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Cindy’s Chalkboard

Bright lights. Big city. In a couple of hours, Super Bowl XLVIII will make it’s mark on the New York/New Jersey area. (And yes, New Jersey residents, we realize the game is in East Rutherford, which is in *your* state!)

Millions of sports fans have already made plans for watching the Super Bowl. As the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks square off against each other; parties will be going on literally all over the world. 2014 predictions? Most writers say it’s a divided house.

In any case, the time for celebrity interviews, pregame deliberations and exhaustive analysis is just about over. Soon, Super Bowl festivities will boil down to what really

matters: Two teams on a field, competing for the richest prize in pro football.

Super Bowl Sunday

Certainly the Super Bowl, America’s most watched program of the year, is something to be reckoned with for football fans everywhere. Not only is the Super Bowl popular in the U.S., people all over the world are interested in American football on Super Bowl Sunday.

This annual match-up is held on Sunday evening. Often times, Sunday night is also a regular night for worship. It is not surprising that the number of regular Sunday night churchgoers who break from their church routine in order to be in front of a television for the

Super Bowl each year is... tremendous.

Here’s what we know. Meeting together for fellowship is one of the most important aspects of community life for Christians. My thought is this. Whether you are a football fan or not... whatever side you cheer for, or not, this evening... as Danny Hall reminded us this morning, pray for the players and be of one mind.

1 Timothy 6: 17 says, "Put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

Blessings on your week,

Pastor Cindy

Church Office Closed on Fridays

Effective February 15th, the church office will be closed on Fridays. Take note on your calendars!!

Your church office staff has rearranged work hours in order that the office can be closed on Fridays. The SPRC committee thoroughly reviewed and then approved the recommendation, based on a

survey of other Tulsa churches, as well as taking into account minor adjustments needed in order to serve, you, the congregation.

Employee weekly hours remain unchanged; individual work days during the week have been slightly adjusted in order to accommodate this change.

Staff Member Office Days:

Pat Bates: Monday-Thursday
David Berns: Monday-Thursday
Allyson Cauthon: Tuesday-Thursday
Ann Martin: Monday-Tuesday
Suzanne Davis: Monday-Thursday
Pastor Cindy: Fridays off

Thank you for helping us be good stewards of our time and resources for the Kingdom!

NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBERS!



We are SO excited to welcome this newlywed couple into membership with us! Michael & Tiffany Sherwin braved the snow and icy weather and joined on February 2nd at the 11:00 service. They came to us by transfer of membership from other churches. Michael & Tiffany were married on January 25, 2014. Please extend to them your warmest welcome!!!

BITHELL FARMS FRUIT ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN!

If you are one of the many who love the fruit available from Bithell Farms in Oregon, you will be happy to know that you can place an order now! The fruit is delivered to the New Haven parking lot for your convenience and you will be notified in advance of the date and time of the delivery. This wonderful fruit comes in 14# boxes and is "fast frozen" and easily separated for you to bag it into smaller zip-lock bags (about 15 quarts). Once you have tried the Bithell Farms fruit, you'll see why we have so many anxious people waiting for the next order to arrive!!! Order blanks are on tables in the hospitality area.

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!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Sue Beaver
Joe Beaver
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Jean Roberts

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; Judy Bradford's granddaughter, Bailey; Susan Harris' father; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Gerald Blissit; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Lana Gotcher's sister; Kevin Hall; Casey Gregg; Syble Gayle Aumiller; Jeff Cauthon's grandmother; Carolyn Toalson's father, Elson Cook; John Johnson; the Hitchner family in the loss of Kevin's mother, Pat; 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



The HOPE Circle To Have Guest Speakers

Monday, February 10 at 6pm Darlene Lorenz, Case Manager at Exodus House, will be speaking and answering questions about the Exodus House Transitional Living apartments. As many of you know, New Haven UMC sponsors one of the apartments, but some members have asked me, "Exactly what IS the Exodus House?" This is a great opportunity to find out the answer to that question and more. **Cyndy Sexson**, Administrative Assistant, will talk about the worship services and classes offered at St. Luke's Redemption Church each Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening. Exodus House/Redemption Ministries is part of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of the OK United Methodist Church Conference.

