

DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014

# HAVEN MESSENGER

The

## BRIGHT STAR

of Bethlehem

See the Birth and Birthplace of Christ in a Whole New Way  
this Advent Season

This Advent learn more about the little town where Jesus was born so long ago... learn more about what Jesus, who is the Bright Star of Bethlehem, reveals to us even today. Our Sunday worship services are drawn from a series written by Rev. Tim Runtsch, a pastor and recent visitor to Bethlehem. The Bright Star of Bethlehem daily devotional will bring together the Bethlehem of Jesus' birth and the Bethlehem of today. Rev. Mitri Raheb, pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, and other visitors to the church who will share stories of their experiences and tell what they have learned about being a follower of Jesus, the Bright Star of Bethlehem, in our modern-day world.

\* First Week of Advent: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to be born a star — the Star of Creation, and the ruler over heaven and earth. His presence brings light to the world, which is his creation. We were created in his image to shine forth with his love into the dark streets of our own cities and towns.

\* Second Week of Advent: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to be the Star of Hope to a people long forsaken. The fears of all the years are washed away by the sure hope of his salvation, which we are blessed to share with the lonely and the least among us.

\* Third Week of Advent: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to shine as the Star of Unity, bringing together a land and people long divided. Through his birth, walls of hostility, both physical and figurative, can be torn down and people can live in harmony with one another again.

\* Fourth Week of Advent: Jesus comes to Bethlehem to enlighten the world as the Star of Joy. The great glad tidings he has to tell bring a smile to our faces as we radiate to others his good gifts of forgiveness, freedom from death and everlasting life.

Pick-up your copy of the Advent Devotional December 1. Stay grounded in Jesus this December. Add weekly worship and a daily visit with the Lord to your Christmas preparations. It WILL add a refreshing dimension to this coming month.

Oh, Come Let us Adore Him,  
Christ — The Bright Star of Bethlehem

### HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

**“To honor God,  
to reach out  
with love to our  
members and the  
community and to  
share the gospel  
of Jesus Christ.”**

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## PROGRESS ON DIGITAL SIGN ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE - REALLY!

Shortly after I arrived at Haven Lutheran Church in 2007, I began hearing discussions about placing a new sign on the corner of Pennsylvania and Haven Road. Considering the amount of traffic flow passed that corner, the thinking was that a sign upon which we could post worship times and special events and programs would help us better connect with our community.

Initially, it was a conversation about a sign with letters that would need to be manually mounted and changed. That original research and proposal was put on the back burner as other things took precedence. By the time plans for the sign resurfaced, it became clear that a digital sign was more practical and more likely to get the attention of a more digitally-oriented culture.

We solicited designs and proposals from three different companies. Just as our sign team had decided to recommend working with Kenney Signs, a local firm, the outgoing City Council passed a blanket ban on digital signs in the city limits. That was in the autumn of 2012.

Thanks to the persistence of Dennis Miller and the help of Doug Wright, the City of Hagerstown Planning Commission sent a modified digital sign proposal to the City Council and Mayor. It would permit such signs with restrictions on brightness, frequency of message changes and hours of operation. The proposal was accepted and so WE ARE ON to pursue Haven's sign!

You will see pictures and information of the proposed sign below and in the narthex. Haven's Congregational Council is hoping you will give it close and prayerful consideration. **First things first ---What do you think of the design?** There was an attempt to reflect the stone of our church building and it's brown roof. Bible is only a sample of the possible graphics. **Second – cost?** The current cost quote is \$39, 750.77 plus a \$150 securing fee to navigate the paperwork and scheduling for permits and inspections that we will also need to fund. What is included in that estimate is also posted with the design in the church narthex. We have been reserving Agnita Schreiber and Irvin Golden Memorial funds for this project (\$13,510.) The current thought is to fund the balance from the Fred Gross Fund (current balance \$136, 264.)

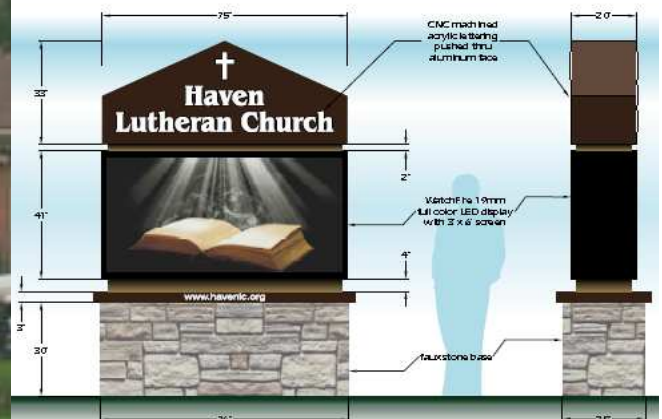
What's next? Gathering together your comments and concerns, Haven's Council will discuss the sign proposal at it's December meeting. IF the Council accepts the current or adjusted sign proposal, a date would be set for the congregation to discuss and vote upon the proposal at a special congregational meeting in January or February of 2014.

