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CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 9, 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.

CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 2nd, marks the beginning of the Advent Season. The four Sundays before Christmas, we will celebrate the faith, hope, peace and love that was given to us in the birth of the baby Jesus. If you would like to be a part of the lighting of the Advent Candles please contact Tony Martin at 402-560-7962. You are invited to come and share in the celebration on Sunday mornings as well as other special services leading up to Christmas Day.

Monday, December 24, there will be two worship services on Christmas Eve that will be held at 5:00 & 8:30 p.m. The birth of Jesus will be celebrated in a candlelight service with special music, carols, communion and many candles.

Plan to share a part 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.

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 Sunday, December 23, call Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420 or contact the church office, 402-466-6736. 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.



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 worship services.



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 groups.

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

ADVENT ENVELOPES

The Advent Offering envelope is included in this news letter. All proceeds from this offering will be used locally for those in need.

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.

DON'T COOK WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 28 ! !

Join us here at Havelock UMC for our "4th Wednesday Community Supper" event. Supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. This will be a MYSTERY MEAL come and be surprised. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

YOU'RE INVITED



Happy Birthday, Jesus!



HAVELOCK UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The last General Meeting for 2012 will be held Wednesday, December 5th, in Friendship Parlor. The meeting will be a dessert only at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas program will be presented by Priscilla Circle. Members of Ruth Circle will be hostesses and provide clean up.

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

PRISCILLA Thur., December 6th, 8:30 a.m.
BREAKFAST
The Egg & I, 6801 A Street

RUTH Tues., December 11th, 7:00 p.m.
3240 North 61st
Worship - Doris Schulenberg
Program - Doris Schulenberg
Hostess - Doris Schulenberg

ESTHER Sat., December 15th
Time & Place To Be Announced

READING PROGRAM NEWS

The following books are now on the shelf marked Conference UMW: "One World Kids Cookbook" by Sean Mendez; this is a bonus book and counts as Education for Mission. "True When Whispered" by Paul Escamilla, Spiritual Growth; "Here If You Need Me" by Kate Braestrup, Nurturing For Community; "The True Cost of Low Prices" by Vincent A. Gallagher, Social Action; "Old Testament Prophets for Today" by Carolyn Sharp, Leadership Development; and "Mini Skirts, Mothers & Muslims", Education for Mission.

These books will need to be returned to our library by January 4th so I can return them to the Conference Library the following week. Hope you will consider looking at them and perhaps read one or two.

Laura Pape
Program Resources

MISSING RACKS

Can you help us find the four missing racks for our roasters? We had them last Christmas when we roasted the turkeys and they have been misplaced now. If you have any idea of there whereabouts please call the church office, 402-466-6736.

THANK YOU!

Once again I want to thank the HUM people for all the prayers, cards and get well wishes and calls I have received. Once again I am on the road to recovery from the last round of problems and I know it was your concern and prayers that helped me to continue to get better. Thank you all!!

Doris Smith



Thank you for your generous hospitality. We dearly appreciate it.

One More Time A.A. Group



LAMB'S OPEN HOUSE

The Lamb Family's annual Christmas open house will be Sunday, December 9th from 3 p.m. to 7 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 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.

I would like to thank everyone who sends cards, calls or visits me. It means so very much to see members from church and read the cards or talk to you.

My new address is: Marian Daharsh, Grace Pointe #200, 4620 Randolph St., Lincoln Ne 68510 and my phone # is still 402-488-3072.

PASTOR'S NOTE

God's Timing

In last month's News letter it was announced that the Havelock United Methodist Church was one of several churches in the Blue River District that had been selected for special attention and resourcing by the Annual Conference due to the potential of the church. As a result, Bishop Jones invited Havelock United Methodist Church to participate in the Vital Congregations: Next Steps Process which will have two phases:

The first phase involves both spiritual leadership development and assistance in setting specific goals necessary for us to continue as a vital congregation. This phase is offered to the pastor and from three to ten lay leaders in our church which comprise our initial team. The team must commit to five monthly training events offered on the following Saturdays from 9:00 am – Noon:

January 12, 2013	Welcome. Why Spiritual Leadership Matters
February 9, 2013	Growing as Spiritual Leaders: Accountable Disciples
*March 9, 2013	Engaging the Congregation
April 13, 2013	Developing Discipleship Systems
May 11, 2013	Connecting with Your Community

*After the March event, the pastor and team will begin meeting with the congregation to decide whether to enter Phase 2. In Phase 2 our team will lead the congregation to plan and implement strategies to move toward our identified goals. A coach will be assigned to work with the team for up to 18 months and a peer learning group will meet every six-weeks from July 2013 through June 2014.

All of the above was reported in last month's "Pastor's Note". [Here is the new "News"](#):

1. The Administrative Council of the Havelock Church on November 6th voted to accept Bishop Jones invitation to participate in Phase 1 of the Vital Signs: Next Steps Process.
2. I will be retiring from full-time ministry and as your pastor at the end of this appointment (June 30, 2013). It will be just two months short of my 66th birthday and Stella, my wife, and I have decided it is time.

I can say, without reservation, being your pastor has been is the highlight of my career and I so appreciate all the love and support this congregation gives me. I am grateful for being able to retire from such a positive and rewarding experience with all of you.

I believe this is God's timing, not only for me, but also for the church. The Havelock Church is among only a handful of churches in the Blue River District that have been nominated for resourcing via the Vital Signs: Next Steps Process. I will be able to complete phase 1 with the church and the new pastor will begin their appointment in phase 2, if the church so elects to participate. I believe this process will greatly enhance the transition of pastoral leadership while ensuring that the Havelock Church meet all the criteria for continuing as a vital congregation in the Havelock Community.

God bless you all as you continue to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

Financial Update November 4, 2012

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date:	\$97,245
Receipts Year to Date:	\$84,299
Shortfall:	*\$12,946

*Mission Shares (apportionments) not included

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| 1 | | 17 | 9:00 Deadline for News
7:00 AA |
| 2 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
4:00 Methodist Youth Fellowship | 18 | 5:00 Foodnet |
| 3 | 7:00 AA | 19 | |
| 4 | 1:30 Priscilla Circle
5:00 Foodnet | 20 | |
| 5 | 6:30 UMW General Meeting | 21 | 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued
6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous |
| 6 | 8:30 Priscilla Circle | 22 | |
| 7 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous | 23 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
4:00 Methodist Youth Fellowship
4:00 - 6:00 OVER |
| 8 | | 24 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 Christmas Eve Service
7:00 AA
8:30 Christmas Eve Service |
| 9 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Potluck Dinner
3:00 - 7:00 Lamb Open House
4:00 Methodist Youth Fellowship | 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS
4:00 - 6:00 Christmas Dinner |
| 10 | 7:00 AA | 26 | 5:00 Foodnet |
| 11 | 5:00 Foodnet
7:00 Ruth Circle | 27 | |
| 12 | | 28 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous |
| 13 | | 29 | |
| 14 | 6:30 - 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous | 30 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School |
| 15 | 8:30 Esther Circle
9:00 - 2:30 Quilts for Kids | 31 | 7:00 AA |
| 16 | 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Morning Worship
10:45 Sunday School
4:00 Sunday School
4:00 - 10:00 Carlson Open House | | |

