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Cindy’s Chalkboard

Sometimes when you are watching TV or reading a book or otherwise engaged... something happens that grabs your attention. You see something that strikes you - and you stop what you are doing, and focus your attention and take note. I want to share with one such "attention grabber" - at least it was for me - and I think it may be for you as well.

Just last week, an article in the newspaper caught my attention. Above it was a picture of a young man sitting on the steps outside a school. He was bald, and all around him were his classmates, about 25 of them. Some were wearing school jackets, others were in T-Shirts and regular jackets and their heads were bowed toward the camera - and they, too, were bald.

The headline read: “TRUE BLUE PALS” and the caption said: *“Mark Busse, 16, of Reardon, Washington, poses with classmates from his high school in this eastern Washington state town. His friends shaved their heads to show support for Busse*

after his hair fell out following chemotherapy for inoperable lung cancer. His buddies said that they didn't want him to stand out in the 180 student high school.”

This article touched my heart when I first saw it. And it still does.

The thought of his friends support in this way was so precious and showed so much love. It struck me that this is so much like what

Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. He asked John to baptize him - even though - as scripture states - there was no need for it.

In this newspaper article, there was no need - either - for Mark Busses friends and class mates to shave their heads. But they did.

Baptism: Making Love Real

God has done in Christ. At Christmas we celebrate that God came among us so we might know that we are not alone, and that we will know we are loved. Jesus completely identified himself with us.

This past Sunday we celebrated one of my favorite times in the liturgical year. It was “Baptism of the Lord Sunday.” We read the story of the baptism of Jesus by John, and saw another example of Jesus identifying himself with us. Jesus’ baptism was an act of love for each one of us.

Like Jesus, his friends identified with him. They walked in his shoes. They showed him that he was not alone.

That is what the sacrament of Baptism is all about. It is about making love real.

As we continue on this journey of a New Year, may you know the real presence of Christ in your life.

- Pastor Cindy

Christmas Dinner and Talent Show - a Wonderful Blessing!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to **Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman** for hosting the best meal ever for our (rescheduled) Christmas Dinner this past Sunday evening. The food was

simply delicious! We had fun being together as a church family, and then... sharing our “talents” with one another in the Sanctuary.

It was wonderful to see so many participate in this annual event. We truly have a great variety of gifts and graces to share! Thank you to all who made this possible. We were blessed!

UMPTENAGERS

Start the New Year off with a celebrity!
Lori Fullbright, 5:00 pm anchor and crime reporter for KOTV, Channel 6 is our special guest! Lori will meet with the Umpteenagers on Tuesday, January 21st. We'll have barbecue at 11:00 am in the Parlor, then Lori will talk to us at noon on "Personal Safety for Seniors". Due to her duties at KOTV, 12:00 noon is the only time she is available. Come join us for a fun and informative time!!!

DISCIPLE CLASS IS HOLDING A DRIVE FOR WINTER "COMFORT ITEMS" FOR OUR DAY CENTER BROTHERS AND SISTERS

"Wherever there is a human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference"

The facility at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless provides day time shelter for people in need and the homeless. In addition, the Day Center provides meals and night time shelter for those most vulnerable and at risk. Hours of operation are an impressive 24/7/365.

New Haven is not a stranger to the Tulsa Day Center as we estimate we have fed our brothers and sisters hot meals well over 100 times. (Thank you New Haven and thank you Outreach Committee).

The hard times of winter have set in and there is a desperate need for some "comfort items".

DISCIPLE class is holding a drive for the following most requested items:

For the babies---pacifiers, teething rings, rattles, etc

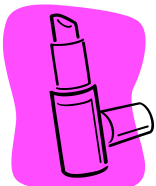
For the men and women---lip balm/chap stick

For the Day Center library---used books

Please help our disadvantaged brothers and sisters with these items. Seems like little things to us but to our friends downtown, these little things mean a lot.

Please look for boxes to place your items in and they will all be delivered ASAP. And thank you very much.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY CLASS 2013/2014



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Sue Beaver
Joe Beaver
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Jean Roberts

In memory of **Wanda Sadoris** who passed away on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Funeral will be at New Haven UMC on Friday, Jan. 17th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow. Internment at Memorial Park at 1:00 pm

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto and friend, Diane; Kyle Ratliff; 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; Adriaan Duiveman's sister, Els; Lana Gotcher's sister; Kevin Hall; Casey Gregg; Syble Gayle Aumiller; 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



Baptism!