Many thanks to the Memorial Team and the members of several special ad hoc sign teams. It's been a LONG road to this point. The digital sign is a means of communicating with our neighbors about God's work here at Haven. We would no longer need to fund banners and other signs to place on the corner to invite and inform the community. The digital sign would allow the clear and appealing presentation of event times and dates and other messages. Accessed by our church computer, we will also be able to post last minute changes or cancellations.

PLEASE take a look and tell a Council member your thoughts. We're in this together! Let us seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to be good stewards of God's church and God's mission here at Haven Lutheran Church.



Your pastor and partner in ministry,  
Linda M. Alessandri



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## A.M.E.N.

**HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY PLACE** – For the month of **December** we will be collecting **furniture polish, windex, and air fresheners**. For the month of **January** we will be collecting **canned fruit and cereal (any kind)** for the residents of Holly Place. There is a container in the narthex for you to place your items.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET CHALLENGES**—Haven can celebrate a successful completion of the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Thank you to all who donated food, money or time to shop, pack and/or deliver. The staff of Fountaindale School assisted in getting names, addresses and phone numbers. They also contacted some of the families who said that they were not going to be home at Thanksgiving and thus would not need assistance.

With December 1<sup>st</sup> upon us, it is time to collect for the Christmas Baskets. We hope to serve approximately the same number of families. The committee will make contact before delivery to recheck addresses and phone numbers as well as offer a choice of two times for delivery. Delivery day will be Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. There are only three Sundays before delivery, so only three specific challenges. The complete list of items to be included appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

December 1<sup>st</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent, the challenge is a large jar of peanut butter and jelly to go with it. This is also Hunger Appeal Sunday. You should find envelopes in the pews to use to direct your contribution.

December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday of Advent the challenge will be large boxes of cereal.

December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Third Sunday of Advent and the last challenge will be one or more 12 ounce packages of individually wrapped cheese. There will be a cooler on the table Sunday at worship.

Thank you for your help.  
The AMEN Team



### List of items for 2013 Christmas food baskets.

Number of families is up to 15.  
Delivery date Thursday 12/19/13.



<u>Item</u>	<u>amount per family</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>amount per family</u>
Ham	1	cans cut green beans	2
2 dozen eggs	2 dozen	cans peas	2
margarine	1	cans baked beans	2
loaves whole wheat bread	2	cans soup	4
cheese slices	1	jello or instant pudding	3
oatmeal	1	hot chocolate mix	1
dry cereal	2 large boxes	2 pounds cookies	1
crackers	1	1 pound hard candy	1
peanut butter	1	Yams	2 cans
jelly	1	oranges	1 dozen
macaroni cheese dinners	2		
apple sauce	2		
cans corn	2		

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## WHAT DO YOU PUT ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST WHEN THERE'S NOTHING YOU REALLY NEED?

## WHAT MEANINGFUL GIFT CAN YOU GIVE SOMEONE WHEN THEY SAY THEY DON'T NEED ANYTHING?

Family and friends like to express their affection and good wishes at Christmas with a gift. How often does that good intention lead to anxiety as you search for a fitting gift for someone who you don't know OR who has reached an age where they really don't "need" anything or any more "stuff?"

WANT A SUGGESTION?

**A donation to Haven's Hunger Fund** in the name of that person you would like to honor.

Funds are needed to provide holiday baskets for families of children in need at Fountaindale Elementary and for families whose need is made known to us by congregation members. Food needs are real. The number of families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet is growing. Our baskets help families have some worry-free holiday meals and an experience of God's grace.

While Haven members are usually very generous in bringing in items needed for the food baskets, there are many items that still need to be purchased. For years we were able to get matching funds from our local Lutheran fraternal organization. But that is no longer available. The Lord WILL provide --- and WE are the way God will do that.

We are designing a nice card that announces a gift has been made to Haven's Hunger fund in their honor. You could mail it in a Christmas card, wrap it in a box, attach it to an ornament or put in a stocking. We'll include the honorees in our Christmas Eve bulletins, too, if you'd like to use this as an opportunity to wish your Haven family and friends a Merry Christmas.

