

HAVEN MESSENGER

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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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Website

www.havenlc.org

Haven’s new and improved website was launched June 1st. Why is this such a big deal? More and more people are relying on their electronic devices for information. Fewer people are using newspapers and phone books. Many now use computers and phones to search out places and information --- including information about churches. To be accessible to much of the public, it’s important to have a website. To be taken seriously by such web browsers, our site needs to look good and be up to date.

With the support of the Church Council, we contracted DatAchieve Digital to designed a new website. Using up-dated and “user-friendly” technology, we can now greet web-visitors with an attractive homepage and post events, our newsletter, calendar, photos and even pastor’s weekly sermons. Take a look and tell us what you think.

Our new website also has a program through which we can send the monthly newsletter to those who signed-up. If you have been receiving the *Haven Messenger* via e-mail from the church office PLEASE RE-REGISTER to receive it on the website (www.havenlc.org). If you would like to start getting the monthly newsletter via e-mail, PLEASE REGISTER on the website. HOW do you register? Go to the website. When you reach the homepage, select *any other* page on the site and you will see the place to “Subscribe” on the right side of the page. Click “subscribe” and check your e-mail for verification. Questions? Please call the office and we’ll walk you through it.

Many, many thanks to church secretary, Mary Grabill for overseeing this project. She spent countless hours researching website companies, designs and features. NOW --- on to our new sign on Pennsylvania Avenue!

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Linda M Alessandri

P.S. Dennis Miller has been working through the Hagerstown Planning Commission (chaired by Doug Wright) to have the ban on electronic signs in Hagerstown changed. Thanks to his efforts a proposal to allow electronic signs (with reasonable parameters) will have a public hearing this month and then be passed on to the Mayor and City Council. If all goes well, we could have a new sign this fall! Contact the Mayor and City Council members to express your support for the Planning Commission’s proposal on electronic signs in the city.



The logo features the word "SPARK" in a stylized, orange, blocky font with a yellow sunburst above it. Below "SPARK" is the word "SUMMER" in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. Underneath "SUMMER" is the word "SPLASH" in a large, orange, bubbly font. At the bottom, the phrase "in God's Word" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font.

2013
Vacation Bible
School
SPLASH in God's
Word
July 22 - 26, 2013

All the Bible stories in this year's VBS are wet with water ---- Noah, Jonah, Jesus Walks on Water, The Women at the Well and Lydia and Paul. However, we anticipate mostly dry but exciting faith-building fun. What else would expect when you bring together 50 children, 50 volunteers, the support of Haven, prayer, God's Word and the Holy Spirit?

VBS is one of Haven's largest annual outreach projects. Through VBS we share the love of God and God's transforming Word with the children and families of our neighborhoods. What an honor!

Here are some ways you can join our VBS "SPLASH" team:

1. SPONSOR A 2013 VBS CAMPER for \$13. Each year we need to supplement our \$600 budget to make our VBS a memorable faith-building experience for children. This year, with our "homegrown VBS program" we anticipate our cost will be lower than usual but we still need your help. Sponsorship envelopes can be found in the narthex. (AS OF JUNE 23 we had 26 campers sponsored. Thank you so much! Can you help us make our 40 camper goal?)
2. THURSDAY VBS WORKING BEES (2-4 pm) CONTINUE as long as we have projects that need our hands. Come help us prepare craft kits and decorations and get rooms ready for SPLASH VBS. Great fellowship with lots of laughter. PLEASE CHECK SUNDAY'S BULLETINS to confirm we will meet that week or call the church office. Thanks for your help.
3. DONATE FOOD FOR OUR VBS SUPPERS - Check out the article below and then check the mobile message board in the church narthex to sign-up to donate specific items. We have discovered more than once that this meal may not just be a convenience for some children but the major source of food for the day. Again, thank you for your help.

The members and friends of Haven have historically been so very generous in supporting our efforts on behalf of children, youth and gospel witness. Thank you. We hope you will again feel the Spirit's nudge to be part of this year's SPLASH into God's love and outreach, that all who attend will know: "Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— Held the week of July 22-26. We will be serving a light supper to the children and the staff at VBS “Splash God’s Word”. The menu has been planned and we are looking for interested members who are willing to donate items towards the menu. If you prefer to make a cash donation instead, please place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday or mail it to the Church Office and mark it VBS dinners.

How it works: Below is a list of food and other items needed which will also be posted on the mobile message board. CHOOSE an item printed on a slip posted on the mobile message board in the Narthex. Sign the donation sheet where appropriate. Mark your item for Vacation Bible School and bring to the big kitchen and place it on the butcher block table or in the refrigerator or freezer. Non perishable items can be brought in anytime. Perishable items should be brought to the Church on Saturday or Sunday before Vacation Bible School.

