

# HAVEN MESSENGER

## HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

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

## August 2021



## WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

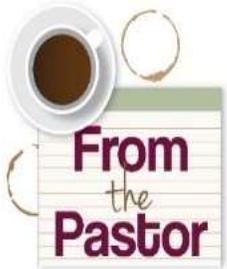
Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary

Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page

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*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

*(Ephesians 3: 20-21)*

This is the Bible verse we are focusing on in the second part of "Thriving Beyond Covid," the adult Sunday School session I'm leading this summer. It "just so happen" to be part of the second lesson assigned to that Sunday which we had not read during worship. (Coincidence or a bit of the Holy Spirit?) We will return to this verse when "Thriving Beyond Covid" continues after worship on August 8<sup>th</sup>. I am letting it percolate in the intervening weeks and I invite you to do the same.

So often when folks face challenges, problems, or changes in the church, there is first fear, panic and great anxiety. A great deal of wringing of hands and a desire to return to "how it used to be." While those are normal human reactions, if we stay in those feelings, we will get stuck. As the presenter of "Thriving Beyond Covid" put it, fear and anxiety can take over a church's life, robbing it of hope and growing a sense of paralysis.

When we name our fears and worries aloud to one another, they lose some of

their power. Things harbored in the darkness, tend to become larger and more threatening and overwhelming than they may actually be. When you expose them to the light of Christ, some of the knots in our stomachs begin to loosen as we begin to see things differently through God's eyes.

Once you can step beyond fears, you can begin to breathe easier, see differently and dream. Here is where the quote from Ephesians becomes so important. If we focus solely on our *own* immediately available resources, we might decline to go toward possibilities God has put before us. "We don't have the people... the money... the resources... the space...." to do something like that" we might think and say. But as the quote says, it is NOT just us. We are not working on our own. When we let the Lord into our dreaming, research, inquiries and planning, we are letting the power of our Lord work in and through us. Put ourselves, church and resources into God's powerful hands and God "*is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*" Wow! It's true. I've seen it happen. You probably have also. When we put ourselves at God's disposal and let God work in and through us, all kinds of miraculous, surprising and unexplainable things can happen to benefit the people and world that God so loves.

So, my siblings in Christ, what might you see or sense God calling us to be as a church after the last fifteen months? What have we learned and how have we been changed? What do we need to resume and what might we need to let go? How might we be a force or conduit for God's love and will for our community? First, acknowledge the losses and fears and let Christ's light dispel the darkness. Then step into the possibilities, the exciting prospects of being partners with God in bringing healing, hope and love to our world. Dwell in these words from Ephesians: "*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*"

I would love to hear where the Holy Spirit leads your imagination. Come share it at "Thriving Beyond Covid" on August 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> or call me to set up a time for a conversation. God has not been absent or inactive in these last 15 months. God has been and is present, active and ready. Shall we allow God to work within us to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine and be amazed.

Your pastor and partner in ministry, Linda M. Alessandri

## COUNCIL

The Congregational Council met for the first time in-person on July 19<sup>th</sup> in the Haven West meeting room. After months on Zoom, it was a delight to be able to be together, easily identify who is speaking and pray aloud harmoniously in unison.

FYI. To accommodate Pastor Alessandri's vacation schedule, the Council agreed to move its meeting to the fourth Monday in August, September, October and November. We ask teams to please note this change if you would have an action item for the Council's consideration.

We continue to pray each month: *Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (ELW p. 317)*

## FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE.

On **Sunday, August 1, starting at 9:30am** we will worship, rededicate our sanctuary and bless the new roof, steeple and AC system. After service, we will have a time of fellowship and refreshments in the parlor as organized by Haven's Parish Life Team.

We are happy to announce some special guests: Pastor Roland and Leslie Hobbs who were serving at Haven when the new sanctuary and parlor were built; Jack Dickinson, who served as chairman of the church building committee. If you bring a Haven "alumni" please let Pastor Alessandri know so we can welcome them, too.



We are over half way to repaying our \$100,000 loan. Is that not amazing! And that is while our regular offering is still being received AND we have undertaken other community service projects, like Potomac Tower lunches and our Community School Supply Outreach. Keep an eye on the thermometer in the church lobby area to see us continue our progress. We are well on our way of retiring this loan in a very timely manner, with an opportunity, perhaps, to also replenish some of the other funds we used from our reserves to pay for the building project. Many thanks to you all for trusting in and reflecting the Lord's generosity.