Many thanks for your faithful support of Haven's Hunger programs. When we feed the hungry, Jesus says we serve and honor him --- the giver and the gifted both blessed and united in Christ.

Your A.M.E.N. Team

P.S. By the way, your pastor --- one of those people who can't imagine a thing she needs or wants for Christmas ---- thinks this is a TERRIFIC Christmas gift! What a way to honor the ministry and mission shared at Haven. Just sayin'.....

## EVANGELISM

**HAVEN TO ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS AGAIN** - Last year you may remember we received an emergency request to help provide some Hagerstown children with Christmas gifts. We selected a family with three pre-schoolers. With only a week to accomplish it, we did! The pile of gifts couldn't help but make you smile as you imagined the children opening their gifts on Christmas morning.

Working through Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) we hope to have the information about our family soon AND a bit more time for gathering the gifts.

Look for a tree in the church narthex with gift tags, each naming an item on a child's Christmas wish list. Take a tag. Buy the gift. Wrap it and bring it to church by the designated day. REMEMBER to place the tag on the gift so we know which child will be receiving it.

Christmas Angels, watch for the tree of gift tags and help spread Christmas joy!

**GIFT WRAPPING FOR THE RED CROSS** - Haven has committed to wrap gifts for the Red Cross at the Valley Mall on two days this year. It's a fun time for everyone as you wrap gifts for donations to the Red Cross and work together with laughter and fun. We will be at the Old Navy location on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 10pm and on December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2pm until 6pm will be wrapping away at the Bon-Ton location. We need at least 2-3 people per hour to get the job done. You may sign up for one hour, two hours, three hours or four. Whatever time you can give will be gratefully appreciated.

A Sign-Up Sheet is on the Sign-Up Board for you to choose the day and the amount of time you can give. What a great way to share our Christian love with all. Questions, please call Pam O'Connor at 301-791-2154.

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## PARISH EDUCATION TEAM

### MADE TO CRAVE: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire With God, Not Food

#### Book Study Group Forming

Earlier this autumn a small group of Haven members met to discuss and pray about seeking healthier habits. WE called it "The Spiritual Journey to Better Health." But where to go from there? It seemed that it was time to "make a commitment" to action. The class decided to pray and meet again in several weeks. At that meeting we would talk about our individual decisions and how we could support one another. There was also the suggestion that perhaps we could study a book together that would help us put faith in the challenge toward better health.

Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire With God, Not Food by Lysa Terkeurst is the book and video current participants will use to continue their journey to better health. It is NOT a "how to" manual or a specific dieting plan. The series is designed as a companion to use alongside whatever healthy eating approach a person chooses. The book and Bible study is meant to help the participants find the "want to" of making healthy lifestyle changes.

The current plan is to read several chapters of Make to Crave, follow our individual plans to build healthy habits and meet every two weeks. At those gatherings we will watch a video topic presentation, discuss the book chapters we read, and study questions and honestly share our progress and challenges. Current participants are seeking not only to lose weight but lose the mindset and excuses that lead us to a self-defeating cycles of failure and feeling powerless. Children of God were made for more. We also are seeking to humbly and courageously acknowledge that we can't do this without allowing the love and power of God to work in us.

The current study group plans to meet **9:30 - 10:30 am on alternating Fridays**. But due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet for the first time on Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30—10:30 am. We will return to Friday mornings on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. **NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME**. The book is available on Kindle as well as in paperback. (Contact Nancy Newkirk if you would like her to order you a copy from Amazon.com with free shipping.

Friday mornings not convenient for you? Let Pastor or Nancy Newkirk know if you would be interested in a **Thursday evening Made to Crave** study and support group starting in January. Keep us in prayer. Prayerfully consider if you'd like to take this journey, too.

### HAVEN TEEN NEWS

#### THANK YOU, HAVEN!

Parents and youth would like to thank members of our wonderful and loving congregation for their generous support for our fall fundraiser. The ham sandwich sale generated \$352.13, that is enough for our van rental to Pittsburgh Youth quake plus fuel! The youth and parents also wish to thank **Mary and Rodger Martin at Penn Avenue Meats** and everyone that volunteered to make this sale a success, the many members who made monetary contributions for the "no calorie" sandwich. We appreciate your support.

Parents and youth of Haven

#### YOUTH LOCK-IN COMING IN JANUARY 2014

#### An evening plus of games, old and new friends and FUN

When: Friday, January 3, 2014 7 p.m. - Saturday, January 4, 9 a.m.

