

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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AMY'S ADAGIO

I recently heard a sermon about the Last Supper from a perspective that I've never thought of before. I'd like to share it with you.

Imagine yourself in the Upper Room with Jesus and his disciples. The meal is almost finished. Thirteen people have enjoyed the Passover Feast.

Now imagine what your table looks like after a lot of people have finished eating. There are crumbs everywhere. There are spots on the tablecloth from where things have dripped. There might be a stain from where a glass of juice or wine was knocked over. The table that was once so beautifully set, is now a mess! That was what the table was like after Jesus and his disciples finished their meal.

And yet, in the middle of the mess, Jesus instituted what is now one of the sacraments of our church – Holy Communion. Something so beautiful occurred in the middle of a mess.

This is why our messes are sacred! This is why we never despair or give up hope – because beauty can come from the biggest of messes. We just have to be able to look past the crumbs and stains and know that the table will once again be set beautifully.

What are the messes in your life right now? Remember that there won't always be a messy table. And always keep hope that, out of the crumbs and stains, the beautiful and sacred arises.

In His Love,
Amy

**THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER ISSUE
OF THE UPPER ROOM IS NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE EAST HALL BY
THE PANTRY CART.**

MARK YOU CALENDARS!

Sunday, September 10th is the day that our worship time moves to 11:00 am. Sunday School will move to 9:30 am and there will be classes for all ages. There will be a Brunch immediately after worship that day.

FALL BRUNCH

Members and friends of Havelock United Methodist Church are invited to a **FALL BRUNCH** on Sunday, September 10th, following the church service. Come and enjoy egg casseroles, fruit cups, muffins, juice and coffee.

This is a great time to enjoy fellowship with good friends and to share our summer experiences with others. We will be looking forward to seeing you there.

FALL FESTIVAL DINNER

A Steak Dinner will be held on Monday, September 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in advance for \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets at the door will be \$11.00. Carry out meals will be available.

The menu is steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn or green beans, roll, jello salad, and pie or angel food cake. A choice of beverage is available.

The sponsoring group for the dinner is the Havelock United Methodist Women.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON LABOR DAY,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TO BEGIN

The beginning of our new Sunday School year is Sunday, September 10th, at 9:30 am for the youth, children and adults.

DIAPER DEPOT FUNDRAISER

The Diaper Depot needs our help! The Depot is in need of size 5 diapers and wipes and HUMC is having a diaper drive for these items. The baby bassinet will be in the narthex the entire month of September for you to drop off your donations. If you would prefer to donate funds to help the Depot, please mark your donation to "Diaper Depot" and place it in the offering plate. Thanks for helping share the love of God- and dry bottoms – with the littlest of God's children!

FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar: September 3, 17 and November 26.

This is a nice way to honor a loved one, someone's birthday or anniversary, or in remembrance of someone who is deceased.

WITH SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the family of Carol Farley.

Carol passed away on August 2nd. Her memorial service was held in the sanctuary on August 12th.

FINANCE REPORT

July

Income \$9,041
Expenses \$13,012

Year-to Date

Income \$88,331
Expenses \$80,935

The month of July saw some expected increased expenses like utility bills as well as unexpected expenses for air conditioning repairs. There is some

concern that our expenses continue to outweigh our giving but we remain faithful that God will provide for our needs in ways that are beyond our imagination. The Finance Committee continues to strive to be good stewards of all of God's gifts to HUMC and asks that you do the same of the gifts that are given to you.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and support of the ministries at Havelock!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Giving is an important part of being a Christian. There are many reasons to give. **Giving is an act of worship.** God is glorified when we faithfully give him our first and best. Proverbs 3:9 reads, "*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.*" When we make giving a priority, we honor God. If we give God our leftovers, we dishonor him.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

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

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 September 27th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. 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!

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, September 3rd. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

"There is no beautifier of complexion, or form or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy – and not pain – around us."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

SEPTEMBER

- 1
- 2
- 3 9:00 Fellowship time
9:30 Worship
10:45 Adult Sunday School
- 4 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 AA
- 5 5:00 Food Net
7:00 Trustees
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- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 9:00 Fellowship Time
9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Worship
12:00 Fall Brunch
- 11 5:00-7:00 Fall Festival Dinner
- 12 5:00 Food Net
7:00 Finance
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16 8:30 Esther Circle
9:30 Morning Worship
- 17 9:00 Fellowship Time
9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Worship
- 18 7:00 AA
- 19 5:00 Food Net
7:00 Ad Board
- 20
- 21 12:00-3:00 Bryan Board
- 22
- 23 9:30 UMM
- 24 9:00 Fellowship Time
9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Worship
- 25 7:00 AA
- 26 5:00 Food Net
7:00 Ruth Circle
- 27 5:00-6:30 4th Wednesday Dinner
- 28 10:0 Priscilla Circle
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FRESH START FALL OPEN HOUSE

Fresh Start's Fall Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 7th from 4:00-6:00 PM at 6433 Havelock Ave.** The Board of Directors invites the community to stop by for tours of the shelter, to enjoy appetizers and to learn more about the services offered by Fresh Start. **The Daisy Thrift Shop** will be open during the Open House. Take an advantage of our bonus day!

Fresh Start is a transitional shelter and goals program for women who are homeless. Residents identify and actively work on goals while living in our "home". All of their basic needs are provided, along with support from our team, who helps them on their path to self-sufficiency. Women may live at Fresh Start for up to one year, which gives them a longer time in a safe place to work on these goals.