**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**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK UNTIL SEPT 8.**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Women will meet for study & discussion of themes in Scripture as they apply to our current situations & our lives as followers of Christ. Please join us at **10:00am** on **Thursday, August 26** in the Sunday School room off of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters entrance.

The studies can be found in the July/ August issue of " Gather" magazine. Copies are available from Elaine Michael.

## **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY**



### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED BY NEXT SUNDAY** –

There are only a few tags left on the bulletin board in the narthex with items still needed for our Community School Supply Outreach. So we can get the supplies counted and sorted before delivery to the schools, we ask that you bring in supplies no later than next Sunday, August 8. All of these items and other items we are ordering “in bulk” will be delivered to Fountaindale Elementary School, Northern Middle School or Western Heights Middle School for the schools to distribute to the students who need them. There is a collection box labeled "School Supplies" in the narthex or you may leave items on the parsonage back porch. Monetary donation for the purchase of other needed items are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Haven Lutheran Church with "School Supplies" on the Memo line and place in one of the offering plates or in the offering box on the parsonage back porch. If giving cash, please place it in a sealed envelope clearly marked "School Supplies" and place in an offering plate or in the offering box on the parsonage back porch.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity to this very important community outreach.

## PARISH LIFE

**HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB** – Summer is a great time to read a good book! Join us in reading & discussing MY DEAR HAMILTON by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie. Here is historical fiction that paints an intimate portrait of the birth of our nation through the eyes of Alexander Hamilton's wife Eliza Schuyler Hamilton. Meeting in the Gathering Room **Thursday, Aug. 19 at 2:00 pm.** Questions, contact Joan Schupp, 301-797-7536 or [ed.schupp@myactv.net](mailto:ed.schupp@myactv.net)  
Looking ahead - September's book is THE BOOK OF LONGINGS by Sue Monk Kidd.

## WORSHIP

**Special**   
**SUNDAY**  
**Celebrations**

**AUGUST 1**

**9:30 am**

**INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Blessing of New Roof, Steeple & AC

Invite Haven "Alumni" & Friends

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### WORSHIP READINGS

- August 1** Rededication and Blessing of Church  
1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-29; Ephesians 2:17-22; 3:20-21  
Mathew 21: 42  
A three-week series on the book of Ephesians
- August 8** Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25--5:2
- August 15** Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20
- August 22** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Ephesians 6:10-20
- August 29** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### SONG LEADER SCHEDULE

- August 1** Nancy Newkirk, Margret McKee
- August 8** Aura Wiles, Margaret McKee
- August 15** Charlotte Loveless, Grant Wills
- August 22** Nancy Newkirk, Aura Wiles
- August 29** Margaret McKee, Grant Wills



## WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

| <u>Assisting Minister</u>      | <u>Acolyte</u>  | <u>Ushers</u>                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aug. 1</b> Terry Trovinger  | Danny Kibinger  | Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael,<br>Susan Strobl |
| <b>Aug. 8</b> Marge Cunningham | Austin Suchy    | Doug & Kathy Wright,<br>Dave Resh           |
| <b>Aug. 15</b> Aura Wiles      | Maddie Haupt    | Amy Mason, Kim Pile,<br>Marge Cunningham    |
| <b>Aug. 22</b> Danny Kiblinger | Melita Kaplan   | Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael,<br>Susan Strobl |
| <b>Aug. 29</b> Terry Trovinger | Danny Kiblinger | Doug & Kathy Wright,<br>Dave Resh           |

## FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

**August 3** Ed Distad, Judy Teter, Becky Plavcan

**August 12** Sue Nelson, Pastor Linda Alessandri, Marge Cunningham

## THANK YOU NOTES

### **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**

**Thanks** to all who helped us celebrate the baptism of Georgia Kline (July 4) and our graduates (July 18) with our first fellowship times since March 2020.

**Thank you** to those who baked and donated cookies to bring some Haven sweetness to the luncheon after Dr. Bill Plavcan's memorial service.

**Thanks** to all who have helped with the weeding of the beds around the church. (Next Weeding Party is Saturday, August 28, 9 am - 12 noon)

**Thank you** to those who contributed food, packed the lunches and delivered them to Potomac Towers.

**Thanks** to all who supporting our Community School Supply Outreach by donating school supplies or making a monetary donation to help pay for the supplies we are buying "in bulk."

