

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."



September 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE

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.)

FROM THE



PASTOR

There is an old joke that went like this: "How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?" "Change??? No way!" I don't know that joke can fly anymore. COVID taught us we could certainly make changes when needed and even thrive. Yet change for change's sake is still not acceptable reasoning. So your pastor and partner in ministry is charged with letting you in on some upcoming changes in worship....or maybe I should say, the restoring of some traditions.

Years ago, when we were using a different lectionary (assigned readings for Sunday worship) that had only one, often lengthy Bible reading, the congregation was asked to remain seated. It was not just about comfort. We believed it better helped folks to concentrate on the reading. This was a big break from the tradition to respectfully stand for the gospel reading.

When we ceased having outdoor worship in the summer, the congregation remained seated during the entire service, continuing the more relaxed atmosphere of the summer, outdoor worship. When we returned to indoor worship during the pandemic and needed to maintain distancing, limit singing and such, we began to remain seated for the entire service. Mixed in there was also a concern for the growing number of members who found getting up and down difficult.

So why standing and sitting during worship anyway? First, because worship is not meant to be passive. The congregation is an active participant and different postures were considered part of that. Second, there grew to be a general "rule of thumb" to *kneel for prayer, sit to listen and stand in response. (*When no kneelers, stand for prayer.) Still, we also know that worship and honoring God is not just about our posture. It is about opening our hearts and minds and offering

ourselves and thanks to the Lord.

In recent months, both the Worship Team and Council have received requests for us to restore standing as you are able when we sing and during the reading of the gospel. After prayer and discussion, you will notice some changes in worship starting in September. *However, we also invite you to remain seated if standing or standing for a long period is difficult for you, if you are caring for a small child, or you want to provide company for another person who must remain seated.*

Do these changes enhance our worship? As always, we encourage you to offer reactions, suggestions and concerns to members of the Council, Worship Team and pastor. We prayerfully work to offer worship that is life-giving and meaningful. Your participation, input and insights are vital. To God be all honor and glory.

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Linda M. Alessandri

CALLING HAVEN DISCIPLES

New Service Opportunities
God's Work. Our Hands

GREETERS are needed to welcome guests and visitors as they enter the building for worship. It's easy and even fun. You come to church 20 – 30 minutes early. You are assigned one of the two entrances, you greet those who enter and let them know how happy we are that they are here. That's it! If at least 8 people volunteer you will only be a greeter once a month. Be brave. Volunteer. You will be extending God's own hospitality with a simple, "welcome." Sign-up on the attendance form in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting the church office (havenoffice@havenlc.org or call 301-733-5056).

IT'S GREAT
TO MEET
YOU!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS Our parents have been absolutely great about having their children in church. We want our children to know they are part of the community and to grow in participating in worship. AND, we know there are some Sundays when our youngest children just can't settle and need to run or play. On those days, a nursery makes it possible for a child to be more content and the parents are more able to participate in worship.

We have not provided a nursery since the beginning of COVID. Now, as we frequently hear people say, "Isn't it great to have young families in church," it's time to offer the option of nursery care during worship for infants and children through 1st grade age. Thus, we need volunteers to serve our Lord's church and children.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Following our Children Protection Policy, two adults* are needed for the nursery every Sunday. You arrive by 9:15 am to meet any parents and infants. You will be able to hear the worship service through a speaker in the nursery. Other young children may come after the children's message. There is plenty for them to enjoy in the nursery. When it's communion time, we ask you to

bring the children to the church for a blessing or communion. When all the children have been picked up by parents, you tidy the room, remember the children's smiles and fun and hear God whisper, "Well, done my good and faithful servant." (*One of the attendants can be a teen as long as the other is an adult.)

Happy we have young families? Then please volunteer to be a nursery attendant. Teen, parent or grandparent age, male or female, this is a way you can serve our Lord and support your Haven community. Sign-up on the attendance form in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting the church office (havenoffice@havenlc.org or call 301-733-5056).

USHERS, LAY READERS AND ASSISTING MINISTERS are also needed. Training provided. Appreciation abounding!

