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Cindy's Chalkboard

As I think about this Lenten season, I reflect on this past year that has zoomed by quicker than any other year I can remember. I think about the things I tried to do better. Work/life balance, taking care of myself, taking care of my family, patience... and remembering to turn things over to God and not worry so much.

The list goes on and on . . . but if I could only master the not worrying... the rest of the list would probably take care of itself. Worry is everywhere. As soon as I learn to stop worrying about something, there are more and seemingly bigger things to worry about.

Like... everything in the world (war, peace, hunger, natural

disasters), things closer to home, like helping to raise my grandchildren! As if worrying about the big things isn't enough, even the smallest things can become huge sources of stress... when I forget to let go and let God.

I try to remember what I've been reading in the book

Sometimes I fret over, and then imagine terrible outcomes in my mind without stopping to pray, and turn it over to God!

One simple step could save me so much energy and time if I could just remember to do it more often. God wants to take all my worry away, if I could just remember to let Him.

What...me, worry?

“Fearless” by Max Lucado. “Slow down,” he says. “Let God be enough.” Knowing that God can work miracles, why do I forget that He can help with any problem I have? Why do I forget that I don't need to worry? Why do I forget that whatever I need, God will provide?

My prayer for you during this time of Lent is that you slow down and know that God IS enough! Take your worries to the foot of the cross. God can handle anything. He's waiting to meet you there.

Blessings.—Pastor Cindy

Lenten & Easter Worship and Events

Lent & Holy Week

April 6: 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt: Church Yard

April 13: 8:45 am
Palm Sunday Worship Contemporary Service
Children's Pageant Blessing of Crosses of Love

April 13: 11:00 am
Palm Sunday Worship
Traditional Service
Children's Pageant
Blessing of Crosses of Love

April 18: 6:30 pm
Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday Services

April 20th
6:30 am
Sunrise Service: Front Yard
8:45 am
Contemporary Service
11:00 am
Traditional Service

Spiritual Practices Class Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, March 30 was our third class in a five week series entitled “Ancient Spiritual Practices Made Relevant for Today”. Jone Friesen helped to facilitate the walk for us in the gym during the morning. We practiced the ancient art of meditation walking. The Adult Education Council had borrowed a 36 foot portable labyrinth from St. John’s Episcopal Church. It was a Chartres medieval replica, 11-circuit canvas designed after the labyrinth found in the Chartres Cathedral near Paris, France (shown below).



The walk was done in three stages:

1. The first stage of the walk (until you reach the center) is shedding – a releasing, a letting go of the details of your life. This stage was to quiet the mind.
2. The next stage of the walk (when you reach the center) is illumination – a place of meditation and prayer. Here we were able to sit, stand or kneel. We were allowed to take as much time as was needed then we simply followed the path back out.
3. The final stage is of union, which is joining with the Divine, your Higher Power, or the healing forces at work in the world. There was a space set aside after the walk for prayer, meditation, and journaling.

Next Sunday, April 6 we will practice breath prayers. Prayers that are as easy to pray as it is to breathe. Hope you will join us as we experience and share together.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Charlotte Erwin
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons

Mabrey family, loss of
Cynthia’s father, Mert Fall
Nick Nicholson

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie’s son-in-law, Mark Bagetto 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; 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

TOP THAT PIZZA NIGHT! 2nd Wednesday of each month

41st & Yale store

(Southroads Village-5347 E 41 St.)

Help us raise funds for a new church bus! Our current van is showing its age, so a new mode of transportation is in our future. The Day School has set up a way YOU can help!

Support our New Haven night the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Top That Pizza.

Just stop by and purchase their yummy pizza and drop your receipt in the box by the register. Spread the word to friends and family! THANKS!!

U.M.W. NEWS

The **Susanna Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 10th at 10:00 am and go to Living Water UMC, the new café church in Glenpool pastored by Rev. Heather Scherer. They will have lunch and their monthly meeting at the café.

The **Hope Circle** will have “Bunco for Charity” on Monday, April 14th at 6:00 pm in the parlor. The money will go to DVIS. Light finger foods will be served. Please RSVP to Paula Manuel by April 11th. (918-557-8069)

