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AMY'S ADAGIO

It hardly seems possible to me and yet 2017 is almost over. But soon December will be upon us and it will be a busy time here at Havelock United Methodist Church!

We will start the Advent season with the annual Hanging of the Greens. Join us on Sunday, November 26th at 3 pm to help decorate our church for the holiday season.

You will want to be sure to mark Sunday, December 10th on your calendar. There will be a children's Christmas program that morning at worship and, in the afternoon, the handbell choir will present a Christmas concert at 4:00 pm.

We will mark Christmas Eve with worship at 11:00 that morning and a candlelight service at 9:00 pm that night. Make sure to invite your friends and family to join us for these special worship services.

And I can't forget the annual Christmas Day dinner! Watch for more information about this special meal in the next few weeks.

All of these activities are just part of what will be for many of us, a very busy season. Often times we can think that our Christmas season now has become so very different from that day when Jesus was born so many years ago. We tend to think of that first Christmas being quite, calm, and serene. But that wasn't exactly the case. And yet, in the midst of the craziness that surrounded Bethlehem, the Son of God quietly came into the world.

This year during the Advent season we'll discover how to find Bethlehem in the midst of Bedlam. The season isn't going to become any less crazy or hectic but we can find Christmas in the midst of the confusion. I hope you will plan to join us in worship for this special message.
In His Love, Amy

CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 26th – "Hanging of the Greens"

Sunday, December 3rd – Lighting of the first Advent candle during worship

Sunday, December 24th – Worship service at 11:00 am
Christmas Eve service at 9:00 pm – Traditional Christmas Eve celebrated with special music, candlelight and communion. Join us on this special night!

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day Dinner
Dinner will be served from 5:00 – 6:30 pm 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

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.

HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT

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 10th.

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

BELL CHOIR CONCERT

On Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 pm, the bell choir will give a concert in the sanctuary featuring all your Christmas and seasonal favorites. From time-honored carols to more recent treasures, you'll hear it all! There will be no charge for admission, but a free-will offering will be accepted, going towards the purchase of new bells. Bring your friends and family to an event sure to put everyone into the holiday spirit!

There will also be other opportunities to hear the bell choir in concert this season. Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday, November 25th at 1:15 pm, the bell choir will be joining the entertainment at the Starry Nights Gala, a fundraiser for the People's City Mission held at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Admission is five dollars per person with a cap of twenty dollars per family. There will be fun activities for children as well as an auction of designer Christmas trees. Finally on Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 pm, the bell choir will be joining the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping at Westgate Mall's Sounds of the Season. This is a free event for all.

Join us for these events this holiday season and share in a bit of Christmas cheer! From the bell choir to you, happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

We will be serving our annual Christmas Day Dinner, Monday, December 25th.

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 pm until 6:30 pm.

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.

CARLSON'S OPEN HOUSE

Members and friends of the church are invited to the home of Ken and Sandy Carlson on Sunday, December 10th. The Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood drive will be open from 4:00-9:00 pm.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.

YOUTH NEWS

Look for our winter fundraiser! We will be selling Baker's Chocolate and Jet Splash Car Washes. We will also be selling handmade greeting and Christmas cards, made by Kamryn, Perry and Carolyn, Kamryn's grandmother. Let us help you with your Christmas gift list!!

WITH SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Ada Marie Rediger.

Marie passed away on November 2nd. Her funeral service was held on November 14th.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all those who helped with my mom's (Bonnie Kalkwarf) funeral. It took a joint effort to set up, prepare the food & clean up after her celebration of life service. A special thanks to Chuck Cornwell and Pastor Amy for leading the service. I took comfort from my church family with their cards, hugs, kind words of sympathy, and their commitment of support to me and my family. It has made my grieving time much easier. Mom loved her church family. She always appreciated the friends she made and loved to play the piano when asked. As her health began to decline, she enjoyed the phone calls, visits, cards and words of encouragement, with hugs and holding of hands when she was able to come to church. She was always proud of the way I had "grown spiritually" in the church and was able to play handbells but couldn't read music.

Thank you and love to all my church family.

Bob & Karen Lamb & family

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in room #4.

5th WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!

The supper is being changed to the 5th Wednesday, November 29th at 5:00 pm.

We will be serving baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salads, dessert and drinks.

A basket for a free will donation will be available.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER – Sat., December 16th, 8:30 a.m.
Panera, 201 N 66th Street

PRISCILLA – Thur., December 7th, 11:30 a.m.
Ruby Tuesday, 2700 N Hill Road

RUTH – Tue., December 12th, 7:00 p.m.
Hostess – Doris Schulenberg, 3240 N 61st

UMW READING PROGRAM

ATTENTION UMW READERS. It is time to turn your 2017 list of books read into Program Resources Chairperson, Marlys Sears. If you have read at least 5 of the reading program books this year, you have earned the District's special recognition.

Marlys Sears

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 3rd. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

DECEMBER

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- 3 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 Morning Worship
- 4 7:00 AA
- 5 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Trustees
- 6 6:30 Handbells
7:30 Christmas Choir
- 7 11:30 Priscilla Circle
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- 10 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 Morning Worship
4:00 Handbell Christmas Concert
4:00-9:00 Carlson's Open House
- 11 7:00 AA
- 12 5:00 FoodNet
6:30 Committee on Finance
7:00 Ruth Circle
- 13 6:30 Handbells
7:30 Christmas Choir
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- 16 8:30 Esther Circle
- 17 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 Morning Worship
- 18 7:00 AA
- 19 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Administrative Board
- 20 6:30 Handbells
7:30 Christmas Choir
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- 23 9:00 United Methodist Men
- 24 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
11:00 Morning Worship
9:00 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
5:00-6:30 pm Christmas Dinner
- 26 5:00 FoodNet
- 27 6:30 Handbells
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- 31 11:00 Morning Worship