

# HAVE-O-GRAM

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The 2011 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services next year, you may sign up on Sunday, mornings or call the church office, 466-6736.



## MITTEN UPDATE

This year we collected 36 hats, 1 ear muff, 5 scarfs, 6 pair of socks, 56 pair of mittens and gloves for children in the Head Start program. We wish to thank everyone who donated items to this worthy program.

THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE BY THE FOOD CART IN THE EAST HALL.



Those who have purchased poinsettias may take them home after the Christmas Eve service. We will try to have covers available for them. Thank you for filling the sanctuary with color during the Advent season.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



Thank you for your donations all year. The Northeast Area Emergency Food Pantry has provided emergency food to over 500 families so far this year (1,500 individuals).

Thank you so much for your support!

Merry Christmas!!

Virginia Carter, Director

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT HAVELOCK



Mark your calendar and join in the hope, peace, love and joy of worship on Christmas Eve. A candlelight and communion service at 6 p.m. will celebrate the message of our Savior's birth that remains as faithful and true today as it has for years.

We will sing carols, share in a Christmas message, and take communion as the Havelock United Methodist Church has done for 120 years. Special music before the service and during worship with candles and poinsettias will brighten your Christmas Eve. Please join us.

Christmas Eve - 6 p.m. - Share the Joy



## UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, January 10th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

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## ESTHER CIRCLE

Sat., January 15th, 8:30 a.m.  
Breada Fresh Express Cafe  
4901 O Street

RUTH CIRCLE Tues., January 25th, 7:00 p.m.

3240 North 61st  
Worship - Doris Schulenberg  
Program - Doris Schulenberg  
Hostess - Doris Schulenberg

PRISCILLA CIRCLE Thur., January 27th, 10:00 a.m.

Chapel  
Worship - Carol Peterson  
Program - Carol Peterson  
Hostess - Leona Frerichs

## USHERS FOR

### JANUARY

Jim Bryant  
Rosemary Bryant  
Gary Frerichs  
Leona Frerichs



# PASTOR'S NOTE

## GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

There was a little girl who was watching her mom and dad get ready for Christmas. To her it seemed that dad was preoccupied with burdens and bundles and mom was concerned about parties and presents and that they had no time for her.

She felt shoved aside and in fact, every time she turned around either mom or dad was asking her to move out of the way.

One night she had enough and went to her room. She knelt and prayed "Our Father who art in heaven, please forgive us our Christmases as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

How are you doing with getting ready for Christmas? Better than I am I hope. This seems to be one of the busiest Christmas seasons I can remember. Additional services, mailings, programs to plan, people in need - yet all of these activities are pretty standard for this time of year so I don't understand what's going on with me. Why do I feel so hurried? The only thing I can figure is that it has to do with my attitude.

Now I don't mean to complain to you but maybe some of you kind of feel the same way. If so, maybe we need an attitude adjustment. How do we go about that? I can't really answer that for you but here is a short list of things that I might try:

- 1) Acceptance: Christmas is going to come whether I'm ready or not. What if I just do the best I can and trust God for the outcome?
- 2) Gratitude: What if I start every day between now and December 25<sup>th</sup> by making a list of ten things I am grateful about. Hmm --- let me think:
  - a. I'm above ground! That's got to count for something.
  - b. Stella, my wife. She's actually put up with me for another year.
  - c. My kids.
  - d. My perfect grandkids! (Oh, yeah, I have a new one on the way. She will be called Harper Lynn Cornwell and is expected in March. I think I'll change the greeting on my phone from "This is Chuck" to "This is Harper's grandpa".
  - e. The Havelock and Eagle Churches. Instead of focusing on the tasks I can focus on all the wonderful people that have come into my life.
  - f. The gift of "God with me" instead of "It's all about me".
- 3) Prayer: I'm really very busy. I better double my time in prayer daily. I need the nourishment.
- 4) Giving: Instead of worrying about buying the perfect gift for everyone or overextending my budget, why not give what I have? Better yet, how about giving of myself? I might not have any more time or money to give, but there's no limit on how much I can love them in my heart and mind.

Well, that's a start. Hey, if you have any ideas that I can add to my list I would appreciate a call or you could drop me an email. I need all the help I can get as I am getting ready for Christmas.  
Blessings, Pastor Chuck

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 5, 2010

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date for 2010	\$93,770
Receipts Year to Date:	\$101,234
<b>Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$ 7,464</b>

Apportionments: We will pay 100% again - the second year in a row!





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| 1  | 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist  | 17 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br>7:00 AA  |
| 2  | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School                            | 18 | 5:00 Foodnet<br>7:00 Administrative Board  |
| 3  | 7:00 AA  | 19 | 7:00 Praise Choir<br>7:00 Children's Choir   |
| 4  | 5:00 Foodnet   | 20 |  |
| 5  | 7:00 Praise Choir<br>7:00 Children's Choir   | 21 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  |
| 6  |  | 22 | 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist  |
| 7  | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  | 23 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group |
| 8  | 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist  | 24 | 9:00 Deadline for News<br>7:00 AA  |
| 9  | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group | 25 | 5:00 Foodnet<br>7:00 Ruth Circle   |
| 10 | 7:00 AA<br>7:00 UMW Executive Committee  | 26 | 7:00 Praise Choir<br>7:00 Children's Choir   |
| 11 | 5:00 Foodnet   | 27 | 10:00 Priscilla Circle   |
| 12 | 7:00 Praise Choir<br>7:00 Children's Choir   | 28 | 9:00 - 3:00 Home School<br>9:00 Hay-O-Gram Issued<br>6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous             |
| 13 | 2:00 Memorial Committee Meeting  | 29 | 10:00 Seventh Day Baptist  |
| 14 | 9:00 - 1:00 Home School<br>6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous                                       | 30 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group |
| 15 | 8:30 Esther Circle<br>10:00 - 2:00 Seventh Day Baptist   |    |  |
| 16 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee<br>9:30 Morning Worship<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>6:00 - 7:30 Youth Group |    |  |



## Five Finger Prayer

- Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayer by praying for those closest to you such as your spouse, children, siblings, family, friends and co-workers.
- Next is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal such as ministers, teachers, and health care professionals, as they need support and wisdom pointing others in the right direction.
- The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business, military personnel, local, state and federal government leaders. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
- The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. Those who are sick, homeless, or jobless need our prayers day and night. We can't pray too much for them.
- Lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all. This is where we place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, the least shall be the greatest among you. Our pinky reminds us to pray for ourselves.

