

# 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."*

## June 2021

### WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON + FACEBOOK LIVE

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

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

Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366> or access by clicking the 'F' icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website [www.havenlc.org](http://www.havenlc.org))



Dear Haven Guests, Friends and Members,

Pentecost has always been one of my favorite church festivals. It's Spring. The richness of the red. All the beauty from the rather ordinary red, flowering geranium. The startling story of wind and flame announcing the gift of the Holy Spirit to those first disciples. These common, fearful, unsure persons who suddenly have the courage and the words to share the good news of Jesus.

Some years we have confirmands affirming their faith and sharing their statements of faith. Other years, like Pentecost 2021, we do not. This year we were also moved out of the sanctuary to the Gathering Room for worship. No confirmation. No sanctuary. You might think it would be a rather unimpressive service. But you would be wrong.

The space was alive with red, orange and yellow balloons and dozens of red geraniums. Yet even more stunning was the electricity among those in attendance. We had more people than chairs --- always a good problem. We had some members we hadn't seen in a while and eight guests. We had chairs arranged in sets of two and three --- members who hadn't sat near anyone in worship for over a year, confirmed mutual vaccinations and sat next to one another. And the sound --- oh, the sound. Wearing masks but given permission to sing and respond hardily, the room was absolutely full of united voices. When we sang the Gathering Song, it took my breath away.

We weren't evicted from the sanctuary because of no AC on a very hot day. We were led by the Spirit to have an experience of unity, hope and wonder in an unexpected place. It WAS a Pentecost moment. The Holy Spirit filled, moved, inspired, excited and enriched us with this surprising experience of the community we have all been missing for so long. WE were on fire. The future still was not crystal clear but we could see there was a future of possibilities that were more exciting than frightening. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

There was power loose in that worship service. I hope those watching at home could sense it, too. Believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to do incredible, God-pleasing things in and through us. Dare to ask that the power of the Holy Spirit descend on Haven Lutheran Church. Pray with me, every day, *"Come, Holy Spirit, show us how to reach out and work with our neighbors and families so that the love of God is made know and made real. Please, come Holy Spirit."* Keep praying. We see on that first Pentecost what can happen when followers of Jesus pray for the Holy Spirit and let themselves be open to it. Pray with me, *"Come, Holy Spirit, show us how to reach out and work with our neighbors and*

families so that the love of God is made know and made real. Please, come Holy Spirit." It is a prayer, I think, pleasing to God. A prayer I do believe will be answered if we will keep ourselves and church open to that wild and wonder-filled Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is not over. The Holy Spirit is not done. Pray and keep watch. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Your pastor and partner in ministry,  
Linda M. Alessandri

## **FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER**

**ROOF AND STEEPLE PROJECT** – **Roof on the church** is just about done. Finishing trim needs to wait until the flat roof is done. **The flat roof** is nearing completion but needs to wait until the new **AC/Air Filtration** unit is installed. The Heidler Roofing company has been great to work with and responded quickly to any concerns.



While our **steeple** could not be repaired, the Campbellsville company has assured us they will honor their original cost estimate. That is very good news! We are waiting for the sketches of the updated design that will look similar but without the side "wings" that caused it to twist after decades of winds. We'll share the sketch when we receive it.

Have you seen the thermometer in the church lobby area? The original goal was to pay off our \$100,000 loan in five years. We are on our way! As of May 22, \$36,426 has been deposited in our roof fund. From the Faith Building Together giving cards received so far, there is a commitment of over \$14, 800 a year. More good news.

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we began a **\$5,000 matching challenge**. Thanks to a donor's generosity, every dollar you donate will become two dollars. That includes planned and one-time donations. The matching will continue until the \$5,000 has been matched or July 31, whichever comes first.

**Reminder.** When sending in or dropping off your donations towards this project please use a separate envelope marked Roof/Steeple Project OR a separate check to help the money counters easily keep track of all Roof/Steeple contributions. **IF** you really prefer to use one check, PLEASE write on the memo line the amount that is offering and the amount that is for the roof project. You can also make an electronic donation towards the project directly from your checking account by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Mary to arrange it. Thank you for your prayer filled donations!

## **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY**

**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8.**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – All women are invited to join us as we delve into and discuss a theme in scripture **on Thursday, June 3**, from **10:00 a.m.** until noon. We meet in the Sunday School room that is accessed from the Big Brothers, Big Sisters entrance at the far side of the building. Follow the signs after entering. The study is in the June issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies will also be available at church on the Sunday before the meeting or by contacting Elaine Michael at 301-992-1191.

**GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS** – Did you see our Explorers on Pentecost Sunday as they drove through our parking lot picking up goodies and a certificate celebrating their year of at-home Bible studies? We are so proud of them! (See pictures on next page.) Many thanks to Marge Cunningham, Brenda & Jim Hassinger, Cindy Rhodes, Millie Strange, and Pastor Alessandri who prepared the lessons with

imagination and heart. Thanks to the Explorer parents and grandparents for their support and sharing pictures. Even during a pandemic, our kids learned that God loves and is with them in all circumstances and for ever more.



Top row: Tanner Meredith, James Paul with Jim and Jamie Cannon; Melita Kaplan.  
Bottom Row: Charlies Huguenin with Mom, Lauren; Ethan Rhodes

**COMING JULY 11, 18 AND 25 “THRIVING BEYOND COVID: Let Go, Trust God, Rise Up!”**

Pastor Alessandri will be leading this Adult Sunday School session in July, immediately after Sunday worship. It will be an opportunity to start to get our minds about being church again as we move toward a Post-COVID world. Considering Scripture and our experiences, there is lots to discuss and share. It is also a chance to be together, and get back in the groove of Adult Sunday School and be together. (Yes, I said that twice on purpose.) Come look back so we can look forward. *If there is interest, I'd be willing to lead another session during a weekday evening.*



**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH OUT, JUNE 4, 11:30 AT TONY'S** (14224 Pennsylvania Ave, Hagerstown) EVERYONE WELCOME! It had become a “tradition” for the Adult Sunday School class (and friends) to go out to lunch the first Sunday of the month. But why wait until September when we want to enjoy each other’s company now?! Since Tony’s is not crowded, it seems a safe place to lunch and has delicious food.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING – BACK IN SESSION** – At least that’s our hope and prayer and plan for **Haven’s Adult Sunday School Class**. Beginning **September 12** we will meet together again for the first time in a year and a half (last class meeting was March 15, 2020). Interested class participants met a few weeks ago to plan a “curriculum” for the fall. Since much has happened in the intervening time, we’ll use the first few sessions to catch up with each other, sharing laughter and tears about how the pandemic affected us, our families and loved ones, but especially faith stories about how we encountered Jesus’ presence in the midst of this dark time and how his presence upheld and sustained us.

Beginning in October Pr. Alessandri will lead us in **Lutheranism 101**, a study of basic Lutheran teachings. These three or four sessions will be a helpful review of our understanding of what it means to call ourselves Lutheran Christians. They will also serve as needed instruction for those who have no Lutheran (or Christian) background and are considering membership at Haven.

We will then move on to topics that have been suggested or offered: contemplative Christian poetry, women of the Bible, iconography (study of icons), Hinduism (Val Wills’ study scheduled for the week we shut down), a study of racism (offered by Pam O’Connor), civility (how we interact as Christians discussing controversial topics about which we may disagree) and parables (perhaps most appropriate for next Lent as we hear Luke’s Gospel in our worship readings).

Class sessions are open-ended as we share together. Leaders present ideas for discussion, but refrain from long lectures! Returning participants will be glad to see one another again, but will enthusiastically welcome new participants. Come to listen or to share – all adults are invited!

We also will resume our monthly class socials – **first Sunday lunches at Café Italia or Tony’s Pizza** (where a familiar friend serves us – Theresa of Café Italia [formerly]). In fact, we will resume those even before we meet – first Sunday in June (June 6) and August (August 1). First Sunday in July is July 4, which we’ll skip.

## **PARISH LIFE**

**HAVEN’S BOOK CLUB** – On **Thursday, June 17, 2:00 pm** we will be discussing **NEWTON & POLLY** by Jody Hedlund. Join us for an opportunity to uncover the true love story behind the famous hymn, “Amazing Grace,” that stirs the hearts and ignites the faith of millions around the globe. - Joan Schupp

## **WORSHIP**

### **WORSHIP READINGS**

<b>June 6</b>	Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1, Mark 3:20-35
<b>June 13</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 4:26-34
<b>June 20</b>	Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41
<b>June 27</b>	Lamentations 3:22-33, Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43



## SONG LEADER SCHEDULE

<b>June 6</b>	Aura Wiles, Margaret McKee
<b>June 13</b>	Aura Wiles, Grant Wills
<b>June 20</b>	Nancy Newkirk, Margaret McKee
<b>June 27</b>	Charlotte Loveless, Grant Wills

## WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>June 6</b>	Danny Kiblinger	Austin Suchy	Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Marge Cunningham
<b>June 13</b>	Marge Cunningham	Danny Kiblinger	Doug Wright, Dave Resh, Amy Mason
<b>June 20</b>	Terry Trovinger	Maddie Haupt	Susan Stobl, Amy Mason, Doug Wright
<b>June 27</b>	Marge Cunningham	Danny Kiblinger	Amy Mason, Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

### UPCOMING BICYCLE COLLECTION



**PUT YOUR OLD BIKE or SEWING MACHINE TO GOOD USE**  
Help someone get to work, school and health services.

**DONATE IT HERE:**

Saturday June 26 9am—12pm

**Otterbein United Methodist Church**



108 E Franklin St  
Hagerstown MD 21740



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Re-Cycle

**June 1** – Ed Distad, Amy Mason, Judy Teeter, Becky Plavcan

**June 11** – Sue Nelson, Pastor Alessandri, Marge Cunningham

## THANK YOU NOTES

*Dear Haven Members,*

*Thanks for all you have done for me and Bill during his long period of illness. I appreciated all the meals that were prepared and delivered by the church women. So many beautiful cards that were sent by members. I am grateful to have such support.*

*Becky Plavcan*

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Patricia Pile	06/03
Dave Kaplan	06/04
Dawn Freeman	06/05
Morgan Butsch	06/07
Joshua Webb	06/08
Nancy Newkirk	06/12
Karl Pile	06/12
Greg Wilson	06/12
Dennis Miller	06/15
Virginia Wills	06/16
Sharon Brogunier	06/17
Joanne Seilhamer	06/19
Max Schupp	06/22
Joe Webb	06/26
Patricia Byers	06/29
Don Blickenstaff Jr.	06/30

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Don & Darylene Blickenstaff	06/03
Grant & Valerie Wills	06/08
Michael & Veronica Bergschneider	06/13
Ken & Dawn Tice	06/20
Gentry & Jane Muse	06/21

## **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Don Evason	06/01
Donna Hovermill	06/01
Jaclyn Muse	06/01
Millie Strange	06/01
Tanner Meredith	06/07
Richard Manspeaker	06/09
Simon Lightfoot	06/21
Sue Nelson	06/24
Clare Newcomer	06/26



## **Haven 2021 Graduates**



**Morgan Butsch** ~ Morgan will be graduating from Middletown High School on June 2nd. She will be attending the University of New Mexico. Morgan will be pursuing a BFA degree in Photography.

**Adam Tice** ~ Adam will be graduating from Washington County Technical High School. He plans to attend Hagerstown Community College while pursuing some entrepreneurial ideas.

**Rebecca N. Mason** ~ Rebecca graduated from Towson University, College of Liberal Arts with a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Languages (Spanish) and International Studies. Spanish Honor Society.

**Owen Schupp** ~ Owen graduated with a BS in Computer Science from The Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. He has taken a position as a software engineer at Microsoft and will be relocating to Seattle, WA in July.

**John C. Britton III** ~ ("Tripper" to some) graduated from South University in Richmond, VA. He graduated with high honors and received a Master of Science in Physician Assistant studies. He is now a PA-C and will be working at The University of Maryland Hospital (Baltimore, MD) in the Critical Care Unit.

*(The Graduation board with photos will be posted in the narthex in June.)*

# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 AFG	2 6:30 Cub Scout #103	3 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 BBBS Board Committee Mtg. 6:30 Coda	4 5:30 AFG	5
6 (Noisy/Hunger offering) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	7 6:30 Boy Scout #103	8 1:00 AFG	9 6:30 Cub Scout #103	10 5:00 BBBS Board Committee Mtg. 6:30 Lionesses 6:30 Coda	11 5:30 AFG	12
13 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	14 6:30 Boy Scout #103	15 1:00 AFG	16 6:30 Cub Scout #103 6:30 BBBS Board Mtg.	17 2:00 Book Club 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Act. Nights 6:30 CoDa	18 5:30 AFG	19
20 (Holly Place offering) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook <b>Father's Day</b>	21 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Council Meeting	22 1:00 AFG	23 6:30 Cub Scout #103	24 6:30 CoDa	25 5:30 AFG	26
27 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	28 6:30 Boy Scout #103	29 1:00 AFG	30 6:30 Cub Scout #103			29

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