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# Cecil Dance Center



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**HAVEN**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Come Join Us! • Sundays at 10:00 am

- Welcoming & Friendly Church Community
- Bible-centered Preaching
- Contemporary Worship Environment
- Active Youth & Children's Ministries
- Fun, Informal & Comfortable Atmosphere

Jack D. Cohen, Pastor      [www.havenc.org](http://www.havenc.org)

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## A place for people to connect with God

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When people begin to commit to it and use their giftedness. But after several months at the studio, it was time to move on. The congregation had once again expanded to find a larger meeting place. So in May, the church began holding services in the gymnasium of North East Middle School.

Haven Community has thrived in its new home, Cohen said. Attendance for the 10 a.m. Sunday service averages 125 to 185 visitors each week. Today, the church has incorporated new ministries, including small group Bible studies, a prayer team, a worship team, a youth program and a women's group.

"Haven has become a church for people to connect intimately to a real loving, living God," Cohen said. "As we grow, I want to see us become more active in the community for reaching people's spiritual and physical needs."

Celebrating the church's one year anniversary last Sunday, Cohen encouraged the congregation to dream big for the future.

"I would love to see us become stable and find a place that would give us an opportunity to reach many more people. And not just reach them, but also have



Rev. Jack Cohen made his dream a reality by starting Haven Community Church one year ago

them connect and use their giftedness," he said. "... My hope is that we will continue to be the haven, but that the harbor would expand for us to reach more people. That's my passion — for people to see who Christ is in their lives."



Haven Community Church congregation celebrates the church's anniversary on a recent Sunday.

## One-year-old church is getting by with a little help from above

By Cecelia Sewald

During a recent Sunday service at Haven Community Church in North East, Rev. Jack Cohen quoted Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw: "You see things, and you say, 'Why not?' But I dream things that never were, say, 'Why not?'"

not? — when he heard a call from God to organize and start a new church in Cecil County.

Celebrating its one-year anniversary this month, members of Haven Community Church are looking forward to the future of the ever-growing Free Methodist church. "God took a dream that he had given me and others and made that a reality," Cohen said. "... My dream is that people would dream big and that their vision that God gives them will become even bigger."

reverend said, that has helped Haven Community thrive since its humble beginning a year ago.

The first meeting was held at Cohen's Port Deposit home with 54 people in attendance. Knowing the church would not continue to grow in such a cramped location, he began to search for a more spacious gathering place. Cecil Diamentz opened its doors to the congregation in early spring, serving as a place of transition for the church. Surrounded by ballet bars, mirrored walls and dance equipment, worshippers gathered each week to sing praises, pray and hear Cohen's message. During this time, the church continued to grow — both physically and spiritually.

"It's really interesting because every so often, you feel a shift. When we were meeting at my house, it had kind of a Bible-study flavor to it. But it started to transition when we moved into the dance center — it became more like a church," Cohen said. "It starts to become a church as an entity, for instance, every

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# Flint Drive



Haven  
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2 Corinthians 5:21

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

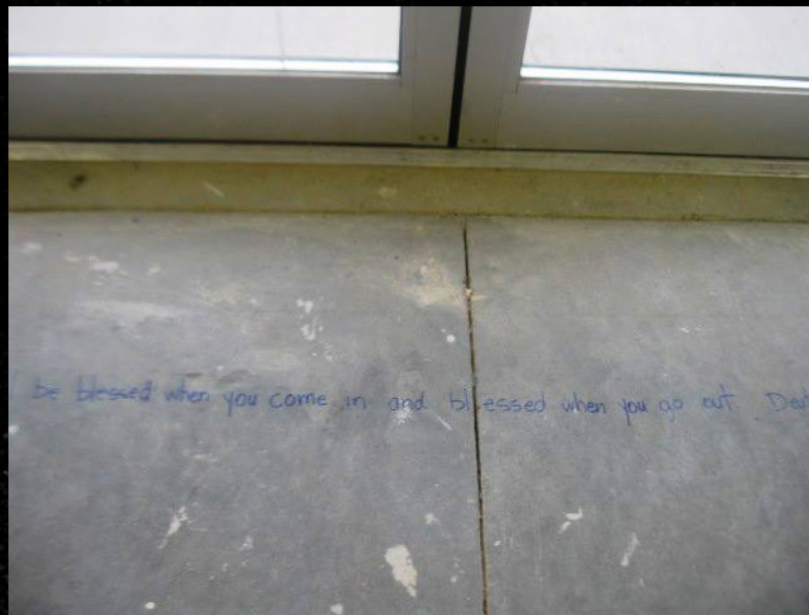
Rosin Hildebrand



"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

-Psalms 127:1 (RSV)  
(Rev. Conrad "Connie" Cohen)

PSALM 86:12  
With all my heart I will  
Praise you O Lord my God  
I will give glory to your  
name forever.



Blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. Dear

Proverbs 3:5-6  
5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him; and he shall  
direct thy paths.

JEREMIAH 29:11

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE  
FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD,  
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND  
NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO  
GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."

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Fill Us With Your Spirit Lord...  
Praise the  
Lord  
O' my Soul!  
The Young family  
With Your Love!  
Psalm 104:1  
2013

# September 1, 2013



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# OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

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“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.”

- Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV



# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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Our spiritual journey consists of four steps:

1. Know [Know God]
2. Grow [Find Freedom]
3. Serve [Discover Purpose]
4. Share [Make a Difference]



# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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## 1. Know God – Sunday Services

A. Celebration

B. Inspiration

C. Preparation

D. Salvation



# HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

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1. Pray
2. Give
3. GO



# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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## 2. Grow [Find Freedom] – Small Groups

1. A place to connect with others
2. A place to protect each other
3. A place to grow together



# 4 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SMALL GROUPS:

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1. Our Groups are “Free Market”
2. We have 3 semesters every year
3. Everyone can join a group
4. Anyone can host a group



# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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## 3. Discover Purpose – Growth Pathway

1. Step One – Become a Member
2. Step Two – Discover your Design
3. Step Three – Develop your Leadership
4. Step Four – Join the Team



# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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## 4. Share [Make a Difference] – Team Connect



# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH GOVERNMENT

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Our church government is made up of two groups:

1. Guided and Supported by the Haven Leadership Team (HLT)
2. Protected by Board of Directors (B.O.D.)



# CHURCH FINANCES

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1. Tithe
2. Offerings
3. The Gift of Giving
  1. Prayers
  2. Presence
  3. Gifts
  4. Service



# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Jim Forsman

- Treasurer
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## Topics:

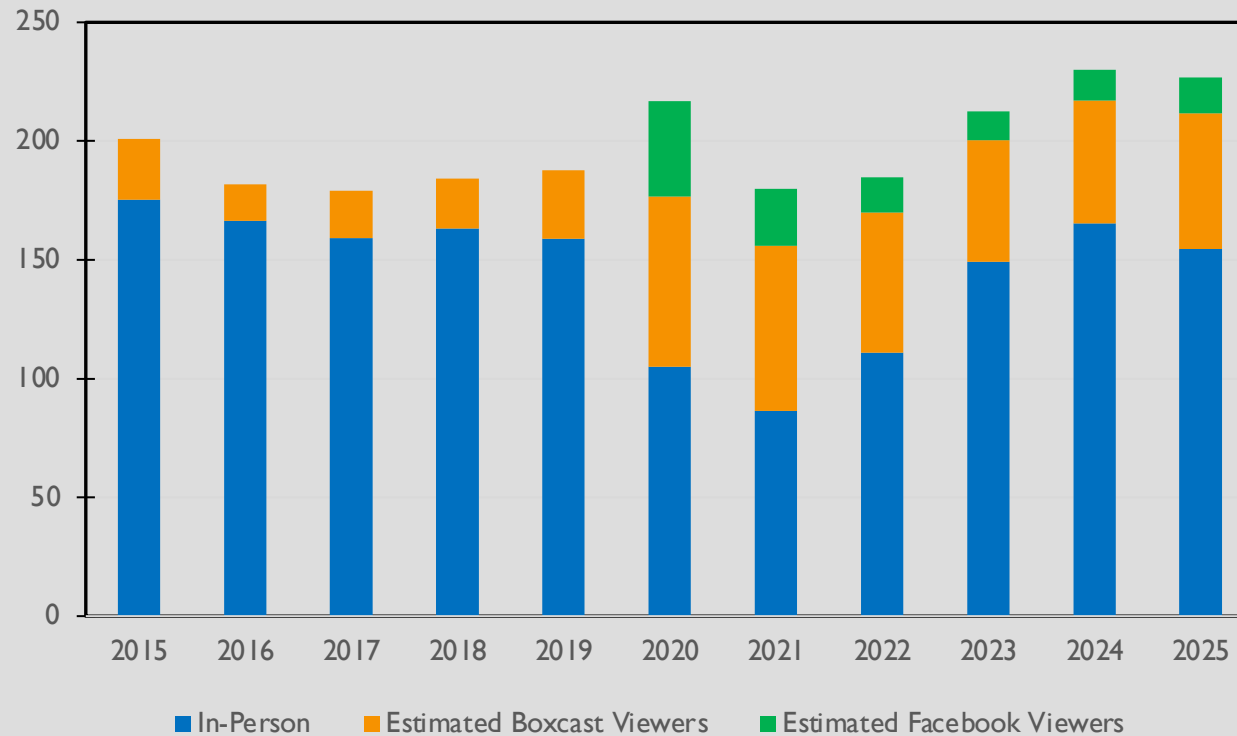
- Attendance
- Number of donors
- Giving per donor
- Ways to give
- Income & expenses

# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## ATTENDANCE TREND

- In-person attendance has recovered to roughly pre-COVID levels the last 3 years.
- Some weekly pre-COVID in-person congregants have remained remote

Average Weekly Viewers

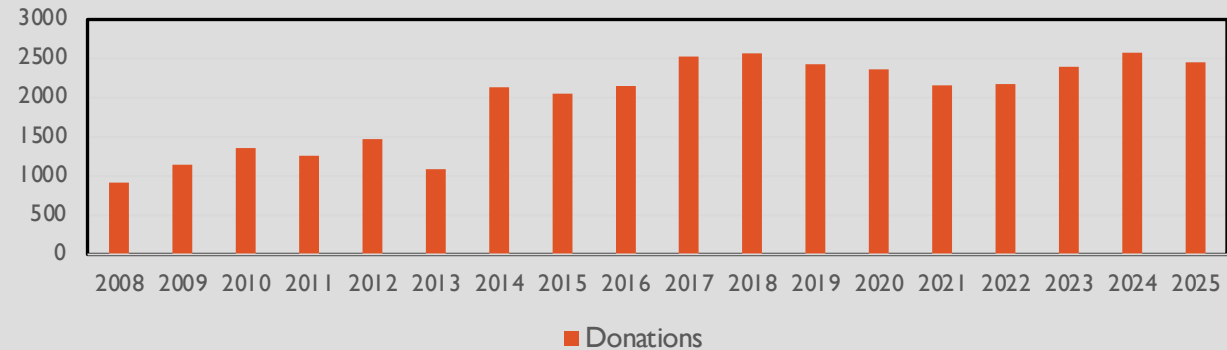


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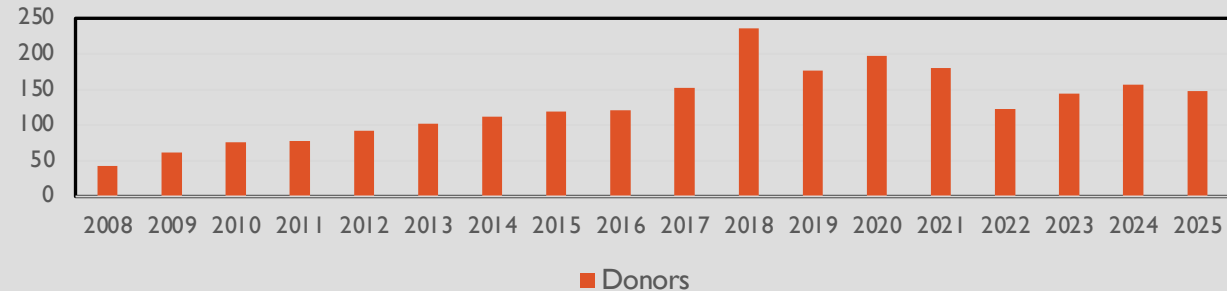
## NUMBER OF DONORS

- Number of donations grew annually prior to COVID.
- Dropped during COVID, but has recovered to peak levels in 2017-2018
  
- Number of donors grew in early years but has stabilized post COVID at ca. 2017 level.