**Dear Church Family,**

Thank you for the graduation celebration and for the cards, gifts, and quilt. It's so nice to be thought of on special occasions.

**Sincerely,**

**Adam Tice**

## **Dear Friends of Holly Place,**

On behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like thank you all for the very generous \$100.00 donation to Holly Place. We truly appreciate your continued support! Because of you, we can continue to serve at risk seniors, and provide them a loving, safe, affordable place to call home...

**Sincerely,**

**Melanie J. Davis Executive Director**

*(All notes in their entirety are posted on the bulletin board in the hall by the restrooms.)*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



### **COLLECT BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S LITERACY COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE!**

We are once again collecting books for children's literacy efforts through the 9th Annual Community Book Drive.

This is a community-wide effort to collect new and used books for children ages birth to eleven. Books will be collected by Haven, other communities of faith, businesses, individuals, government and non-profit agencies **August 1 - September 13**, then sorted and counted on the Day of Caring September 16. Books will then be distributed to vulnerable children throughout Washington County to help with literacy and school readiness efforts. Collecting books is FUN and EASY. The Community Book Drive is a partnership of the Hagerstown Area Religious Council, United Way of Washington County, The Hagerstown Rotary Club, and Bester Community of Hope. Learn more on the HARC website. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations.

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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



## **BIRTHDAYS**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Lesley Newkirk-Lightfoot | 8/05 |
| Eric Byers               | 8/08 |
| Thelma Wolf              | 8/08 |
| Don Blickenstaff, Sr.    | 8/11 |
| Melissa Butsch           | 8/12 |
| Christopher McSherry     | 8/12 |
| Will Seilhamer           | 8/12 |
| Craig Meredith           | 8/14 |
| Dave Resh                | 8/15 |
| Sherrie Cameron          | 8/17 |
| James Failor             | 8/19 |
| Pastor Linda Alessandri  | 8/22 |
| Dallas Defriece          | 8/23 |
| John Britton III         | 8/25 |
| Linda Clark              | 8/25 |

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Bill & Lynda Byers           | 8/01 |
| Ann & Jim Conrad             | 8/04 |
| Cliff & Sue Britton          | 8/14 |
| Sharron & Dick Moser         | 8/27 |
| Don Evason & Elizabeth Johns | 8/29 |

## **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Kristin Andrews        | 8/02 |
| Sari Kilheffer         | 8/02 |
| Veronica Bergschneider | 8/25 |
| Pat Manspeaker         | 8/27 |

# August 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                               | Tuesday                                                     | Wednesday                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                    | Friday                    | Saturday                       |
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| <p>1<br/>(Noisy/Hunger offering)</p> <p>9:30<br/>Worship<br/>In-person<br/>and Live on<br/>Facebook<br/><b>Rededication<br/>Ceremony</b></p>                                                         | <p>2</p> <p>6:30<br/>Boy<br/>Scout<br/>#103</p> <p>7:00<br/>Property<br/>Meeting</p> | <p>3</p> <p>1:00 AFG</p> <p>6:30 Sisters<br/>in Service</p> | <p>4</p> <p>6:30 Cub<br/>Scout #103</p>                                           | <p>5</p> <p>5:00 BBBS<br/>Big/Little<br/>Activity<br/>Night</p> <p>6:30 Coda</p>                            | <p>6</p> <p>5:30 AFG</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>12:00<br/>AFG</p>  |
| <p>8</p> <p>9:30<br/>Worship<br/>In-person<br/>and Live on<br/>Facebook</p> <p>10:45 Adult<br/>Study<br/>w/Pastor<br/>Alessandri<br/>"Thriving<br/>Beyond<br/>COVID"</p>                             | <p>9</p> <p>6:30 Boy<br/>Scout<br/>#103</p>                                          | <p>10</p> <p>1:00 AFG</p>                                   | <p>11</p> <p>6:30 Cub<br/>Scout #103</p> <p>7:00 Finance<br/>Team<br/>Meeting</p> | <p>12</p> <p>5:00 BBBS<br/>Board<br/>Committee<br/>Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Coda</p>                             | <p>13</p> <p>5:30 AFG</p> | <p>14</p> <p>12:00<br/>AFG</p> |
| <p>15<br/>(Holly Place offering)</p> <p>9:30<br/>Worship<br/>In-person<br/>and Live on<br/>Facebook</p> <p>10:45 Adult<br/>Study<br/>w/Pastor<br/>Alessandri<br/>"Thriving<br/>Beyond<br/>COVID"</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:30 Boy<br/>Scout<br/>#103</p>                                         | <p>17</p> <p>1:00 AFG</p>                                   | <p>18</p> <p>6:30 Cub<br/>Scout #103</p>                                          | <p>19</p> <p>2:00 Book<br/>Club</p> <p>5:00 BBBS<br/>Big/Little<br/>Activity<br/>Night</p> <p>6:30 CoDa</p> | <p>20</p> <p>5:30 AFG</p> | <p>21</p> <p>12:00<br/>AFG</p> |

