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Cindy’s Chalkboard

I don’t know about you, but when I’m having my cup of coffee in the morning, I like to have something to read. And I’d prefer it be something written on actual paper and not on a screen. Yes, I am of the “print” generation! Not that I’m against reading on the iPad, the Kindle or the iPhone. There’s just something about that LCD screen early in the morning that is just too much for me...

Last week I was looking through a magazine that had arrived the day before. The cover intrigued me: “Jazz Church.”

It talked about how the character of a congregation often resembles the style of their worship music. It talked about congregations that

worship primarily with classical music are often highly structured with clearly defined roles. A congregation whose primary worship experience is praise music will often center around a charismatic individual.

God is at Work in Our Worship, and in Our Midst

Then there is the “Jazz Church,” like the one the pastor serves in this article. His congregation worships with jazz music, and their congregational structure reflects that style.

There is a lot of spontaneity in jazz music. It doesn’t feature just one voice or instrument, but different musicians step forward at different times and then blend back into the ensemble. Improvisation is

welcome, but a theme is always there.

In many ways, New Haven UMC is a “jazz church.” While relationship with God and one another is our primary theme, we can still feel free to

improvise, to try new things, to make mistakes and to be open to the Spirit’s leading. Each person steps forward when the time is right, then blends back into the “band” seamlessly.

It was a fascinating article, and one that made me grateful for how God is at work in our worship, and in our midst.

Praising God together,
Pastor Cindy

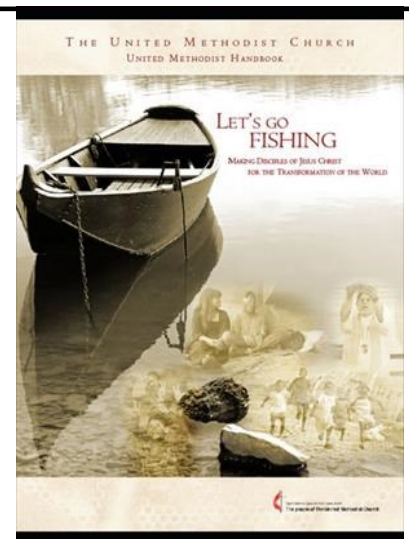
The United Methodist Handbook: “Let’s Go Fishing!”

You may have noticed a new booklet we’ve placed around the tables and display cases in the church hallway. We are so impressed with the contents, we want to make it available for everyone!!

It’s called “Let’s Go Fishing” and it is an *excellent* resource created by United Methodist Communications.

This comprehensive handbook covers a variety of subjects; from what United Methodists believe, to a time line of our denominational history, to an understanding of what it means to be a connectional church... and so many other areas of interest about our United Methodist tradition.

Pick your copy up today!



**OUR ANNUAL 4th of JULY CELEBRATION
DINNER FOR OUR HOMELESS BROTHERS
AND SISTERS WILL BE ON
MONDAY, JUNE 30TH**



On Monday, June 30th, we will serve a Bar-B-Q meal at the Day Center with our extended family. Our menu will be BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and pies. We would like your help making chopped or sliced beef, baking a pie, or serving the meal. You may bring the BBQ warmed and the pies to the main kitchen by 4:00 pm on the 30th. Please stop by the outreach table if you want to help.

**NEW HAVEN ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY
PARADE AND FESTIVITIES
10:00 AM ~ NOON**

If you've never attended our celebration on the 4th of July, you should definitely consider coming this year! We have decorations for your bikes and trikes and wagons, so you'll have 30 minutes to give a festive look to your "wheels", then everyone lines up in front of the church where the police have blocked off our route.....and off we go! We'll walk and ride just about 4 blocks. The neighbors have encouraged us to "Please, don't ever stop having these wonderful parades!" Invite your friends and family to join us! The children love the water slide and Jupiter Jump when we return to the church, so be sure they wear their swim suits under their shorts and shirts.

Your well behaved pets are also welcome. After the parade, stay and enjoy music, lemonade, and popcorn on the lawn and get acquainted with someone new!

For those who don't want to walk the route, just bring a lawn chair or blanket and relax on the lawn while the parade is taking place. You'll be sure to find a friend to visit with! What an awesome way to celebrate our Independence Day!!!



