

# Season after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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## HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship with Communion: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Haven's Facebook 'Live')

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>)

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

## COME LET US WORSHIP

*A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and community.*

### **Special Worship Notes and Precautions**

*As of Thursday, Washington Co. was designated as an area of high COVID transmission. The Maryland Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend but do not require that vaccinated persons wear masks during indoor gatherings. At Haven, vaccinated persons are welcome to wear a mask at worship, for their own protection or the protection of the unvaccinated, including our children. As the current Delta variant has caused an upturn in COVID cases, we need to stay vigilant and flexible to respond to unfolding conditions. We ask for your understanding, patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate this unprecedented, continually changing course of events.*

**At this time, as we continue to be mindful and caring for one another, please:**

- use provided hand sanitizer as much as possible (as you enter & leave the building & in the pews);
- pass the peace from your seat for now. (A wave, bow or fist bump are the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home.)
- As you come forward for communion, please leave some space between yourself and any persons in front of you who are from another household.
- Like Jesus, we strive to invite, welcome and include everyone. Thus, practicing good hospitality, PLEASE do not ask or quiz persons about their mask choice OR their vaccination status. Wearing a mask or not, we worship our Lord together with gratitude and joy.
- There will continue to be chairs that allow for social distancing in the narthex (lobby) for any vaccinated or unvaccinated persons who wish to continue to practice social distancing.

We give thanks that God IS with us as we gather to worship.

We give thanks for your presence and your prayers as we worship together as God's beloved children.

*"I was glad when you said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"  
Psalm 121:1*

## GATHERING

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

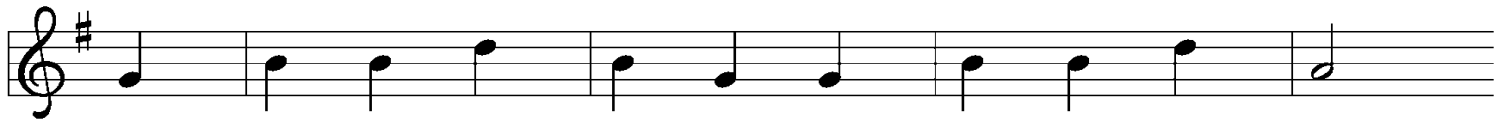
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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A:** Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C:** Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

*(Psalm 95: 1b-2a)*

## PRELUDE

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus)”* setting by Marilyn Biery

*(after the prelude)*

## Confession & Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God our comforter:

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**



1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
 4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.  
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY **C:** **Amen.**

## WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "This Little Light of Mine"

#677

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

FIRST READING Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup> **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup> Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup> **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

A: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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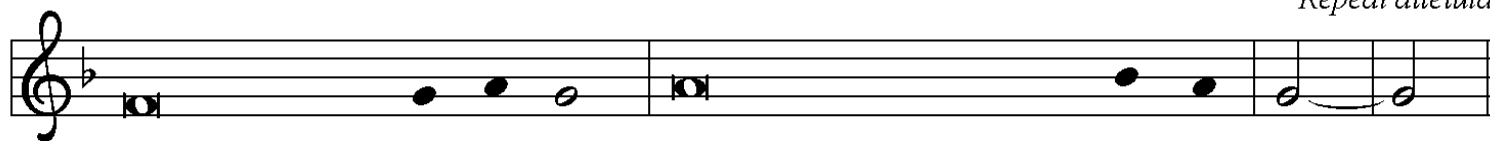


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:30-37

A: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(after the reading)*

A: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Children of the Heavenly Father”

#781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: “Lord, in your mercy,” C: “**hear our prayer.**”

*When the petition is read that includes those serving in the armed forces, the **congregation** is asked to please join in reading the names in bold print:*

... Protect those sent into harm's way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the **congregation** is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the **bold** portion of the names, going down the columns. (\*Friends & Family of Haven Members)  
 ... especially,*

**Carol Shull**  
\***Virginia White**  
\***Sandy Brandon**  
\***Raven Lucas**  
\***Edward Staley**  
\***Helen VanderHamm**  
\***Nasrin Sotoudeh**  
\***Courtney Belmont**  
\***Caitlyn Battoe**  
\***Brandi Allsop**  
\***Seth Battoe**  
\***Debora Daniels**  
**Larry & Sharon**  
Hartsock  
\***Teresa Hoover**  
\***Lindsey Hoover**  
\***Johnny Wright**  
\***Cheryl Nathan**  
\***Sarah Duckwall**

\***William Burkley**  
\***Monica McDonald**  
**Harold Rice**  
\***Baby Joey**  
\***Sandra & David**  
Rhodes  
\***Ann Smith**  
\***John & Brenda**  
Holcomb  
\***Amanda Cunningham**  
\***Jim & Ann Conrad**  
\***Baby Irelynn, Angie &**  
**Geoff Hurry**  
\***Marvin & Kathy**  
\***Tara**  
\***Nelson Strobert**  
\***Laura Moss & Family**  
\***John Garner**  
\***Vindel Family**

\***Tally Uchina**  
\***Ronald Weaver**  
\***Penny Carpenter**  
\***Darcy Funkhouser**  
\***Shirley Deau**  
\***Ernie Howe**  
\***Ralph & Marion Rowe**  
\***Megan & Jared**  
Primmer  
\***Catherine Keller**  
\***Ed Bricker**  
**Nancy Newkirk**  
\***Bobby Hoffman**  
\***Patty Bonebrake**  
\***Connie Butler**  
\***Marci Dean**  
\***Marty Skane**

## THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*(Pass the peace from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest.  
Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)*

## THE MEAL

OFFERTORY

*"For the Least"*

Wayne L. Wold

THE OFFERING

P: It's Offering time!