HAVEN'S ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC September 18, 10:30 am at Doub's Wood Park (South Pavilion)

The Parish Life Team will provide something new this year. We will be having a hotdog and sausage bar with different types of each so you can try new things and enjoy some of your favorites too. As always there will be tags on the bulletin board in the narthex to pick a side dish to bring that will be needed to complete our feast. There will be games, corn hole boards and bingo for everyone.



F.Y.I. The pavilion IS handicap accessible.

SIGN-UP on the attendance form so we can have enough food planned.

COME worship our Lord ... feast on food and fellowship ... and build up God's community at Haven!

NOTE: On September 18th, there will be NO 9:30 am worship at 1035 Haven Rd. Instead plan to come to Doub's Woods at 10:30 am for Worship, Feast and Fun!

LOCATION

THE SOUTH PAVILION ENTRANCE IS OFF SOUTH POTOMAC STREET
(entrance road is between Emma K. Doub & E. Russell Hicks Schools)

WHAT DID HAVEN DISTRIBUTE TO LOCAL SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

Many needed supplies and great deal of encouragement and hope.

Though we got a late start, the response was generous --- slips disappeared and supplies were returned. Using the items and amounts from previous years, other supplies were also ordered using monies donated by the congregation, two \$250

Thrivent Action Team Grants and funds from the Jonathan Olson Designated Gift Funds. All that provided this for our local families:

72 Blunt Scissors
113 Chunk Erasers
188 24-packs of Crayons,
144 Dry Erase Black Markers
30 2-pocket/no prongs folder
309 Glue Sticks
200 chiseled Highlighters
241 packs of Loose-Leaf Paper
249 composition notebooks

215 spiral notebooks
12 Pencil Sharpeners
584 yellow #2 Pencils
95 packs of colored Pencils
432 Ticonderoga Pencils
130 Black Pens
120 Blue pens
48 Red pens

Many thanks to all who donated, ordered, sorted, packed, labelled and delivered school supplies. A special thanks to Elaine Michael and Clare Newcomer who so ably led us through this project in record time. Imagine the smiles of children. Imagine the relief of parents and teachers. Imagine the learning that can commence.



Bill Byers, Haven member as well as custodians from Fountaindale Elementary School and other grateful staff at Western Heights Middle School help load all the supplies collected to distributed to their school children.

COUNCIL

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 11 immediately after worship

The Council is seeking the congregation's approval of a MOTION to contract with the Happy Home Roofer Company to replace the gutters on the original church building for up to \$3,700.00 with funds to come from the Special Gifts Building Fund. There will also be a brief update on the Faith Building Together Campaign. Please make plans to attend in-person or online.

Join Zoom Meeting on-line at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89682674351?pwd=RmlxMkVIOWJvbo1qNWlxWkFjTWJrdz09> Meeting ID: 896 8267 4351 ; Passcode: 031538 Join meeting by phone by calling +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 896 8267 4351 Passcode: 031538



DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – immediately after the Worship Service we have arranged another photo shoot to get your pictorial directory photos taken/retaken. Members photos taken at the Sari Killeffer/Congregational Celebration are available to view via a passcode protected page (passcode can be obtained through the office) on our website. On this

page there is a link to the photography site where you can view your photos. If you would like to took/retake your photo you can do so at the September 25th photo/retake photo shoot. If possible please sign up on the mobile board so we know how many people will need photos taken that day. If you forget to sign up it's okay we will still take your photos that day. If you have any questions please reach out to the Administrative Assistant, Mary through the church office. Thank you!

HAVEN HAPPENINGS

KNITTING/COCHETING MINISTRY – If you have done any knitting or crocheting or would like to learn how to knit or crochet in order to make items for a number of outreach ministries, please join us on **Thursday, September 1 at 10:00 am** in Haven West. This is a great time of Christian fellowship with others as we learn and use these skills to make items provided by ministries locally, nationally and worldwide.



EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

God Squad Explorers and Parents Mark your Calendars!

