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This Sunday is the final Sunday of the Christian Year.

Yes, it’s

true! This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday.

Christ the King Sunday is a special day in the Christian year (sometimes called the liturgical year or the church year). If you are scratching your heads... know this day is not as well-known as other celebrations such as Christmas or Easter. But it holds a unique place in the Christian year as the last Sunday of the year.

On Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. It’s a celebration that reminds us that when Christ reigns, the world will be restored, peace shall reign, justice shall be established, and all people will live in the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Cindy's Chalkboard

Of course, every Sunday, we gather as Christians to celebrate the victory we have through Jesus Christ. Jesus, the one who was crucified, dead and buried, was raised on Easter Sunday, thus defeating sin and death.

Savior came and was born in a manger. We give thanks that he lived among us, proclaiming the kingdom of God, and that he died, taking upon himself the sin of the world. Ultimately, Christ was raised from the dead, breaking the power of

***And He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords,***

On Christ the King Sunday, we give thanks to Christ our Lord for his sacrifice.

sin and death itself. **Christ is the King of kings!** That is a reason to celebrate!

On Christ the King Sunday, we complete the cycle of the Christian year. Do you remember? It began almost one year ago with Advent. In that season right before Christmas, we set our hope on God, yearning for the birth of our Savior. Today, we celebrate the fact that our

Say goodbye to the old Christian Year with gratitude for all that God has done and welcome the new Christian Year beginning Sunday, November 27th with the First Sunday in Advent!!

In Christ, Pastor Cindy

ONE SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 27TH!

Mark your calendars! **On Sunday, November the 27th, there will be ONE WORSHIP SERVICE!** Come join your church family as together we prepare

God’s house for the coming of the Christ Child! In the meantime, we need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** at 9:00 am on **Wednesday, November 23rd** to help us

bring the Christmas decorations down from the attic. Can we count on you? Come meet us in the Sanctuary to prepare for the Hanging of the Greens!

MOUNTAIN OF FOOD A GRAND SUCCESS!!

You did it! Once again, you helped provide pound after pound, can after can, of food for those in need at Restore Hope Ministries! This year, we collected over **8,743 pounds of food!** We spent \$5,939.60 on food and will give Restore Hope a check for additional funds that came in after the final food purchase was made.

Wow! What you do in our church wide effort to serve those who are hungry makes a difference in their lives for Christ. Thank you for your gifts, your prayers, your time, and for those who helped haul the food to and from New Haven UMC – your efforts!! Special thanks to **Dick Garwood**, who always does an outstanding job organizing this effort. We are grateful for his time and passion for this vital ministry. God bless all of you!

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CANDLE



It's a *new* idea! We are asking each family to bring a candle from your home, any size, shape, color or condition is OK!

You might consider bringing a candle that has actually been used from a Christmas event if you wish. Once we have collected them all, we will melt them down and create a "Church Family Candle"! During Advent, we will light this candle along with the Advent candles. A collection box is in the hallway!

HANGING OF THE GREENS!!!

It's hard to wrap your head around the fact that Advent is upon us very soon! But the first Sunday of Advent is only 3 Sundays away!!! **November 27th** is Advent Sunday and we will have our traditional "Hanging of the Greens" at **ONE COMBINED SERVICE which will take place at 10:00 am.** This is such a fun family time as we sing traditional Christmas carols and place our poinsettias and candles in the Sanctuary and hang the Chrismons on the Christmas tree. Come and bring your friends!

Down to Earth Advent Study

Thursday's December 1st - 22nd
4 weeks 10:30 - 11:30
Leader: Rev. Suzanne Davis

Nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Jesus intentionally positioned himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of the lows. Jesus, the down to earth God, demonstrates in the flesh the full love, humility, obedience and sacrificial lifestyle that we as Jesus' followers are in turn called to live out and embrace. We will look at this story as God's great surprise changes everything.

Sign up for this class in the hallway now!!!



ADVENT CATERED LUNCHES!

Every Thursday in the Parlor during
Advent

Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

\$8.00 (Reservations required!)