C: **Praise God!**

*(May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.  
Thank you for your faithful generosity.)*





Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### THE OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

**C:** **Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### DIALOGUE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites all who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you." Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.*

*For those communing in the church: Holy Communion will be offered in bread (wafer or "host") and wine. Grape juice is also available. As your section comes forward, **please leave room between yourself and those in front of you who are from another household.***

*First come to the pastor to receive the bread dropped into your hand. Step to the side and consume the host. Second, go to the assisting minister to take a cup of wine or grape juice. Step to the side and consume the wine or grape juice. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket where you can dispose of your empty cup.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

#659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

(cont. p. 14) #461



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

#464



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

TABLE BLESSING C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood  
 you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

C: **Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
 bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

#538

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first line of music is: *En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá* / The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, *pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.* / to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live. The second line of music is: *Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar* / The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain *un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;* / to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; *me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.* / that falls to you and me and all who are made free. The third line of music is: *A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.* / Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## DISMISSAL

**A:** The living Word dwells in you. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

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### Serving God's People this Sunday Morning: September 19, 2021

**Presiding Minister** Pastor Linda Alessandri

**Assisting Minister** Terry Trovinger

**Organist** Stephen Pastena

**Acolyte** Anna Bergscheinder

**Ushers** Susan Strobl, Marge Cunningham, Kathleen Kline

**Securing the Building** Scott Rhodes, June Hess

### We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Sari Kilheffer, Phyllis Meyers, Inez Winebrenner and Dorothy Zinkand.*

Military personnel serving in harm's way: *Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.*

Hospital Admissions: *PLEASE call Haven's church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.*

*Readings for September 26, 2021 – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50*

### Serving God's People next Sunday morning: September 26, 2021

**Presiding Minister** Pastor Chris Litton

**Assisting Minister** Danny Kiblinger

**Organist** Stephen Pastena

**Acolyte** NEEDED

**Ushers** Bob Snyder, Elaine Micheal, Susan Strobl

**Securing the Building** Scott Rhodes, June Hess





Year to Date Actual Ending Aug. 31 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget)
\$129,957.95	\$133,332.00	(-\$3,374.05)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date information about church events and worship visit [www.havenlc.org](http://www.havenlc.org).

**STILL NEED TO CATCH UP IN OUR REGULAR OFFERINGS** We made *some* progress in reducing the amount we are behind in our projected offering for 2021 but still have a way to go. Trusting in the generosity of God, please bring or send in your offerings regularly and “catch-up” if you have fallen behind. Thank you for your faithfulness to God’s ministry at Haven.

**TELL US YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE PREFERENCE** We want to order the correct number and right types of offering envelopes for 2022. Tell us your preference on the attendance sheet in the bulletin **or** by contacting the church office (301-733-5056; [havenoffice@havenlc.org](mailto:havenoffice@havenlc.org)) Choices: 1) weekly offering envelopes; 2) monthly offering envelopes; 3) No envelopes because your offering is being electronically transferred to Haven or sent by your bank. If you would like to enroll in an electronic giving plan, please contact the church office. Thank you for helping us be wise and good stewards.



### **JUST AMAZING!! WE ARE OVER HALFWAY TO OUR FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER GOAL!**

As of September 12, **\$57, 046.60**, has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Way to go Haven! You are blest and a blessing.

### **51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL DUNKER CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE TODAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at 3PM**



**Antietam National Battlefield  
5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg**

Since 1970 an annual remembrance worship service has been held at the Dunker Meetinghouse on the Sunday closest to the anniversary date of the 1862 Battle of Antietam. Those who worshipped there were opposed to participation in war and the institution of slavery. This service is to keep alive the witness for peace in the midst of the

bloodiest single-day battle in American history. Haven member, Prue Yelinek will be one of the presenters. Due to COVID restrictions, the service will be held outdoors, adjacent to the Dunker Meetinghouse. Please bring a folding chair or blanket for seating. Learn more <https://harccoalition.org/event/annual-dunker-church-remembrance-service/>  
For more information, contact Ed Poling at 301-766-9005 or elpoling1@gmail.com.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION!**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, 2021 3 – 6 pm Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Parking Lot  
18313 Lappans Road Boonsboro, MD**

