

# 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."*



## July 2022

### WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON + FACEBOOK LIVE Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary.

Sunday Worship Service is also 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).)



### **“IS IT I, LORD? I HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING IN THE NIGHT”** (or in the newsletter!?)

Whenever we gather for worship, there are people needed to assist to allow it to happen. Worship leadership is shared by the pastor *and* lay (*not ordained*) worship leaders, including the assisting minister, acolyte, readers, musicians and choir. Why? Because worship is celebrated by the whole community, not just ordained leaders with those stiff, white collars.

Among those needed helpers are **USHERS**, who provide hospitality for worshippers. They greet, distribute bulletins, provide directions for guests, bring forward the signs of our offerings, help folks get communion and finally, after worship, go through the pews to put away hymnals and collect bulletins left behind. None of the tasks are difficult or complicated but absolutely essential to the spirit and seamless order of community worship.

There are also **ASSISTING MINISTERS** who help lead worship with the pastor. Usually this is a lay person. The assisting minister reads the announcements, leads certain prayers and other portions of the liturgy (“order of worship”) and helps with the distribution of communion. What talents are needed to be an assisting minister? A clear, articulate speaking voice, little to no fear of reading in front of the congregation (who are highly supportive) and a love of the Lord. Due to recent events, we are down to only three assisting ministers. At least three more would be ideal.

There is another worship role that dropped out of our worship due to COVID that

we are ready to restore --- **LAY READER**. During COVID the assisting minister took on this role but now it's time to invite back those who read the Scripture passages during worship. Usually, that involves one lesson (Old Testament reading or the Psalm) and then joining the pastor in the reading of the gospel. The lessons can be emailed to you or picked up at church the week before you are to read. Why ahead of time? So you can read them aloud at home in advance to get a sense of the reading, including tone and the sentence character. It is fascinating to see how meaning can shift by which words you emphasize or where you pause. What talents are needed? Similar to an assisting minister --- a clear speaking voice, good inflection and that love of God.



How do I ask the question? Do I ask if you are willing to be an usher? Or do I ask if you sense the Spirit tugging on you as you read this? In either case, I AM asking you to consider adding your name to our team of **ushers**. You are needed and we will offer training. On **Sunday, July 10**, I would ask that all those who are **currently ushering**, all who **are ready to start ushering** AND all who are just **considering being an usher**, to **please stay after worship** for an usher meeting. We will review and update the tasks of the ushers and how to direct communion. We will then offer any further training for anyone ready or considering being an usher. I will lead the meeting but also gather "best practices" from those who have already been ushering. We will try to make it a brief but meaningful meeting. Is the Lord nudging you?



And how about those of you who can read aloud and speak clearly? I ask you to seriously consider being an **assisting minister** or **lay reader**. Your community needs you to step up and at least try! I will gladly coach or train you.



Not sure, ask someone you trust if she or he thinks you could do it. Read aloud for them. Sometimes we can't see our own gifts. Don't let fear get in the way of trying.

You will soon be asked to volunteer on the attendance sheet in your Sunday bulletin. Don't dismiss the invitation too quickly. Let the possibility drift around inside you for a while. Ask God if being an usher, assisting minister or lay reader is a good way for you to give glory to our Lord and serve God's church. Please give it some prayerful consideration. This article just may be the way God is calling you to serve.

**Pentecost at Haven was glorious, fun and full of the Spirit!**

This picture (next page) shows the crowd of worshippers during the children's message. You can also see the tables with red table clothes where there would be



snacks of popcorn, caramel apple slices, frozen ice pops, bottles of water and, of course, coffee. You can't quite see it behind worshippers, but there was a huge, beautiful cross of red geraniums. Nineteen persons were "officially" welcomed as members at Haven AND we celebrated another year of our God Squad Explorers Sunday school program.

I'm afraid I would miss someone if I tried to list all the people who made this celebration possible with time, effort and

grace --- but it was A LOT. The Holy Spirit was truly at work in and among us. And so I pray:

*I pray the Spirit will ever set our hearts aflame with God's grace.*

*I pray the Spirit will ever fan that fire with the winds of God's life-save purpose.*

*I pray that through the Spirit we ever know God's peace and passion in lives that say "Amen!" to all God is by being all we are ---- gifted, saved, sent children of God who testify with our very lives that God is good, Christ is Risen! Amen.*

Your pastor and partner in ministry,  
Linda M. Alessandri

## COUNCIL

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** that the message on our digital sign has not changed for a while? It seems the original antenna is no longer working. That means our office computer can't communicate with the sign to post new messages. Our Property Chair, Doug Wright, is working triage with sign and wiring folks to come up with a solution. The digital sign has become an important way for us to reach out to our community. Though I guess we should be glad our sign glitch didn't happen when there were still snowflakes or Easter eggs on it, it will be good to have it back in order and ready to share the good news.