Where: Haven Lutheran Church (meet in the Gathering Room)

Who: Middle and Senior High students AND friend(s)

Bring: Sleeping bag & pillows, snack and liter of soda to donate, \$3 for late night pizza, an open and fun-loving spirit and \*games, music or DVD movies to share with the group

(\*MUST be able to meet your parent's or pastor's approval)

Questions: Contact Brenda Manspeaker, Mary Fortson or Pastor Alessandri

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Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's "Trunk or Treat." You helped provide a fun and safe Halloween activity for many children in the neighborhood.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION** - Congratulations to the kids in our Sunday School who had perfect attendance for September and October:

## **September:**

*Anna Bergschneider*  
*Jadyra Fortson*  
*Aura Harbaugh*  
*Shaun Rollins*  
*Max Schupp*  
*Owen Schupp*  
*Hannah Tice*

## **October:**

*Madison Haupt*  
*Maura Haupt*  
*Morgan Haupt*  
*Shaun Rollins*  
*Max Schupp*  
*Owen Schupp*

**ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY ACTIVITIES PLANNED** - The Education Team is planning some exciting Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany activities. Look for details in upcoming bulletins and in flyers to Sunday School students.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** - The Sunday School will again support the church's efforts to provide Christmas gifts to a needy family. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING DECEMBER 15** - The Sunday School will be sponsoring Christmas caroling at Homewood on Sunday, December 15. Please join us for a pizza lunch following Sunday School (approximately 12:15) and then we will carpool to Homewood Retirement Center in Williamsport where we will provide some joyful Christmas music for the residents. If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Alessandri.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—We will be taking a break the month of December and will meet again on January 23rd.

## **PARISH LIFE TEAM**

**CALLING ALL READERS** - JOIN IN THE FUN! - Haven's Book Club is meeting at Linda Clark's home at **noon on Thursday, Dec. 19** for a festive pot luck Christmas lunch & book discussion. THE BEGINNER'S GOODBYE by Ann Tyler is our selection for the month & is an easy, interesting read about a man who unexpectedly loses his wife & finds a way to accept & move on. Plan to join in lunch & book-talk. **Call Linda at 301-797-4121 if you can attend.** In January we will read the KILLING JESUS book by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard.



**COFFEE HOUR** - Remember to sign-up to serve as host for our coffee hour following the service every Sunday. Coffee, tea, and cups are provided. Hosts bring simple treats, napkins, and plates when needed.

**JOIN IN THE FUN DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** - **Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM.** Everyone is encouraged to help so the church will look beautiful for our Christmas services. Coffee, juice and pastries will be available.



**LADIES NIGHT OUT IN THE NEW YEAR** - The ladies of Haven will go out for dinner on **Thursday, January 23rd.** We will go to Carmine's Restaurant near Williamsport. Those wishing to carpool meet at the church at 6:00pm. We will get together at the restaurant at 6:30 PM. Watch for the sign-up sheet and call Ann Lochbaum if you have questions.

**O'HURLEYS GENERAL STORE** - Thursday night music jam session is our destination. Join other friends from Haven on Thurs., Dec. 12th at 7 PM for an evening of superb musical entertainment in Shepardstown, WV. We will depart from the church at 5:30 PM, if you wish to carpool. Questions about the evening? Talk to a Parish Life member.

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## STEWARDSHIP TEAM

STEWARDSHIP TEAM—A Preview

LOOK OUT PROGRESSIVE -- YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH A "FLO"

\*\*\*\*\*COMING FEBRUARY 2014\*\*\*\*\*

Haven's Stewardship Team Premiers, "GO WITH THE FLOW"

### WORSHIP

#### Christmas Eve Worship Services

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM

Family Christmas Service with Communion

&

10:30 PM

Candlelight Christmas Service with Communion



### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Monday, December 9 at 7 pm



You are invited to an evening of beautiful seasonal music by the N. H. H. S. Concert Choir. These young people present an impressive selection of music that will warm your hearts and make you glad you took the time to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker and come support the students and music program of your local high school.

### HAVEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 14, 5 p.m.

Featuring Appalachian Wind Quintet

and

Haven Lutheran Church Senior Choir



Come catch the spirit of Christmas as you listen to Christmas carols and old-time holiday favorites. Light refreshments will follow. As you leave, enjoy the warm glow of the luminaries at Rest Haven Cemetery. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring friends, neighbors and family. It will surely enrich and bless your holidays.

### BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 15th 5:00 p.m.



While many consider this season to be joyful and fun, there are others who find the holiday festivities to be difficult and painful. They may wish to be upbeat and involved, but the loss of sadness they are experiencing overshadows them. It may be financial or family difficulties or the absence of a spouse, child or hope that strains their spirits. It may be the loss of a loved one, a job, a marriage or one's health that is weighing on their heart. Often their aching is further burdened with a sense of guilt or anger that they can't seem to "get into the spirit"

On Sunday, December 15th at 5:00pm Haven Lutheran Church wants to reach out to those saddened this season with special Blue Christmas services. Blue Christmas services speak to the hurts and emptiness of losses sensed even more keenly at a holiday. Blue Christmas services offer a meaningful time of comfort and inspiration, compassion and prayer. Blue Christmas services provide a safe and holy place to just *be* and know you are held deeply in the hearts of your brothers and sisters in Christ...and deeper yet, in the very heart of God. *If you are grieving* a loss of any kind, please come find a time of peace at the Blue Christmas service. *If you know someone* who is struggling with sadness during the holidays, please invite him or her to the Blue Christmas worship *and* come with them. Let those who ache and those who love them come together and find comfort and peace in God's presence.

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## WORSHIP HELPERS --- GET READY FOR A CALL

For several years ushers, acolytes, and greeters received a “reminder call” from *Audrey Kagle* each Friday or Saturday. Some folks looked forward to hearing her voice. Since Audrey’s death those reminder calls stopped ---BUT not much longer! Member, *Blanche Hart*, has agreed to make those reminder calls to those helping with worship. So, starting this January, if you see her name or number on your caller ID, be sure to answer. Thank you, Blanche, for helping us to have our complete worship “staff” present each Sunday.

## **THANK YOU NOTES TO THE HAVEN CONGREGATION**

We with the council of the Community of St. Dymas wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the congregation, for their generous donations to our ministry. It is donations such as yours that make it possible for the ministry to spread Gods word to less fortunate individuals. Council members— Community of St. Dymas

On behalf of W. House staff, Board of Directors and most importantly our clients, I would like to thank you for the 4 bags of dishes, glasses, clothing, and for all the love, support, and generosity. Whether or not we like to admit it most of us are creatures of habit. We are webbed to our daily routines, often deriving quiet security from the choices we make, the work we do, what we believe and the kind of difference we want to make in the world. This gift to W. House makes a difference in our community by impacting the lives of women and their families. Thank you for helping to grow and nurture an “attitude of gratitude” in the women we serve. Your choice to give allows our clients to enrich their lives during a time of fear, uncertainty and hopelessness. The tangible household items, clothing or personal hygiene items donated help them to build a new life focused on hope and gratitude for the community they are part of. Thank you for your selflessness generosity, the impact on the lives of others is profound. With warm sincerity, Erin Tack, LCPC, NCC Executive Director W-House

Thank you for your recent gift of \$50.00 to flooding—United States. Your gift means that our church can continue its effective and efficient response and can be ready the next phase in the long process of recovery. Thank you. When you designate your gift for this church’s US Floods response, every cent of that gift is used for that response. Your designated gift helps make it possible for communities and families to get back on their feet again, no matter how long it takes. Thanks to your support and the expertise of our dedicated local affiliates, survivors of the floods are empowered to access the resources they need to rebuild their lives and livelihoods. To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to be there alongside our neighbors in Colorado—or wherever else in the country we’re needed—on the long road to recovery from flooding. Thank you. As Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), we do more together than we could do alone. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world—together. Thank you for your support. In Christ’s service, Rev. Daniel Rift Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

On behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of (Holly Place) Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like to thank you for all for the \$125.00, paper products, and cleaning supplies that you donated to our facility Holly Place. Your continued thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated more than you know. The staff and Board of Holly Place aim to provide our residents with the best possible care available. As a non-profit organization it is a constant struggle to make ends meet. With the continued support of people such as you, we are able to maintain our objective of providing a safe “home-like” setting for our seniors. Again, thank you for your continued support in the endeavor. Sincerely, Melanie Davis Executive Director

Thank you for your generous gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Your support provides help and hope to families in need in the US and around the world. Peace, Barbara Burswold

Generosity has a grace all its own. Your heart is very giving and mine is very grateful. Thank you so very much for the use of your beautiful church for my ordination. Blessings, Pastor Colleen Foley



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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**SERRV**—Pre-Holiday Sale through December 7th - 10-5 daily, closed Sunday's. Sale to be held on entire basement floor of SERRV Building: 60% and more off original retail prices! Newly marked down overstock and seconds. Also, SERRV Outlet Sale (ground level) will continue to have 60% and more off items in outer sale rooms! Questions or Directions: Contact Sarah G. at 410-635-8711

**LUTHERAN HOME CARE AND HOSPICE, INC.**—is pleased to bring our Health and Wellness Programs to you each month throughout 2013.

