

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 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

(<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)



Dear Haven guests, friends, neighbors and family,

I just love the Pet Blessing. Whether you think it wonderful or wacky, people love their pets. They want them to be healthy and happy. So, some bring them to be blessed. Inevitably, the owners will speak of how the pet blesses them with companionship, humor, affection and purpose. Even the most reserved person seems to open up and smile when they talk about their dog or cat, rabbit or bird. Both the pet and the pet owner appreciate the welcome, acceptance and love we try to express as we record their name, take their picture and chat while sharing animal and human refreshments. We've enjoyed seeing some folks and pets return year after year.

This year I am looking forward to the Pet Blessing more than ever. Even though we will be COVID-careful, it's a step out of the building into the community to share God's love. A stretch of our evangelism legs. It will be a time to just "be" with people who love their pets. Any of the many things that seem to divide us these days will

not divide us for those minutes or hour we share. Instead, we'll gather around these furry or feathered creatures, swap stories, laugh, admire the other pets and have easy, though sometimes significant, conversations. No judgements. No fury. No debates. For one hour on Sunday, October 3, everyone at the Pet Blessing will step into the presence of God, celebrate God's creatures and experience the love, acceptance, peace and community that characterizes God's kingdom. As much fun as it is, it is truly a holy time, too. And we get to offer and share it --- *to honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.*" Woof, Meow, Quack, tweet and Amen!

Your Pastor and Partner in Ministry,
Linda M Alessandri

COUNCIL

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC AT DOUB'S PARK POSTPONED AGAIN At its August meeting, the Council considered the Parish Life Team's motion to cancel the church picnic this year due to the COVID upswing. There was concern about safely serving food and the closeness of folks when they eat at picnic tables. YES, we are disappointed, too. We are already in contact with Washington County Parks and Recreation to reserve our space for 2022.

WE GAINED SOME GROUND BUT OUR REGULAR OFFERINGS ARE STILL BEHIND BY \$3,374.05. The Finance Team and Council are a bit baffled by the sudden decline in giving in July. Up to that point, we had been meeting our projected regular offerings AND making great progress on our Building Faith Together loan retirement. Suddenly, at the end of July we noted a \$4,000 deficit in regular giving and raised a warning flag.

Fortunately, our expenses are below budget and we have reserves in the bank for now. It's part of the Council's responsibility to keep the congregation informed and to ask for its support. Time and time again, the congregation has responded with generosity.

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.

FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



As of September 19, we have received **\$57,041.60** toward retiring our \$100,000 property project.

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



ATTENTION GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS AND PARENTS!

God Squad Explorers will enjoy

Adventures with God

October 3rd, 10: 45 am.

Join us after church in the Gathering Room for games, crafts, snacks and singing. This year we will meet the first Sunday of each month to celebrate our friendship and learn about God's love. Pick up your new study booklet with weekly activities. Everyone is welcome and we will all be wearing masks.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BACK IN SESSION

October 3 TBA, October 10, 17, 24

Pastor Alessandri will lead us in **Lutheranism 101**, a study of basic Lutheran teachings. Whether you are new to the Lutheran church or a "cradle Lutheran," you are invited to delve into the Lutheran expression of the Christian faith. We'll wander through some history and Luther's distinctive understandings about God and the Bible. It is also a good opportunity for those considering joining Haven to meet other members.

October 31 is Reformation Sunday, Pastor Kaplan will lead the class to look at some of **Luther's 95 theses**, a document intended for earnest discussion but sparked a reform movement.

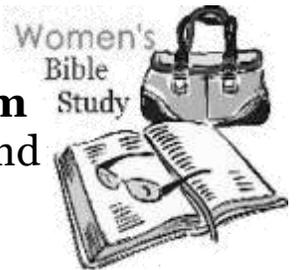
Class members will then choose our next topics from among several that have been suggested or offered: contemplative Christian poetry, women of the Bible, iconography (study of icons), Hinduism (Val Wills' study scheduled for the week we shut down), a study of racism (offered by Pam O'Connor), civility (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 after Sunday School**. On October 3, lunch will be at Tony's Pizza, 14224 Pennsylvania Ave, Hagerstown, MD.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Women will meet for study and discussion of Scripture on **Thursday, October 28 at 10:00 am** in the Gathering Room. We will be continuing our informative and fascinating study of the Holy Spirit.