Come during your lunch hour for a wonderful meal and short devotion as we welcome this sacred time of year!

LAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH 6:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Come join us as several members of New Haven UMC share a testimony of what God has done in their lives. This is always a wonderful time as we sing lots of our favorite hymns and hear what our friends share with us, and you will even have an moment to say something that's on your heart, too! It's a very special time in the life of our church.....don't miss it!



Dear Missy,

I want to participate in helping those in need during the holiday season. Does New Haven UMC have any outreach projects that might meet that need?

Signed,
Wanting to Help

Dear Wanting to Help,

On Sunday, November 13, you heard during the Ministry Moment about an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for children of families in need through participating in our Angel Tree mission project. Our team leader, Stacey Schifferdecker, has collected names of children from ChildShare, Project Elf, and the Day School. Please take a moment to select an "angel" from the Christmas tree that is outside the sanctuary. Make sure that one of the helpers knows you have taken a name so that we can properly keep track of each child's request. Shop for your child (this is the fun part!) then bring the presents back by Sunday, December 4 so that we will have time to deliver your gifts. Please mark each present so we can deliver to the correct child. We ask you limit your purchase to \$50 with no more than two gifts per child.

Thank you for your generosity and passion in blessings others by participating in the Angel Tree mission project.

Upcoming outreach opportunities:

Memorial Tree – Ministry moment on Sunday, November 20 and ceremony on Sunday, December 4. Bring a Christmas ornament to hang on the tree outside to remember those that have passed but have helped in your journey of faith.

Exodus House – Graduation celebration for Margie Chance on Tuesday, December 6 at St Luke's Redemption Church at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow. Please sign one of the cards on the hallway table to congratulate her and wish her the best.

Respite Care – Christmas party for children with special needs and their family will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the parlor. Rumor has it that Santa will be in the house.

Day Center for the Homeless – a meal will be prepared and served on Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. Plans are to go out afterwards for dinner and bring in the new year. Be watching for sign-up sheets and menu plans.

Blessings,
Missy

Experience It!

Come and



**BAPTISM OF
SHEPHERD
ALLEN
QUINALTY!**

Shepherd is the son of Dallas and Audrey Quinalty, brother of Ace, and grandson of

Rev. Cindy and Peter Havlik. Pastor Cindy was honored to baptize her grandson on November 13th at the 11:00 worship service. Congratulations to this precious family!



**NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST
MEMBER ~ MEL
REMONDET**

Mel, who is married to our own Rev. Patty Walker and is the son in law of Bob & Eileen Walker, joined in membership with us on Sunday, November 13th at the 11:00 service.

Please give Mel your wonderful New Haven welcome and let him know how happy we are to have him become a part of our church!!!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Celebration Singers
 4:30 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm W.E.B. (Children)
 6:00 pm Lay Thanksgiving Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 10:00 am Grief Support Group/Parlor
 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:00 pm Invitation to Romans Study/Parsonage
 6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Parlor
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
 7:00 pm Bell Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/185

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THANKSGIVING DAY/Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens Service
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:00 pm Tiger Cubs Pack 67/Gym
 4:30 pm Celebration Singers
 4:30 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm W.E.B. (Children)
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
15. Pat Graf
17. Kerry Beebe
20. Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riggan
28. Dorothy Koons



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Beverly Vincent
 Kelly Sartain
 Greg Gotcher
Friends & Family of New Haven UMC
 Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith;
 Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law,
 Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's
 brother, Bob; Carol Morgan's
 brother; the homeless; our world,
 city, country, public servants &
 leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart
 Ovella Followell
 Rosemary Tarr
 Dot and Kelly Haynes
 Dorothy Koons
 Lewis Cappellairi

ATTENDANCE

November 13, 2016

8:45 am - 60
 11:00 am - 123
Total: 183

Sunday School

Adults - 59
 Youth - 8
 Children - 5
Day School Chapel- 83

Adult Sunday School Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"The Lives of Great Christians" by William Cook

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Revival" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Beginnings
"In the Footsteps of St. Peter"

Gym: Roundtable "The Gospel According to Starbucks" by Leonard Sweet

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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