Sunday, September 11, 11:00 am

Another Year of Exploration Journeys has arrived!



We start a new year, Explorers! **“Adventures in Jesus Stories”** is our theme. Your Explorer assignment this year: discover the message each of Jesus’ stories has for you!

On Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 a.m. come to the “Explorers’ Camp” Sunday School room for a **“Jesus is Our Rock Adventure.”** What message will Jesus reveal to you through activities, crafts, music and partnership with other explorers? Come find out!

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.



TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK and scheduled for **Monday, October 31st from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** at Haven Lutheran Church. Come join us for a fun evening enjoying smores, treats and fellowship!

In October, look for a sign-up sheet for those who will come with their cars to greet and distribute treats. Great community outreach and fun!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY –will meet for fellowship, study and discussion of Scripture on **Thursday, September 22 at 10 am** in the Parlor. The study can be found in the September/October issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies will be available on the mobile message board or from Elaine Michael.



WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14, 10 AM Everyone welcome. Whether you are new to Bible Study or a veteran you will be blessed by the fellowship and the dive into God’s Word. We’ll be starting by looking at some of the shorter, less read books of the Bible. It’s always an adventure and usually a great deal of fun!

FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



WOW! As of August 21, 2022, **\$100,743.90** has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. **CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!? BUT HOLD ON ---** get more news at the special congregation meeting on September 11.

PARISH LIFE



HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – On **Thursday, Sept. 15 at 2:00 pm** we will meet in the Parlor to discuss **THE LAST DAYS OF NIGHT** by Graham Moore. It is New York, 1888. Thomas Edison & George Westinghouse are competitors in the invention & production of electric light. Plan now to join us to review this fascinating tale as told by a young lawyer who is intimately involved. Any questions, contact Joan Schupp.

WORSHIP



CALLING ALL SINGERS!... Haven needs YOU in choir! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and sing in church two to three times a month. Interested? Talk to Steve Pastena at worship or by email at stephenpastena@yahoo.com. Our first practice is **Wednesday, August 31st**, and our first Sunday in worship will be September 11th.

WEEKLY WORSHIP READINGS

September 4 Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33
September 11 Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
September 18 Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13
September 25 Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

9:30 am WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

Date	Assist. Minister	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Altar Flowers
Sept. 4	Aura Neikirk	Ethan Rhodes	Abigail Andrews	Will Seilhamer, Kim Pile, Needed	NEEDED
Sept. 11	Nancy Newkirk	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason	Susan Strobl, Elaine Michael, NEEDED	Dick & June Hess
Sept. 18	Marge Cunningham	Piper Meredith	Nancy Newkirk		
Sept. 25	Nancy Newkirk	Raleigh Dorsey	Elaine Michael	Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes, Georgi Kauffman	NEEDED

Securing the Building in September: Sandy Powell, Nancy Newkirk

HUNGER MINISTRY

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

September 6 - Team 4 – Sue Strobl, Millie Strange, Valerie Wills, Sandy Powell

September 9 - Team 3 – Joan Schupp, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Kris Fignar

LUNCH FOR POTOMAC TOWERS Our congregation is again scheduled to provide lunch for the residents of Potomac Towers on Thursday, September 29. A meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, September 4, in the Gathering Room to plan our menu. After months of being required to offer only bag lunches, we are pleased that this month we will return to in-person serving. All who are interested in or curious about this ministry are most welcome to attend.

THANK YOU NOTES

Haven Family,

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest thanks and gratitude for the prayers, cards, visits and calls during my time in rehab. This expression of thanks is long overdue. I kept missing the Deadline for Messenger articles.

Through your support and prayers, I went from unable to even sit up straight in a wheelchair to becoming self-sufficient so that I may continue to enjoy my independence. At the beginning of my struggle I thought I would never be able to do my own thing again. After I transferred to Sunrise of Frederick my life turned around.

I cannot say enough about the positive outlook, positive and encouraging staff, and super Physical Therapy individuals at Sunrise. My world grew brighter each day with small successes to bolster my desire to push on.