All women are invited. You are welcome to bring a friend.



EVANGELISM



PET BLESSING

Sunday, October 3rd 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
at Haven's Digital sign on PA Ave.

(park in the lot for Comprehensive Financial Planning Group at the corner of Haven Rd. and Pennsylvania Ave.)

Each day our pets bless us with unconditional love and joy. Every year near the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4), many people of faith around the world host events where animals are blessed. Haven Lutheran Church invites you to come have your pet blessed **any time between 2:00 and 3:00 pm on October 3rd**. What will happen at the pet blessing? Each pet will be individually blessed and their picture taken with their owner(s). There will be treats and beverages for the animals and their humans. Door prizes, too. Any pet that is safe to bring is welcome. We've had dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, a chicken and a lizard. **Come honor the love between you and your**

pet(s). Questions? Call Haven Lutheran Church 301-733-5056

P.S. No cost! As free as the grace of God.

PARISH LIFE

HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – LUTHER & KATHERINA by Jody Hedlund is our choice for October. This Christy Award-winning novel chronicles the forbidden romance between Martin Luther & Katharina von Bora, set against the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. She was a nun of noble birth. He was a heretic, a reformer & an outlaw of the Holy Roman Empire! Wow! We meet at **2:00 pm on Thursday, October 21** in the Gathering Room. Hope to see you then – Joan Schupp



P.S. In November we are reading the classic *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

WORSHIP

A VERY SPECIAL TREAT COMING TO HAVEN

Sunday, October 17th at 9:00 am in the GATHERING ROOM

The **Hagerstown Sunday School Orchestra** will bless the **third Sunday of each month** with seasonal music for 20 minutes or so starting on Sunday, October 17th at 9 am. This orchestra of talented musicians has been playing for local churches for over 50 years! Haven's own Mark Lochbaum and Dick Hess are currently playing with the orchestra.

YES, it will mean getting to Haven 30 minutes earlier. **YES**, it may mean we start worship a few minutes late. **BUT WHAT A WAY TO START A SUNDAY** -- Basking in the blessing of seasonal music by the gifted Hagerstown Sunday School Orchestra. **AND** what a wonderful opportunity to invite someone to come with you to Haven on a Sunday morning for wonderful music and worship. Please make every effort to come. We will save a seat for you and any guests!

The Sunday School Orchestra had it's beginning as the Trinity Lutheran Sunday School Orchestra back in the early 1900's. It played every Sunday, September through June at the beginning of the Sunday School Hour, as all the adult classes assembled for a brief worship service before breaking into their individual classes. Dr. Peter Buys, long time conductor of the Hagerstown Municipal Band, was one of the Orchestra's first conductors.

Over the course of many years, schedules changed, and the ensemble became the Sunday School Orchestra or SSO, as it started to play once a month at 3 local churches. Today, the SSO is made up of talented local musicians with various backgrounds, who enjoy performing music as part of a Music Ministry, reaching the Hagerstown Community.

WORSHIP READINGS

- October 3** Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16
October 10 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31
October 17 Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45
October 24 Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52
October 31 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36
Reformation

WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct. 3	Danny Kiblinger	Austin Suchy	Doug & Kathy Wright, Kim Pile
Oct. 10	Aura Wiles	Maddie Haupt	Amy Mason, Marge Cunningham, Kathleen Kline
Oct. 17	Terry Trovinger	Anna Bergscheinder	Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Susan Strobl
Oct. 24	Marge Cunningham	NEEDED	Doug & Kathy Wright, Kim Pile
Oct. 31	Aura Wiles	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason, Marge Cunningham, Kathleen Kline