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| 72 Hotdogs | 60 Hotdog Rolls |
| 2 bunches of celery | 1 Bag of Baby Carrots |
| 2 Lg. Lemonade Drink Mix | 2 Lg. bags of chips |
| 1 Lg. Fruit Punch Drink Mix | 1-16 oz. package of individual sliced American cheese |
| 1 Orange Drink Mix | 3 Lg. Seedless Watermelons |
| 2 Lg. Jars of Peanut Butter | Several bunches of Grapes (white/red) |
| 1 Lg. Jar of Jelly | 8 Lg. Jars of Applesauce |
| 2 Loaves of Bread | 8 Pks. of English Muffins |
| 4-16 oz. Cans of Pizza Sauce | 3-2 cup bags of Pizza Cheese |
| 60 Hamburger Rolls | 1 pk. of Pepperoni |
| 3 Lg. Bags of French Fries | 1 pk. 500 ct. Napkins |
| 2 Lg. Jars of Ketchup | 1 sm. Jar of Mustard |
| 4 Lg. bags of Ice | |

Steamers for approximately 50 people (or 2 people share and make for 25-30 people each)
(Tuesday, July 24th)

5 Macaroni and Cheese casserole (Thursday, July 26th)

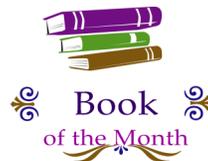
We thank you in advance for your generosity. We always need helpers in the kitchen. If you would like to help in the kitchen and have not signed up, please contact Charlotte Loveless 301-733-7611 or e-mail charlov288@gmail.com.

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HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY PLACE - For the month of **July** we will be collecting **Canned Fruit, Cereal (any kind)** for the residents of Holly Place. There is a container in the narthex for you to place your items.

PARISH LIFE TEAM

CALLING ALL READERS - HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – will meet on Thursday, July 18 at 2 pm in the Church Parlor to discuss **THE POPE WHO QUIT** by Jon Sweeney. This is a true medieval tale of mystery, death & salvation...& on a timely subject since a Pope resigned this year. Please join us for tea & conversation.



IT'S TIME AGAIN TO PLAN A TRIP TO SERRV IN NEW WINDSOR to help prepare their inventory. The date is **August 16th**. We will leave Haven at 8:00 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Watch for a sign-up sheet and more information. Everyone age 12 and up is welcome. Sue Nelson or Hazel Gaumer can answer any questions.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - Next meeting will be on Sunday, August 4 after church.

PARISH EDUCATION

**CHANGES COMING TO IMPROVE
CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY**

The Christian Education Team is pleased to announce the following changes to the children's and teen classes when Sunday School starts up again in September. We feel that all the changes will help us better meet the educational, spiritual, and social needs of our children and youth.

We are very blessed and excited to be able to offer two separate classes for our teenage students.

- One class for middle-schoolers 6th, 7th, 8th grades
- And one class for high school students 9th through 12th grade

The new middle school class will be led by Mary Fortson, a very capable and caring teacher, with much experience working with middle school students. The team feels that having the teens in classes with their own age groups will be more appealing and productive for our teens.

New time for Children's and teen Sunday School classes-11:15-12:15. In order to provide our children and teens and their teachers will ample opportunity to participate in the food and fellowship of our coffee hour, we are going to start Sunday School for these classes at 11:15 when we resume in September. Sunday school for our children's and teens classes will run from 11:15-12:15.

Changes in classroom locations- With the addition of the new middle school class and the desire of the Christian Education Team to provide each of our children and teen's classes with a space of their own, there will some changes in classroom areas in September. Please look for details about this in upcoming August and September Newsletters.

Property Team

Did you know?

In the past several months, the property team has come to the Church Council and membership with several requests for updating various parts of the church infrastructure.

Although it is true that most churches are lightly used (as compared to other public assembly type of buildings), materials do wear out.

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Here are some stats from the National Association of Home Builders about the average life expectancy of some of the materials that we have been concerned with over the last few months.

Asphalt shingle roofs 20 years

Furnaces 15 to 20 years

Dishwasher 9 years

Alarm systems 20 years (usually made obsolete by technological improvements)

So what's in it for us? One can easily conclude, that although our property team has done a fantastic job of maintaining the building (especially given the resources available), that most of the components of our building are due for replacement. The good news is that during the last 20 years, building materials have gone through a lot of changes for the better – so we can expect better performance into the future.

