

Open Door

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Thank you to everyone for their cards and prayers during my hospital stay. I know it contributed to my healing. **-Barb Lundberg**

Thank you to everyone who graciously contributed to the love offering for Dr. Hanna Massad in November. We were able to give him over \$3,200 for his ministry in Gaza, and he was extremely grateful.

We rejoice with Sue Rosenquist, Julie Skopek and her son Jared, who were baptized recently at the AmericInn.

Thank you to everyone who donated items or helped in any way with our Holiday Marketplace fundraiser for benevolence ministries. A special

"March to the Manger" on Sunday, December 20th "What should I offer to Jesus on this special day?"

On Christmas Sunday (December 20th), there will be a unique experience during the worship services (8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.) to honor the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus' birthday. During our offering on this day, we will have Mary and Joseph at the manger, along with wise men and shepherds, on the front platform. We are asking every man, woman, teenager and child of the congregation to ask this question: "What should I offer Jesus on this special day?" Please prayerfully consider the type and/or amount of your gift, just as you would your gift to other loved ones this Christmas. Monetary gifts are appropriate-but you may choose to bring another "gift" such as a new spiritual commitment, a promise for the coming year, or acts of kindness and service to others. As we sing Christmas carols, you will have the opportunity to bring your gifts-wrapped, or in envelopes (with a note inside, if that is appropriate for your gift), to the manger in a prayerful and thoughtful expression of your love for Jesus. This is a great opportunity to also get your kids involved in the real "reason for the season" - Jesus' birthday! May your "March to the Manger" be a spiritual blessing for you and your family this year.

Christmas Schedule



Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24th

4:00, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

Nursery provided for all services

Community Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Open to everyone -- please email hwc@cheqnet.net or call the church (634-4613) for reservations.

Volunteer help is needed; also food donations (turkeys, potatoes, desserts).

What's Happening at HWC?

"CHRISTMAS IN THE PINES" (A Ladies' Christmas Gathering)

Sunday, December 13, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

There will be a guest speaker, a craft demonstration, and refreshments will be served. All ladies are welcome-please sign up at the Welcome Center or on your bulletin Information panel.

thank you to Trudy Tyson and her committee for all their hard work!

Jerry and I want to thank all of our church family for the abundance of prayers, heartfelt cards, and all the meals. We are so deeply touched by the reflection of God's love in every caring heart and are overwhelmed with gratitude for all the kindness shown; and, a special thanks for all the hard work the Paint Daubers did in our yard. We miss and love you all!
-Jerry & Lorraine Zamber

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. Our Missions Committee and helpers packed 100 baskets this year for families in need.

We were saddened last week by the passing of Judy Gorud, who was a great prayer warrior and long-time part of our church family, even though she was homebound for the past several years. She was known and loved by many in our church community.

Our love and prayers are extended to:

.....Matt Vandelac on the loss of his mother
.....Elizabeth Fletcher on the loss of her brother

THE GIVING TREE

Christmas is coming soon and.....again this year we have the Giving Tree set up in the foyer. There are tags on the tree representing people (mainly children) who need a boost for Christmas. Please pick a tag for someone for whom you would like to provide a gift. Put the end of the tag in the box provided, so we know for whom you are buying, and have the gift(s) back to the church by December 13. For each tag you take we ask that you purchase a gift(s) totaling about \$20-\$25, wrap them in Christmas paper and return them to the church with the tag attached so we can deliver to the right person. Thanks to every one of you for making this such a success in the past - and, thanks in advance for continuing this tradition of GIVING in 2009.

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH BOARD: We would like to give everyone the opportunity to give a monetary Christmas gift to our pastors again this year. Our church family has been generous in past years and we hope that you will give generously again this year. All monies collected through the church will be divided equally among our pastors. If you would rather give something directly to a pastor(s), please do that on your own. Starting December 1st, envelopes will be available at the Welcome Center for your gifts (make checks payable to the church) or you can mail your gift and designate as such. Thank you very much!
Steve Gerich -- Vice Chairman, Church Board

MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Northwoods Pregnancy Resource Center recognizes that one out of four pregnancies ends in abortion. As Christians we offer caring support to those who are abortion vulnerable or facing a pregnancy-related concern. We believe each person has a right and responsibility to make a well-informed decision about their pregnancy. We believe in respect, confidentiality and unconditional love, because Christ loves us without regard to race, creed or color -- unconditionally! For more information, call the Pregnancy Resource Center at 634-2681 or visit their website at www.northwoodsprc.org or [\(click here\)](#).

ONGOING EVENTS AT HWC:

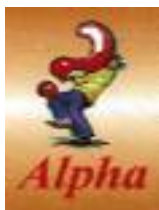
MEN'S BREAKFAST is held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the gym (next date is December 12). All men are invited.

SERENDIPITY GIRLS BOOK CLUB

All ladies who love to read and discuss Christian fiction are invited! Group normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (God's Country bookstore).

KNIT ONE, PRAYER TWO

This group meets on the first Monday of each month at the home of Bonnie Correll (634-4113), 1:00 p.m. to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in. Next meeting is December 7.



For those new to the church or just beginning their spiritual journey, Alpha is a great way to learn about God, grow in their faith, and get connected with others.

Alpha begins on January 18th at 6:00 p.m.

QUICK LINKS:[HWC Website](#)[HWC Facebook](#)[December Calendar](#)FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALPHA, [click here](#)**FINANCIAL REPORT (May 1 - October 30, 2009)****COMMUNITY NOTES:**

FCA Outreach Event
Chester Marcol, former
Green Bay Packer star
kicker, will speak on
Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the
Hayward High School
Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
The community is invited!

"The Mystery and the Majesty" Christmas

Cantata will be presented by
the Hayward Community
Choir on

Thursday & Friday,
Dec. 3-4 at 7:00 p.m. and
Sun., Dec. 6 at 2:00 p.m.

New Location:

Hayward High School, ADS
Auditorium

Limited seating is available;
however, you may pick up
FREE tickets at Lori's Card
& Gift on Dakota Ave.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 10,
1:00-7:00 p.m.

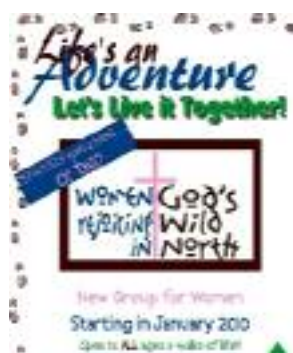
Friday, December 11, 8:00
a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Hayward Wesleyan Church
This Christmas, give the gift
of life - give blood! Walk-ins
are welcome, or to make an
appointment, visit:

www.givebloodgivelifelife.org

[\(click here\).](#)

- Contributions are \$29,369 behind YTD budget
- Expenses are \$11,896 below budgeted expenses YTD
- Expenses YTD have exceeded contributions by \$14,144

**"Women Rejoicing in God's Wild North"**

Starting in January!

For more information, contact Wendy
Boylan at 634-2030.

Scripture Focus

"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the
Lord has told us about." Luke 2:15

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