Securing the Building in October: Marge Cunningham, Jim Cannon

WELCOME BACK BELL CHOIR PLAYERS – The bells will once again be playing on the third Sunday of the month starting **Sunday, October 17th**.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- October 5** Ed Distad, Jan Merique, Judy Teeter, Becky Plavcan
October 8 Sue Nelson, Pastor Alessandri, Marge Cunningham

HAVEN HAS RESUMED DELIVERING MICAH'S BACKPACKS – 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 indicating 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, Wednesdays and Fridays 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. Kathy Wright will coordinate delivery and she can be contacted at 301-791-2749 and her email is 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. The room is very full. The majority of the food there is received through the Maryland Food Bank and Federal Relief Grants given to organizations who participate in the program. Twenty-one tons of food have been supplied for the county program. On September 23, we picked up 29 cases of food that will be used over the next three months, all of it donated by the Maryland Food Bank from federal grants. Donations from the congregation supply the remaining items we needed. The room is very full.

THANK YOU NOTES



WAY TO GO HAVEN! – We collected **463 BOOKS FOR THE COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE**. The book drive collected a combined total of 13,300 books. These books will be given to children birth through 11 years old, in our community.

Dear Friends of Holly Place,

On behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like to 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 EVENT



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 (\$15 per person). Register at <https://tristatefellowship.org/>



Sacred Listening Circles begin October 5

Location: Haven Lutheran Church

This is an eight-month program of group spiritual direction. Under the leadership of Ed Poling and Rebecca Rothenhoefer, this is an opportunity for deepening prayer and personal sharing. Participants meet monthly for three-hours in small group circles to prayerfully listen to God and to one another. The session will meet on the first Tuesday of each month from October 5 to May 3. The opening and closing sessions are a six-hour retreat format. Both leaders are trained by Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. For more information download the brochure and contact Ed Poling at elpoling1@gmail.com or 301-766-9005. Brochures are in the narthex on the curved bulletin board.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

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
Darylene 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



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Karla Pile	10/07
Ethan Rhodes	10/13
Nancy Newkirk	10/14
Anna Bergschneider	10/20
Daniel Kiblinger	10/23
Adam Tice	10/26



MEMBER DIRECTORY CHANGES

HAROLD RICE – If you would like to send a note to Harold please use the address below (include all numbers). Just a reminder letters only, no cards permitted. **DRCF #1012808, Harold Rice #482703**, 2020 Toulson Road, Jessup, MD 20794

CALLING KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS – A program with the Washington County Health department is seeking donations of lovingly made hats, gloves or mittens for persons leaving the detention or recovery addiction facilities. This program was started to provide them needed items as many leave these facilities with limited or no personal items. Handmade items show them that someone spent their time making the items specifically to be given to them which creates a feeling a worth and love in and from their community. If you are not able to provide a homemade item they will also except store bought items as well. Please see the box located in the narthex to donate these items in. If you are able to participate but need yarn please contact the church office and we will try to arrange some supplies for you.



October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:30 AFG	2 12:00 AFG
3 <i>(Noisy/Hunger offering)</i> 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 10:45 God Squad Event 11:00 Adult Sunday School 2-3pm Pet Blessing	4 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 Property 7:00 Barbershop	5 1:00 AFG 3:00 Spiritual Learning Circle 6:30 Friends in Service	6 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103 7:00 Choir	7 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Activity Night 6:30 CoDa	8 5:30 AFG	9 12:00 AFG
10 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 11:00 Adult Sunday School	11 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 Barbershop 7:00 Worship Team	12 1:00 AFG	13 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103 7:00 Choir	14 5:00 BBBS Board Committee Meeting 6:30 CoDa	15 5:30 AFG	16 12:00 AFG

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17 <i>(Holly Place offering)</i> 9:00 Sunday School Orchestra plays <i>(Gathering Room)</i> 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 11:00 Adult Sunday School	18 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 Barbershop	19 1:00 AFG 6:00 Spiritual Learning Circle	20 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103 7:00 Choir	21 2:00 Book Club 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Activity Night 6:30 CoDa	22 5:30 AFG	23 12:00 AFG
24/31 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 11:00 Adult Sunday School	25 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 Barbershop 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Haven West)	26 1:00 AFG	27 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 BBBS Board Meeting 6:30 Cub Scout #103 7:00 Choir	28 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 CoDa	29 5:30 AFG	30