Evangelism Team

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
8 AM – 2 PM**

IT'S BAAAAAACCCCK!!! Haven is once again planning to offer the community an opportunity to buy our "treasures." You have all summer to rummage through those closets, garages, basements and attics for those things you have been meaning to dump or refurbish.

We will once again have a Bake Table, so you also need to look through those recipe books to choose those favorite family recipes to bake. It is a favorite spot on the Yard Sale Trek.

The tables/space will be available once again for \$20 and you will be able to register beginning in August. Members of Haven have first choice on table availability. All proceeds from the table space fees and the Bake Sale will go to local charities to be identified at a later date.

Once again there will be a Haven table where we will accept items from members who just don't have enough for a table of their own. Details for donations for this table will follow on how to participate.

We will need lots of volunteers to help move tables, set things up, and work the Baked Goods table, so be ready to say "YES" when called upon. This is going to be a great way to help our community organizations and clean out our homes. Any questions, please call Pam O'Connor @ 301-791-2154

Thank You Notes to Haven

I would like to give a heartfelt Thanks to the Haven Members that volunteered to help with the Food Bank. We have enough volunteers to form 4 groups, this enabled us to fill 2 days each month, with each group only helping every other month. In addition we have a substitute list. Once more Haven members have shown that they care and are concerned about others.

Thanks again and God Bless,
Pat Pile

Thank you so very much for all the beautiful cards I received for my Birthday. I have already read them many times and each time I think of you and appreciate our friendship. Haven is a loving, caring family and a very important part of my life
Thanks again,
Pat Pile

Dear Members & Congregation,

On behalf of W House staff, Board of Directors and most importantly our clients, I would like to thank you for all the love, support, and generosity. Whether or not we like to admit it most of us are creatures of habit. We are wedded 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. (cont. p. 6)

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 their lives during a time of fear, uncertainty, and hopelessness. The tangible household items, clothing or personal hygiene items donated help them to rebuild a new life focused on hope and gratitude for the community they are a part of. Thank you for your selfless generosity, impact on the lives of others is profound.

With warm sincerity,
Erin Tack, MA, NCC
Executive Director

Community Notes

Haven Member, Phyllis Meyers, has two cemetery plots available.

No longer needed—directly across from Haven’s Education Wing. They now sell for \$1,900. I will take \$1,500 from Haven member. Please contact Phyllis Meyers at 301-797-0694.

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: **July 18 Summertime Sniffles**

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.

Dear Washington Conference Neighbor,

The people of **Trinity Lutheran, Boonsboro**, invite you to share with us and the Boonsboro community a spiritually uplifting experience of music and witness to the Gospel message. A ministry team called **Captive Free**, from Youth Encounter, will be at Trinity on Saturday evening, July 6 and Sunday morning, July 7 to present a program of music ministry on Saturday and to lead worship on Sunday.

One of our own, born and bred in Boonsboro, Jacob Rockwell, has committed this year to serving Christ with Captive Free. Jacob graduated in 2010 from Boonsboro High, and 2012 from HCC. He felt called to serve Christ through music ministry and has been with captive Free on the road since August of 2012. Jacob is excited about bringing his team home to Boonsboro from the great Midwest, and asks you to encourage everyone in your congregation, especially young folks, to come out and be part of this event.

Saturday’s event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Captive Free, composed of five young adults with a passion for music, and for ministry in the name of Jesus, will present an evening of music, of sharing the Gospel, witness to the power of God in their lives and their experience in the Youth Encounter ministry. The event is free and open to the public. On Sunday morning, July 7, the team will lead our 9:30 a.m. worship service of Holy Communion. The team will again share the Gospel and how God has touched them in unique and powerful ways.

We cordially invite you to be part of these wonderful events. We would be honored by your presence with us!
Sincerely, Joseph I. Donovan, Pastor



CANCER PREVENTION STUDY-3



What if you could prevent even one family member from hearing the words, “*You have cancer?*”

Haven Lutheran Church is fighting back against cancer by hosting enrollment at our facility for the American Cancer Society new research study called the Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). By joining CPS-3 you can help researchers better understand the genetic, environmental and life-style factors that cause or prevent cancer, which will ultimately save lives.

