



# 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 2022

### 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](http://www.havenlc.org).

### COME SHARE THE SPIRIT THIS PENTECOST SUNDAY

**June 5, 2022**

**9:30 am** Worship & Welcome of New Members

**10:30 am** Fellowship, Food & Fun Celebration of our New Members & another year of God Squad Adventures



On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020, Haven had our first in-person worship service since March 2020 when COVID-19 required us to stay home and venture out only when necessary. It was a gloriously sunny day. Thanks to some clever members, our red geraniums were displayed as a large cross on the lawn. With a loan of equipment and tech help, the sounds of music and worship made it to ears in cars and on the lawn. It was exciting to see one another, even if it was from a distance. It was a breath of hope. It was a prayer of confidence in the Lord who was walking with us through the unknowns of a worldwide pandemic.

Two years later, we are about to celebrate Pentecost once again \*outdoors. As the Education Team pondered how to celebrate another completed year of Sunday School, the Worship Team was asked if outdoor worship might be possible. With a gracious "yes," both teams began to work on how to make it another wonderful Pentecost that would celebrate the perseverance and joy of Haven's community

AND provide an occasion for that community to experience a special time of worship and fellowship. (*\*FYI - No drive-up option this time.*)

YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED to bring your lawn chairs and come worship at 9:30 am on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. We will have the DELIGHT of welcoming new members who have already been blessing Haven. After worship we will have a fellowship “carnival” with beverages, fun food (popcorn, apple slices with caramel and frozen ice,) music, kid crafts, a cakewalk for children AND adults and maybe other surprises.

In case you didn't catch on yet --- THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN. PLEASE make plans to come to add your presence, voice and disciple-love as we give thanks for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our church and community this Pentecost.

*(Don't forget your lawn chair. The congregation will be set up on the sidewalk and lawn that faces the church office and Big Brothers Big Sister's entrances. Those who ordered geraniums can pick them up any time after worship. WEAR RED if you have it.)*

Your pastor and partner in ministry,  
Linda M. Alessandri

## COUNCIL

HAVEN COUNCIL RETREAT – April 18, 2022

After getting to know more about one another and reviewing the documents and responsibilities of Council, the Council turned toward this *Visioning Question: While unsure of how circumstances will unfold, what would we hope/like to happen at Haven in the next 9-12 months?* After brainstorming ideas and good discussion, this was the VISION the Council proposed.

**To build Haven as a welcoming church of Christ,  
a community that encourages and nurtures members and guests.**

Here were the practical steps for enacting this vision:

1. Start having gatherings again.
2. Publicize events.
3. Identify worshiping guests as either ‘passing through’ or those looking for a church home so we know how to best serve them.
4. Form an ad-hoc committee whose purpose would be to meet and engage guests each week.
5. Follow-up guests’ visits with welcome bags and phone calls.
6. Identify volunteer mentors for guests and new members.

7. Identify 2 \*hands-on service projects for the year. (\*Projects in which volunteers from the church and community work side by side to serve and/or provide for brothers and sisters in need.)

Council members are asked to identify which of these items excite them and which he/she would like to be a part of bringing to life.

What about you, members, friends and guests of Haven? Do you sense the Spirit leading us to continue to **build Haven as a welcoming church of Christ, a community that encourages and nurtures members and guests?** How would you like to be involved in God's Work here at Haven? Pray. Talk with others. Pray. Talk with a Council member. It's time to move forward together in mission and ministry once again.

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY



### Attention God Squad Explorers and Parents!

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Psalm 19:1. God Squad

Explorers, Daniel, Georgia, George, Ethan, Emma, Katie, Tanner and Rayleigh experienced **Adventures in God's Nature** on May 1st. Marge welcomed the Explorers and introduced new Explorers Katie and George. Brenda told the Explorers Jesus' parable of the tiny mustard seed. Cindy took the Explorers on a nature walk on the church grounds. Robin and Mike entertained the Explorers with a video showing the amazing growth



process of a flower and Robin demonstrated how to make a Mother's Day flower arrangement. The Explorers then created their own unique arrangement during the craft session to give to their mothers. Mike and the Explorers joined in song celebrating God's love for all of his creations. Each Explorer was given a goodies bag that included a special nature inspired treat, a brownie with a gummy worm on top baked by Cindy.