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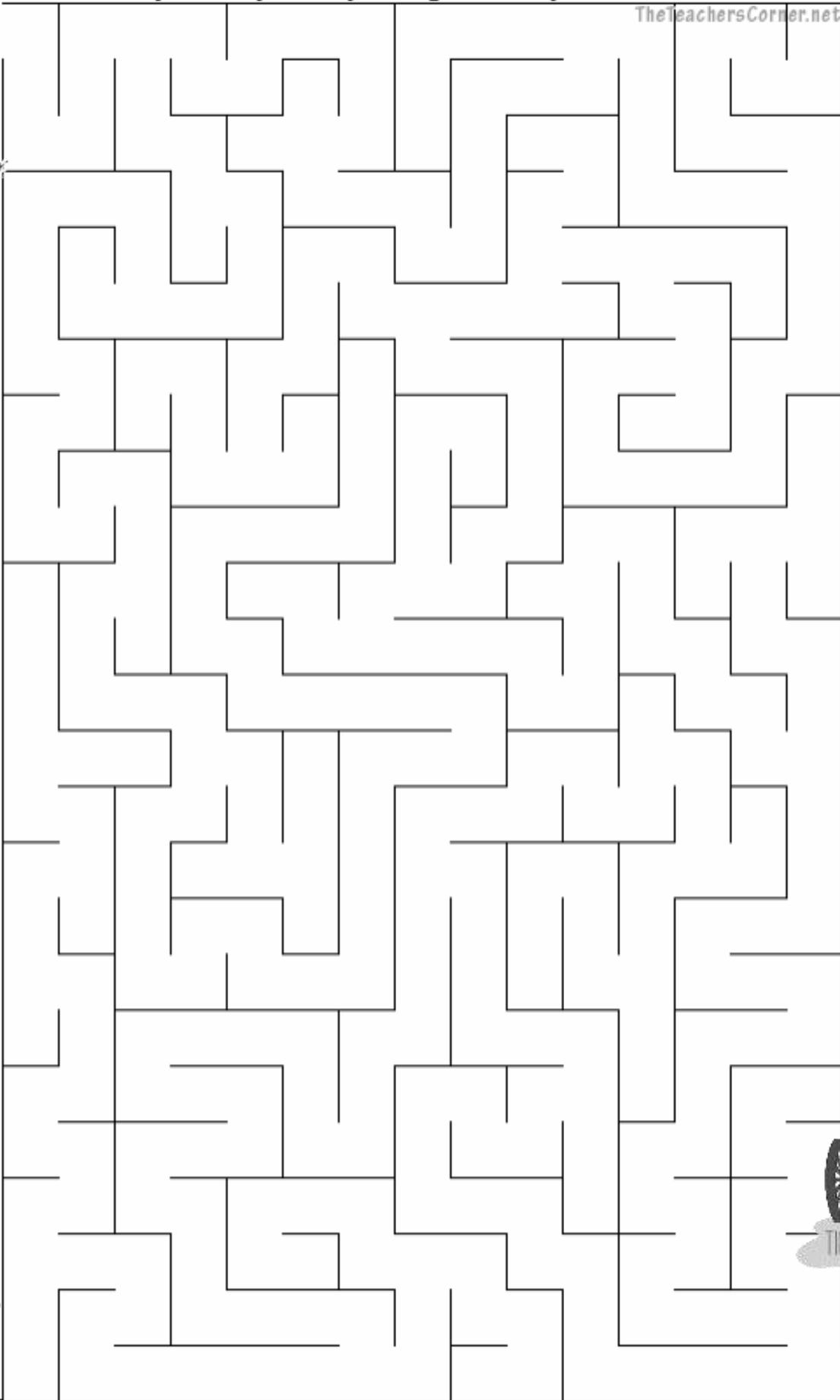
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