

# HAVE-O-GRAM

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## Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders will now be taken for decorating the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. The cost is \$8.00 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 service.

## Calendar for Advent and Christmas

**Sunday, November 29**, marks the beginning of the Advent Season. The four Sundays before Christmas, we will celebrate the faith, hope, peace and love that were given to us in the birth of the baby Jesus. You are invited to come and share in the celebration on Sunday mornings ---as well as other special services leading up to Christmas Day.

**Sunday, November 29**, We will begin the Advent Season with "The Hanging of the Greens" service... A short worship will begin at 4:00 p.m. and then participants will share in a soup supper at 4:30. Please sign up to bring your favorite soup, dessert or relish. Following the soup supper, we will be putting up the Christmas decorations in the church rooms and sanctuary. Come and join in the festivities. Good food, good fellowship.

**Thursday, December 24** - There will be one worship service on Christmas Eve that will be held at 6:00 p.m. The birth of Jesus will be celebrated in a candlelight service with special music, carols, communion-and many candles.

Plan to share apart of your **Christmas Eve** with our church family, worshipping and giving thanks for God's special gift, the birth to Joseph and Mary of a son that shall be called "Jesus". He shall save His people from their sins.

**Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day** - Dinner will be served to those in need and those who are alone on this day. If you are interested in helping prepare the turkeys on Wednesday, December 23rd or potatoes on Thursday, December 24th please call Sandy Carlson, 464-0420 or contact the church office, 466-6736. If you are available to share in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help serve the Christmas Dinner please contact Sandy or the church office. The church will be serving a traditional turkey dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Come and share in the worship and activities of this Advent Season. Enjoy the Peace of Christmas with your friends and neighbors here at Havelock United Methodist Church.

## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20, the children's Christmas program will be presented during the worship service at 9:30 a.m.

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

## Closed

The church office will be CLOSED on November 26th and November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving-Holidays.

## Advent Envelopes

The 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 6th 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 13th. The Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.



# PASTOR'S NOTE

## It's Time for Some Good News!!

The soldier in Afghanistan sees the transport in front of him explodes, flying through the air and landing on its roof. He rushes out of his vehicle and pulls the bodies of two of his fellow soldiers from the twisted wreckage. He desperately needs some good news; some assurance that the sacrifices just made will make a difference in the world and will help bring peace.

A young family with a father out of work is three months behind on their mortgage. Their home is now worth less than when they bought it five years ago and they can't refinance to get a lower payment and interest rate. They forlornly look for some good news, some "bail-out" that would save their home.

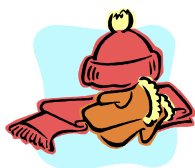
All of us, to some extent, could use a little good news. We listen to our president who encourages but says the road to recovery is long and difficult. We listen to the talk show hosts looking for some good news but all we hear is angry finger pointing and rhetoric that insights hate and discontent. Where do we turn for some good news?

This advent season, all of us at Havelock United Methodist will be turning to God's word for some good news. All of us, from the oldest to the youngest who can hear and understand, will revisit the accounts of hope, peace, joy, and love that have brought God's people through many a bad time.

Our children will join us in worship as we focus on the same stories of hope that they are studying in Sunday School. There are those around you who could use a little good news. Invite them to come with you for the advent worship series "It's Time for Some Good News!"

## It's Time for Some Good News!!

November 29	"Isaiah Foretells the Good News" Bible Verse: Isaiah 9:6 Bible Story: Isaiah 9:6-7
December 6th	"Mary, I Got Some Bad News and Some Good News" Bible Verse: Luke 1:35 Bible Story: Luke 1:26-38
December 13th	"Joseph, I Got Some Bad News and Some Good News" Bible Verse: Matthew 1:21 Bible Story: Matthew 1:18-24
December 20th	"Shepherds Hear Some Good News" Bible Verse: Luke 2:11 Bible Story: Luke 2:1-20
December 25th	Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service – 6 pm



Mittens, socks, and caps may 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.

