

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Update on Giving

	General Fund	Faith Promise for Missions
12/6/09 Actual	\$13,654	\$2,960
Weekly Need	\$11,241	\$1,503
Over/(Under)	\$2,413	\$1,457

### Connect to Generous Living Campaign (2008-2011)

**Committed** as of  
December 1, 2008 **\$717,320**

**Received as of**  
**November 30, 2009 \$210,942**  
Percentage Given **29%**  
Percentage Time Elapsed **33%**

**Offering Envelopes** As the end of the year approaches, several people are running out of offering envelopes. If you want envelopes for the first time, or if you need more, please mark that on the Connect Card in the worship program or leave a note for Winnie in the office. If you already have a giving number, you will get a different number but your contributions will still be correctly credited to your name for tax receipt purposes. Your new box of envelopes will be in your church mailbox upstairs across from the Information Table within 2 weeks.

## PRAYER

### PRAYER PROMPT

**God wants a relationship with you. That's why Immanuel came**

Matthew 1:22-23

Strong relationships grow with time together. Meet with God in the morning. Thank Him for being with you.  
Invite Him into your day.  
Ask Him to come with you.

### Prayer for Households at North Haven

We pray specifically for 7 households in our church each week. Contact the church office, 651-777-1384, with any specific requests.

- Dylan Bigelow
- Joe & Laurie Bigelow
- Keisha Bigelow
- Korby Bigelow
- George & Nancy Blackburn
- Tim Blomberg
- Steve & Lois Brausen

### OUR MISSIONARIES FOR THIS WEEK --

Bruce and Julie Adamson, Elianna, Taylor and Samuel are serving in Senegal, West Africa. Their sending agency is Converge Worldwide (BGC). Julie is Bob and Joan Stein's daughter.

### Prayer Group for Employment Concerns

A team prays specifically for employment needs here at church on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. If you want them to pray specifically for your employment need, please write your request on the back of the Connect Card in the worship folder. Check the box for Employment Concerns and put it in the offering plate.

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651-777-1384--Web Site: [www.northhavenchurch.org](http://www.northhavenchurch.org)  
Worship Services on Community Cable TV:  
WBL (SCC) **Ch.14**: Sun. -- Noon & 8:00 p.m.  
& Tues. -- 6:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.  
Stillwater (VAC) **Ch.18**: Tues.--2 & 8 p.m.; Wed.--2 & 8 a.m.



Weekly Update – December 13, 2009

Pastor Darrell Benhardus  
"What Child Is This?"  
Part 2 – "He Is Our Savior"  
Luke 2:1-12

### A Night of Christmas Music at North Haven

TONIGHT at 6:30, we will have our annual Christmas musical program. Please bring a plate of Christmas cookies with you. Melody Makers and performers should arrive at 6:00. Everyone is invited to this free event.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Child Dedication** There will be a Child Dedication Ceremony during the second service on Sunday, Dec. 20. If you would like to have your child or children dedicated, please contact Pastor Darrell (ext. 101) or the office as soon as possible since the dedication is next Sunday. Thank you.

**No Classes on Sunday, Dec. 20 or 27 --**  
**Because of the Christmas holidays, there are no classes for any age for the next 2 weeks.** On those 2 Sundays, there will still be Nurseries for children through age 3 and Children's Church for age 3 to grade 3 during both services. Classes resume for all ages on January 3, 2010.

# NEWS

[www.northhavenchurch.org](http://www.northhavenchurch.org)

## NEXT WEEK

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday,  
December 24



2 Candlelight Services:

**4:00** – Nursery Available

**5:15** – No Childcare

## THIS WEEK

**Senior Adult Monday Morning Fellowship does not meet tomorrow. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Christmas pot-luck this Wednesday, Dec. 16 --** Our friends from Hayden Heights church have invited us to this special event that begins at 11:30. Bring a dish to pass. The Senior Adults meet on Monday, Dec. 21 from 9:30-11:15.

**NEWorkSearch -- THIS Tuesday, Dec. 15 -- 6:15 -- Are you looking for a job or know someone who is?** This resource helps you network with others, receive encouragement, and get ideas for how to move forward. It meets every Tuesday in Room 102. This week's topic is "Work Search Resources— Part 2." Invite a friend and attend with them. Yellow invitation cards are available at the Information Center. Those who don't attend North Haven are encouraged to come also. Rich Brunkow ([richardbrunkow@msn.com](mailto:richardbrunkow@msn.com) or 651-426-8675) or Pastor Rob (ext. 102) are the contacts. (This week is the last meeting for 2009.)

## REALITY CHECK

**No Transportation for Northwestern or Bethel students on Sundays, Dec. 20 or 27.**

## MISSIONS

**PIA's "Shine the Light" event was a big success!** We raised \$10,000 for ministry in Ethiopia and Tanzania. Some of the high-lights included: 20 audio and 58 written Gospels for the Majangir people, 5 orphans sponsored, 1 missionary sponsored, and 14 goats and 70 chickens that will help the poor. Thank you, North Haven, for supporting this event!

