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CHRISTMAS EVE AT HAVELOCK

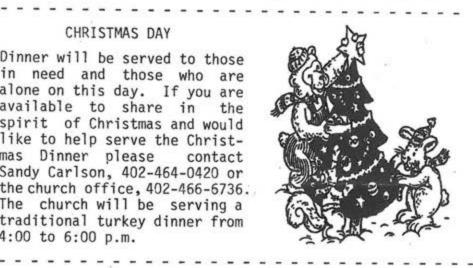
Mark your calendar and join in the hope, peace, love an joy of worship on Christmas Eve. A candlelight and communion service at 5:00 & 8:30 p.m. will celebrate the message of our Savior's birth that remains as faithful and true today as it has for years.

We will sing carols, share in a Christmas message, and take communion as the Havelock United Methodist Church has done for 122 years. Special music before the service and during worship with candles and poinsettias will brighten your Christmas Eve. Please join us.

Christmas Eve - 5 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. - Share the Joy

CHRISTMAS DAY

Dinner will be served to those in need and those who are alone on this day. If you are available to share in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help serve the Christmas Dinner please contact Sandy Carlson, 402-464-0420 or the church office, 402-466-6736. The church will be serving a traditional turkey dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



4th WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

Each 4th Wednesday of the month, the Havelock Church offers a free community meal for all those in our community as a way to get to know one another. Our next dinner is January 23rd from 5:00 -6:30 p.m.

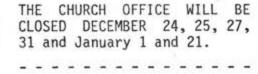
We will be serving a lasagna dinner with French bread, tossed salad and a dessert. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

Bring a friend and join your neighbors for this time of fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!!





This year we collected 30 hats, 15 pair of socks, 77 pair of mittens and gloves for children in the Head Start program. We wish to thank everyone who donated to this worthy proitems gram.



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The 2013 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, 402-466-6736.



The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the families of Don Frain and Jeanenne Hattig.

Don passed away November 18. His funeral service was held in the sanctuary on November 30. Janenne passed away on November 30. A private service was held at Lincoln Memorial.



We are privileged to have received Lola McConnell, 7021 Seward, 402-464-5621 and Luetta Sinner, 4915 Sherwood Dr., 402-464-7092 into the life of the church on Sunday, December 9.



Congratulations to Owen Kennedy-Casey Schneider who was bapized on Sunday, December 2.





CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER

Sat., January 19th, 8:30 a.m. Breada Cafe, 4901 "O" Street

RUTH

Tues., January 22nd, 7:00 p.m. Hostess & Program to be announced

PRISCILLA Thur., January 24th, 10:00 a.m.

Chapel

Program - Carol Peterson

Hostess - Leona Frerichs

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The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m. in the church library.



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





Dear Members of Havelock UMC,

Thank you so much for the donation of hygiene and personal care items, stamps, and gift cards to Fresh Start. People often take having these items for granted until you don't have them. Your contributions are much appreciated and will help us reduce our supply budget. Your generosity helps women who are working to change their lives and move out of homelessness.

Thanks again!

Cordially, Cassie Maher Fresh Start, Office Assistant

We would like to thank the United Methodist Women, Ruth Circle and Priscilla Circle for their generous donations to Diaper Depot.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Carol Peterson



PASTOR'S NOTE

THE YEAR AHEAD: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

2013 promises to be an eventful year for the Havelock United Methodist Church. The church has been selected by the Conference for resourcing to begin a process of setting and reaching goals that will continue our ministry here in Havelock as a vital congregation. Leaders will meet monthly with other selected churches and conference staff to take advantage of opportunities for growth and ministry as well as facing the challenges that lie ahead.

July 1, 2013 Havelock UMC will be receiving a new pastor and will continue the focus of taking the next steps toward vitality with the new pastor. Like most churches today, one of our significant challenges is, and will continue to be, financing our ministry. Our church has been blessed with hard working, generous people and I am praying that each of you will prayerfully consider the

needs of ministry in our community during this coming year.

As your pastor for the past 7 years, I have appreciated your generosity and willingness to meet these needs and can only believe that you will continue supporting our mission "to provide a spiritual community of loving friends growing together in God's truth and reaching out to those in need."

I have asked the church's Finance Chairperson, Pati Hughes to join with me in the "Financial Update" that follows and to let you know of the challenges ahead.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck

Financial Update December 9, 2012

Operating Budget Needs Year to Date:

\$108,050

Receipts Year to Date:

\$93,073

Shortfall:

*\$14,977

*Mission Shares (apportionments) not included

The above figures show that the church continues to fall behind our approved budget by almost \$15,000. The church will struggle to pay half of our apportionment obligation to the Annual Conference. Of even greater concern are the pledges we have received for 2013. Below is a comparison of pledges for 2013 with pledges made in 2012:

Pledges for 2013 Budget

Pledges for 2012 Budget

Budget: 36,144

Budget: 54,202

Apportionments: 4,234

Apportionments: 6, 145

As you can see, our pledges are down by a third as compared to 2012. We are asking for each member and supporter to carefully and prayerfully consider (or re-consider) you giving decision for 2013. The church will continue to present a bare bones budget but must have some realistic notion of what our revenue will be. This is particularly important this year as the church will be negotiating pastoral compensation for a new pastor with the District Superintendent in the near future.

As always, your support in ministry is appreciated. As God calls us into ministry together, we believe that despite the challenges, the opportunities for reaching our community can mean that the best is yet to come.

Blessings, Pastor Chuck and Pati Hughes, Chair of Finance Committee



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