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Cindy's Chalkboard

I'm excited about a new sermon series that we will begin together in just a few weeks. We are going to talk about some different traditions within the Christian faith and see what it is that we can learn from them.

We will look at the Catholic tradition, and Pentecostalism, Baptists and non-denominationalists. It will kind of be like going to a family reunion. You know what that's like. You wander around, thinking "I know I'm supposed to be related to you somehow, but I can't quite figure it out."

In a way, that's what we want to do. We want to trace our Christian family tree back to it's roots, and find out how we are related to other Christians that live all around us, and

discover what kind of family resemblance there is. Our goal in talking about these others traditions is to better understand their contribution to the Body of Christ, and what we have in common and what we can learn from them. Together, we will be looking at the questions:

Upcoming Sermon Series: Christian Community

What is the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" that Pentecostals speak about? Why do Roman Catholics focus on the Eucharist in Worship? What would those in the Baptist tradition say to Methodists about living for Christ? Beginning on February 2nd, we will explore these questions and more in a thought

provoking new sermon series entitled, "Christian Community".

In this series we will learn of the history, theology and distinctive emphases of three different denominations in the Christian faith, as well as learn from our non-denominational friends.

In every message, we will focus on scriptures that have shaped their faith and talk about elements of our United Methodist worship service that were drawn from the worship traditions of some of these we are studying. Come join us, in Christian Community!

Pastor Cindy

Extra Giving for Year End 2013 - WOW and WOW!!!

Let me just say - you, congregation, are **awesome!** With God's help, together we ended our church financial year with flying colors!

Many of you may remember we were headed into December with a deficit. In other words... closing the year with income not quite covering the costs of ministry on our budget.

But, not to worry. God has stepped in and done a mighty thing. We not only balanced our income and expenses, but surpassed our need... **and ended in the "black: by over \$16,000. WOW and WOW!!**

We give ALL the thanks and glory to God and we thank you, congregation, for your faithfulness!!

And the VERY BEST NEWS? We are going to be able to do *even more* through this extra giving. A new ministry under the umbrella of the worship committee called "In-Service Sundays" will be funded, *and* additional funds are being set aside to help replenish the Outreach Special account. Praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow! Amen!

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

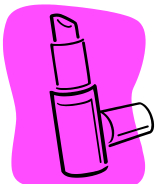
For the men and women---lip balm/chap stick

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

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

PACK 67 PINEWOOD DERBY

It's time once again for the scouts to create and race their miniature cars! They will be working on them this Saturday, Jan. 25th and begin racing them at 1:00 p.m. If you know any of these scouts and would like to watch the race, you are invited to attend! They will be in the gym at New Haven UMC.



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.

RE-IGNITE WORKSHOP!



WATCH FOR INFORMATION NEXT WEEK ABOUT **THE RE-IGNITE WORKSHOP** TO BE HELD AT BOSTON AVENUE UMC AND IS OPEN TO ALL TULSA DISTRICT METHODISTS!

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF GREAT CLASSES TO HELP YOU GROW IN YOUR MINISTRY AT CHURCH AND IN THE WORLD AROUND YOU! THIS YEAR RE-IGNITE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH DURING THE AFTERNOON WITH TWO SESSIONS OF CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM. CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL WORKSHOP ATTENDEES. NEXT WEEK YOU WILL HAVE A LIST OF ALL THE CLASSES AND THE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH ONE AND A REGISTRATION FORM. YOUR FEES WILL BE PAID BY NHUMC.

SPECIAL GUEST TO SHARE DURING THE “MINISTRY MOMENT” IN WORSHIP SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 2ND

Kelly McElroy, the Community Relations Director of Street School, is responsible for their social media, marketing, public relations and working in the community to secure school resources. Most importantly, she works to dispel the myth that Street School is where the bad kids go. Street School saves lives.

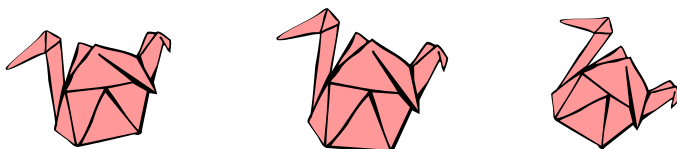
Prior to coming to Street School, Kelly owned a successful event production business. She planned conventions, tradeshow, and special events across North America. In December 2009, she sold the business after being self-employed for 15 years. Kelly had volunteered at Street School’s annual fundraising event and when the school learned she was “taking a break” they approached her about coming on board to be the first Community Relations Director.

Kelly thought she knew about Street School before taking the job. Now that she is surrounded every day by high school students, she has an entirely new respect for kids that grew up very differently than she did. She’s on a mission to let the Tulsa Community know that Street School has great kids!



The Hope Circle & Paper Cranes!

After reviewing the book “Sadako & the Thousand Paper Cranes” last Tuesday evening, each member learned how to create a crane and made two of them. . .one to keep and one to give away. Thanks to Lou Lindsey for being such a creative teacher!



A “BIBLE FUNNY”

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

“Mama, look what I found,” the boy called out.

“What have you got there, dear?”

With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered, “I think it’s Adam’s underwear!”

Opportunities of the Week January 26-February 2

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
 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 27
 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, January 28
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 185, 205-210

WEDNESDAY, January 29
 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 30
 3:00 pm Daisy Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, January 31
 7:30 pm AA/Gym
 10:00 pm Boy Scout Lock-In

SATURDAY, February 1

SUNDAY, February 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 Bible Study
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Meal
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



January Birthdays

Dale Edmond	3
Bob Walker	4
Sammye Hardgraves	7
Kay Garwood	10
Ron Unterschuetz	11
Helen Russell	12
Rose Unterschuetz	12
David Tolson	13
Lowell Whitlock	14
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 19, 2014
8:45 am-67
11:00 am-110
Total: 177

**Sunday School-
69**

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.

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

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