

# HAVE-O-GRAM

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Oh won't you please claim me! I've long been forgotten and really want to come home.

I have some cooling racks, 9x13 metal pan, an 8 or 9 inch metal pie tin and a couple of covers for pans.

I am asking everyone to once again search through their cupboards and check to see if they might be missing one of the above. If you discover that you might, please contact Laura Pape at 402-466-6338.

Thank you for taking the time to look. If I hear nothing from anyone by the end of November they will be taken to one of the thrift shops.

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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 22nd and Friday,

November 23rd.



Items that can be used in the Northeast Area Food Pantry:

- Canned Vegetables
- Pork and Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Soup
- Tuna
- sugar/flour
- Cake Mix/Muffin Mix
- Gelatin Dessert/Puddings
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Day Cereal
- Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
- Saltine Crackers
- Dry Milk
- Cash Donations

## 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 25th. 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.

## 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.

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Priscilla Circle is sponsoring a donation drive in the month of November for Fresh Start located in Havelock.

Items can be brought to church on Sunday morning and placed in the box that will be available or left at the church office.

## WISH LIST

- Paper goods and trash bags for the "home"
- Personal care items (body wash, deodorant, shampoo)
- Cleaning products (dish soap, cleaners)
- Stamps
- Linens (towels, dish towels, XL twin sheets, pillows)
- Gift certificates to grocery stores

## DON'T COOK WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 28 ! !

Join us here at Havelock UMC for our "4th Wednesday Community Supper" event. Supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. This will be a MYSTERY MEAL come and be surprised. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

Sandy Carlson

YOU'RE INVITED



# PASTOR'S NOTE

## INVITATION FROM BISHOP SCOTT JONES

It was announced last month that the Havelock United Methodist Church was one of several churches in the Blue River District that had been selected for special attention and resourcing by the Annual Conference due to the potential of the church. Our potential was measured using the reports we have submitted weekly to the Vital Congregations database over the past year. As a result, Bishop Jones has invited Havelock to participate in the Vital Congregations: Next Step Process. Following is an excerpt from the letter of invitation from Bishop Scott Jones:

*Because of the excellence your church has demonstrated and the potential that exists within your community, your district superintendent has recommended your congregation for participation in the Vital Congregations: Next Steps process. Next Steps offers you and other leaders from your church the opportunity to continue to grow spiritually, and it offers your congregation support and coaching to move toward the goals you have identified for yourself.*

*The process brings together assessment, resources, training, coaching and accountability to further strengthen local churches to bring the transforming power of God and Jesus Christ to our communities. The process will begin January, 2013 with the first of a series of five Spiritual Development trainings, which will be live-streamed to a site near you. Your team is asked to commit to being present for all five. You will note that there are two phases to the process, and it will be up to your team to recommend to your congregation whether to move forward at the end of the first phase.*

Phase one involves Spiritual Leadership Development Training that is offered to the pastor and from three to ten lay leaders in our church which comprise our initial team. The team must commit to five monthly training events offered on the following Saturdays from 9:00 am – Noon:

January 12, 2013	Welcome. Why Spiritual Leadership Matters
February 9, 2013	Growing as Spiritual Leaders: Accountable Disciples
*March 9, 2013	Engaging the Congregation
April 13, 2013	Developing Discipleship Systems
May 11, 2013	Connecting with Your Community

\*After the March event, the pastor and team will begin meeting with the congregation to decide whether to enter Phase 2. In Phase 2 our team will lead the congregation to plan and implement strategies to move toward our identified goals. A coach will be assigned to work with the team for up to 18 months and a peer learning group will meet every six-weeks from July 2013 through June 2014.

As pastor, I believe this is a great opportunity for the Havelock United Methodist Church to demonstrate a commitment to continued ministry in our community, not only to the Great Plains Annual Conference, but to all who benefit from having the Havelock Church in our community.

The Havelock Church has until November 20<sup>th</sup> to accept this invitation and to commit to Vital Congregations: Next Steps Phase 1. We will be calling a special Administrative Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary where we will decide if we are to participate and, if so, to select our team. Please prayerfully consider this invitation and opportunity.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

### FINANCIAL UPDATE 10-21-12

OPERATIONS BUDGET NEEDS YEAR TO DATE 2012	\$92,923
RECEIPTS YEAR TO DATE	\$75,847
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>\$17,076</b>
APPORTIONMENTS NOT INCLUDED	



## CIRCLE MEETING

ESTHER Sat., November 17th, 8:30 a.m.  
Breada Fresh Express Cafe  
4901 O Street

Ruth and Priscilla Circles will not be meeting in November.

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|----|-----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 1  |                                   | 17 | 8:30 Esther Circle               |
| 2  | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   |    | 9:00 - 2:30 Quilts for Kids      |
| 3  |                                   | 18 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee           |
| 4  | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee            |    | 9:30 Morning Worship             |
|    | 9:30 Morning Worship              |    | 10:45 Sunday School              |
|    | 10:45 Sunday School               |    | 4:00 Junior/Senior High Youth    |
|    | 4:00 Junior/Senior High Youth     | 19 | 7:00 AA                          |
| 5  | 7:00 AA                           | 20 | 5:00 Foodnet                     |
| 6  | 8:00 - 8:00 Presidential Election | 21 |                                  |
|    | 7:00 Administrative Board         | 22 | 8:00 - 6:00 Private Dinner       |
| 7  | 5:00 Foodnet                      |    | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED             |
|    | 6:30 Youth Choir                  | 23 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED             |
| 8  |                                   |    | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  |
| 9  | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   | 24 |                                  |
| 10 |                                   | 25 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee           |
| 11 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee            |    | 9:30 Morning Worship             |
|    | 9:30 Morning Worship              |    | 11:00 Hanging of the Greens      |
|    | 10:45 Sunday School               |    | 4:00 Junior/Senior High Youth    |
|    | 4:00 Junior/Senior High Youth     |    | 4:00 OVER                        |
| 12 | 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Deadline          | 26 | 7:00 AA                          |
|    | 7:00 AA                           | 27 | 5:00 Foodnet                     |
| 13 | 5:00 Foodnet                      | 28 | 5:00 - 6:30 4th Wednesday Supper |
| 14 | 6:30 Youth Choir                  | 29 |                                  |
| 15 |                                   | 30 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  |
| 16 | 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued            |    |                                  |
|    | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous   |    |                                  |