*Presented by the Interfaith Coalition of Washington County.*

**Bring your chairs for the concert and flowers for the mandala.**

**This event is free and Love offerings happily accepted.**



**WOMAN2WOMAN FELLOWSHIP EVENT - OCTOBER 2**

**Saturday, October 2, 9 am - 3 pm**

**(doors open/continental breakfast at 8:30)**

**Tri-State Fellowship Church**

**13153 Cearfoss Pike, Hagerstown**

Tri-State Fellowship is excited to host a Tri-State regional women's outreach event open to ALL women, ALL denominations and ALL churches. The conference is called Woman2Woman and focuses on women mentoring, building relationships and leaving a legacy. Bring a friend and even help advertise it to other friends and churches. It is going to be a very special day for women coming together from all churches in our community. It is also very affordable (\$10 Early Bird registration, \$15 after September 18)! Register. More information. Video. Register at <https://tristatefellowship.org/>

**COMING UP THIS WEEK:**

**September 22** 7:00 Choir

**September 23** 10:00 Women's Bible Study

**September 26** 9:30 Worship (in-person and on Facebook Live)

10:45 Adult Sunday School

**Pastor Alessandri will be on vacation September 19-24 and will be preaching in St. Louis on September 25-26.** If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Ron Schlak (Interim at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown) 1-304-561-4482.

## Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening **DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**WAY TO GO HAVEN!** – We collected 463 BOOKS FOR THE COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE. These books will be given to children birth through 11 years old, in our community.

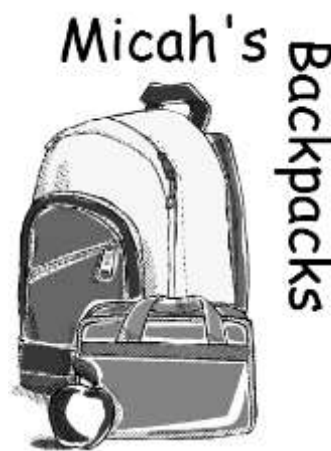
**THIS MONTH IS HAVEN'S MONTH TO PROVIDE LUNCH TO RESIDENTS AT POTOMAC TOWERS** – Our congregation will be providing bagged lunches for the residents of Potomac Towers again on September 30. There are still some items needed. Please sign up to donate what you can on the menu sheet on the mobile message board. Items need to be at church by September 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who so graciously help provide for this Haven ministry.

**LITERACY COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SEEKS TUTORS** – The Literacy Council of Washington County is in need of tutors to help adults with Basic Literacy skills, ESL/ELL, (English as a Second Language/English Learning Language) and/or math (up to, and including, GED prep). No experience required – they will train you. Work from home tutoring online (or in person, depending). Must be fluent in English and possess enthusiasm, dedication, flexibility, cultural sensitivity and patience. The next Tutor Workshop starts September 18, via Zoom. Contact the Literacy Council for more information at [office@literacyofwcmd.org](mailto:office@literacyofwcmd.org) or call 301-739-4208.

**HAVEN HAS RESUMED DELIVERING MICAH'S BACKPACKS.** We began last Friday. That means that we will need some volunteers to pack the food bags and others to deliver them to Fountaindale Elementary School.

If you have never heard of Micah's Backpacks, it's a hunger battling project that provides children with food for weekend meals. The school identifies children whose families struggle with an adequate food supply. The children will get breakfast and lunch at school while it is in session, but what about the weekend? Healthy children are more likely to be thriving students. Micah's Backpacks work to help children stay healthy.

PACKING the bags is not time consuming and requires only one person, but it is more fun with a partner. The food is usually stacked on tables in the Micah's Backpack room. The person packing takes the required number from each stack (If there is more than 1, there will be a sign indication the number needed). The food will be ready to be packed by



Sunday morning and packing can be done anytime during that week up until Wednesday evening. The room *may* be accessible during most of the business day through the entrance nearest the Big Brothers, Big Sister office. You can definitely gain access on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, if you contact the church office (301-733-5056). Packing is separate from delivery but one person can do both if they choose. DELIVERY is easy as well but does require carrying the bags to your car and then once at Fountaindale, delivering them to the vestibule at the school, during school hours. This can be done either Thursday or Friday but if done on Friday the food needs to be there by 10 AM.

There is a sign-up sheet on the mobile bulletin board. You can contact Linda Clark for more information or to volunteer. Her phone number is 301-491-4027 and email is [lindaclark65@verizon.net](mailto:lindaclark65@verizon.net). Kathy Wright will coordinate delivery and she can be contacted at 301-791-2749 and her email is [kwright@myactv.net](mailto:kwright@myactv.net)

If you have not been to the Micah’s backpack room it is at the end of the building near the Gathering Room and Big Brothers and Big Sisters office. Currently the majority of the food there is received through the Maryland Food Bank and is given to organizations who participate in the program. In usual times, some food was provided by grants from HARC (Hagerstown Religious Council) and the remaining food purchased from donations of the congregation. We are pledged to serve 12 students at Fountaindale School. On September 23, we will pick up 29 cases of food that will be used over the next three months all of it donated from the Maryland Food Bank from their federal grants. The room will be very full.

***Haven Mission Statement:***

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