### Annual Number of Donation



### Unique Number of Donors



# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## *ANNUAL GIVING / PERSON*

- Annual giving per person peaked during COVID and has dropped to pre-COVID levels.
- This is consistent with number of donations and number of donors

Estimated - Average Annual Giving / Person



# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## *DONATIONS OVER LIFE OF CHURCH*

- Nearly 80% of donations are via CC
- With an additional:
  - 14% by check
  - 3% by cash, and
  - 3% by ACH
- We pay roughly 2% of CC donations in fees, or roughly \$57,000 over the life of HCC
- Giving via PCO STRIPE system has lowest fees.

Element	2008 - 2025
Unique Donors	720
Number of Donations	35,207
# Donation/Donor	49
Donations (*)	\$4,040,271
Cash	\$141,122
Check	\$624,654
Credit Card	\$2,838,258
ACH	\$453,737

(\*) only those captured in PCO, excludes FMC donations, NSF refunds, certain building fund related donations, and certain special gift donations.

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## Ways to donate:

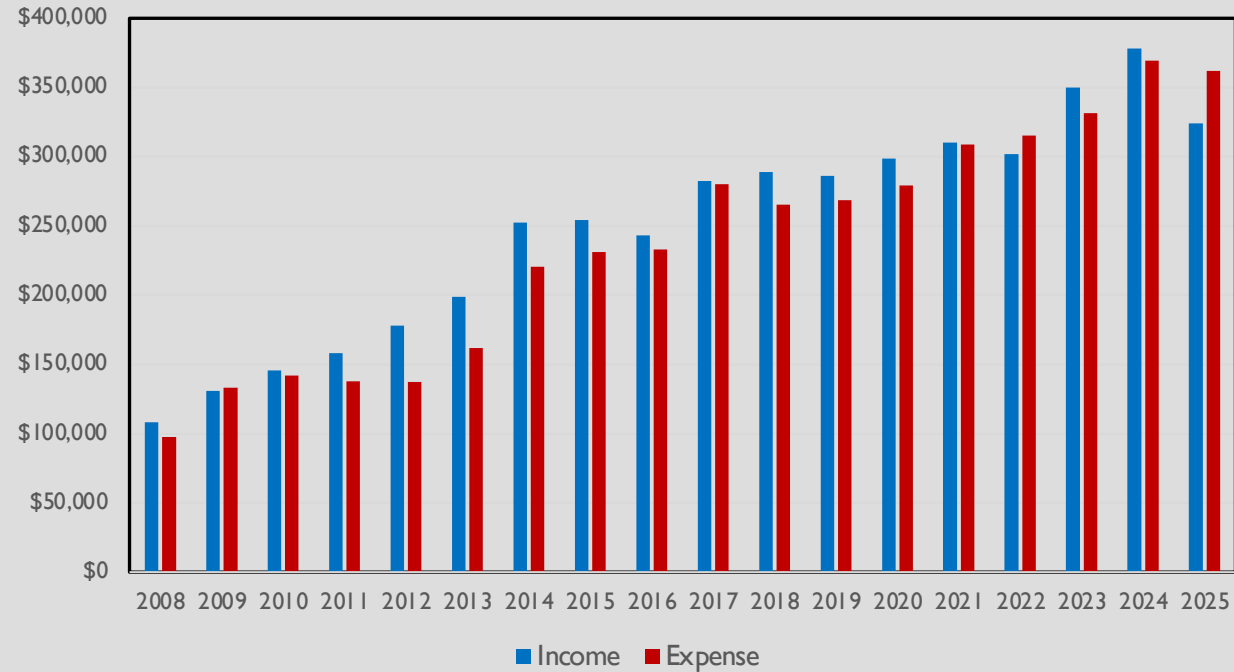
- In-person via cash or check
- On-line via CC, ACH, or Debit Card
  - PCO (our app) ← preferred method
  - PayPal
  - Easytithe
- Offer fund-based giving with on-line donor statements via our app
- The **Haven Church – General** is the fund we use to operate the church (i.e., pay rent, compensation, utilities, infrastructure systems, etc.)

# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## INCOME & EXPENSES

- 2025 was first year of significant negative Net Income
- 15% decline from 2024 giving
  - Roughly 80% was from lower giving from Top 5 donors

Annual Income & Expenses



# HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

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1. I will protect the unity of my church
2. I will share the responsibility of my church
3. I will serve the ministry of my church
4. I will support the testimony of my church



# NEXT STEPS

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1. Become a member of Haven Church
2. Join a Small Group
3. Complete the Growth Pathway
4. Serve on Team Connect





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