

# HAVE-O-GRAM

Havelock United Methodist Church  
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## Children's Christmas Program and Christmas Muffin Party Sunday December 16th

Please join us for a Christmas Muffin Party before the Children's Christmas Program. The muffin party will begin at 8:00 - 9:20 a.m. Afterward you may share muffins again with the parenting class while our children have their Christmas party in the children's church room.

Hopefully everyone can come and enjoy our children and share the joy of Jesus's birthday and God's Love to All.

## Calendar for Advent and Christmas

Sunday, November 25 - We will celebrate "The Hanging of the Greens." This is a time to decorate the sanctuary and begin Advent Season. A short service will begin at 4:00 p.m. and participants will share in a soup supper at 4:30 p.m. We will put up the Christmas decorations following the soup supper. Come join in the fellowship.

**Sunday, December 16** - The Children's Christmas Program will be presented during the worship service at 9:30 a.m.

A pre-church Muffin Party will be held in Fellowship

**Monday, December 24** - There will be two Christmas Eve services at Havelock UMC. There will be a 5:00 p.m. family service and the traditional 11:00 p.m. service. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with candles, communion, music, and worship at both services.

**Tuesday, December 25** - Christmas Day - Dinner will be served to those in need and those who have no one with whom to share this day.

Come and share in the worship services of this Advent Season and enjoy the many activities of the Havelock United Methodist Church family as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

## Mission Trip to Red Bird 2008

There will be a short informational meeting on November 25th before the Hanging of the Greens service about going on a trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.

We have an opportunity to partner with a group from Lincoln's Southminster United Methodist Church. The trip is tentatively set for the second week of August 2008. We should have information available regarding cost and transportation at the meeting.

If you are interested in this mission trip please come to the meeting on Sunday, November 25th at 3:15 p.m. in the library.

For more information, please contact Bob or Karen Lamb, 477-5115.

The church office will be CLOSED on November 22nd and November 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.



## Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders will now be taken for decorating the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. The cost is \$7.50 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. The flowers may be taken home after Christmas Eve services.

## Advent Envelopes

An Advent Offering envelope is included in this newsletter. All proceeds from this offering will be used locally for those in need. \$100 will be given to the "Fund for the Least" that is controlled by the Pastor. The balance of 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.

## Lamb's Open House

The Lamb Family's Annual Christmas Open House will be Sunday, December 2nd from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The address is 4901 NW Fairway Drive. Please join us in celebrating the blessed Christmas season!

## Carlson's Open House

Members and friends of the church are invited to the home of Ken and Sandy Carlson on Sunday, December 16th. The Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.





### Headstart Program

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 2nd.

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



### Santa Cop

Our church will be participating, once again, in the Santa Cap program. There will be a Santa Cop collection box in the narthex, November 18th thru December 9th. We are asking for cash donations.

The police union works with merchants in Lincoln to purchase the exact toy the child has requested from Santa. They are able to purchase the toys at cost or below. There will be paper ornaments to sign and hang on the Christmas tree if you wish.

We will also accept new toys, wrapping paper and bows. This will be the 26th year our church family has opened their hearts and their pocketbooks for this worthy cause.

This project provides an excellent way for us to share with those in need.

### Diaper Depot



Diaper Depot would like to thank all of you who contributed products and cash in October and November.

Sincerely,

Carol Peterson Coordinator

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A collection box for Diaper Depot will be set out Sunday, December 2nd 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 worthwhile cause.

### Ushers for December

Bob Artz

Joe Byler

Tracy Evans

Ken Fisher

### Foodnet Serves Many

An average of 90 families receives a variety of food items each Tuesday as part of Foodnet. With the holidays approaching, we anticipate even larger numbers. We are blessed to provide a welcome space here at Havelock Church.

Please bring in your plastic containers (whipped topping, margarine or cottage cheese sizes) so we can repack bulk foods into smaller servings.

Thank you for your support!

LaVonne Rosenthal

### Esther's Closet - Christmas & Coats

What so ever you do to the least of my children so you do unto me. For two years now, you all have been so supportive of Esther's Closet, our clothing outreach for Foodnet families. God bless you!

Again this year we will be collecting gently used Christmas decorations for FoodNet shoppers. Also, if you have any new or slightly used gift-type items (bath soap sets, toys, gloves, etc.) we'll pass those on as well.

Winter coats are needed for men, women, and children to provide warmth this winter.

All donations can be brought to the church and placed on, the table just outside Fellowship Hall. Tax deductions forms for your donations are available.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

LaVonne Rosenthal

### Annual Church Conference

All members of Havelock United Methodist Church are invited to attend and participate in our Annual Church Conference, Tuesday, November 27th, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered by Lamb Shops. The meal will include lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Tickets will be on sale before and after church during November. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

The purpose of our yearly meeting is to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of Havelock, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals for 2008.

We will adopt the total budget for 2008 and elect officers for the church. We will also act on the annual report of the membership.

Please plan to attend. Your votes and participation are important.