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Robinwood—19800 Tranquility Circle, Hagerstown, MD

This month's program: **December 19th ..... Skin Care**

Provide home health services for residents of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, and York Counties in Pennsylvania, as well as Carroll, Fredrick and Washington counties in Maryland. 1-800-840-9081.

**ROSE HILL CEMETERY CANDLELIGHT WALK AND TREE LIGHTING SERVICE**—Friday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM

Watch us light our 65 foot Christmas tree then walk among the 2,500 luminaries, lighting the roads of the cemetery. This years' event will feature a choral performance by Emmanuel United Methodist Church Choir. For the first time, horse and buggy rides will be given through the cemetery. Rides will begin at 7:15 PM and leave every 15 minutes for the duration of the event. Rides cost \$5.00 per adult; \$2.50 per child and can be prepaid to reserve a time by calling or visiting our office. Buggy holds 10-12 people. Also, ribbons to decorate our live memorial tree may be purchased in memory of honor of someone for \$2.00 in advance or the night of the event. All Proceeds from this event will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley and Hospice of Washington County Inc.

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP HOLIDAY TOURS**—Thursday, Dec. 26th 3:00pm-7:00pm—240-420-1740

For more information on the houses on the tour, check the rounded bulletin board for copies of the Tour Brochure.



### Anniversary's

Michael & Amy Mason 12/18  
Patricia & Eric Byers 01/24



### Baptismal Anniversary's

Melita Kaplan 12/01  
Saundra Myers 12/07  
Tanaya Richards 12/15  
Kayla Richards 12/15  
Julie Faith 12/20  
Emily Butsch 12/25  
Morgan Butsch 12/26

Jane Muse 01/01  
Robert Webb 01/01  
Jackie Webb 01/01  
William Webb 01/01  
Elaine Michael 01/05  
Don Andrews 01/06  
Austin Suchy 01/25  
Morgan Faith 01/26  
June Hess 01/28




**If your Birthday, Anniversary, or Baptismal Anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. We want to recognize all your special days.**

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## Birthdays

Jack Dickinson	12/01	Kenneth Myers	01/01
Joan Schupp	12/01	Sandy Fleming	01/07
Jaclyn Muse	12/02	Eric Kagle	01/11
Lauren Harden	12/03	Sue Britton	01/12
Otelia Dumpe	12/04	Ned Strange	01/15
Dorothy Zinkard	12/04	Hannah Tice	01/15
Stephen Kauffman	12/06	Richard Manspeaker	01/16
JoyEllen Bergschneider	12/10	Frank Getz	01/17
Kevin Pile	12/10	Abigail Andrews	01/22
Kathy Amos	12/12	Rebecca Mason	01/23
Larue Hughes	12/14	John Hollenbach	01/24
Lauren Huguenin	12/14	Kathy Pensis	01/26
Michael Manspeaker	12/14	Donna Hovermill	01/28
Pastor Quentin Fleming	12/15	James Hassinger	01/29
Margaret Cunningham	12/17	Megan Miller	01/29
Geraldine Hesse	12/19	Judy Shoop	01/29
Beverly Richards	12/21	Kristin Andrews	01/31
Rebecca Plavcan	12/22	Phyllis Minnick	01/31
Jensen Richards	12/22		
Penny Hill	12/23		
Ellen Albert	12/24		
Peggy Snyder	12/29		
Susan Strobl	12/30		
Carol Shull	12/31		

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 \* ~ FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ~ \*  
 \*  DEADLINE: JANUARY. 15TH \*  
 \* Please submit articles as you wish \*  
 \* them to appear in the newsletter. Marked \*  
 \* with the team/group it should appear under. \*  
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### Bulletin Folders

<b>Fri., Dec.</b>	<b>Fri., Dec.</b>	<b>Fri., Dec.</b>	<b>Fri., Dec.</b>	<b>Fri., Jan.</b>	<b>Fri., Jan.</b>	<b>Fri., Jan..</b>	<b>Fri., Jan.</b>	<b>Fri., Jan.</b>
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Kathy Amos	Joan Schupp	June Hess	Kathy Amos	Joan Schupp	June Hess	Kathy Amos	Ed Distad	Joan Schupp

### Securing Our Church Building

December—Bill Byers & Beth Johns  
 January—Barbara Miller & Robert Snyder

### Newsletter Assembly

**January 28th at 12:00 PM ~ Kathy Amos**



If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address please contact the Church office. This will help to ensure we have accurate records.

