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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 7:00 PM

Join us this Wednesday, as we gather to begin the season of Lent; forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter. **We will begin evening worship on March 5th at 7:00pm.**

Lent is the time of year that we recall Jesus's journey to the cross, culminating with the events of Holy Week and Easter. The season begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to remember our mortality and confess our sins to God. It's called Ash Wednesday because we place ashes on our foreheads, usually in the shape of a cross, to mark the occasion. New Haven follows the tradition of the ashes being made from burning the palm branches used the previous year on Palm Sunday.

Our own Danny Hall will be offering the message that evening. We will begin the Lenten Season with meaningful music, message, and the Imposition of ashes.

The service will last only about 30 minutes. It is a great joy to celebrate Easter with the church, but you only find the deepest joy of Easter through remembering what led up to the greatest moment of history.

Walking by faith with you,

Pastor Cindy



UMPTEENAGERS PLAN A FUN TRIP!

We are Oklahoma City-bound on Tuesday, March 18th!!!

We'll leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and drive to OKC to tour the historic Skirvin Hotel. We'll have lunch at the hotel, then take the tour. Who knows what else we might see and do while in Oklahoma City? We plan to be back in Tulsa long before dark!

Come, join us on this adventure! It'll be fun!



DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

Would you like to become a part of a team of Guest Chef volunteers?

Ronald McDonald House has a "Guest Chef Volunteer Program" to cook for the parents and families that stay at the house while their child is in the hospital. They are in need of guest chefs for lunch and other meals.

We aren't sure what dates are open, but if you are interested in this ministry to form a New Haven chef team, see Adriaan Duiveman or call him at 918-250-5966. Two to four chefs are needed for each meal. Please keep these children & parents in your prayers!

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES. . . .

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.

As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Lois Bailey
Sue Beaver
Joe Beaver
Greg Gotcher

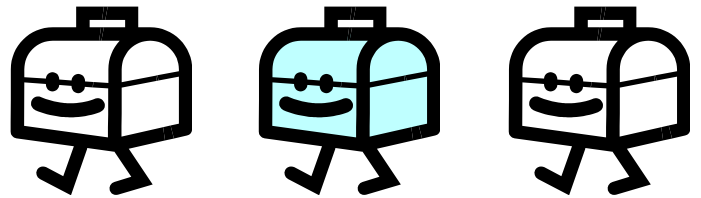
Debbie Green
Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Linda Parmele
Jean Roberts

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; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Lana Gotcher's sister; Syble Gayle Aumiller; Kelly Sartain's friend, Rhonda Rowe; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; Don & Linda Gregory, in the loss of their friend, Chuck Hendrix; 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



FIRST EVER "IN-SERVICE SUNDAY"

On March 9th, our first "In-Service Sunday", we will end both worship services 6-8 minutes EARLY. As you leave the Sanctuary, there will be long tables set up in the hallway with an opportunity to help fill lunchboxes for young students at Bunche Elementary, one of Tulsa's Head Start schools. We've learned that often times during Spring Break, these young children do not have near enough substantial food to eat. We want to help! It will be fast and easy! Altogether, it won't take any longer to complete than the few minutes we saved from our worship time! Let's take worship out into the world!!!

MISSION & OUTREACH CALENDAR

Upcoming Opportunities

- March 31—Dinner for our sisters & brothers who are homeless
- April 13— Dedication of Crosses of Love
- April 27— "Undie Sundie": Collecting under - wear for Street School students.
- May 4— New Day Camp speaker, Carletta Denison, during Ministry Moment. New Day Camp is a camp for children and youth of incarcerated parents. Monetary donations are appreciated on this day.
- May on last day of school—end of school year celebration luncheon at Street School.
- June 1— Project Transformation Benefit Luncheon at New Haven UMC. Project Transformation is a literacy summer camp for grades 1-6. Please watch the Spire for details.

SOMETHING FUN!!!

- What: **Camp Gibson Gospel Fest**
- When: Saturday, March 15th, 6:00p.m.
Where: Memorial Drive UMC
7903 E. 15th Street, Tulsa Ok 74112
(See last week's Spire for more details!)

Spiritual Practices Class Begins March 16, 2014

A new short-term class entitled "Ancient Spiritual Practices Made Relevant for Today" will be held during Lent. The class will provide an opportunity to actually do the ancient practices of Lectio Divina (sitting with the Divine scriptures), walking a Labyrinth on March 30th, and Contemplative and Breath Prayers. The Spiritual Practices class, held during the Sunday school hour in the gym, will be for five Sundays starting on March 16, 2014 with the last class on April 13, 2014.

This special class is offered during Lent as an adjunct to Pastor Cindy's Lenten sermon series, "Take Time to Be Holy". Jone Friesen, who received a degree in Ministry and Culture from Phillips Theological Seminary and has had extensive training as a Spiritual Director, will be leading the class. Sunday school classes will continue to meet during this time unless they choose to participate in this short-term class.

TOP THAT PIZZA NIGHT! 2nd Wednesday of each 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!!

St. Paul "Seminary Lite" Course is Coming!

This one day class will be held in Tulsa for the first time and will be at Boston Ave. UMC on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Dr. Elaine Robinson, Dean of Saint Paul School of Theology at OCU, will examine the basics of our United Methodist identity, answering questions such as "Where do we come from as a denomination? What does John Wesley have to do with us today? How do we organize the denomination and why? What are the basic beliefs of United Methodists? Why do we baptize infants? and much more!

If you are interested in attending, please call our office for more details and registration information.

HOPE CIRCLE TO HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS

Darlene Lorenz, case manager at Exodus House, will speak and answer questions about the Exodus House Transitional Living apartments. New Haven UMC sponsors one of the apartment, but some members are not aware of what the sponsorship means. This meeting will be a perfect time to learn all about it! Cyndy Sexson, Administrative Assistant, will discuss 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 Oklahoma United Methodist Conference. You do not need to be a member of the UMW to attend this circle meeting. . . . visitors are always welcome!

Hope Circle: Monday, March 10th

6:00 pm--Dinner will be served in the church parlor.

The program begins at 6:30 pm.

Questions? Call Jan Boyd @ 918-691-1622

Opportunities of the Week March 9 ~ 16

SUNDAY, March 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
 4:00 pm New Haven Reads
 4:30 pm Bible Experience
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth

MONDAY, March 10

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

TUESDAY, March 11

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

WEDNESDAY, March 12

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/206
 8:30 pm College Group

THURSDAY, March 13

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, March 14

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, March 15

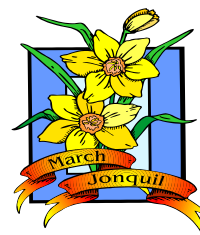
SUNDAY, March 16

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 12:00 pm Mission Sunday Committee
 1:30 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 Youth
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth



March Birthdays

Max LaGrone	3
Claretha Gotcher	4
Todd Morgan	4
Yuka Daughters	6
Marleigh Blanchard	10
Karen Gibbs	11
Will Roberts	12
Steve Amos	16
Pat Smith	17
Betty Watson	19
Karen Jones	21
Kyler Smith	22
Craig Hannon	23
Janice Hannon	24
Steve Smith	25
Peter Havlik	26



**WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE
MARCH 2, 2014
(snow & icy roads)
8:45 am– 47
11:00 am– 39
Total: 86
Sunday School–13**

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Parables & Passion: Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton Christensen

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

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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