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AMY'S ADAGIO

When I was a child, my family took a vacation that took us through Chattanooga, Tennessee. We stayed the night there at the Chattanooga Hilton which was much fancier a hotel than we usually rented. But the hotel was built around the old Chattanooga train station so my parents thought it would be fun.

I remember that the restaurant was located in the old train depot. Outside of the restaurant was an old ticket house. You decided what you wanted to eat before you went into the restaurant: To order your meal, you purchased a ticket to a destination. For example, if you wanted fried chicken, you bought a ticket to Pittsburgh. You then received your ticket which had a timeline on it that showed the "progress" of your journey. When you received your appetizer, you were leaving Chattanooga. The "journey" continued until you were served dessert, which meant you had reached your destination.

Many, many years later Todd, the kids and I drove from where we lived in Missouri to Disney World. Remembering how much fun I had at this hotel as a child, we routed our trip so that we could stay at the same place. My excitement over staying at the Chattanooga Hilton was short lived. We pulled into the parking lot and the hotel was nothing like I remembered. It was old and hadn't been kept up. The restaurant that was so fun to me as a child was gone. The ticket house where we had ordered our meals was boarded up and used for nothing.

A new year is here. It provides us an opportunity to look back at what was. Just as the song says, "Should auld (which means old) acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" we aren't meant to forget where we have come from and where we have been. But a new year also provides us an opportunity to look forward to new adventures and experiences. We must embrace those as well. As much as we shouldn't forget the past, we aren't supposed to repeat it either. Just like the hotel of my childhood, sometimes going

back isn't all we remembered it to be.

So, let us embrace the possibilities as this new year brings. We might be surprised where they lead us.

In His Love,
Amy

CHRISTMAS EVE AT HAVELOCK UMC

The Christmas Eve service will be held at 9:00 p.m., there will be a Candlelight worship service with communion, carols, and handbell choir. Share in the joy and love of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY – DINNER

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 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

POINSETTIAS

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

FLOWERS

The 2018 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.

MITTEN TREE

This year we collected 20 hats, 57 pair of mittens/gloves, 18 pair of socks and 20 pair of girl's underwear for the children in the Head Start program. We wish to thank everyone who donated items to this worthy program.

WITH SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its Christian love and sincere sympathy to the families of Patricia Picotte, Robert Ellis and Fred Zabel.

Pattie passed away on November 26th. Her memorial service was held in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 9th.

Bob passed away on November 27th. No service was held.

Fred passed away on December 7th. His funeral service was held on Sunday, December 10th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to one and all who helped with the luncheon for the Picotte family on Saturday, December 9th. It's a huge blessing to every family we do this for as well as a blessing to those who provide food and to those who serve.

Laura Pape

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you for everyone who purchased candy, car washes or greeting cards from the Youth Group! An extra special thank you to Gloria Coil, for taking the items to Burke Plaza and Mahoney Manor to sell, the residents there are always very supportive of our church.

We sold 78 boxes of candy and 36 car washes.

The Youth Group purchased toys for the "adopted family" we were helping this Christmas. This time of year can be a struggle for some families, and it always feels good to help out someone going through tough times.

As we begin another new year, help us to remember all of the blessings you have given us in 2017, and let us all look forward to a great 2018!

UMW NEWS

UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The United Methodist Women's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, January 8th, 7:00 p.m. in room #4.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER – Sat., January 20th, 8:30 a.m.
Panera, 201 N 66th

PRISCILLA – Thur., January 25th, 10:00 a.m.
Room #4
Program – Carol Peterson
Hostess – Leona Frerichs

RUTH - Tue., January 23rd, 7:00 p.m.
Room #4
Program – Doris Smith
Hostess – Doris Smith

THINKING OF YOU

As many of you know, we have moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming and one of the things we will miss most is Havelock UMC. You have been such a "welcoming" congregation and we were so glad to be working with you in various projects.

One thing that we noticed and appreciated so much was your willingness to share not only your 'pocket books', but also your heart, soul and hands in serving the Lincoln community. What a remarkable mission that is!

Best wishes to all of you!

Larry and Jay Barrett

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in room #4.

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 24th 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, January 7th. Also, monetary donations will be accepted.

JANUARY

- 1 7:00 AA
- 2 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Trustees
- 3 6:30 Handbells
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- 6
- 7 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
- 8 7:00 AA
7:00 Worship Committee
- 9 5:00 FoodNet
6:30 Committee on Finance
- 10 6:30 Handbells
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
- 15 7:00 AA

- 16 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Administrative Board
- 17 6:30 Handbells
- 18
- 19
- 20 8:30 Esther Circle
- 21 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
- 22 9:30 Deadline For News
7:00 AA
- 23 5:00 FoodNet
7:00 Ruth Circle
- 24 6:30 Handbells
- 25 10:00 Priscilla Circle
1:30 Hav-O-Gram Issued
- 26
- 27 9:00 United Methodist Men
- 28 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
2:00 OVER
- 29 7:00 AA
- 30 5:00 FoodNet
- 31 6:30 Handbells