| <b>Sunday</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>Monday</b>                                                                      | <b>Tuesday</b>     | <b>Wednesday</b>                                   | <b>Thursday</b>                                            | <b>Friday</b>      | <b>Saturday</b>                                                    |
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| 22<br>9:30<br>Worship<br>In-person<br>and Live on<br>Facebook<br><br>10:45 Adult<br>Study<br>w/Pastor<br>Alessandri<br>"Thriving<br>Beyond<br>COVID" | 23<br><br>6:30 Boy<br>Scout<br>#103<br><br>7:00 p.m.<br>ZOOM<br>Council<br>Meeting | 24<br><br>1:00 AFG | 25<br><br>6:30 Cub<br>Scout #103<br><br>7:00 Choir | 26<br><br>10:00<br>Women's<br>Bible Study<br><br>6:30 CoDa | 27<br><br>5:30 AFG | 28<br><br>9:00 -<br>12noon<br>Weeding<br>Party<br><br>12:00<br>AFG |
| 29<br><br>9:30<br>Worship<br>In-person<br>and Live on<br>Facebook                                                                                    | 30<br><br>6:30 Boy<br>Scout<br>#103                                                | 31<br><br>1:00 AFG |                                                    |                                                            |                    |                                                                    |

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# Sudoku Puzzle

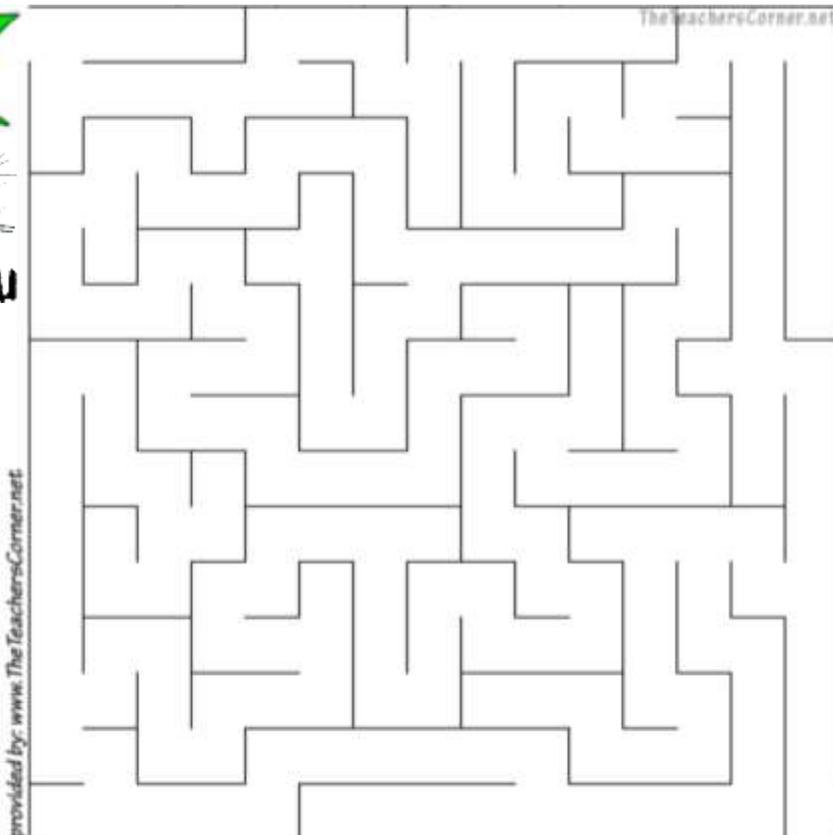


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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

# MAZE

As always in the gospel of John when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world.



He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

## Sing Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.*





# Haven Messenger

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