Ace James Quinalty, son of Dallas and Audrey Quinalty, was baptized on Sunday, January 12th. His proud grandmother, Rev. Cindy Havlik, was the officiating pastor. Ace was born on September 10, 2013.

PAPER CRANES ARE COMING TO HOPE CIRCLE IN JANUARY

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes is a [non-fiction children's book](#) published in [1977](#).

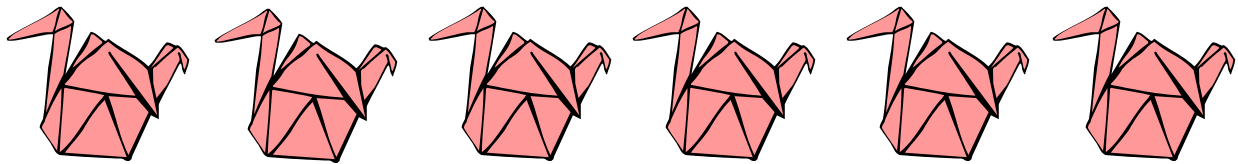
Do you know the story of Sadako and the 1000 paper cranes? Sadako was a real life girl from Japan. She died in 1955 when she was 12 years old. She was in Hiroshima when the US dropped an atom bomb. Ten years later she died as a result of radiation. Her courage made her a heroine to children in Japan.

Sadako began making origami cranes when she was living her last days in a nursing home. She had a goal of making 1000. In Japan--- paper cranes are a symbol of peace and happiness and prosperity (and the legend says 1000 paper cranes will give you 1000 years.)

For our January program on January 13, 2014, we will review the book and then our own Lou Lindsey will teach us how to make origami paper cranes. I hope we can each make two---one to give away and one to keep.

All women are welcome to attend the program and have a meal with us. Danny Hall

"This is our cry, this is our prayer, peace in the world". Sadako



"A Wonderful Time was Had by All"

Those famous words were certainly true Sunday night as we finally got to have our annual **Christmas Dinner & Talent Show!** The dinner, prepared by Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman was simply delicious! Kuddos to the cooks!!! Many New Haven members stepped up to the microphones and blessed us with their amazing talents. We had banjos, guitars, harp, clarinet, piano, dulcimer, and many voices bringing us all kinds of wonderful music. The Staff did a comedy act which brought lots of laughs! Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who spent many hours preparing for this special dinner and program. (It's not too early to begin practicing your talent for next year's show!!!)

FROM DAVID'S DESK. . .

Hello Everyone!

We had a wonderful weekend at Camp Egan for the Annual Tulsa District Winter Retreat! We had fun enjoying our great camp facility and Christian learning and fellowship with Methodists from all over Tulsa. Eleven Churches came for a total of 123 people. We played games, had s'mores, and learned how super heroes can teach us to be better Christians, something we are bringing back to New Haven on Youth Sunday.

Speaking of Youth Sunday, your wonderful New Haven Youth will be delivering all parts of the service on Jan. 26th, so please be sure to come if you can! If you have any super hero clothing, wear it to the service to join in the fun!

Opportunities of the Week January 19—26

SUNDAY, January 19

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 12:30 pm Trustees/185
 2:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 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, January 20

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, January 21

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor
 6:30 pm Day School Council/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 185, 205-210

WEDNESDAY, January 22

- 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, January 23

- 3:00 pm Daisy Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, January 24

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, January 25

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch

SUNDAY, January 26

YOUTH SUNDAY

- 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
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January Birthdays

Dale Edmond	3
Bob Walker	4
Sammye Hardgraves	7
Kay Garwood	10
Ron Unterschuetz	11
Helen Russell	12
Rose Unterschuetz	12
David Toalson	13
Joan Beebe	16
Sarah Duiveman	16
Derek Lamkin	20
Dwayne Boyd	21
Adele Gruber	24
Jude Smith	28
Mike Riggan	29
Bayleigh Boles	30



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 12, 2014

8:45 am-71

11:00 am-133

Total: 204

**Sunday School-
75**

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
"BALANCE: Living with Life's Demands"

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Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
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Joan West	After School Care
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