7:00 Charge Conference   | 21 | 7:00 AA  |
| 8  | 5:00 Foodnet  | 22 | 5:00 Foodnet   |
| 9  | 6:30 Youth Choir<br>7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth  | 23 | 7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth   |
| 10 |   | 24 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br>8:00 - 6:00 Private Dinner                                   |
| 11 | 9:00 - 3:30 Home School<br>6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  | 25 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous                              |
| 12 |   | 26 |  |
| 13 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School                             | 27 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School                |
| 14 | 9:00 Deadline For News<br>7:00 AA   | 28 | 7:00 AA  |
|    |   | 29 | 5:00 Foodnet   |
|    |   | 30 | 6:30 Youth Choir<br>7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth                             |
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USHERS FOR NOVEMBER	
Ken Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Tony Martin	Susan Martin