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham	Carolyn Toalson & family, in loss of her father, Elson.
Laurel Duncan	
Greg Gotcher	
Don Gregory	
Nick Nicholson	

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; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; Don & Linda Gregory's family; Syble Gale Aumiller; Elizabeth Havlik; Regina LaGrone's mom; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; 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



Patrick Grafton was commissioned as the new Youth Director in both services on Sunday, June 22. Welcome, Patrick! You are a blessing to us all.

**PROJECT TRANSFORMATION
JULY 14-17**

The calendar to share your love with a child by helping them read still has openings. If you'd like to have one of the "reading spots", stop by the Outreach table during the next two Sundays and we'll answer any questions you may have. We'll serve again at Southern Hills UMC. Your life will be transformed! Just ask Cathy Amos, John Stutsman, Becky Puryear, Betty Fine or Kay Garwood. They are just a few of the many who have helped in the past 11 years. Our dates to read are Monday, July 14-Thursday, July 17 from 10:00 am until noon. Watch your Spire for more details as the dates get closer. Our Children are our future!

God's Speed, Adriann

ALLYSON'S WORDS OF THANKS!



There are so many people to thank for their help on VBS that I'm sure I'll forget someone! I could never do my job without the help of such awesome people; please know I treasure all of you (even if I forgot your name)! And yes, I realize that some people are mentioned more than once; it's because some of them wore several hats that week!

My right-hand woman – Susan Lamkin
Center Leaders – Susan Lamkin, Tammy Logsdon, Kala Morgan, Cathy Amos, Mary Anne Tyler, Pat Thomas, Stella Schwartz, Claretha Gotcher, Shirley Nelson, Phil Morice Brubaker

Group Leaders – Becky Puryear, Melinda Carver, Marleigh Blanchard, Nancy Gunter, Jan Boyd, Kelly Sartain, Suzanne Davis, Janet Hopkins, Carolyn Toalson, Kayla Buck, Nicole Grafton

Youth Helpers – Jocelyn Schifferdecker, Tim Prescott, Chris Boyd, JJ Sartain, Kyler Smith, Nathan Prescott, Bailey Sartain, Wyatt Schifferdecker, Ginny Lamkin, Max LaGrone

Nursery – Mary Ann Cunningham, Kameron Browning

Counters / Registration – Dick and Kay Garwood (Dick, I'm still doubting those counting skills!)

Sales – Tonya Ford, Pat Bates, Pat Thomas

Decorations / Behind the Scenes – Susan Lamkin, Suzanne Davis, Regina LaGrone, Pat Bates, Tammy Logsdon, Shirley Nelson, Carolyn Toalson (and for the yummy cookies!), Pam Prescott, Youth, Barry Puryear

Substitutes – Regina LaGrone, Marleigh Blanchard, Cindy Havlik, Dwayne Boyd

Talent – Deena Smith, Kyler Smith, Joe Davis, Sam Puryear

Also, we are missing Dick Garwood's aluminum level. If you locate it, please let me know!

UMW Party at Murdock Villa
The Susanna Circle UMW will host the annual patriotic birthday party for the July birthdays at Murdock Villa on July 10. Please meet at New Haven at 1:00. Everyone is welcome!



Happy 85th Birthday to Melba Turner!

The Fellowship Class hosted a very special birthday for this very special lady.



MINI-BUS FUNDS UPDATE

COST OF NEW BUS: \$60,000.

FUNDS TO DATE: \$9,855.45

FUNDS NEEDED: \$50,144.55



A Sweet Grandmother Story
A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like.

"We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in.

At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Opportunities of the Week June 29 ~ July 6

SUNDAY, June 29

- 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/ Duiveman's Home
 2:30 pm "A Disciple's Path" Class/185
 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, June 30

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group

TUESDAY, July 1

- 6:30 pm Outreach/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, July 2

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

THURSDAY, July 3

- 6:00 pm Covenant Bible Study/Chapel
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, July 4

- Church Offices Closed
 10:00 am **4th of July Parade & Festivities/**
 Front Lawn
 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, July 5

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

SUNDAY, July 6

- 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 "New Haven Reads" Book Club
 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

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
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian



July Birthdays

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

NOTICE!

THERE WILL NOT BE A SPIRE NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30-JULY 6TH. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE ON JULY 7TH.

THIS WEEK IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR BERRIES FROM OUR UMW. ORDER BLANKS ARE IN THE LOBBY OR ASK AT THE OFFICE FOR ONE! ORDERS ARE DUE THE END OF THIS WEEK!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 22, 2014

8:45 am – 66
11:00 am – 107
Total: 173

Sunday School Attendance:
71

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

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

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