## Pastor's Note

### Growing Through Gratitude

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 "The one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly and the one who sows bountifully will reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Thanksgiving is a time where we

focus on all that we are grateful for in our lives. When this is our focus, gratitude is what expands in our lives. The alternative is to stay focused on what we lack. If we do this we not only prevent personal growth but also actually begin to waste away.

The same is true for our church. All of our members and other in regular attendance have received a letter and a pledge card asking for your support of the church for 2008. This request is not laden with guilt as we want our people to give of their resources and talents not out of a sense of compulsion but rather out of gratitude. Gratitude for what God has done, is doing and will do through His people here and around the world.

"God loves a cheerful giver." Gratitude begins in the heart and then is cheerfully expressed in action. Take care to inventory all that you have been blessed with in this life and then respond out of an attitude of gratitude.



Growing & Giving  
Giving & Growing

community and how things will never be the same again. The question for the community was how to prepare for the changes that would come.

The study then looks at the gospels as John the Baptist announces, "prepare the way of the Lord". We will be led into a look at the sights and sounds of the advent season and into a deeper reflection on the questions: "Are we prepare the way of the Lord, how will our lives change?" "How can we discover renewed hope and power in the presence of Jesus Christ?"

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### Sermon Series / Study Texts

December 2 - "Traveling Backwards Toward Bethlehem": Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

December 9 - "O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree": Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:3-4; Matthew 3:1-12

December 16 - "Do You See What I See?": Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 23 - "The Depths of Deity": Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 - "Have a Very Sticky Christmas": Matthew 1:22-23; Proverbs 18:24

5:00 pm and 11:00 pm

December 30 - "God and Sinners Reconciled": Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

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### Advent Sermon Series and Study "Hail the Heaven Born"

Why not make this Christmas season extra special by getting involved in the Havelock Church Advent Study during the month of December. Here's how you can participate:

(1) Purchase the study book "Hail the Heaven Born" written by Kevin Baker. There is a brief chapter to read each week during December. Cost: \$6.50. Orders will be taken on Sunday mornings beginning November 18th or by calling the church office at 466-6736.

(2) Come on Sunday morning to worship where Pastor Chuck will present a message from the Scripture text, which is the focus of the week's study.

(3) Remain after worship for a small group discussion in Fellowship Hall of the chapter for that week.

The introduction to this Advent study tells about a man's reaction to a new highway that is being built in his small



### Havelock United Methodist Women

The last General Meeting for 2007 will be held Wednesday, December 5th in Friendship Parlor. The meeting will be a dessert only at 7:00 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.

### Circle Meetings

#### RUTH

Tues., November 27th, 7:30 p.m.  
7021 Seward  
Worship - Lola McConnell  
Program - Lola McConnell  
Hostess - Lola McConnell

#### PRISCILLA

Thur. December 6th, 8:30 a.m.  
T & R's Garden  
5250 Cornhusker Hwy

#### ESTHER

Sat., December 15th, 8:30 a.m.  
Christmas Tea  
4801 North 20th  
Hostess - LaVonne Rosenthal

#### LYDIA

Wed., November 28th, 12:00 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
Friendship Parlor  
Hostess - Darlene Elliott  
Irma Woudenberg  
Maxine Roberts  
Willen Wheeler

## December 2007

1	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	17	7:00	AA
2	9:00	Fellowship Coffee	18	10:00	Prayer Meeting
	9:30	Morning Worship		4:30	FoodNet
	10:45	Sunday School	19	6:00	Chancel Choir
	2:00 - 6:00	Lamb Open. House		7:00	Youth Choir
	6:00	MYF	20	12:00	AARP
3	6:30	Rebekah Dinner	21	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous
	7:00	AA	22	10:00	Seven Day Baptist
4	10:00	Prayer Meeting	23	9:00	Fellowship Coffee
	4:30	FoodNet		9:30	Morning Worship
5	6:00	Chancel Choir		10:45	Sunday School
	7:00	Youth Choir		2:00 - 5:00	60th Wedding Anniversary
	7:00	UMW General Meeting			Ray and Merna McDiffett
6	8:30	Priscilla Circle		6:00	MYF
7	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous	24		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8	9:00 - 1:00	Private Meeting		5:00	Christmas Eve Service
	10:00	Seven Day Baptist		11:00	Christmas Eve Service
9	9:00	Fellowship Coffee	25		MERRY CHRISTMAS
	9:30	Morning Worship	26		
	10:45	Sunday School	27		
	6:00	MYF	28	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous
10	9:00	Deadline for News	29	10:00	Seven Day Baptist
	7:00	AA	30	9:00	Fellowship Coffee
11	10:00	Prayer Meeting		9:30	Morning Worship
	4:30	FoodNet		10:45	Sunday School
12	6:00	Chancel Choir	31	6:00 - 12:00	NA Dance
13				7:30	Watch Night Party at Carlson's
14	9:00	Hav-O-Gram Issued			
	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous			
15	8:30	Esther Circle			
	10:00	Seven Day Baptist			
	1:30	Christmas Program Practice			
16	9:00	Fellowship Coffee			
	9:30	Morning Worship			
	10:45	Sunday School			
	5:00 - 10:00	Carlson Open House			
	6:00	MYF			

