

THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

"Gracious Acceptance. . . . Grateful Service"

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Cindy's Chalkboard

On March 9th we held our first *ever* "In-Service Sunday!" We learned that students at Bunche Elementary, one of Tulsa's Head Start schools, often times would spend Spring Break without anything substantial to eat. So, we set out to help. And you, New Haven UMC, did a wonderful job fulfilling that need!



At the end of worship services, we had an opportunity to fill lunchbags for students at the school. We each



took a tote bag and stuffed them with a wide variety of snacks and healthy foods to help them get them through the week.

Patrick Grafton described the look of sheer joy on the faces of the children who would be receiving the lunchbags—what a wonderful



Bunch Elementary Thanks New Haven UMC!!

Our "In-Service Sunday" team had worked behind the scenes, shopping for items to put in the lunchbags, and had everything ready for us to assemble that morning. It was quick and easy. And what a tremendous difference it is making in the lives of those 4 and 5 year olds this week!

Just as I promised, we ended worship 6-8 minutes early so we could pack the lunchbags. It was a wonderful way to serve and "do" worship in a whole new way!

And, as you heard in worship this week, the highlight of our efforts took place when the lunchbags were delivered to the school.

blessing! The school staff thanked us numerous times for our efforts and generosity.



Thank you, congregation, for your heart to serve others in this world and touching lives for Christ!!

With gratitude and thanksgiving-
Pastor Cindy

CALLING ALL LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for a few more people to be on our mowing teams! The church owns a riding mower, so you don't need to bring one! We will have 3-4 teams of four people each to alternate mowing dates. We've had awesome teams every year and hope to keep that going! Call David Johnson, 918-744-7055 for more information or to sign up to be on a team.

March 30th is Scout Sunday

Come join us for "Scout Sunday" in which we celebrate and give thanks for our scouting organizations here at New Haven. If you are a scout from ANY organization, wear your uniform on March 30th! Also, if you would like to be a part of the service, please come to the Sanctuary twenty minutes before the service begins.

LOVE TO COOK?

Would you like to become part of a team of "Guest Chef" volunteers?

Thanks to all who have signed up to help in this SO needed ministry. As Brenda Martin, the volunteer coordinator shared with us, the food is, of course, essential, but the fellowship with the parents who are in a city far from home with their ill child makes them feel less alone. We have more openings to help cook. You do not have to commit to a long period of time. You can help once or whatever fits into your schedule!

DINNER FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS WHO ARE HOMELESS MONDAY, MARCH 31st

We've been given another opportunity to serve a meal to our extended family. Our menu will be chicken & noodles, carrots, rolls, and pie. If you'd like to make the chicken & noodles, please make it thick, almost like a casserole. Or we will also need several pies. You could bake one or donate toward the purchase of one. As always, we need help in serving the meal! So, if you can help, please sign up in the hallway on March 16th or March 23rd. On March 31st, please bring your warmed dishes to the main kitchen at 4:15 pm or if you are serving, meet us in the kitchen at 4:45 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Linda Parmele

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto and friend, Diane; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Syble Gayle Aumiller; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; Cynthia Mabrey's dad, Mert; David Toalson's mom, Mildred; the homeless; our country, city, & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Lois Bailey; Maxine Loyd, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Dorothy Koons; Bob Schwartz; Bob & Dorothy Thacker; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke

Spiritual Practices Class Begins With Lectio Divina

Sunday, March 16 was our first class in a five week series entitled "Ancient Spiritual Practices Made Relevant for Today" which is being facilitated by Jone Friesen in the gym during the Sunday school hour. We practiced the ancient art of being present to God or Lectio Divina – praying the Scriptures.

The intent of this spiritual practice was on the soul waiting in silence before God. While most of our prayers consist of talking to God, this practice emphasized prayer primarily as listening to God. We found out that listening is a difficult skill and we need to quiet down our "brain chatter" and internal noise so we could listen to God in prayer or through Scripture reading. Lectio Divina is a different approach to God, not looking at the Bible as an object, something to analyze, pull apart, study, or research but as an encounter.

Next Sunday, March 23 we will again practice Lectio Divina. Hope you will join us as we experience and share together.

