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CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 27, 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.

Saturday, December 24, there will be two worship services on Christmas Eve that will be held at 5:00 & 8:30 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.

Sunday, December 25 - A special Christmas Day service will be held at 9:30 a.m.

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 Friday, December 23rd, call Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420 or contact the church office, 402-466-6736. 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 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 4th.

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.

The church office will be CLOSED on November 24th and November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.



CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 18, 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 Day worship service.

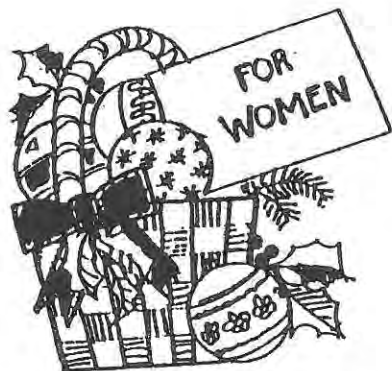
ADVENT ENVELOPES

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
Dean Honnen
Susan Martin
Tony Martin
Ron Pape

HAVELOCK UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The last General Meeting for 2011 will be held Wednesday, December 7th, in Friendship Parlor. The meeting will be a dessert only at 6:30 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 1st, 8:30 a.m. RUTH
BREAKFAST
The Egg & I, 5891 A Street

Tues., December 6th, 7:00 p.m.
5733 Kearney
Worship - Laura Pape
Program - Laura Pape
Hostess - Laura Pape

ESTHER Sat., December 17th
Time & Place To Be Announced

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READING PROGRAM NEWS

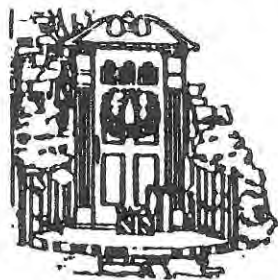
Please check out the new look of the UMW reading program books.

Also don't forget to look over the UMW Conference library selections. They are due back December 7th and I will choose more books for you to read.

Laura Pape
Program Resources



On November 27th we will be taking up a Special Offering for UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY. There will be special envelopes inside the bulletin for this offering.



LAMB'S OPEN HOUSE

The Lamb Family's annual Christmas open house will be Sunday, December 11th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The address is 4901 NW Fairway Drive. Please



CARLSON'S OPEN HOUSE

Members and friends of the church are invited to the home of Ken and Sandy Carlson on Sunday, December 11th. The

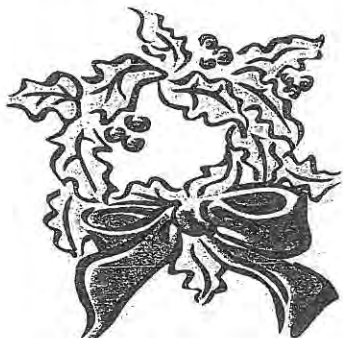
join us in celebrating the blessed Christmas season!

Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.

DIAPER DEPOT

A COLLECTION BOX will be set out on Sunday, December 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 worth while cause.



PASTOR'S NOTE

"REKINDLING THE VISION"

The Havelock Church held its "Annual Church Conference" on November 7th. At this meeting each year the church reports on the state of the church in the areas of membership, attendance, small groups, finance, and the vision for the future. The District Superintendent, Rev. Galen Wray, asked us to do a congregational self-assessment in preparation for our conference.

The leadership of the Havelock Church went through the assessment process and out of the various vignettes identified the church as a congregation that is "Rekindling the Vision". During the process we came to the realization that our Havelock Community has drastically changed over the past 30 years but our vision and methods of outreach to the community have not. By way of example, on Sunday, November 6th we participated in an "All Saints Day" service where we remembered 20 from our community of faith that had died in the past two years. Many of those had been active and faithful members of the congregation. They will be difficult to replace "in kind". Our community has changed and we have many without the resources to support the church like those who we remembered on November 5th.

"Rekindling the Vision" does not mean changing our message or even our ministry. It means prayerfully considering our community and changing the ways we minister to them. This is a difficult task but not impossible. We have been brought full circle to a time similar to the time that the Methodist Movement began. We must become a movement within our community once again. Your leaders at the Havelock Church has identified this and with God's help will move us forward toward a rekindled fire and a renewed ministry. They will need your help and prayers.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

OUTSIDE THE BOX (ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES)

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2011 - \$94,944

Receipts Year to Date: \$90,583

Shortfall: \$4,361

Apportionments not included

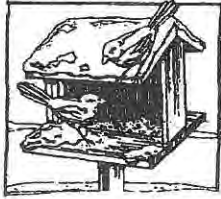


1 8:30 Priscilla Circle
 2 9:00 - 3:30 Home School
 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous

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4 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 10:45 Sunday School

December



5 7:00 AA

6 5:00 Foodnet
 7:00 Ruth Circle

7 6:30 UMW General Meeting
 6:30 Youth Choir
 7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth

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9 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous

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11 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 10:45 Sunday School for All Ages
 2:00 - 6:00 Lamb's Christmas Open House
 4:00 - 10:00 Carlson's Christmas
 Open House

12 9:00 Deadline For News
 7:00 AA

13 5:00 Foodnet

14 5:30 Youth Choir
 7:00 - 8:30 Junior/Senior High Youth

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16 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued
 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous

17 8:30 Esther Circle
 1:00 - 3:00 Youth Christmas Practice
 4:00 - 10:00 Morning Starr Riders

18 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 10:45 Christmas Potluck Dinner

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24 5:00 Christmas Eve Service
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25 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
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