

HAVELOCK UMC NEWSLETTER

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LIFESONG

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we look to another Valentine's Day and World Wide Marriage Sunday, we're thinking about love. We see love portrayed in movies and TV shows and soap operas, and sitcoms. Most of the time it's a love that comes and goes with the feelings we have at the time. In these shows people fall in and out of love. They'll love you if you look right, feel right, smell right! This is not love at all, not the love God intended married couples to have for one another and not the love that God gives us all. 1 John 4:7-10 in The Message says: "My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love – so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about – not that once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God."

The real love we long for comes from God, who is love. God loves us unconditionally and forever. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. We don't need to earn God's love like we have to earn the love of other people. God's love is given freely. All we need to do is accept it, and believe that God loves us enough to die for us. Without accepting what God did for us in Jesus on the cross, we are headed for an eternity of loneliness,

eternally separated from God and people. With God, we are in a relationship of acceptance and peace with our Maker and all who trust in God.

This Valentine's Day don't miss out on the real love you're looking for, unconditional and forever. Come discover more about the infinite love of our God in worship and Sunday School. Let's sing a lifesong of God's perfect love this February.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Todd

VALENTINE'S POTLUCK

You are invited to an all church Potluck Dinner on Sunday, February 16th.

Brighton the day! Wear red, white or pink! There will be a potluck dinner, Sunday, February 16th following the worship service. This will be to celebrate **LOVE**. Please bring a covered dish or two to share. Tableware and drinks will be furnished.

FLOWERS

The 2020 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office.

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

If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services this year, you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.

CHILI COOK OFF 2020

Havelock United Methodist Church is hosting its **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off**, Sunday, February 23rd from 5 pm – 7 pm. Last year's contest was such a huge success we have decided to do it all over again! We are looking for chili contestants and volunteers to serve and bring cookies. **Come to compete and eat or just come for the fun!** Bring your favorite chili to enter and try to beat last year's 1st place winner and current reigning champion Leona Frerichs. Our new District Superintendent Nancy Tomlinson will be one of our distinguished guest judges along with some surprise judges from the Police and Fire Department! Registration forms as well as signup sheets are located at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Any questions please contact Vicki Finney @ 402-875-1588 or Julie Burt @ 402-432-0907.

OVER CHILI FEED

OVER is again hosting their annual Chili Feed at Havelock UMC on Sunday, March 1st, 11:00 – 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be the imposition of ashes on your forehead during the service.

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who purchased Baker's candy, car washes or Christmas cards. We sold 80 boxes of candy and 36 car washes and made a profit of \$500.

A special thank you to Gloria Coil for taking the candy to Burke Plaza and Mahoney Manor. The residents at both places are always very supportive of our youth group.

Blessings to all for a wonderful 2020!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your food contributions that recently was received by the Northeast Area Food Pantry.

We have been able to help many families these past few weeks with food. Your contributions have helped us to meet those needs.

May all of you have a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with much joy and happiness.

God Bless,
Minnie Stephens, Northeast Area Pantry Director

DAVID PATTERSON RETIRES

Just a note to inform you that after 35+ years in ministry Dave decided to retire in June to our new home in the mountains. I will be retiring from my Associate Dean position at Northern Arizona University at the end of the year. I am including Dave's contact information as he is now free to be your tour guide in Arizona.

Blessings, Norma Patterson
drdavidpatterson@icloud.com – 602-451-2788

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER – Sat., February 15th, 8:30 a.m.
Place to be announced

PRISCILLA – Thur., February 27th, 10:00 a.m.
Room #4
Program – Joan Kunkee
Hostess – Leona Frerichs

RUTH – Tue., February 25th, 10:00 a.m.
Room #4
Program – Lois Spencer
Hostess – Lois Spencer

BEST CHOICE LABELS

FoodNet would appreciate you saving Best Choice proof of purchase seals. We need the UPC proof of purchase with the bar codes.

Labels can be left in the church office.

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 February 26th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A basket for a free will donation will be available.

“Of all the habits that lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports, in vain would men claim the tributes of patriotism who would work to destroy these great pillars of human happiness...It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible.”

George Washington

FEBRUARY

- 1
- 2 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School – Youth & Adult
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School – Children
11:00 UMW Planning Meeting
11:00 Worship Meeting
5:00 Your God is too Safe
- 3 7:00 AA
- 4 4:30 FoodNet

- 5 6:00 Handbells
7:00 Trustees
- 6
- 7
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- 9 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School – Youth & Adult
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School – Children
11:00 Outreach
5:00 Your God is too Safe
- 10 7:00 AA
- 11 4:30 FoodNet
- 12 6:00 Handbells
7:00 Committee on Finance
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- 15 8:30 Esther Circle
- 16 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School – Youth & Adult
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School – Children
11:00 Valentine’s Potluck Dinner
5:00 Your God is too Safe
- 17 9:00 Deadline for News
7:00 AA
- 18 4:30 FoodNet
- 19 6:00 Handbells
7:00 Administrative Council
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- 23 9:00 Fellowship Coffee
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Sunday School – Children
2:00 OVER
5:00-7:00 Chili Cook-Off
5:00 Your God is too Safe
- 24 7:00 AA
- 25 10:00 Ruth Circle
4:30 FoodNet
- 26 5:00-6:30 4th Wednesday Community Dinner
6:00 Handbells
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service
- 27 10:00 Priscilla Circle
- 28
- 29 11:00 – 6:00 Private Dinner – Berry Family

2019 FINANCE UPDATE

2019 Year to Date Numbers

Income	\$181,993.85
Expenses	\$177,471.28
Excess	\$ 6,5792.28

Thank you for your giving to Havelock United Methodist. As most of you are aware we were able to pay 100% of our Mission shares to the conference.

Pati Hughes, Finance Committee Chair