

# HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of four Sundays that the church celebrates the faith, hope, peace and love of God's gift to the world – a Son who would be called Jesus. Come and join in this time of reflection and recognition of purpose for Havelock United Methodist Church.

There will be two Christmas Eve Services. The times will be 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Jesus' birth will be celebrated with candles and communion. Join in the blessings of Our Savior's birth and life among us.

## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

AND

## CENTERPIECES

Christmas wreaths and centerpieces will be available for sale and pick-up beginning Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a fund raiser for the church and Boy Scout Troop 54. Brighten your door or table with a Christmas wreath or centerpiece.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the children's Christmas program will be presented during the worship service at 9:30 a.m. The program will also include members of the congregation.

THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY THE PANTRY CAR

## CHRISTMAS DAY - DINNER

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 Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 5:00-6:30 p.m.

## MITTEN TREE

The annual mitten, sock, and cap tree for children in the Head Start 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 will be available in the Sunday bulletin. All proceeds from this offering will be used locally for those in need. \$100 will be given to the "Fund for the Least" this is controlled by the Pastor. The balance will be divided evenly between the Peoples City Mission and the Northeast Food Pantry. Prayerfully consider this offering and the help it will provide to those less fortunate.

**The church office will be closed Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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, 402-466- 6736.

## **YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

As you may have noticed, our HUMC Youth Group has started their winter fundraising project. They are selling Baker's Candies, straight from Greenwood, NE. Baker's chocolates make great gifts and Christmas packing is available.

They are also selling Jet Splash car wash certificates. All services Jet Splash provides will be available for purchase, and can be used at any location in Lincoln. Jet Splash is a great Christmas idea, or just for every day. Everyone can use a car wash!

This year they are also selling Christmas Cards – packages of 12 for \$3.00.

The youth will be selling before and after church, or find one of the students and they can help you. Thank you for your support!

## **REVELATION STUDY**

Pastor Richard will be leading a study on the book of Revelation during the month of December. The class will meet on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the church library for the first time.

## **LAMB'S OPEN HOUSE**

The Lamb Family's annual Christmas open house will be on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The address is 4901 NW Fairway Drive. Please join us in celebrating the joys of the season.

## **CARLSON'S OPEN HOUSE**

Members and friends of the church are invited to the

home of Ken and Sandy Carlson on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Carlson's home, 4841 Sherwood Drive will be open from 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.

## **WITH SYMPATHY**

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Jack Markwardt.

Jack passed away on November 12<sup>th</sup>. His funeral service was held in the sanctuary on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone for the many cards and prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Richard for his calls. Please continue to pray for my recovery and for Ken.

Marjorie Fisher

## **YOUTH NEWS**

The Youth Group went to Lancaster Manor on November 16<sup>th</sup> to help the residents with bingo and to share Thanksgiving treats. They had a great time, and residents enjoyed having them visit.

The students also have kicked off their winter fundraising project. Check it out before and after church! Merry Christmas from all of the Youth!

## **DIAPER DEPOT**

The first Sunday of each month we will be collecting diapers, wipes and Desitin ointment for Diaper Depot. The box will be placed in the narthex on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

**THERE WILL BE NO 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY DINNER IN DECEMBER BECAUSE OF THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

The Trustee Committee with the help of many continues to work on maintenance items and repairs. Some areas addressed where roof repairs, gutter

replacement, heat & air conditioning repairs, and updating the lighting inside and outside the church as needed. We also believe we have evicted the last bat friends and have locked the doors we know that they were using. Hopefully they will find another home to occupy further away from ours. The committee recently approved a project to refinish the courtyard sign on the Northeast corner of our property, which will allow 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Supper and Food Net postings to be added as needed. Tree trimming is scheduled to be completed in the next couple of weeks as well in order to reduce the dead limbs from falling and opening up the view of the church. We have a new Snow Removal Company for this winter season. Justin Irons (who many may know) was awarded our contract, and we look forward to working with him. Thanks to everyone who jumps in without being asked to help keep our church looking it's best! You know who you are!!

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Thanks for everyone's continued support to our "Big Jar" donation container. The donations are to support (the men's list of items) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration next summer. Based on your suggestions, a list of projects was established and the work began, with some items now being completed. I'm happy to report; based on your generosity and the help from other committee contributions we have raised \$3,500 toward our goal. Thank you again for your support.

## UMW NEWS CIRCLE MEETINGS

**PRISCILLA** – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast  
Northside Café, 48<sup>th</sup> & St Paul

**ESTHR** – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
Toast, 570 Fallbrook Blvd.

**RUTH** – Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Will meet in the home of Doris Schulenberg,  
3240 N 61<sup>s</sup> for their Christmas party.

## DECEMBER

1 7:00 AA

2 5:00 Food Net

3 7:00 Administrative Board  
4 8:30 Priscilla Circle  
7:00 Revelation Study  
5 6:30 – 8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
6 9:00 Esther Circle  
7 8:15 Trustees  
9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 Sunday school  
8 7:00 AA  
9 5:00 Food Net  
7:00 Ruth Circle  
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12 6:30-8:00 Narcotics Anonymous  
13 4:00-7:00 Lamb's Open House  
14 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 MYF  
3:00-8:00 Carlson's Open House  
15 9:00 Deadline For News  
7:00 AA  
16 5:00 Food Net  
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19 9:00 Hav-O-Gram Issued  
6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous  
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21 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 Sunday school  
22 7:00 AA  
23 5:00 Food Net  
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27 9:00 UMM Breakfast  
28 9:00 Fellowship Coffee  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:45 MYF  
4:00 O.V.E.R.  
29 7:00 AA  
30 5:00 Food Net  
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