Time

All classes except March 30: During Sunday school hour for Labyrinth on March 30: 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (or when attendees from late service finish walking)

Date

3/16/2014
3/23/2014
3/30/2014
4/06/2014
4/13/2014

Spiritual Practice

Lectio Divina
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Labyrinth
Breath Prayer
Contemplative Prayers

CROSSES OF LOVE: MAR. 30th-APR.6th

Crosses of Love are a Dutch tradition which was adopted by New Haven in 1984. These wooden crosses are made by Dick Garwood, then decorated by our New Haven family with ribbons, silk flowers, and a touch of sweets, raisins, a religious bookmark, and a history of the crosses.

In Holland, the crosses are decorated by family and friends in a park the Saturday before Palm Sunday, then they are delivered to hospitals, children's homes, and nursing homes. We here at New Haven have shared the crosses with many different ministries; to name a few—Restore Hope, Hospice, Ronald McDonald House, and Exodus House. This year we will share them with the Street School students and staff and Restore Hope for their Chapel services.

Although we previously had large and small crosses decorated, this year we will only do the smaller cross because its easier for the students to take home. We'll have a few crosses decorated to show you for examples. You can take part in this ministry through your Sunday School class, but we will have extra crosses available for adults who do not attend Sunday School, but want to participate. Supplies will be in all classrooms by March 30th and the crosses should be decorated by April 10th so they can be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Thanks, New Haven, for keeping this tradition as part of your outreach commitment.

St. Paul "Seminary Lite" Course is Coming!

This one day class will be held in Tulsa for the first time and will be at Boston Ave. UMC on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Dr. Elaine Robinson, Dean of Saint Paul School of Theology at OCU, will examine the basics of our United Methodist identity, answering questions such as "Where do we come from as a denomination? What does John Wesley have to do with us today? How do we organize the denomination and why? What are the basic beliefs of United Methodists? Why do we baptize infants? and much more!

If you are interested in attending, please call our office for more details and registration information.

Baby Shower for Laura and Drew Sahli Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm.

What: Baby Shower!

For: **Little Emma Sahli**

(daughter-to-be of Drew and Laura Sahli and granddaughter-to-be of Pastor Cindy and Peter)

When: 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 23rd

Where: Church Parlor

Hosted by: Pat Thomas and Shirley Nelson

Registered at: Buy Buy Baby and
www.Amazoncom

Come celebrate with us as we prepare for the arrival of this precious gift from God!

We would love to see you there!

"START YOUR DAY WITH A SMILE!"

Four-year-old Lizzie was in the pediatric ward to get her shots.

"NO! NO! NO!" she screamed.

"Lizzie," her mother scolded. "That's not polite behavior."

So the child yelled, even louder: "NO, THANK YOU!! NO, THANK YOU!!!"

**TRAIL OF HOPE
INDIAN TACO DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd
11 am—4 pm
at Tulsa United Indian Methodist Church
1901 N. College Ave.
Meal includes an Indian Taco, Drink,
And Dessert.
\$7.00 per person**

Opportunities of the Week March 23-30

SUNDAY, March 23

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Sahli's/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
- 5:15 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth

MONDAY, March 24

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, March 25

- 6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
- 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, March 26

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 8:30 pm College Group

THURSDAY, March 27

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, March 28

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, March 29

SUNDAY, March 30 Scout Sunday

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 pm Labyrinth/Gym
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
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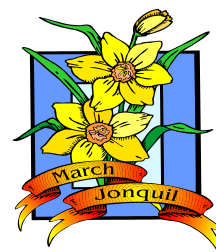
New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	Music Director
David Berns	Youth Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian



March Birthdays

Max LaGrone	3
Claretha Gotcher	4
Todd Morgan	4
Yuka Daughters	6
Marleigh Blanchard	10
Karen Gibbs	11
Will Roberts	12
Steve Amos	16
Pat Smith	17
Betty Watson	19
Karen Jones	21
Kyler Smith	22
Craig Hannon	23
Janice Hannon	24
Steve Smith	25
Peter Havlik	26



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 16, 2014

8:45 am– 71

11:00 am– 91

Total: 162

Sunday School– 56

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Parables & Passion: Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton Christensen

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"Christianity's Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class
"God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortburg

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