### **Thanksgiving Offering for Philippine Relief**

The amount given for the continuing relief effort was \$490.54. Thank you.

**Operation Christmas Child** Please continue to pray for our shoe boxes. It is a huge undertaking to get them from the warehouse here in Minnesota into the hands of the children. The boxes from Minnesota will be going to Abkhazia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Macedonia, Malawi, Mauritius, Niger, and some countries that are too sensitive for Samaritan's Purse to list. Some of our boxes have a tracking code on them, so I can keep you all informed about their 'journey'.

*Pam Barnes*

## THANKS

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to everyone who participated in decorating the church and the grounds for the Christmas season. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Our Rollerskating Tradition for ALL ages continues at nearby Saints North! You're encouraged to enjoy the great times from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Discounted tickets are only \$3.00 per person, with a maximum of \$10 per family. (If you don't skate, there is no admission fee.) Invite a friend and get 2010 off to a great start!



**Get Connected!** There are many opportunities to get involved and get connected at North Haven. We strive to match people with opportunities that fit their schedules and interests. When you participate in an area of ministry, you can have a significant impact in the lives of others. To learn about ways you could get involved contact one of the Staff members.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**Thanks** to everyone who made last Friday night's Women's Christmas Event such a memorable night! Special thanks to Lori Anderson and the actresses who brought the words of "5 Women" to life. North Haven's Women's Ministry team organized this event.

**Scrapbooking – Resumes Saturday, Jan. 9 – 10:00-4:00** -- here at church in the Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone from beginner to advanced is welcome! There will be scrap-booking on Feb. 13 but nothing in March. If you have questions, contact Krisann Treague (651-770-9446).

**Ladies' Lunch for Women over 50 – Thursday, Jan. 14 – 11:30** – This group meets every second Thursday throughout the year at Pannekoeken on County Road D. Call Betty Austring (651-777-3591) for a ride or details.

## North Haven Student Ministries

(Grades 6 through 12)

### **THIS Week**

-- **Jr. High** -- Wed., Dec. 16 -- 6:45-8:15  
-- **Sr. High** -- Thurs., Dec. 17 -- 6:30-8:00 --  
Small Group Night

**New Years Eve Party, Thursday, Dec. 31 – 8p.m. to 8 a.m. -- \$5.00** Events include:

- A dodge ball tournament
- Hip Hop artist Heath McNease
- A basketball tournament
- Volleyball
- Food
- & game shows

(No Youth Groups on Dec. 23--24 or Dec. 30--31.)

NEW web site: [insidenhsm.com](http://insidenhsm.com)

## CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

### **Touch Football is finished for the year**

Thanks to everyone who participated this fall. It was a great year on the field! Special thanks to Eric Heim who provided leadership for this Connect to Community ministry.

### **"Kids Sharing with Kids" – The Toy Shelf, Inc.**

If you or someone you know is struggling to make ends meet during this tough time, please consider visiting The Toy Shelf. Their hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You do not need to qualify, register or meet any requirements except you must live in the zip code areas of 55109, 55119 or 55128. They will ask you for picture ID and a utility bill. Most of their toys are used and are suitable for ages 12 and under. (Donations of gently used toys are accepted.) Please visit them in Specialty Floral, 2553 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., N. St. Paul. If you have any questions, feel free to call Norma (651-777-0901) or Dawn (651-777-7693).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### **The Diner and Wednesday Night Kids'**

**Clubs meet this week!** This is our last Wednesday Night of 2009! Clubs will be on break December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>. Clubs resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please register your child for club programs. **It's never too late in the year to invite a friend to Wednesday Night Programs!**

### **A Night of Christmas Music is TONIGHT December 13!**

We are in need of Christmas cookies for this special celebration night! Please plan to bring a plate of cookies with you tonight.

### **Melody Maker's Children's Choir sings today, at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. It starts out today at 11:00 in the Multi-**

**Purpose Room.** If you are in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (sixth graders are also welcome), you are invited to join Melody Makers. They will sing at "A Night of Christmas Music" tonight, put on a musical in the spring, learn verses, play games, have prizes and a lot of fun! Talk to Deb Miller ([dmiller2@mac.com](mailto:dmiller2@mac.com) or 651-430-3397), if you have questions. Melody Makers is a great place to meet new friends and learn about Jesus!

### **North St. Paul Food Shelf Collection Goal for Sunday School**

The children's Sunday School at North Haven is working to collect 100 pounds of supplies for the North St. Paul Food Shelf. Please send donations with your children. Items can be placed in the Children's Area in the red box. We're weighing the box each week to see if we can meet our goal. We're learning that you can do more together than you can on your own in the family of God.