

HAVEN MESSENGER

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.*



October 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary
(social distancing and masks required)

Worship Service online at www.havenic.org

(premieres at 9:30am under the Worship Service Videos tab and the news tab)



WORSHIPING IN A PANDEMIC

*"We've no less reason to sing God's praise,
then when we first begun."*

After six months of living with COVID, we are weary, worried, wary and wanting. What we want most of all is to have things back the way they were, when we were free to move around, see unmasked faces, and HUG! While we mourn losses and must not minimize their affects, we turn to the Lord whose love, steadfastness and promises will not change. So we open our lives to that God in worship.

Even when it doesn't look or feel good, we can still say, "God IS good" "All the time" "All the time" "God IS good." These are not empty words. Together they are the anthem of survivors who have seen again and again, that they were somehow able to make it through disappointments, cancer, betrayals, chronic pain, and losses one step at a time. And only later did they see it was by the grace of God that they made it through; to find new life once again. So we worship the Lord with God-deep hope that will not disappoint as we wait, watch and work.

There is this mystery in which we were baptized. It is the mystery of eternal love that will not let go. It is the mystery of a Lord who lived, died and rose so that we might be one with God and each other and never need to doubt it.

It is a mystery of being united with a community of people -- alive and dead, here and everywhere, those we can easily love and those who frighten or unnerve us --- with whom we are joined together as family in Christ. In worship we celebrate and remember that mystery of love, community and union, whether on-line or together in our sanctuary.

“Oh, no, you never let go,” one of our VBS songs proclaimed. In worship, we sing back, “We will never let go of You.” Even in a pandemic. Especially in a pandemic. Thanks be to God.

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Pastor Linda M. Alessandri

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS TO HAVEN

Starting October 14, 10 am

Pastor Alessandri will be leading a weekly study on of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. No Bible knowledge or experience needed, just a willing and open heart and your bible. Masks and social distancing will be required. The group will meet in part of the Sunday School area that faces the back of the church. Use the door nearest the Big Brothers Big Sisters office & follow the signs. Come explore God’s Word with fellow members & see how the Holy Spirit will fill us. ALL are welcome any Wednesday 10 am.

INTERESTED IN A ZOOM BIBLE STUDY?

Pastor Alessandri would like to start a Bible Study on ZOOM on Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8:00 pm We’ll likely start with a shorter book of the Bible, like Ruth or Jonah. If you are not familiar with ZOOM it is a way for folks to meet remotely. If you have a camera and microphone on your computer or phone, you can join the meeting and see others and have discussion. If you do NOT have that technology, you can still join a ZOOM meeting using your regular phone. You will be able to hear and speak with everyone, just not see them. In these times when things feel very disjointed, this would be another way to come together as God’s church and find support in God’s Word and one another. Interested? Call or e-mail the church office (havenoffice@havenlc.org) or Pastor Alessandri (l.alessandri1035@gmail.com)

OUR KIDS VENTURE INTO GOD’S WORD

*Each story is a “cliff hanger,”
an adventure into God’s power and faithfulness.*



October 4: **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace**

October 11: **Jonah and the Big Fish**

October 18: **Queen Esther**

October 25: **Daniel in the Lion’s Den**

WORSHIP READINGS THIS MONTH

October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

October 25 Reformation Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46, John 8: 31-36

Song Leader Schedule

Oct. 4: Nancy Newkirk, Margaret McKee

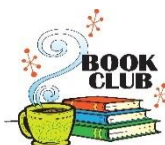
Oct. 11: Grant Wills, Charlotte Loveless

Oct. 18: Aura Wiles, Bill Clark

Oct. 25: Margaret McKee, Grant Wills

Worship Leaders & Helpers Schedule

	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Ushers
Oct. 4	Marge Cunningham	Danny Kiblinger	Susan Stobl, Dave Resh, Amy Mason
Oct. 11	Aura Wiles	Emily Butsch	Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder, Susan Strobl
Oct. 18	Danny Kiblinger	Austin Suchy	Doug Wright, Elaine Michael, Marge Cunningham
Oct. 25	Mia Hoover	Maddie Haupt	Marge Cunningham, Doug Wright, Dave Resh



HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Thursday, Oct 15 at 2 pm** in the Gathering Room to discuss **RESISTANCE WOMEN** by Jennifer Chiaverini. Please join us – Joan Schupp

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!

Kenneth Shankle 10/01
 Brenda Manspeaker 10/02
 Don Andrews 10/04
 Dawn Tice 10/05
 Aura Harbaugh-Wiles 10/09
 Kathy Wright 10/10
 Ann Lochbaum 10/11
 Kim Pile 10/15



Darylène Blickenstaff 10/16
 Carole Young 10/16
 Mike Freeman 10/22
 Pam O'Connor 10/23
 Mark Lochbaum 10/25
 Elizabeth Johns 10/28
 Diane Barnhart 10/31

Ed & Joan Schupp 10/06
 Michael & Dawn Freeman 10/14
 Scott & Cindy Rhodes 10/17



Craig & Joyce Meredith 10/21
 Sid & Lauren Huguenin 10/23
 Bruce & Judy Larson 10/30

Karla Pile 10/07
 Ethan Rhodes 10/13
 Nancy Newkirk 10/14



Anna Bergschneider 10/20
 Daniel Kiblinger 10/23
 Adam Tice 10/26

**Social Distancing & Masks
Required
for all in-person
groups and services.**

Messenger

Haven



Calendar of Events

- Oct. 1 – 6:30 pm CoDa
- Oct. 2 – 5:30 pm AFG
- Oct. 4 – 9:30 am Worship (sanctuary/online)-Noisy Offering
- Oct. 6 – 1:00 pm AFG
- Oct. 8 – 6:30 pm CoDa
- Oct. 9 – 5:30 pm AFG
- Oct. 11 – 9:30 am Worship (sanctuary/online)
- 6:30pm Adventure Crew (basement)
- Oct. 13 – 1:00 pm AFG
- Oct. 14 – 10:00 am Bible Study
- Oct. 15 – 2:00 pm Book Club, 6:30 pm CoDa
- Oct. 16 – 5:30 pm AFG
- Oct. 18 – 9:30 am Worship (sanctuary/online)
- Holly Place Offering
- Oct. 20 – 1:00 pm AFG
- Oct. 21 – 10:00 am Bible Study
- Oct. 22 – 6:30 pm CoDa
- Oct. 23 – 5:30 pm AFG
- Oct. 25 – Reformation Sunday 9:30 am Worship (sanctuary/online)
- Oct. 27 – 1:00 pm AFG
- Oct. 28 – 10:00 am Bible Study
- Oct. 29 – 6:30 pm CoDa
- Oct. 30 – 5:30 pm AFG

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