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Cindy's Chalkboard

God is certainly at work in and through New Haven Church! I want to share the GOOD NEWS with you about our efforts for raising funds for a new mini-bus.

Can I just say, our Day School is awesome?! Of course, you already know that! Here's another reason to give thanks. The New Haven Day School Council has just voted to approve funds for a matching gift toward the purchase of a mini-bus. Beginning Sunday, July 20th, ANY gift made to the Mini-Bus fund will be matched by the Day School—up to \$20,000!!

Yes, that's what I said! \$20,000!! That means, if you make a gift of \$500, it magical-

ly turns into \$1,000! If you make a gift of \$1,000, it doubles to \$2,000. You get the point. This matching happens all the way up to a total of \$20,000 until August 31st!!!

As of this writing, we have over \$17,000 already collected in the Mini-Bus fund. If we collect another \$20,000 (which will be

\$20,000 Mini-Bus Matching Challenge!!

matched by the Day School of \$20,000)... my calculator tells me that the total in the Mini-Bus fund will be over \$57,000!!

We know, per the Trustees committee, that the cost of a new mini-bus is in the \$60,000

range. If our efforts are anything like we hope them to be, we will be right where we need to be to purchase a mini-bus.

Please consider your gift to this fund. Our current van is used by all ages in the church, as well as in our Day School. What a way to spur us on!

We give thanks to God for our joint ministry with the Day School. With your help, we can look forward to seeing a new mini-bus roll into our parking lot very soon!

God's blessings abound,
- Pastor Cindy

Listening Posts Offered—Topic: Oklahoma Conference Re-Districting

The Annual Conference voted to reduce the number of districts in the Oklahoma Annual Conference from 12 to 8 as of June 1, 2015. This will cause the creation of new districts with new names and boundaries. Later this summer, the Cabinet will officially set the new boundaries.

Currently, the District offices are forming teams to lead us

through this time of transition.

The proposal spoke of Listening Post meetings in each District for the sharing of information about the realignment, and hearing feedback from the laity and clergy of the Annual Conference.

Many of us have had an opportunity to discuss re-districting; while others have not. In order

to facilitate that conversation, the Tulsa District is scheduling Listening Post opportunities:

Sunday July 20, 4:00 p.m. at Boston Avenue UMC in the Community Hall

Sunday July 27, 2:30 p.m. at Asbury UMC in the Family Room.

You are invited to attend.

A NOTE FROM PAUL!



The Bible has a great deal to say about music. I've read that music or the act of making music is mentioned in at least 44 of 66 books in the Bible. Music, singing, and making music on a variety of musical instruments can be found frequently throughout the scriptures. We know the Psalms in its original form was essentially a book of songs. Singing songs or hymns is an important part of our corporate worship experience.

I want to invite any of you who might enjoy being a part of the music ministry here at New Haven to step out in faith and give it a try. The Chancel Choir is taking its summer break, but will return in August. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. The Chancel Bells will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. The Praise Band meets weekly on Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

If you are interested in joining us or have questions about what we do, you can always contact me through the church office or at psecody@cox.net.

Ronald Mc Donald House is still in need of guest chef volunteers.

New Haven has been involved for the last 4 months cooking either Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner. Currently we have about 6 to 8 of us providing 6 or so meals a month.

Some of our New Haven team cook by them self, some bring a friend or two, and some of us take turns by helping each other out, and fix a meal together.

We are asked to cook a meal for 20-25 guests; they have two kitchens with all the equipment you need.

Food of course is important, but the fellowship with the Guests through a smile, prayer and by listening to their brave, heart wrenching conversations is life changing.

Every month has lots of openings on the calendar. Did you know some parent(s) stay at the house for 4 months and up?

If you like to be part of this ministry call Adriaan Duiveman at 918-250-5966 Please keep these families in your prayers. Thank you.

Project Transformation

We wanted to express our appreciation to the volunteers from New Haven United Methodist Church and the community for helping with Project Transformation. Big thanks to the following volunteers who listened to the students read and helped the children with their reading skills: Cathy Amos, Doyle Boyd, Melinda Carver, Suzanne Davis, Adriaan Duiveman, Marianne Duiveman, Jerry Field, Dick Garwood, Kay Garwood, Cindy Havlik, Janice Jewitt, Lou Lindsey, Becky Puryear, Audrey Reis, Phil Roberts, David Schiffer-decker, Deena Smith, and John Stutsman and to those who provided meals for the workers at Project Transformation: Chuck Berry, Adriaan Duivemen, Marianne Duiveman, and Becky Puryear.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members: Greg Gotcher
Lois Bailey Nick Nicholson
Ron Cunningham Bob Schwartz

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Don & Linda Gregory's family; Syble Gale Aumiller; Elizabeth Havlik; Regina LaGrone's mom; Cheryl Boyd; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Mary Stutsman's daughter; 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;



IT'S A BOY!