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

### **GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS AND PARENTS!**

It may be summer but we never take a break from our Lord.

Read through your Family Spark booklet.

Be sure to take out those FAMILY CELEBRATE SUMMER cards to find some faith-filled fun activities.

*God is good! (All the time!) All the time! (God is good!)*



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Women will meet for study & discussion of Scripture on **Thursday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. We will be doing Session Two of "Crafted in Christ."



The study is included in the July/August issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies are available on the mobile message board or from Elaine Michael. We will be studying Session Three of "Crafted in Christ" on Thursday, August 25, at 10:00 in the Parlor. All women are welcome. Please join us!

## FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



WOW! As of June 19, 2022, we have received **\$93,357.10** 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** – Plan now to join us for our **July 21, 2:00** Book Club meeting in the Parlor. We will be discussing **IF I WERE YOU** by Lynn Austin which is a powerful story of heart-wrenching loss, our desperate need to be understood, to forgive & be forgiven & the loving sacrifice found in true friendship. Hope to see you then – Joan Schupp



## WORSHIP

### **SPECIAL WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT JULY 24**

Who doesn't need some fun and fellowship these days? Well, we have just such an occasion being planned for the Haven community.

During worship, we will remember Haven member, Sari Kilheffer, who died in April, and was truly a character. (She would be the first to agree!) Born and raised and later retired in Smithsburg, Sari had spunk, a unique perspective, a quick wit and a heart for fun. She wore funny hats, absolutely loved Halloween and had me bless a long-desired outhouse in her back yard.

I tell you all of this so that those who may not have known Sari can get into the spirit of this celebration that is not just for Sari but also for this Haven community that she loved, that also has its own joy and quirkiness that we love. After worship we will have an early lunch in the Gathering Room. (Can you guess how it will be decorated?) There will be time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

ALSO we need to take a new picture of our members (families, couples, singles) for a **NEW DIRECTORY**. Whether you knew Sari or not, we need you to be there to get your picture taken --- one for the directory and, if you are brave or "Sari"

enough, another picture being goofy just for the fun of it! (Prop choices to be provided!)

So what do you say? Go mark July 24, 9:30 am on your calendar. Yes, right now. Put down the newsletter and do it! Now, get ready for a good time.

### **TWO WORSHIP OPTIONS EACH SUMMER WEEKEND**

Saturdays, 5 pm A spoken service (no music) with holy communion.

Sundays, 9:30 am Worship with music and holy communion.

KEEP WORSHIP in your weekend schedule.

We NEED that time in our Lord's presence and a community of God's children.

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP READINGS**

**July 3** Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10** Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

**July 17** Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

**July 26** Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19, Luke 11:1-13

**July 31** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11,  
Luke 12:13-21

### **9:30 am WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE**

#### **Assist. Minister**

#### **Acolyte**

#### **Ushers**

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| <b>July 3</b> | Aura Neikirk | Ethan Rhodes | Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes<br>Georgi Kauffman<br><i>Flowers: NEEDED</i> |
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| <b>July 10</b> | Marge Cunningham | Austin Suchy | Will Seilhamer, Kim Pile,<br><b>NEEDED</b><br><i>Flowers: NEEDED</i> |
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| <b>July 17</b> | Nancy Newkirk | Piper Meredith | Bob Snyder, Susan Strobl,<br>Elaine Michael<br><i>Flowers: NEEDED</i> |
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| <b>July 24</b> | Aura Newkirk | Raeleigh Dorsey | Amy Mason, Kathleen Kline<br>Marge Cunningham<br><i>Flowers: NEEDED</i> |
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| <b>July 31</b> | Marge Cunningham | Ethan Rhodes | Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes<br>Georgi Kauffman<br><i>Flowers: The Hassinger's</i> |
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**Securing the Building in July:** Ed Distad, Marge Cunningham

## HUNGER MINISTRY

### FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

**July 5** Team 4 – Sue Strobl, Millie Strange, Valerie Wills, Sandy Powell

**July 8** Team 3 – Joan Schupp, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Kris Fignar

## THANK YOU NOTES

**Dear Haven Lutheran Church,**

On behalf of the Bereavement Care team with Hospice of Washington County, I wanted to express our gratitude for your partnership and willingness to host our Hearts of Hope (Adult Grief Support) group the past few months. Our team and clients have truly felt welcome and supported at Haven Lutheran.

