

HAVE-O-GRAM

Havelock United Methodist Church
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The 2013 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services next year, you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.



CHRISTMAS EVE AT HAVELOCK

Mark your calendar and join in the hope, peace, love and joy of worship on Christmas Eve. A candlelight and communion service at 5:00 & 8:30 p.m. will celebrate the message of our Savior's birth that remains as faithful and true today as it has for years.

We will sing carols, share in a Christmas message, and take communion as the Havelock United Methodist Church has done for 122 years. Special music before the service and during worship with candles and poinsettias will brighten your Christmas Eve. Please join us.

Christmas Eve - 5 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. - Share the Joy



The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the families of Don Frain and Jeanette Hattig.

Don passed away November 18. His funeral service was held in the sanctuary on November 30. Janenne passed away on November 30. A private service was held at Lincoln Memorial.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Dinner will be served to those in need and those who are alone on this day. If you are available to share in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help serve the Christmas Dinner please contact Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420 or the church office, 402-466-6736. The church will be serving a traditional turkey dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



YOU'RE INVITED



4th WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

Each 4th Wednesday of the month, the Havelock Church offers a free community meal for all those in our community as a way to get to know one another. Our next dinner is January 23rd from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

We are privileged to have received Lola McConnell, 7021 Seward, 402-464-5621 and Luetta Sinner, 4915 Sherwood Dr., 402-464-7092 into the life of the church on Sunday, December 9.

We will be serving a lasagna dinner with French bread, tossed salad and a dessert. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

Bring a friend and join your neighbors for this time of fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!!



Congratulations to Owen Kennedy-Casey Schneider who was baptized on Sunday, December 2.



This year we collected 30 hats, 15 pair of socks, 77 pair of mittens and gloves for children in the Head Start program. We wish to thank everyone who donated items to this worthy program.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25, 27, 31 and January 1 and 21.

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





CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER

Sat., January 19th, 8:30 a.m.
Breada Cafe, 4901 "O" Street

RUTH

Tues., January 22nd, 7:00 p.m.
Hostess & Program to be
announced

PRISCILLA Thur., January 24th, 10:00 a.m.
Chapel
Program - Carol Peterson
Hostess - Leona Frerichs

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The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet
on Monday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library.



Those who have purchased poinsettias may
take them home after the Christmas Eve
worship services. We will try to
have covers available for them. Thank
you for filling the sanctuary with color
during the Advent season.



Dear Members of Havelock UMC,

Thank you so much for the donation of
hygiene and personal care items, stamps,
and gift cards to Fresh Start. People
often take having these items for granted
until you don't have them. Your con-
tributions are much appreciated and will
help us reduce our supply budget. Your
generosity helps women who are working to
change their lives and move out of home-
lessness.

Thanks again!

Cordially, Cassie Maher
Fresh Start, Office Assistant

We would like to thank the United Meth-
odist Women, Ruth Circle and Priscilla
Circle for their generous donations to
Diaper Depot.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Carol Peterson



PASTOR'S NOTE

THE YEAR AHEAD: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

2013 promises to be an eventful year for the Havelock United Methodist Church. The church has been selected by the Conference for resourcing to begin a process of setting and reaching goals that will continue our ministry here in Havelock as a vital congregation. Leaders will meet monthly with other selected churches and conference staff to take advantage of opportunities for growth and ministry as well as facing the challenges that lie ahead.

July 1, 2013 Havelock UMC will be receiving a new pastor and will continue the focus of taking the next steps toward vitality with the new pastor. Like most churches today, one of our significant challenges is, and will continue to be, financing our ministry. Our church has been blessed with hard working, generous people and I am praying that each of you will prayerfully consider the needs of ministry in our community during this coming year.

As your pastor for the past 7 years, I have appreciated your generosity and willingness to meet these needs and can only believe that you will continue supporting our mission "to provide a spiritual community of loving friends growing together in God's truth and reaching out to those in need."

I have asked the church's Finance Chairperson, Pati Hughes to join with me in the "Financial Update" that follows and to let you know of the challenges ahead.
Blessings, Pastor Chuck

Financial Update December 9, 2012

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date:	\$108,050
Receipts Year to Date:	\$93,073
Shortfall:	*\$14,977

*Mission Shares (apportionments) not included

The above figures show that the church continues to fall behind our approved budget by almost \$15,000. The church will struggle to pay half of our apportionment obligation to the Annual Conference. Of even greater concern are the pledges we have received for 2013. Below is a comparison of pledges for 2013 with pledges made in 2012:

Pledges for 2013 Budget	Pledges for 2012 Budget
Budget: 36,144	Budget: 54,202
Apportionments: 4,234	Apportionments: 6, 145

As you can see, our pledges are down by a third as compared to 2012. We are asking for each member and supporter to carefully and prayerfully consider (or re-consider) you giving decision for 2013. The church will continue to present a bare bones budget but must have some realistic notion of what our revenue will be. This is particularly important this year as the church will be negotiating pastoral compensation for a new pastor with the District Superintendent in the near future.

As always, your support in ministry is appreciated. As God calls us into ministry together, we believe that despite the challenges, the opportunities for reaching our community can mean that the best is yet to come.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck and Pati Hughes, Chair of Finance Committee



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| 1 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 18 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous |
| | 5:00 Foodnet | 19 | 8:30 Esther Circle |
| 2 | | | 9:00 - 2:30 Quilts for Kids |
| 3 | | 20 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee |
| 4 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous | | 9:30 Morning Worship |
| 5 | | | 10:45 Sunday School |
| 6 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee | | 4:00 Youth Fellowship |
| | 9:30 Morning Worship | 21 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 10:45 Sunday School | | 7:00 AA |
| | 4:00 Youth Fellowship | 22 | 9:00 Deadline for News |
| 7 | 7:00 AA | | 5:00 Foodnet |
| 8 | 5:00 Foodnet | | 7:00 Ruth Circle |
| 9 | | 23 | 5:00 - 6:30 4th Wednesday |
| 10 | | | Community Supper |
| 11 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous | 24 | 10:00 Priscilla Circle |
| 12 | | 25 | 9:00 Hav-0-Gram Issued |
| 13 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee | | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous |
| | 9:30 Morning Worship | 26 | |
| | 10:45 Sunday School | 27 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee |
| | 4:00 Youth Fellowship | | 9:30 Morning Worship |
| 14 | 7:00 AA | | 10:45 Sunday School |
| | 7:00 Executive Committee | | 4:00 Youth Fellowship |
| 15 | 5:00 Foodnet | | 4:00 OVER |
| 16 | | 28 | 7:00 AA |
| 17 | | 29 | 5:00 Foodnet |
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