

# HAVE-O-GRAM

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## Poinsettias

Poinsettias 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.

## Annual Church Conference

All members of Havelock United Methodist Church are invited to attend and participate in our Annual Church Conference, Sunday, November 30th, 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of our yearly meeting is to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of Havelock, receive reports, adopt objectives and goals for 2009.

We will adopt the total budget for 2009 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.

## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday - December 21 - The children's Christmas program will be presented during the worship service at 9:30 am.

Following the worship/Christmas program there will be a holiday Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share.

## Calendar for Advent and Christmas

**Sunday, November 30** - 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 pm and participants will share in a soup supper at 4:30 pm. We will put up the Christmas decorations following the soup supper. Come join in the fellowship.

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

**Thursday, December 25** - Christmas Day - Dinner will be served to those in need and those who have no one with whom to share this day. We will be serving a traditional turkey dinner from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

When doing your holiday baking please consider donating a baked pie for the dinner. Pies should be brought to the church on Tuesday, December 23, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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

## Baptism

Congratulations to Marie Hughes who was baptized on Sunday, October 26th. Marie is the daughter of Pati Hughes.

The church office will be CLOSED on November 27th and November 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

## 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 14th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. 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 14th. The Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 5:00 - 10:00 pm. Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.



# PASTOR'S NOTE

## FED-EXING CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Season is a time when we communicate with people, sometimes people we are around in our everyday lives and others from our past who we only communicate with occasionally. We communicate through Christmas cards, phone calls, and sometimes gifts. Thank God for Fed-Ex that is a dependable way for us to send those gifts long-distance in a reliable and swift manner (especially helpful to us last minute shoppers).

On that first Christmas, God had an important communication, a gift he needed to send to humankind. Christians point to this communication and gift as the focal point in human existence both past and present. God's intentions toward us and purpose for us were revealed once and for all. There was no Fed-Ex to deliver this communication and gift but God had his own divine Fed-Ex that was not only reliable, but delivered right on time.

During advent our Sunday Morning Services will be centered around the theme: How God "Fed-Ex'd" Christmas.

November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fed-Exing the Plan	Psalms 103:19-21
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fed-Ex to Reverend Z	Luke 1:11-15
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fed-Ex to a Virgin	Luke 1:26-33, 38
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fed-Ex to Joe	Matthew 1:18-21, 24
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fed-Ex to the Shepherds	Luke 2:8-14



### 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 7th.

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

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

### Ushers for December

Leonard Barnhill

Tony Burt

Joe Byler

Tracy Evans



### Santa Cop

Our church will be participating, once again, in the Santa Cop program. There will be a Santa Cop collection box in the narthex. November 16th thru December 7th. 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 27th year our church family had opened their hearts and their pocketbooks for this worthy cause.

### Esther's Closet

For three years now, you all have been so supportive of Esther's Closet, our clothing outreach for Foodnet families. God bless you!

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

## Havelock United Methodist Women



The last General Meeting for 2008 will be held Wednesday, December 10th, in Friendship Parlor. The meeting will be a dessert only at 7:00 pm. The Christmas program will be presented by Priscilla Circle and the Youth and Children's Choir. Members of Priscilla Circle will be hostesses and provide clean up.

All women of our church are invited and encouraged to attend.

LYDIA Wed., December 3rd, 11:30 am  
Christmas Luncheon - Cost \$7.00  
Friendship Parlor  
Hostess - Darlene Elliott

RUTH Tues., December 16th, 7:30 pm  
3240 N 61st St  
Worship - Doris Schulenberg  
Program - Doris Schulenberg  
Hostess - Doris Schulenberg

PRISCILLA Thur., December 4th, 8:30 am  
IHOP  
4501 N 27th St

ESTHER Sat., December 20th, 9:00 am  
Christmas Tea  
4201 Greenwood  
Hostess - Rhonda Sanford  
Each member is to bring a breakfast item.

### Our Deepest Sympathy

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Paul Ess.

Paul passed away November 11th. His memorial service was held on November 13th in the sanctuary.

### Sincere Thanks

The Funeral Committee wishes to thanks all who helped in any way for Paul Ess's funeral luncheon on Thursday, November 13th. To those who contributed food, helped setting up the tables and worked, it was appreciated so much.

### Congratulations!

Bibles were presented to Tiffany Harris and Danielle Picotte on Sunday, October 26th. Taylor Swenson received her Bible on Sunday, November 2nd.



### Confirmation

The 2008 Confirmation Class was received on Sunday, October 26th. Members of the class were - Tiffany Harris, Marie Hughes and Julia Sanford.

### Welcome

We are privileged to have received Melvin and Clarice Hesser, 1540 N Cotner #312, 466-1480 into the life of the church on Sunday, October 26th.

### Diaper Depot

A collection box for Diaper Depot will be set out Sunday, December 7th in the narthex. We are in need of diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment. Also, momeitary donations will be accepted and put to use to support this worthwhile cause.



### Fellowship Coffee

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday morning in Friendship Parlor.



## December 2008

1	7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous	17	6:30 - 7:30	Christmas Program Practice 7:00 Praise Choir
2	10:00 4:30	Prayer Meeting FoodNet	18		
3	11:30 7:00 7:00	Lydia Circle Youth Choir Praise Choir	19	9:00 6:30	Hav-O-Gram Issued Narcotics Anonymous
4	8:30	Priscilla Circle	20	9:00 10:00 1:00	Esther Circle Seventh Day Baptist Christmas Program Practice
5	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous	21	9:00 9:30 10:45 6:00	Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship Christmas Potluck Dinner Youth Fellowship
6	9:00 - 1:00 10:00	Prayer Meeting Seventh Day Baptist	22	7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous
7	9:00 9:30 10:45 6:00	Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship Sunday School Youth Fellowship	23	10:00 4:30	Prayer Meeting FoodNet
8	7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous	24		Church Office Closed 5:00 Christmas Eve Service 11:00 Christmas Eve Service
9	10:00 4:30 7:00	Prayer Meeting FoodNet Youth Choir	25		Merry Christmas 4:00 - 6:00 Christmas Dinner
10	7:00 7:00	UMW General Meeting Praise Choir	26		Church Office Closed 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous
11	7:00	Nurture	27	10:00	Seventh Day Baptist
12	6:30	Narcotics Anonymous	28	9:00 9:30 10:45	Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship Sunday School
13	10:00	Seventh Day Baptist	29	7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous
14	9:00 9:30 10:45 2:00 - 6:00 5:00 - 10:00 6:00	Fellowship Coffee Morning Worship Sunday School Lamb's Open House Carlson's Open House Youth Fellowship	30	10:00 4:30	Prayer Meeting FoodNet
15	9:00 7:00	Deadline for News Alcoholics Anonymous	31	7:00 - 12:00	Narcotics Anonymous - Meeting & Dance
16	10:00 4:30 7:30	Prayer Meeting FoodNet Ruth Circle			