A special outdoor celebration, **Spirit and Adventures**, to conclude the Sunday School year is planned for our explorers on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Weather-

permitting, we will worship outside at 9:30 am and then continue celebrating with food and fun afterwards. There will be a craft table, Mr. Mike will keep us singing AND there will be a *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* Cake walk for kids and adults. We have a special Summer Faith and Fun bag for each explorer, too. Masks are optional. We ask that a parent or grandparent attend with our preschoolers to help us make the most of our diverse-aged group of explorers. Thank you.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Women of Haven will meet for study and discussion of Scripture on **Thursday, June 23, at 10:00am** in the Parlor. The study is included in the May/June issue of "Gather" magazine. We will be discussing "Across the Generations" the first "Devotional" (pp. 22-27) included in that issue. Copies are available on the mobile message board or from Elaine Michael. All women are invited & welcome.



## FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



WOW! As of May 15, we have received **\$87,218.70**, toward retiring our 7-year, \$100,000 loan! Thank you to all who have made their promised contributions and to all who made special ones toward this project.

## PARISH LIFE

**HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB** – *ALL THE FORGIVENESSES* by Elizabeth Hardinger is our selection for June. Set in Appalachia & the Midwest at the turn of the century, this exquisite novel paints a portrait of a resilient farm family's challenges & hard-won triumphs. Plan now to join us on Thursday, **June 16, 2:00 pm** in the Church Parlor to share discussion of this interesting book. - Joan Schupp



## WORSHIP

### **SATURDAY 5 PM WORSHIP STARTS JUNE 11**

During the summer months there **will** be a second worship service option on Saturdays at 5 pm. It is a spoken service (no music) with holy communion. If your summer plans preclude Sunday morning worship, you do not have to forego worship --- come on Saturday at 5 pm.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS**

<b>June 5</b>	Acts 2:1-21, Ps. 104:24-34, 35b, Rom. 8:14-17, Jn. 14:15-25
<b>June 12</b>	Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31, Ps. 8, Rom. 5:1-5, Jn. 16:12-15
<b>June 19</b>	Isa. 65:1-9, Ps. 22:19-28, Gal. 3:23-29, Lk. 8:26-39
<b>June 26</b>	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Ps. 16, Gal. 5:1, 13-25, Lk. 9:51-62

## WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

**Assist. Minister**

**Acolyte**

**Ushers**

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**June 5** Danny Kiblinger      Ethan Rhodes      Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes  
Georgi Kauffman

*Flowers: The Hassinger's    Host(s): Worship & Ed Teams*

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**June 12** Marge Cunningham      Austin Suchy      Will Seilhamer, Kim Pile,  
**NEEDED**

*Flowers: Marge Cunningham    Host(s): Kline's*

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**June 19** Aura Neikirk      Piper Meredith      Bob Snyder, Susan Strobl,  
Elaine Michael

*Flowers: Sharon Moser    Host(s): **NEEDED***

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**June 26** Nancy Newkirk      Rayleigh Dorsey      Amy Mason, Kathleen Kline  
Marge Cunningham

*Flowers: **NEEDED**    Host(s): **NEEDED***

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**Securing the Building in June:** Doug Wright, June Hess

### FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

**June 7**      **Team 1** – Ed Distad, Jan Merique, Judy Teeter, Becky Plavcan

**June 10**      **Team 2** – Sue Nelson, Pastor Alessandri, Marge Cunningham

## **THANK YOU NOTES**



**Haven Lutheran Church raised a total of \$1,075!** This is the tenth highest amount raised by our bowling teams. Thank you for your belief in our mission. Your support has been a game changing blessing for the agency and I can't thank you enough! **Tom Kline, BBBS Director** (and your Haven Hallelujah Team)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Dear Haven Lutheran Church,**