### Haven Food Bank Volunteers

#### Dec. 3—1st Tues. Team 1

Jan Neikirk, Joan Schupp, Becky Plavcan, Pam O'Connor

#### Dec.13—2nd Fri. Team 2

Pam O'Connor, Linda Clark, Pat & Dick Manspeaker

#### Jan. 7—1st Tues. Team 4

Nancy Newkirk, June Hess, Joanne Seilhemmer, Judy Hoffman

#### Jan. 10—2nd Fri. Team 3

Pam O'Connor, Kathy Wright, Sue Nelson, Sari Kilheffer

Contributions may be brought by the office during our normal business hours 9 am-1 pm or mailed to the Church at 1035 Haven Road \*Hagerstown, MD \*21742.

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*Sunday Schedules—If you are unable to serve please switch with someone and notify the office of the change.*

**December 1—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Jaclyn Muse Assisting Minister—Barbara Miller**

**Lay Reader—Danny Kiblinger Entry Greeters—Bob Snyder**

**Ushers—Tahnee Haupt, Morgan Haupt, Ned & Millie Strange, Elaine Michael, Melissa Butsch**

**Exit Greeters—West-Mary Fortson Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Alan Butsch**

**Nursery Attendant—Kathy Pensis Altar Flowers—Content Allamong Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

**December 8—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Rebecca Mason Assisting Minister—Jennifer DeValue**

**Lay Reader—Charlotte Loveless Entry Greeters—Elaine Michael**

**Ushers—Jim & Brenda Hassinger, Ed Distad, Melita Kaplan, Judy Hoffman, Tanner Creek**

**Exit Greeters—West-Dick Strobl Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Ed Distad**

**Nursery Attendant—Melissa Butsch Altar Flowers—Joan Schupp Coffee Host(s)--NEEDED**

**December 15—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Owen Schupp Assisting Minister—Terry Trovinger**

**Lay Reader—Abigail Andrews Entry Greeters—Anna Bergschneider**

**Ushers—Kathy Wright, Kathy Pensis, Anna Bergschneider, Bob Snyder, Dick & Sue Strobl**

**Exit Greeters—West-Brenda Hassinger Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Beth Johns**

**Nursery Attendant—Joan Schupp Altar Flowers—NEEDED Coffee Host(s)—Youth Group**

**December 22—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Katie Hedges Assisting Minister—Kathy Amos**

**Lay Reader—Nancy Newkirk Entry Greeters—Charlotte Loveless**

**Ushers—Marge Cunningham, Mary Fortson, Shaun Rollins, Ann Conrad, Cliff & Sue Britton**

**Exit Greeters—West-Danny Kiblinger Center-Pastor—Alessandri East-Charlotte Loveless**

**Nursery Attendant—Mike & Laura Manspeaker Altar Flowers—Dustin Black**

**Coffee Host(s)—Kristen Schupp & Jackie Webb**

**December 29—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Katie Muse Assisting Minister—Jennifer DeValue**

**Lay Reader—Tahnee Haupt Entry Greeters—Bob Snyder**

**Ushers—Jim & Brenda Hassinger, Ned & Millie Strange, Elaine Michael, Melissa Butsch**

**Exit Greeters—West-Clare Newcomer Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Barbara Miller**

**Nursery Attendant—Amy & Rebecca Mason Altar Flowers—NEEDED**

**Coffee Host(s)—Morsan & Haupt family**

**January 5—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Melita Kaplan Assisting Minister—Barbara Miller**

**Lay Reader—Joan Schupp Entry Greeters—Bob Snyder**

**Ushers—Judy Hoffman, Tanner Creek, Melita Kaplan, Ed Distad, Mary Fortson, Shaun Rollins**

**Exit Greeters—West-Mary Fortson Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Brenda Hassinger**

**Nursery Attendant—Kristen Schupp Altar Flowers—NEEDED Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

**January 12—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Jennifer Yaraghi Assisting Minister—Jennifer DeValue**

**Lay Reader—Elaine Michael Entry Greeters—Elaine Michael**

**Ushers—Tahnee Haupt, Morgan Haupt, Bob Snyder, Cliff & Sue Britton, Anna Bergschneider**

**Exit Greeters—West-Beth Johns Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Bill Byers**

**Nursery Attendant—Julie Faith Altar Flowers—NEEDED Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

**January 19—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Tanner Creek Assisting Minister—Terry Trovinger**

**Lay Reader—Abigail Andrews Entry Greeters—Anna Bergschneider**

**Ushers—Kathy Pensis, Kathy Wright, Marge Cunningham, Ann Conrad, Elaine Michael**

**Exit Greeters—West-Charlotte Loveless Center-Pastor Alessandri East-Ed Distad**

**Nursery Attendant—Wayne & Hazel Gaumer Altar Flowers—NEEDED Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

**January 26—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Meghan Byers Assisting Minister—Kathy Amos**

**Lay Reader—Tahnee Haupt Entry Greeters—Charlotte Loveless**

**Ushers—Mary Fortson, Shaun Rollins, Ned & Millie Strange, Jim & Brenda Hassinger**

**Exit Greeters—West-Clare Newcomer Center-Pastor—Alessandri East-Robert Snyder**

**Nursery Attendant—Dawn Freeman Altar Flowers—NEEDED Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent (Hunger Offering) 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School	<b>2</b> 9:30 "Made to