

# HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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## AMY'S ADAGIO

It hardly seems possible that the season of Advent is almost upon us – especially when we've had such beautiful fall weather! But the weather will soon be changing, making it feel much more like Christmas.

Advent is a time of anticipation and expectation that Jesus will come to us in the present, just as he did so many years ago, to birth in us a new work. For many who haven't experienced God, their idea of him can be one of a distant father figure or of a harsh judge who punishes us at his will rather than that of a God who loves us so much, he chose to come to earth and walk among us to show us what true love really looks like.

During the weeks of Advent we will share in a sermon series called Down to Earth. We will be talking about the great miracle that took place when Jesus chose to come to earth and what this miracle means for each one of us. We'll examine how we can respond to this miracle with love, humility and obedience. And we'll explore what Jesus' love and transforming power can mean in our lives and the lives of others, as we act on Jesus' commandments to love our neighbors and ourselves, welcome the stranger, reach the lost and set the oppressed free.

I hope you will plan to join me in worship as we look at what it means for God and us to be Down to Earth.

See you in worship!  
Amy

## MITTEN TREE

The annual mitten, sock, and cap tree for children in the Head Start Program here in Lincoln, has already been placed in the narthex. Members and children of the church are asked to hang those items on the tree anytime until Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mittens, socks and caps may either be for boys or girls and need to be in the 3-4 through 7-8 groups.

## CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – “Hanging of the Greens”

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Lighting of the first Advent candle during worship

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service  
One service at 9:00 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve celebrated with special music, candlelight and communion. Join us on this special night!

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day – 9:30 a.m.  
Regular worship service of lessons and carols

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Dinner  
Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome for turkey dinner and all the trimmings that will be shared with the community.  
Come One, Come All- Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
There will be no Ignite evening worship service.

## HANDBELLS AND CAROLING

Music is one of the most memorable elements of Christmas, and we have two events to celebrate it! On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, the handbell choir will present a concert of Christmas and Advent music. The free concert will feature some of the best-loved carols, and cookies and punch will follow. A free-will offering will be collected to go towards the purchase of new handbells. On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. all are invited to come caroling with us! We will sing the standards at area retirement homes and assisted living facilities. Those interested will meet at the church and be finished by 4:00 p.m. Let's celebrate the season!

## **CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

We will be serving our annual Christmas Day Dinner, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

We invite our friends, neighbors, those in need and those who will be alone to please join us for this special dinner. We will be serving the traditional turkey dinner with dressing, potatoes, corn, green beans and pie. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

If you are available to share in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help serve the Christmas Dinner please call Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420 or the church office, 402-466-6736.

## **POINSETTIAS**

Poinsettia orders will now be taken for decorating the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. The cost is \$8.50 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.

## **CARLSON' OPEN HOUSE**

Members and friends of the church are invited to the home of Ken and Sandy Carlson on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Carlson' home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

The youth will begin their winter fundraiser on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Baker's Chocolates and Jet Splash Car Wash certificates will be available before and after church. Let them help you with your Christmas gift giving.

The Youth Group purchased gift cards for groceries with the money made from the craft fair lunch, and have donated it to the Iron's family to help them during their time of need.

We are thankful for all of the blessings God has given each of us this year! Let us take time from our busy lives to look at all of the good things we have and give thanks.

## **NEEDED SECRETARY TO CHURCH COUNCIL**

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Church Conference on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our 2017 church officers were elected at this meeting. However, one very important position has yet to be filled. Our church is in need of a secretary of the Church Council. This person is responsible for attending the monthly meeting and taking minutes. The meeting usually lasts 60-90 minutes. If you could serve the church in this position, please visit with Pastor Amy.

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor Amy and all the wonderful people in the church thank you for all thoughts and prayers and cards while I was in the hospital. It meant a lot to me and made me work hard to get better. I missed seeing you all at church. Gary gave me a lot of support and kept me up to date with things going on in the church.

Thanks again & God Bless  
Dorothy Ehlers

## **NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT?**

Ruth Circle will be selling RADA products Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> before and after church. If we do not have what you want it can be ordered and most likely you will have it in about a week. All proceeds are used for missions.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS**

ESTHER – Sat., December 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.  
Panera, 201 N 66<sup>th</sup> Street

PRISCILLA – Thur., December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m.  
Engine House Café, 6028 Havelock Ave.

RUTH – Tue., - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Hostess – Doris Schulenberg, 3240 N 61<sup>st</sup>

## 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

**THERE WILL BE NO 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY  
DINNER IN DECEMBER BECAUSE OF THE  
CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

### MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Havelock United Methodist is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! No need to write a check if you would rather give online.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at <http://www.havelockumc.org>
- 2) Go to the Online Giving Section
- 3) Click on the Click here to Donate
- 4) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 5) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

You can use your checking account, debit or credit card. You can set it up for one time, Weekly or Monthly. You pick the amount and when you want the amount to come out, or for recurring when you want it to start. If you have questions on how to set this up, please see Pati Hughes or any member of the finance committee. We can help you set it up, or show you demonstrations.

### DIAPER DEPOT

The first Sunday of each month we will be collecting diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment for Diaper Depot. The box will be placed in the narthex on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

“Somehow, not only for Christmas  
But all the long year through  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you.”

John Greenleaf Whittier

## DECEMBER

- 1 8:15-5:30 Life Line Screening  
8:30 Esther Circle
- 2 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
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- 4 8:15 Trustees  
9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 Sunday School  
1:00 – 2:30 Spanish Church  
6:00 AGNITE  
7:00 MYF
- 5 7:00 AA
- 6 5:00 FoodNet  
7:00 Ruth Circle
- 7 6:30 Handbells
- 8
- 9 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 10 4:00 Handbell Concert
- 11 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 Sunday School  
1:00 – 2:30 Spanish Church  
4:00-9:00 Carlson’s Open House  
6:00 AGNITE  
7:00 MYF
- 12 9:30 Deadline For News  
7:00 AA
- 13 5:00 FoodNet  
6:30 Committee on Finance
- 14 6:30 Handbells
- 15 1:30 Hav-O-Gram Issued
- 16 6:30 – 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 17 8:30 Esther Circle
- 18 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 Sunday School  
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church  
2:00 Caroling  
6:00 AGNITE  
7:00 MYF
- 19 7:00 AA
- 20 5:00 FoodNet  
7:00 Administrative Board
- 21 6:30 Handbells

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23 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
24 9:00 Christmas Eve Service  
25 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
1:00-2:30 Spanish Church  
5:00-6:30 Christmas Day Dinner  
26 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
7:00 AA  
27 5:00 FoodNet  
28 6:30 Handbells  
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30 6:30 – 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
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## **OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES**

When a pastor asked the class, “Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem?” a boy raised his hand and replied, “Because his mother was there.”

Rev. William Armstrong, S.J.

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. “They couldn’t get a baby-sitter,” a small child replied.

Catherine Hall