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OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR, DAVID BERNS, WRITES ABOUT GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH CONFIRMATION

It's time for Confirmation here at New Haven UMC. Confirmation is a time for our upcoming youth and young ones to learn more about the church, their faith, and the community they are growing into. It is a very special time for them to ask questions, learn and explore faith in a way they probably haven't before.

I recently asked our youth to write about what they thought about their confirmation experience and what confirmation was to them. The responses given back were interesting and wonderful, each with a different thing that stood out to them such as getting to know their mentor and grow close to someone in the church and learn from them, learning about other religions and understanding the role of the Methodist church in the world, and seeing their part in the church and how their personal faith is growing in a wonderful church with others doing the same.

Here at New Haven we have a wonderful confirmation program developed by the great people who work and volunteer with our youth specifically for our church and youth. Our youth will meet over a 5-6 week period learning about Methodism, Christianity and its history, other religions, ministries in and out of the church, the Holy Days of our faith and much more. They do this by selecting a mentor, an adult in our church they feel a connection with, and working through the material together. Once they have completed their journey through the material they will meet with Pastor Cindy and talk about what they learned, what they thought about confirmation and what they think about their faith now that they have spent time learning more about it. June 6th will be confirmation Sunday this year when our Confirmands will come before the church and be recognized for their completion of confirmation and after the church will have a celebration to welcome them to the church!

If you know anyone who may be interested in participation in confirmation (usually youth entering 6th grade-8th grade) feel free to call the church or come to **our information meeting March 2nd at 4:00 in the chapel**. If you are interested with helping with confirmation either by volunteering as a mentor, helping with our confirmation party or any other way please call the church and let us know.

David Berns

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



There is a lot happening in the children's area! Below are some dates to keep in mind as you are making plans.

March 9th – Children's Choir sings, both services

March 16th – Children's activities canceled (Spring Break)

April 6th – Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School

April 13th – Children's Choir – Easter Pageant

April 20th – Easter – all children's activities canceled

May 11th – Mother's Day – all children's activities canceled

May 18th – Promotion Sunday

June 8th – Confirmation

June 9th-13th – VBS

June 15th – VBS children perform, both services;

Father's Day – all children's activities canceled

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

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

Ronald McDonald House has a "Guest Chef Volunteer Program" to cook for the parents and families that stay at the house while their child is in the hospital. They are in need of guest chefs for lunch and other meals.

We aren't sure what dates are open, but if you are interested in this ministry to form a New Haven chef team, see Adriaan Duiveman or call him at 918-250-5966. Two to four chefs are needed for each meal. Please keep these children & parents in your prayers!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 5, 2014 7:00 PM

Take note on your calendars that our Annual Ash Wednesday service will take place on March 5th at 7:00 pm. Our own Danny Hall will be offering the message that evening. We will begin the Lenten Season with meaningful music, message, and the Imposition of ashes. Come and join us as we walk the journey of Lent together!



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members:

Lois Bailey

Sue Beaver

Joe Beaver

Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons

Nick Nicholson

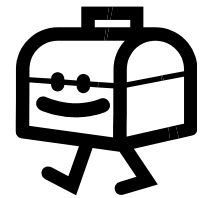
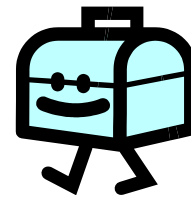
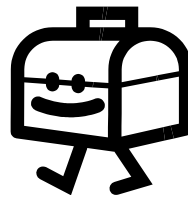
Linda Parmele

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; Lana Gotcher's sister, Syble Gayle Aumiller; Kelly Sartain's friend, Rhonda Rowe; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; Don & Linda Gregory, in the loss of their friend, Chuck Hendrix; 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



FIRST EVER "IN-SERVICE SUNDAY"

On March 9th, our first "In-Service Sunday", we will end both worship services 6-8 minutes EARLY. As you leave the Sanctuary, there will be long tables set up in the hallway with an opportunity to help fill lunchboxes for young students at Bunche Elementary, one of Tulsa's Head Start schools. We've learned that often times during Spring Break, these young children do not have near enough substantial food to eat. We want to help! It will be fast and easy! Altogether, it won't take any longer to complete than the few minutes we saved from our worship time! Let's take worship out into the world!!!

MISSION & OUTREACH CALENDAR Upcoming Opportunities

- March 31—Dinner for our sisters & brothers who are homeless
- April 13— Dedication of Crosses of Love
- April 27— "Undie Sundie": Collecting under - wear for Street School students.
- May 4— New Day Camp speaker, Carletta Denison, during Ministry Moment. New Day Camp is a camp for children and youth of incarcerated parents. Monetary donations are appreciated on this day.
- May on last day of school—end of school year celebration luncheon at Street School.
- June 1— Project Transformation Benefit Luncheon at New Haven UMC. Project Transformation is a literacy summer camp for grades 1-6. Please watch the Spire for details.

The UMW still has a few bags of pecans for sale. Call Shirley Nelson if you would like to purchase some at \$12./bag. (918-355-4543) All proceeds go to the UMW missions programs.

Spiritual Practices Class Begins March 16, 2014

A new short-term class entitled "Ancient Spiritual Practices Made Relevant for Today" will be held during Lent. The class will provide an opportunity to actually do the ancient practices of Lectio Divina (sitting with the Divine scriptures), walking a Labyrinth on March 30th, and Contemplative and Breath Prayers. The Spiritual Practices class, held during the Sunday school hour in the gym, will be for five Sundays starting on March 16, 2014 with the last class on April 13, 2014. This special class is offered during Lent as an adjunct to Pastor Cindy's Lenten sermon series, "Take Time to Be Holy". Jone Friesen, who received a degree in Ministry and Culture from Phillips Theological Seminary and has had extensive training as a Spiritual Director, will be leading the class. Sunday school classes will continue to meet during this time unless they choose to participate in this short-term class.

TOP THAT PIZZA NIGHT! 2nd Wednesday of each month (January 8th this 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!!

SOMETHING FUN!!!

- What: Camp Gibson Gospel Fest
- When: Saturday, March 15th, 6:00p.m.
- Where: Memorial Drive UMC
7903 E. 15th Street,
Tulsa Ok 74112

3 Gospel Quartets:

Eternity

Tulsa Tradition

Sound Decision

*Slide show presentation about Camp Gibson

*Silent Auction: the 11 churches who have cabins at Camp Gibson will each provide 3-4 basket for a silent auction. The auction will start at 5:00 p.m., and will close at the end of intermission. Winners will be announced before the close of the show.



A Love offering will be taken before the close of the show. ALL proceeds from the silent auction and love offering will go to Camp Gibson.



Opportunities of the Week March 2 ~ 9

SUNDAY, March 2

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 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, March 3

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, March 4

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY, March 6

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

FRIDAY, March 7

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, March 8

- 9:00 am Kairos/Gym
 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

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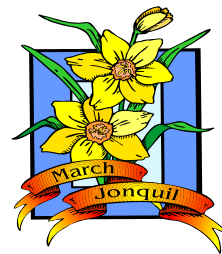
New Haven Staff Members

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

February 23, 2014

8:45 am - 70

11:00 am - 99

Total: 169

Sunday School - 59

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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