Dinner will be at 6:00pm and the program will begin around 6:30pm. You don't have to be a member of UMW to attend....visitors are always welcome! Questions?? Call Jan Boyd at 918/691-1622.

RE-IGNITE WORKSHOP!



You can check last week's Spire to see the two page list of all the classes which will be offered at the Tulsa District Re-Ignite Workshop that will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, February 16th. You may register online at www.okumc.org/reignite or just call New Haven and we'll register for you. The fees will be paid by New Haven, too, and childcare is free for children up through Pre-K, but they must be registered by Feb. 10th. There will be fun events for older children while the teens and adults enjoy the classes.

SCHEDULE

1-2 pm	Registration & Fellowship
2-3:15 pm	Session 1
3:30-4:45 pm	Session 2
5:00-5:30 pm	Mission (Jubilee Hall)
5:30 pm	Worship (Jubilee Hall)

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



It was such a privilege to meet together yesterday with the children's Sunday school teachers and eat! I am so blessed to have such a great group of volunteers who, for an entire month every quarter in 2013, give of themselves to minister to our children. Many thanks go to **Cathy Amos, Deena Smith, Nancy Gunter, Kelly Sartain, Kate Scruggs, Tracy Walker, and Paula Fox** (who actually is with the kids the whole year!). Your ministry to the kids is not only a blessing to them, but to me as well! Thanks for all you do!

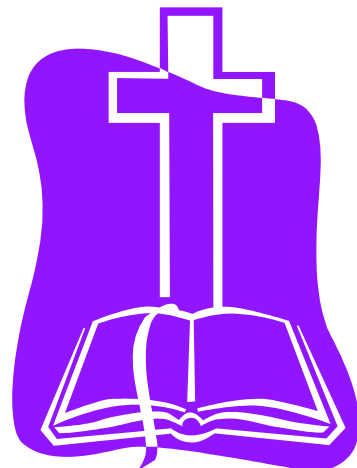


DISCIPLE CLASS SAYS THANK YOU FOR THE DAY CENTER COMFORT ITEMS AND WELCOMES CAROLYN MOORE TO BIBLE STUDY

The Disciple class wants to thank everyone for your generous donations of comfort items for the Tulsa Day Center. Also we want to say a special thank you to Paula Fox and her Daisy Scouts and our New Haven Boy Scout Troop for their contributions. (And Paula Fox for the teddy bears). We often take comfort items for granted. Who knew that such a small item as chap stick would be the most coveted thing among the adults at the center? And can you imagine all it would take to soothe a crying baby would be a simple teething ring or pacifier. The nurse at the Day Center said these things will be put to very good use and thank you, thank you, thank you!

Disciple class 2013-2014

Mary Ann Cunningham
Danny Hall
Sylvia Hill
Paula Manuel
Linda Parmele
Stacey Schifferdecker
Mary Anne Tyler
Rhonda Vardeman



Opportunities of the Week February 9-16

SUNDAY, February 9

- 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
 4:30 pm Bible Experience
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Meal
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, February 10

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
 6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor

TUESDAY, February 11

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

WEDNESDAY, February 12

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Support Group
 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/106
 8:30 pm College Group

THURSDAY, February 13

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
 3:00 pm Daisy Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 6:00 pm Adult Education Committee/ Offsite
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, February 14

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, February 15

SUNDAY, February 16

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 12:00 pm Mission Sunday Committee
 1:00 pm **Tulsa District Re-Ignite Workshop at Boston Ave. UMC**
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Bible Experience
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:15 pm Children's Choir

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

February Birthdays

Will Scruggs	2
J.J. Sartain	3
Paul Mabrey	4
Regina LaGrone	6
Ralen White	8
Linda Jaeger	9
Nick Nicholson	9
Caitlin Riggan	9
Vetus Vanderwiele	9
Cali Bayless	9
Shirley Nelson	10
Marianne Duiveman	15
Jocelyn Schifferdecker	16
Kegan Schifferdecker	17
Dot Haynes	23
Ginny Lamkin	23
Stella Schwartz	23
Mary Anne Tyler	23
Jean Smith	24
Maxine Loyd	25
Katie Jech	26



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 2, 2014
8:45 am-62
11:00 am- 46
Total: 108

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"Science and Religion"

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

Room 206: Short Term Study
"BALANCE: Living with Life's Demands"

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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