Cave" Study Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evangelism 7:00 Property 7:00 Barbershop 7:15 Parish Life	<b>3</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon 6:00 Sacred Listening Circles—Group Spiritual Direction	<b>4</b> 4:15 Conformation 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 10:00 Knit-Wits at Sari's House 6:30 CoDa	<b>6</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 1:30 Stewardship 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	<b>7</b> 9:00 Church Decorating 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 10:45 Visitation Team 11:15 Sunday School	<b>9</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Worship <b>7:00 N.H.H.S. Concert</b> 7:00 Barbershop (Holly Place Offering)	<b>10</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon 7:00 Northwood Swim	<b>11</b> 4:15 Conformation 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30 CoDa 6:30 ACS-Meeting 7:00 O'Hurley's General Store Jam Session	<b>13</b> 9:30 "Made to Cave" Study Group 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	<b>14</b> 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon 5:00 Christmas Concert Appalachian Wind Quintet
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship with Comm. (Bell Choir) 10:30 Fellowship 11:15 Sunday School 12:15 Caroling at Homewood & Pizza 5:00 Blue Christmas Service	<b>16</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Council 7:00 Barbershop	<b>17</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon	<b>18</b> 4:15 Conformation 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b> Christmas Food Baskets Packing & Delivery 2:00 Book Club 6:30 CoDa 6:30 ACS Meeting	<b>20</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	<b>21</b> 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School 2:00 Pastor leads Worship at Ravenwood	<b>23</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Barbershop	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <u><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></u> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon 6:30 Family Christmas Eve Service w/comm. 10:30 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service w/comm.	<b>25 Christmas</b>   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>Dec. 24—26</b> </div>	<b>26</b> 6:30 CoDa	<b>27</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	<b>28</b> 10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 AI-Anon
Pastor Alessandri will be on Vacation December 25th—December 31st						
<b>29</b> 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time <b>No Sunday School</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Barbershop 7:00 Parish Ed.	<b>31</b> 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 AI-Anon	<h2 style="margin: 0;">December's Calendar</h2>			
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i><b>January's Calendar</b></i>		1 New Year's Day  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2  10:00 Knit-Wits 6:30 CoDa	3  9:35 Fellowship Fitness  5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG  <b>Youth Group Lock-In Friday, Jan.3rd 7:00 PM—Saturday, Jan.4th 9:00AM</b>	4  10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 Al-Anon
5 Epiphany Sunday (Hunger Offering) 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School	6  6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evangelism 7:00 Property 7:00 Barbershop	7  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 Al-Anon 6:00 Sacred Listening Circles—Group Spiritual Direction	8  4:15 Conforma- tion 7:00 Choir 6:00 HAYSL	9  6:30 CoDa 6:30 ACS Meeting 7:00 A.M.E.N.	10  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	11  10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 Al-Anon  Baby Shower
12  9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School	13  6:00 Handbells 7:00 Worship 7:15 Parish Life 7:00 Barbershop	14  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 Al-Anon 7:00 Northwood Swim	15  4:15 Conformat- ion 7:00 Choir	16  2:00 Book Club 6:30 CoDa 7:00 A.M.E.N. 6:00 HAYSL	17  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	18  10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 Al-Anon
19  (Holly Place Offering) (Bell Choir)  9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School	20  6:00 Handbells 7:00 Council 7:00 Barbershop	21  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 Al-Anon	22  4:15 Conformat- ion 7:00 Choir	23  10:00 Women's Bible Study 10:30 Partnership In Ministry 6:30 CoDa 7:00 Ladies Night Out	24  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG  <b>Youthquake Zone—January 24-26</b>	25  10:30 S.L.A.A. 12:00 Al-Anon
26  9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Time 11:15 Sunday School  <b>Youthquake Zone—Jan.24-26</b>	27  6:00 Handbells 7:00 Barbershop 7:00 Parish Ed.	28  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 Al-Anon	29  4:15 Conformat- ion 7:00 Choir	30  6:30 CoDa	31  9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	