HWC is transitioning into a brand-new administrative office space this summer (located on Underpass Way - South End of Hagerstown). Thus, this transition has opened up the opportunity for our group bereavement care services to return back "in house" within the organization. We are planning to transition to utilize Doey's House (Hospice In-Patient facility) as the primary long-term location of our Hearts of Hope group. This transition is set up to begin in July 2022.

We are deeply appreciative of the opportunity to partner with Haven Lutheran Church, and wish to ultimately "finish" this month at your location for the remaining 2 meetings (Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> Daytime and Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Evening). Then, we will instruct group attendees to come to our Doey's House for July meetings and dates moving forward.

We wanted to make you aware of this anticipated change, so you can update your calendar and bulletin accordingly. I can arrange to bring the key back to your administrative office in the days following our last meeting. Let me know your schedule on Friday 6/24 or during the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to continue to partner with the Church in the future!

**Sincerely, Maria D. Reed, M. Ed** *Bereavement Care Coordinator-Hospice of W.C.*

## 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. 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.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

|                    |       |                        |       |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Betty Getz         | 07/01 | Irene Giffin           | 07/20 |
| Todd Faith         | 07/02 | Veronica Bergschneider | 07/22 |
| Larry Hartsock     | 07/02 | Mary Fortson           | 07/24 |
| Georgia Kline      | 07/03 | Austin Suchy           | 07/25 |
| Terry Trovinger    | 07/05 | Georgetta Kauffman     | 07/28 |
| Robert Webb        | 07/08 | Adam Tice              | 07/29 |
| Charlotte Loveless | 07/09 | Korben Defriece        | 07/31 |
| Jackie Webb        | 07/12 | Pat Manspeaker         | 07/31 |
| June Hess          | 07/18 | Mary Grabill           | 07/31 |
| Grant Wills        | 07/19 |                        |       |

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Sandy & Bob Powell        | 07/03 |
| Dick & Pat Manspeaker     | 07/04 |
| Larry & Sharon Hartsock   | 07/05 |
| Jim & Jamie Cannon        | 07/07 |
| Eric & Stephanie Meredith | 07/08 |
| Dave & Sue Resh           | 07/14 |

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH

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| Maura Haupt | 07/01 |
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*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.*

# July 2022

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday       | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                          | Saturday             |
|---|---|---------------|---|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
|   |   |               |   |  | 1<br>5 <sup>30</sup> pm<br>AFG  | 2<br>5pm<br>Worship  |
| 3<br><i>Noisy/Hunger Offering</i><br>9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship       | 4<br><b>Independence Day</b><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Barbershop<br>7pm Property Team mtg. | 5<br>1pm AFG  | 6<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts  | 7<br>5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa                   | 8<br>5 <sup>30</sup> pm<br>AFG  | 9<br>5pm<br>Worship  |
| 10<br>9 <sup>30</sup> am<br>Worship                                   | 11<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Barbershop   | 12<br>1pm AFG | 13<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts                                       | 14<br>5pm BBBS Board mtg.<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa                             | 15<br>5 <sup>30</sup> pm<br>AFG | 16<br>5pm<br>Worship |
| 17<br><i>Holly Place Offering</i><br>9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship       | 18<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Barbershop<br>7pm Council  | 19<br>1pm AFG | 20<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts                                       | 21<br>2pm Book Club<br>5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa | 22<br>5 <sup>30</sup> pm<br>AFG | 23<br>5pm<br>Worship |
| 24<br>9 <sup>30</sup> am Special<br>Worship<br>Fellowship<br>Luncheon | 25<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Barbershop   | 26<br>1pm AFG | 27<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm BBBS Board Mtg. | 28<br>10am Women's Bible Study<br>6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa                        | 29<br>5 <sup>30</sup> pm<br>AFG | 30<br>5pm<br>Worship |
| 31<br>9 <sup>30</sup> am<br>Worship                                   |   |               |   |  |                                 |                      |

**CoDa** – Co-Dependents Anonymous, **AFG**-Al-Anon Family Group,  
**BBBS**-Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.





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