RESTORE HOPE REQUEST

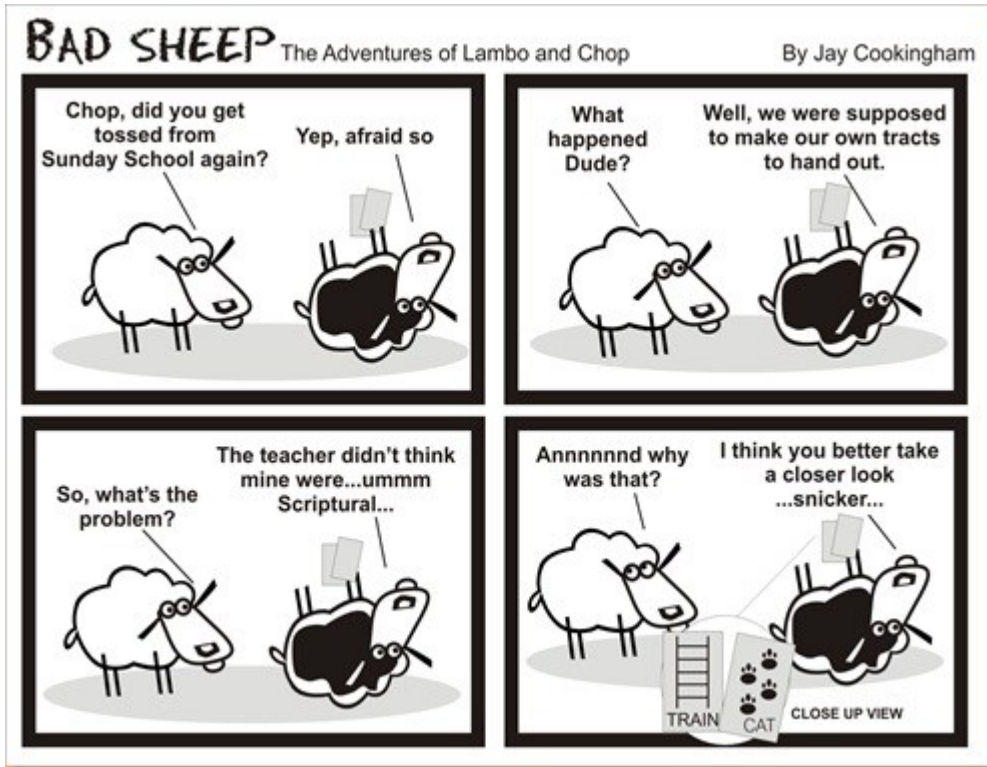
WE HAVE HEARD FROM RESTORE HOPE
THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTING
CLOTHING FOR 2 YEARS NOW!

PLEASE, DO NOT PUT CLOTHING OF ANY
KIND IN OUR RESTORE HOPE BARREL.

THEY DO APPRECIATE EMPTY EGG CARTONS!

RESPIRE CARE

One of the beautiful ways New Haven continues to reach out to others is through our Respite Program. We invite children with special needs to come the second Saturday of the month for some fun time. We offer special attention for each one through game time, craft time, singing time and snacks and just loving them. Their siblings are also invited so their parents can have some time away. It has been a wonderful ministry and those who have led or helped have grown in their understanding of these children. It truly is a loving ministry for all. If you would be interested in helping and being a part of this special ministry you are invited to come. We meet from 3 – 7PM in the gym and our next day will be April 12th. You may come for 1 hour or 4 hours. Contact Rose Unterscheutz (Tulsarose@sbcglobal.net) or 918-688-7128 for more information or you may call the church office.



ALLYSON CAUTION, Children's Director at New Haven UMC sent this cute cartoon in for the Spire. If anyone knows how our children "hear" what is being taught, it would be Allyson who also taught public school for several years before coming on staff at New Haven.



CHURCH FLOWERBED SPRUCE-UP DAY!

Come join us on Saturday, April 12th, for a fun and festive "Flowerbed Spruce-Up Day"! Our awesome UMW group is hosting this event from 9am-3pm and will provide refreshments and a light lunch to all who attend! This is a come-and-go event, but we encourage you to stay and help as long as you can. We will have specific jobs to do, but no experience required! Just come with a willing spirit and a desire to have a lot of fun with your church family. What a great time to prepare the church grounds for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please call Susan Lamkin with any questions you might have. (918-557-9148)



Dutch-descent Visitors to Tulsa Take Cross of Love back to their Minneapolis Church

Three crosses of love given to Elizabeth Lindsey the last three years of her life caught the eye of visitors to her daughter's home this past week! It turns out the old college friends from Minneapolis were named Vanderford - a Dutch name, and they were excited to learn about the New Haven UMC's nearly three decade old tradition of giving out Crosses of Love each Easter. As they continued on their journey north, Lou gave them one of the three crosses, complete with the bookmarks explaining the derivation. They said they are so happy to take the idea to their church in Minneapolis to do the same!

Opportunities of the Week April 6 ~ 13

SUNDAY, April 6

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt/Outside lawns
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 12:00 pm Mission Sunday Committee
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:00 pm New Haven Reads
 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, April 7

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, April 8

- 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, April 9

- 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, April 10

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, April 11

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, April 12

- 9:00 am Flower Bed Spruce Up Day
 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, April 13 PALM SUNDAY

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 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 pm Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
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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



April Birthdays

Andrew Davis	7
Doris Foster	8
Lindsay Morgan	13
Syble Aumiller	15
Jessie Myers	15
Denny Beebe	16
David Jaeger	16
Louise Boyd	17
Rafael Baez	19
Adriaan Duiveman	21
Patrick Grafton	22
Eric Coulombe	23
Eileen Walker	25
Terry Tyler	25
Amanda Cole	26
Kaelen Terry	26
Bailey Sartain	26
Betty Barton	28
Becky Puryear	28



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 30, 2014

8:45 am – 74
11:00 am – 109
Total: 183

Sunday School – 61

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

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.

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