Thank you for your gift of \$2,460.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response... Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters... In Christ, Robin Brown, Director of Congregational Generosity

# Haven's 2022 Favorite Hymn Survey Results

- 1) 856 How Great Thou Art
- 2) 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
- 3) 787 On Eagles Wings  
574 Here I Am, Lord
- 4) 660 Lift High the Cross
- 5) 503 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
654 The Church's One Foundation
- 6) 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
638 Blessed Assurance  
785 When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)  
756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save  
413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
- 7) 471 Let Us Break Bread Together  
661 I Love to Tell the Story
- 8) 731 Earth and All Stars!  
595 Jesus Loves Me!
- 9) 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
671 Shine, Jesus, Shine  
840 Now Thank We All Our God  
742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
715 Christ, Be Our Light  
807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- 10) 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



## HAVEN BLESSING BOX



**HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX** – donations are needed for our Blessing Box. Haven's Blessing Box is intended to function as a small neighborhood pantry, offering shelf stable items to those who have a need. **Needs for June:** We are in need of canned items such as: tuna, soup, Chef Boy R Dee pastas, Mac & cheese. We specifically would like items with pull tabs. The donation box is located in the narthex. Thanks to all who have made donations.

## MICAH BACKPACKS

**MICAH'S BACKPACKS** – By the time you read this, Haven will have completed another year in the Micah's Backpack Program at Fountaindale School. A special thanks to all who shopped, packed, arranged for drivers and donated to the program. Haven served 12 students for the majority of the year. The congregation has committed to serving the school in the coming school year.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope - June 4 (Challenge Hike June 11)



**Main Hike: Saturday, June 4**  
**4K, 10K, half marathon hikes on**  
**C & O Canal Towpath**  
**Challenge Hike: Saturday, June 11**  
**20-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail**

### RESTORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Join a team of invaluable volunteers at the ReStore! Multiple positions to fit any skill/interest level. Volunteer Benefits: Flexible schedule / 20% store discount / Rewarding work / Plus, for a limited time receive \$20 a month in ReStore cash for up to 6 months. Phone number is 301-745-5457

**COFFMAN NURSING HOME LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** – Coffman Nursing Home has a new Activities Director, Mary Chaney, and she is looking for volunteers. Volunteers must submit evidence of their Covid vaccinations. Mary can be reached at 301-733-2914, Ext .1144.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

James & Brenda Hassinger	06/05
Grant & Valerie Wills	06/08
Michael & Veronica Bergschneider	06/13
Ken & Dawn Tice	06/20

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

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

Is your special day missing or incorrect? If so, please contact the church office so we can update our list. We want to celebrate all of our members' special days with them.

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UPS** – Please sign up for altar flowers on the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board (cost: \$41).



## AFTER-WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP TIME

**CONTINUES THROUGH JUNE!** – Please sign up to assist with our Fellowship Time (aka: Coffee Hour) on the sign-up

board in the narthex.

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# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts	5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Noisy/Hunger Offering</i> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> am <b>OUTDOOR Worship</b> <i>(Bring a lawn chair!)</i> 10 <sup>30</sup> am Fellowship & Celebrate New Members and S.S.	6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Property Team mtg.	1pm AFG 3pm Spiritual Learning Circle	6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts	5pm BBBS Board mtg. 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	5pm Worship
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship 10 <sup>30</sup> am Fellowship	6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Worship Team mtg.	1pm AFG	6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts	2pm Book Club 5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	5pm Worship
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Holly Place Offering</i> <b>Father's Day</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship 10 <sup>30</sup> am Fellowship 	<b>Juneteenth</b> <i>Federal Holiday</i> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts 7pm Council 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	6 <sup>30</sup> pm BBBS Board mtg. 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts	10am Women's Bible Study 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	5pm Worship
26	27	28	29	30	July 1	July 2
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**CoDa** – Co-Dependents Anonymous, **AFG**-Al-Anon Family Group,  
**BBBS**-Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.