I thank God every day for carrying me in the sand as I struggled with each step. God is Great! And so are my family, church family and friends. He sent me some good ones.

Blessings, Pam O'Connor

Dear friends of Holly Place,

On behalf of the residents, staff and the board of Senior Living alternatives, Inc. I would like to thank you all for the very generous donation of \$120.00 to Holly Place...

(Full letters can be found on the curved bulletin board in the narthex.)



HAVEN BLESSING BOX



HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX IS BEING USED OFTEN! Haven's Blessing Box is intended to function as a small neighborhood pantry, offering shelf stable items to those who have a need. It is being consistently used. We have seen people taking out needed food items and others who put in items. We need canned items such as: tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee 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

Harold Rice	09/05
Jadyra Fortson	09/12
Michael Freeman	09/18
Abigail Byers	09/24
Amy Mason	09/28
Jean Carbaugh	09/29
Bob Hart	09/29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & June Hess	09/12
Kenneth & Joann Shankle	09/29
Ray & Elaine Michael	09/30

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Trinity Mason	09/05
Kyleigh McNabb	09/05
Chase Myers	09/05
Aaron Richards	09/10
Charles Huguenin	09/13
Melissa Butsch	09/15
Aura Neikirk	09/16
Kelly Bracken	09/19

*Is your special day missing or incorrect?
If so, please contact the church office to update your information.
We want to celebrate all our member and staff's special days.*

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INTERFAITH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Hagerstown Area Religious Council is planning an Interfaith Progressive Dinner on **Sunday, September 11**. Organized by the Interfaith Team, the event will be held at four different local houses of worship in or near

Hagerstown--Zion Reformed UCC Church, Congregation B'Nai Abraham, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and the Islamic Society of Western Maryland. Each stop will include a part of the meal with a short message about remembering 9-11 and celebrating the International Day of Peace. Tickets are \$20 or buy four and get one free. To get more details and purchase tickets, go to <https://progressivedinner2022.eventbrite.com>. The event is limited to 100 people so get your tickets early. You can also get more information from Ed Poling at 301-766-9005.



SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL DUNKER CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 3:00 PM

Old Dunker Meetinghouse

5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD

The 52nd annual Dunker Church Service will be held in the old Dunker meetinghouse on the Antietam Battlefield. The speaker will be Carl Bowman, professor of sociology at the University of Virginia and formerly Bridgewater College. The service will be typical of the simple worship style of Anabaptists in the 1860's with a capella four-part singing. The public is invited. (Persons are encouraged to be vaccinated against Covid-19 and wear a mask.) For more information, contact Ed Poling at (301)766-9005 or elpling1@gmail.com.

Reach
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

17TH ANNUAL TASTING EVENT

TASTE OF THE TOWN

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2022
5:00 PM

GREEN GROVE GARDENS
1032 BUCHANAN TRAIL EAST, GREENCASTLE, PA
WWW.GREENGROVEGARDENS.COM

TASTE OF THE TOWN **BENEFITS REACH OF** **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

For questions about the event or what we do at Reach call us at 301-733-2371 (ext. 108) or email Jackie at Jackie@reachofwc.org.

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Noisy/Hunger Offering</i> 9 ³⁰ am Worship	Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Property Team mtg. 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG 7pm Choir	6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	5pm BBBS Board mtg. 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 ³⁰ am Worship Followed by a Special Congregational Meeting 11am God Squad	6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Worship Team mtg. 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	10am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts 7pm Choir	2pm Book Club 5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Holly Place Offering</i> 10³⁰am Worship followed by the Church Picnic Doub's Woods Park (South Pavilion) NO WORSHIP at 1035 Haven Rd.	10am Zoom Education Mtg. 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Council 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	10 am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts 6 ³⁰ pm BBBS Board Mtg. 7pm Choir	10am Women's Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9 ³⁰ am Worship Directory Photos 10 ⁴⁵ am Fellowship 11am Adult Sunday School	6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	10am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts 7pm Choir	Lunch at Potomac Towers 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	

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

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