### 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, 6th.

## Havelock United Methodist Women



The last General Meeting for 2009 will be, held Wednesday, December 9th, in Friendship Parlor. The meeting will be a dessert only at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas program will be presented by Ruth Circle. Members of Ruth Circle will be hostesses and provide clean up. All women, of our, church are invited and encouraged to attend.

LYDIA Wed., December 2nd, 11:30 a.m.  
Christmas Luncheon  
T. & R's Garden, 5250 Cornhusker

PRISCILLA Thur., December 3rd, 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast  
Cracker Barrel, 6900 N 27th

RUTH Tues., December 15th, 7:00 p.m.  
3240 N 61st  
Worship - Doris Schulenberg  
Program - Doris Schulenberg  
Hostess - Doris Schulenberg

ESTHER Sat., December 19th, 9:00 a.m.  
Christmas Tea  
4901 NW Fairway Drive  
Hostess - Karen Lamb  
Each member is to bring a breakfast item.

### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who contributed a pledge or donation to the roof fund. With your help and also the help from our reserve fund we were able to put on a new flat roof.

If you have forgotten to turn in your pledge card and you would still like to contribute to the fund, please send it to the church. Any contributions will help replenish the reserve fund for future repairs.

Thank you again for all your help with this project.

Board of Trustees



### Diaper Depot

Our Holiday Mission project this year will be Diaper Depot. There will be a baby bassinet in the narthex for donations of money, diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment. There is a great need always for these items. Babies little bottoms thank.

### Financial Report November 13, 2009

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2009	\$91,530
Receipts Year to Date	\$90,532
Behind:	\$ 998

### Ushers for December

Leonard Barnhill

Joe Byler

Ken Carlson

Tracy Evans



## December 2008

1	10:00	Prayer Meeting	15	10:00	Prayer Meeting
	5:00	Foodnet		5:00	FoodNet
2	11:30	Lydia Circle		7:00	Ruth Circle
	7:00	Youth Choir	16	7:00	Youth Choir
	7:00	Praise Choir		7:00	Praise Choir
3	8:30	Priscilla Circle	17		
4	9:00 - 3:00	Home School	18	9:00	Hav-O-Gram Issued
	6:30 - 8:30	Narcotics Anonymous		6:30 - 8:30	Narcotics Anonymous
5	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	19	9:00	Esther Circle
6	9:00	Fellowship Coffee		10:00 - 2:00	Seventh Day Baptist
	9:30	Morning Worship		1:00	Christmas Program Practice
	10:45	Sunday School	20	9:00	Fellowship Coffee
	2:00 - 6:00	Lamb Open House		9:30	Morning Worship
	4:00 - 6:00	Youth Fellowship		10:45	Christmas Potluck Dinner
7	7:00	AA		2:00 - 5:00	Private Party
8	10:00	Prayer Meeting	21	7:00	AA
	5:00	FoodNet	22	10:00	Prayer Meeting
9	7:00	UMW General Meeting		5:00	FoodNet
	7:00	Youth Choir	23		
	7:00	Praise Choir	24		
10				6:00	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
11	9:00 - 3:00	Home School	25		Christmas Eve Service
	6:00	Wedding Rehearsal		4:00 - 6:00	MERRY CHRISTMAS
	6:30 - 8:30	Narcotics Anonymous		6:30 - 8:30	Christmas Dinner
12	10:00	Seven Day Baptist	26	10:00	Narcotics Anonymous
	5:00	Wedding - Sarah Haumont Travis Schneider	27	9:00	Seventh Day Baptist
13	9:00	Fellowship Coffee		9:30	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30	Morning Worship		10:45	Morning Worship
	10:45	Sunday School	28	7:00	Sunday School
	4:00 - 10:00	Carson Open House	29	10:00	AA
14	9:00	Deadline For News		5:00	Prayer Meeting
	7:00	AA	30		FoodNet
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