Baby Shower for Baby Boy Duncan

Proud Parents to Be:
David Duncan & Lori Dey

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd
2:00 PM

IN OUR PARLOR
EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND!!!
Registered at Babies 'R Us



ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, we have several children going to camp. I ask that you please join me in prayer as the children learn more about God and what it means to live in this world as Christians.

July 21-23

Jonathan Prescott
Jude Smith
Mycroft LaGrone
Bryant Lamkin
Meghan Lamkin
Will Scruggs



July 21-25

JJ Sartain

I apologize that I forgot to mention those that already went to camp – Mekenzie Blanchard, Joshua Blanchard, Luke Prescott and Jeff Prescott (shepherd). They had a great time and are already looking forward to next year!

DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

This doesn't happen very often! Our Day School has the following positions open:

Co-teacher for 2-year-olds; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 8:30am-3:00pm Work with an experienced teacher to help plan and carry out activities.

Spanish teacher for 3- & 4-year olds; one day per week (needs to be a Monday, Wednesday or Friday); 10:00am-12:00pm; curriculum provided; responsible for planning and teaching three 20 minute classes

Teachers for after school program (K-5th graders); Monday-Friday (choose all 5 days or 2-3 days/wk); 2:30-6:00pm; work with experienced teachers to help supervise children.

The preschool or Spanish teacher position can be combined with the after school program teaching positions if a person would like to work more hours each week. We always prefer experience with children in a group setting as well as coursework in the area of education. However, we have certainly trained many teachers in the past.

Please spread the word to those you think may be interested. We much prefer hiring people who have a link to our New Haven people. Contact Tonya Ford for more information; (918-742-6781) or tonyacford@hotmail.com

NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBER!!!



We are so happy to welcome Peppa Smith into membership at NHUMC. If you haven't already met Peppa and welcomed her, please do so the next time you see her in worship! She joined in the 11:00 service on August 20th.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A THANK-YOU RECEPTION FOR TONYA FORD SUNDAY, JULY 27TH at 2:00 PM!

New Haven UMC and New Haven Day School are joining together to host a "thank-you" reception for Tonya Ford. Our illustrious Executive Director of the Day School is retiring from her position, and we want to thank her for all that she has done for our Day School over the past 6 years!!

Come join us in the Parlor for cake and punch, and bring your stories to share about Tonya's tenure here in the Day School. And no, she isn't retiring from the church – you will continue to see both she and Bill here with us!!

Let's thank Tonya for the wonderful job she has done for the school, and for the many ways she made a difference in children's lives for Christ!

NEW HAVEN READS!

We just finished an interesting discussion of the autobiography of Julie Andrew's early life entitled "Home" On August 3, we will discuss Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan. On September 14, we will discuss The Giver by Lois Lowry. We are hoping the movie will be out so we can add the cinema to our list! Last, but not least, we will discuss The Old Buzzard Had it Coming by Donis Casey. Looking forward to some fun reading!! We meet in the gathering area at 3:30 on discussion days and Book Club is open to everyone!!!

If you have any questions, please call Cathy Amos at 918-496-3682 or email her at amos.cathy1@gmail.com.



Opportunities of the Week July 27 ~ August 3

SUNDAY, July 27

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 11:00 am Adult Education Meeting/185
 2:00 pm "Thank You Reception" for Tonya Ford
 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, July 28

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group

TUESDAY, July 29

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

WEDNESDAY, July 30

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, July 31

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

FRIDAY, August 1

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, August 2

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, August 3 In-Service Sunday

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 2:00 pm Baby Shower for David Duncan and Lori Dey
 3:30 pm New Haven Reads
 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



July Birthdays

7. Mycroft LaGrone
 14. Luke Stevenson
 16. Greg Green
 17. Gabriel VanDyke
 Jeff Cauthon
 18. David Schifferdecker
 19. John Manuel
 20. Betty Siegismund
 21. Cindy Havlik
 23. Jennifer Roberts
 28. Marjorie Stewart

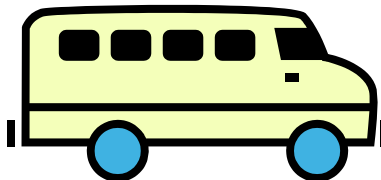


MINI-BUS FUNDS UPDATE

COST OF NEW BUS: \$60,000.

FUNDS TO DATE: \$17,785.45

FUNDS NEEDED: \$42,214.55



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 20, 2014

8:45 am—67

11:00 am—97

Total: 164

**Sunday School Attendance
64**

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"Revival: Faith As Wesley Lived It"
By Adam Hamilton

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"Making Sense of the Bible" 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

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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