## **Report of the Bishop, Part I – What We Have Done Well**

*This summer we will share the Report to the Synod Assembly from our DE-MD Synod Bishop, Bill Gohl.*

The Rite of Ordination begins with these words, *before almighty God, to whom you must give account*, and so it seems right to begin my report to you with an account – of that which I think we have done well, and that which I wish we had done better, in these last years of this call as bishop of our synod.

### **Mission Development**

Building on the strong foundations laid by Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane, and former Director for Evangelical Mission Pastor Kati Kluckman-Ault, my colleagues Pastor Amsalu Geleta and Karen Johnson Kretschmann have continued the momentum of helping new communities to be gathered, resourced, and supported. Some of our work has been ongoing, some has begun and been completed, and some of our work is still unfolding. I am especially excited for the new Latiné Community gathering in Colgate, the ongoing work of North Avenue Mission (and its partner ministry, Red Shed Village), the revitalized work of Dreams+Visions, the maturing work of Slate Project and Church on the Square, and the evolving work we share with the growing communities at Mara Evangelical and Mountain of God. Karen Kretschmann has also advanced our work on strategic ministries, helping us access resources for our ethnically diverse ministries that minister alongside socioeconomically under-resourced communities. We have done some mission exploration in Queen Anne's County, and we are carefully watching for new opportunities in the Townsend-Odessa-Middletown triangle in Delaware, too.

### **Adaptive Leadership**

When entered this call, Synod Vice President John Auger, and the Leadership Mission Team were championing adaptive leadership skills for lay and ordained church leadership. From our very first Bishop's Leadership Retreat, adaptive leadership has been a constant theme for our learning together. That work in 2016 through 2019 served us well when the unprecedented experience of Covid came and made its long stay with us. Watching our pastors, deacons and lay leaders move quickly into action was akin to the opening of a Marvel movie. From checking on one another, to connecting people online, to creating digital spaces for learning, worship and fellowship, while risking something of your own safety and security to

maintain life-sustaining social ministries in the neighborhoods where we live and serve. We've all become experts at Zoom, and Facebook Live, and YouTube – and while our numbers feel diminished, in many places our presence and witness is stronger for all the ways we have adapted to be church for such a time as this.

### **Cooperative Ministries**

My colleague, Pastor Robin Simpson Litton, has become an expert at cooperative ministry, so much so, other synods ask for her advice and wise counsel. In these years, we have learned that the worst reason to become part of a parish or cooperative is because it's all we can afford. Seeing congregations configure, cooperate and support one another for the sake of renewed mission and stronger ministry has become a genuine sense of joy. Sometimes that's reconfiguring an existing parish arrangement, sometimes its ecumenical work with other judicatories, and sometimes it even crosses synod boundaries. We have cooperatives with two churches, three churches, and now five churches. We have buildings that are shared among two, three and four different worshipping communities. The future feels richer for working together.

### **Generosity**

It's no secret that Covid has been financially challenging for so many of our congregations and ministries. And. Your generosity has made a difference for many – individuals and congregations. Your support of the Covid Relief fund was unprecedented – over a quarter million dollars raised and shared for outreach, streaming equipment, help for salaries and benefits, support to help bridge the inevitable gaps that were caused by lock-downs and diminished attendance. Our congregation's mission support has been stable and shown incremental growth – allowing us to continue our support for seminarians, campus ministries, outdoor ministry, and prison ministry. My colleague Pastor Dave Shank's efforts to get our Synod Annual Ministry Fund up and running has created resources to extend our mission starts, support strategic and ethnic-specific ministry, and to augment the training and resources we can offer our congregations, worshipping communities, rostered and lay leadership. Thank you for sharing generously, every gift – added to the others – changes lives and makes our synod better.

*Next month: "That Which I Wish We Had Done Better"*

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