HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 22nd – "Hanging of the Greens" at 3:30 p.m. This will be a short service in the sanctuary after which we will be putting up the Christmas decorations. After decorating is completed, about 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. we will enjoy a soup supper in the parlor. Come and share in the food and fellowship as we begin the Advent Season.

Sunday, November 29th – 9:30 a.m. Lighting the first Advent candle

During December – Focus on bringing a friend to worship services here at Havelock United Methodist Church and invite others to join in the special services during Advent.

Sunday, December 6^{th} – Adult Advent study begins in the parlor after the worship service. Study will be led by Todd Seifert.

Sunday, December 20th – Children's Christmas program during AM worship service.

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Services: 5:00 p.m. – Family service with all children helping to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Interactive participation for all children. Bring your neighbors, grandkids and invite all to come and celebrate.

9:00 p.m. – Candlelight and communion service in the tradition of past Christmas Eves.

Friday, December 25th – Free Christmas Day dinner for all will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be shared with the community. If you are interested in helping with this activity, please contact Sandy Carlson at 464-0420 or call the church office, 466-6736.

Good things are happening at Havelock United Methodist Church. Our church family has been

blessed many times this past year. We give thanks during this Thanksgiving time as we enter into the Advent Season with love in our hearts and joy in our actions for the promise of life everlasting. Come and share in the message of Christmas.

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 Wednesday, December 23rd, 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.

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. The money will be divided equally between Diaper Depot and Northeast Food Pantry. Prayerfully consider this offering and the help it will provide to those less fortunate.

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 the church are asked to hang those items on the tree anytime until Sunday, December 6^{th} .

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.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia orders will now be taken for decorating the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. The cost is \$8.50 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.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth will begin their winter fundraiser on November 29th. Bakers Candies and Jet Splash car wash certificates will be available before and after church. Let them help you with your Christmas gift giving!

Plan on joining us for the Christmas program on December 20^{th} . The youth enjoy sharing their talents with the congregation.

Look for upcoming information for a special food drive the youth are planning for January 2016!

We are so thankful for all of the blessings God has given each of us this year!

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 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Please stop in and share in refreshments & fellowship.

THANK YOU

We thank the United Methodist Women for the 2015 service awards. Working with Havelock United Methodist Church members and friends on worthy projects is rewarding in and of itself. Our future is bright and we look forward to the opportunities we will have to touch even more lives in NE Lincoln.

Gary Ehlers and Ken Carlson

THERE WILL BE NO 4th WEDNESDAY DINNER IN DECEMBER BECAUSE OF THE

CHRISTMAS DINNER. AMY'S ADAGIO

It sure has been an exciting time here at Havelock UMC! We've finished our sermon series on Having Enough. We celebrated Consecration Sunday. Thank you to everyone who complete and turned in an estimate of giving card; if you still haven't had the opportunity to do so, it's not too late. Spare cards are available in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday or mailed to the church office.

We've remembered the Saints who have finished their journey here on earth and honored our Veterans who have served our nation. All in all, it's been a pretty busy time this month. So how in the world do we top it? By journeying to Bethlehem!

I invite you to worship during December where we will follow Mary and Joseph as they walk toward the event that would change not only their lives, but the entire world as well. We will begin our journey on Sunday, December 6th and conclude on Christmas Eve.

There will be two opportunities to worship on Christmas Eve. A family-friendly service will happen at 5:00 p.m. where we will have a children's nativity pageant. No rehearsals are needed for this so invite your children, grandchildren and neighbor children to come and participate. Our second worship time will be 9:00 p.m. where we will celebrate communion.

I hope you will plan to make worship at Havelock a part of your Advent and Christmas season. I look forward to sharing this special time with you all!

In His Love,

Amy

THANK YOU

Thank you to all for the kind words and cards as we celebrated our 60^{th} anniversary. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family

Peace and Love, Dean & Beth Honnen

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER – Sat., December 19th, 8:30 a.m. Lulu's Lunchery 3939 North 48th

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

Ruth - Wed., December 9th, 7:00 p.m. Will meet in the home of Doris Schulenberg, 3240 N 61st for their Christmas party.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in Friendship Parlor.

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 6th. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE OF <u>THE</u> <u>UPPER ROOM</u> IF NOW AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY THE PANTRY CART.

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

DECEMBER

1 5:00 Foodnet

7:00 Church Annual Conference

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- 3 8:30 Priscilla Circle
- 4 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous 5

- 6 8:15 Trustees
 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 10:45 Sunday school
 7:00 Bell Choir
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- 8 5:00 Foodnet
- 9 7:00 Ruth Circle
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- 11 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
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- 13 9:00 Fellowship Coffee9:30 Morning Worship10:45 Sunday school4:00-9:00 Carlson's Open House7:00 Bell Choir
- 14 9:00 Deadline for News 7:00 AA
- 15 5:00 Foodnet
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- 17 1:30 Hav-O-Gram Issued
- 18 6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 19 8:30 Esther Circle
- 20 9:00 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday school 7:00 Bell Choir
- 21 7:00 AA
- 22 5:00 Foodnet
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- 24 5:00 & 9:00 Christmas Eve services
- 25 5:00-6:30 Christmas Dinner6:30-8:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 26 9:30 UMM Breakfast
- 27 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
 9:30 Morning Worship
 10:45 Sunday school for all ages
 4:00 O.V.E.R.
 7:00 Bell Choir
- 28 7:00 AA
- 29 5:00 Foodnet
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- 31 5:00-12:00 NA Dance