Who Can Join the Study? The study is open to anyone who:

- *Is willing to make a long-term commitment to the study, which involves completing periodic follow-up surveys at home.
- *Is between 30 and 65 years old
- *Has never been diagnosed with cancer (not including basal or squamous cell skin cancer)

How Can I Participate? Participation is easy. Your initial enrollment requires two steps and will involve the following:

- * After scheduling your enrollment appointment, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions to go online and complete your first, most comprehensive survey. This survey will ask you questions regarding medications you are taking, family history of cancer, lifestyle and other behaviors and will take approximately 45 – 60 minutes to complete.
- *At your appointment, you will be asked to sign an informed consent form, complete a brief survey, and provide a waist measurement and a small blood sample (similar to a doctor’s visit). The blood sample will be taken by a certified, trained phlebotomist. Your appointment should last approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

To schedule your appointment and begin the enrollment process, visit www.CPS3WashingtonCounty.org or call 1-888-604-5888

What else can you do? If you are not eligible to enroll, be an advocate for the Cancer Prevention Study-3. Encourage those close to you to take part in this potentially life-saving study in your honor. Spread the word to everyone you know.

Haven Lutheran Church is a co-sponsor of CPS-3. By the grace of God, we hope that with information derived through this study, we can take a stand against cancer. Success is measured by willing people like you. If you would like more information about CPS-3, please visit www.cancer.org or email cps3@cancer.org, or call toll-free, 1-888-604-5888. This opportunity is open to the community-at-large, so please tell your family and friends.



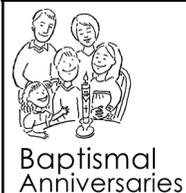
Birthdays

Betty Getz	07/01
Todd Faith	07/02
Terry Trovinger	07/05
Sandra Myers	07/06
Robert Webb	07/08
Charlotte Loveless	07/09
Nicole Newberry	07/10
Jackie Webb	07/12
Blanche Hart	07/15
June Hess	07/18
Veronica Bergschneider	07/22
Mary Fortson	07/24
Austin Suchy	07/25
Adam Tice	07/29
Pauline Hall	07/30
Pat Manspeaker	07/31
Mary Grabill	07/31



Wedding Anniversary's

Richard & Pat Manspeaker	07/04
Robert & Vivian Dean	07/09



Baptismal Anniversary's

Otelia Dumpe 07/11



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



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. Thank You!



AUGUST NEWSLETTER ~ DEADLINE: JULY 15TH

Please submit articles as you wish them to appear in the newsletter.

Mark them with the team or group the information applies too. If there's missing events on the calendar please notify the church office.

We want the calendar to be accurate and contain all of the events happening at Haven.

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. Thank You!



Sunday Schedules

If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, **please try to find someone** to switch with and then notify the church office of the change.

<p style="text-align: center;">July 7 8:15 AM Assisting Minister Barbara Miller</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Jim & Brenda Hassinger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 AM Assisting Minister Beth Johns</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Ed Distad Robert Snyder</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Altar Flowers Amy Mason</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 14 8:15 AM Assisting Minister Dustin Black</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Dave & Sue Resh</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 AM Assisting Minister Bonnie Distad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Judy Hoffman Sue Nelson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Altar Flowers NEEDED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 21 8:15 AM Assisting Minister Barbara Miller</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Mary Fortson Dustin Black</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 AM Assisting Minister Terry Trovinger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Dick & Sue Strobl</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Altar Flowers Mary, Shaun, Jay Fortson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 28 8:15 AM Assisting Minister Kathy Amos</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Jim & Brenda Hassinger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 AM Assisting Minister Beth Johns</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Tahnee Haupt Kathy Wright</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Altar Flowers NEEDED</p>
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Bulletin Folders

11:00 AM

<p>Fri., July 5 11:00 AM Bonnie Distad</p>	<p>Fri., July 12 11:00 AM June Hess</p>	<p>Fri., July 19 11:00 AM Joan Schupp</p>	<p>Fri., July 26 11:00 AM Kathy Amos</p>
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<p><u>Securing Our Church Building This month</u> Barbara Miller & Robert Snyder</p>	<p><u>Newsletter Assembly</u> July 26 at 12:00 PM Joan Schupp</p>
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	1 6:30 Evangelism 7:00 Property 7:00 Barbershop	2 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 Al-Anon	3	4 2:00-4:00 VBS Working Bees 6:30 CoDa	5 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	6 12:00 Al-Anon 5:00 Worship- Spoken Service and Communion
7 8:15 Traditional Worship Service (Hunger Offering) 9:30 Worship on the lawn	8 7:00 Worship 7:15 Parish Life 7:00 Barbershop	9 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 12:30 Al-Anon 7:00 Northwood Swim	10 3:00-6:30 CPS-3	11 2:00-4:00 VBS Working Bees 6:30 CoDa	12 9:35 Fellowship Fitness 5:30 AFG 7:00 HUG	13 9:30 Visitation Team 12:00 Al-Anon 5:00 Worship- Spoken Service and Communion
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