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Cindy's Chalkboard

Attending Annual Conference is a highlight every year. If you want to find out what the United Methodist Church is all about, this is the place!

This year, among other important proposals to be discussed and voted on, there is one proposal I think you will be especially interested in. Several of us attended a Pre-Conference meeting yesterday that discussed a significant change; a proposal for the missional realignment of the Districts. What does that mean to us as New Haven Church?

The proposal that will be up for conference vote is to decrease our current 12 districts to 8 districts by or on June 1, 2015. The intention is to locate approximately 55-65 churches in each of four urban districts. Each of the four more rural districts will have about 65-75 churches.

The district superintendent will work in the newly formed district to appoint a District Transition Team that will include the persons required by *The Book of Discipline*

(District Trustees, Lay Leader, Committee on Ministry, Director of Lay Servant Ministries, Property, etc.)

This team will be comprised of an equal number of laity and clergy, and will also be comprised of the district's most spiritually mature and visionary lay and clergy leaders, to assist the superintendent in major strategic decisions.

Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church: May 26th-29th

The Annual Conference Corporation is the only group having a representative from all entities of the Annual Conference sitting at God's table.

This proposal came from asking the question, "Is the Oklahoma Annual Conference as effective in ministry as possible and are apportionment dollars being utilized as effective as possible to fulfill God's missions as affirmed previously in our Strategic Plan?"

Over the last two years in consultation with Dr. Lovett Weems—and after much prayer, analysis and discussion—several major issues have been identified that directly impact maximizing the effective ministry of the Oklahoma Conference. The issues that the conference will be voting on are the results of the 'best work' by many people.

Several District meetings and round table discussions have given many the opportunity to learn more about these issues.

Please give prayerful consideration to all those who are voting on Thursday of Annual Conference. Our hearts desire is to help the Oklahoma Annual Conference be at its best in ministry and mission for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In prayer with you,

Pastor Cindy

UNDIE SUNDAY UPDATE

Thank you for all the undies that were given this past Sunday for the Street School students. We also shared the Crosses of Love with them as our way of saying "You are not alone. You are kids with many gifts and talents!" If you forgot to bring undies and still want to do so, you may bring them next week. They are very appreciated by the students!!!

NEW DAY CAMP

New Day Camp is a camp for children and youth of incarcerated parents. It is a UMC camp where many youngsters and adults share their lives for a week of learning and fun. This Sunday, May 4th, we will hear from Carletta Denison during the Ministry Moment. She was a former camp dean and is still involved! It cost \$300 for one young person to attend this camp for one week and if you would like to help, please write your check to New Haven UMC and in the memo line put "New Day Camp". Your donations will be SO appreciated by the children who get to attend.

Ronald McDonald House Says "THANKS"!

We received a very nice letter of thanks from Jean Ann Hankins, the director of Ronald McDonald House, saying how much it meant to the families of the sick children to be able to enjoy a day of home cooked meals so close to the hospital and for the fellowship our volunteers offered to them. Many thanks to our team for preparing the yummy food!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Charlotte Erwin
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Baby Emma Sahli
Betty Watson

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; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; David Toalson's mom, Mildred; Don & Linda Gregory's family; 19 month old Syprezz Bentley; Syble Gale 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



Day School Executive Director

Do you have a heart and passion for children? New Haven United Methodist Day School Council and New Haven United Methodist Church are seeking a caring, loving and mature individual who is able to relate well to children, parents, co-workers and church staff for the position of Executive Director. This position holds the following job requirements:

- Degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education
- Bookkeeping experience preferred
- Demonstrate Christian values
- Familiar with DHS guidelines and procedures
- Passion for well-being of children and encouragement of their faith development
- Exhibit effective management supervision skills and techniques
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills

Salary is commensurate with experience. New Haven Day School is a vital ministry of New Haven United Methodist Church. The Executive Director works in conjunction with the church in shared ministry to touch lives for Christ. For more information, or to apply for this position, please contact Rev. Cindy Havlik in the church office: 918-743-6491 or cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org.

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!!

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



The collections for Vacation Bible School have begun!!! Please see the list below for things we need to collect.

- Toilet paper tubes
- Coffee cans (rinsed out)
- Cardboard boxes
- Leis
- Colorful plastic tablecloths
- Clean paint cans
- String



You can place your donations on the table underneath the staff mailboxes in the hallway by Suzanne's office or give them to Allyson. Thanks so much!!!

EASTER SUNDAY IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

“In-Service Sunday”, May 18th, will benefit Annual Conference Flood Bucket Collections

Our efforts for “In-Service Sunday” will go toward packing supplies for “Flood Buckets” for disaster preparedness. These much needed supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane or other natural disaster. The items we will help to pack in 5 gallon size buckets will make a significant difference in clean-up efforts. Our “In-Service Sunday” team is already shopping for items to put in the buckets, and will have everything ready for us to assemble on May 18th! It will be quick, it will be easy, but most importantly, our efforts will help others in need during times of disaster. Let us take joy in knowing we are touching lives for Christ!! Stay tuned for other quarterly projects to come.

SUSANNA CIRCLE

The Susanna Circle will celebrate our annual Birthday Salad Potluck on Thursday, May 8th in the Parlor. We will meet at 11:00 am for lunch. Please bring a salad dish to share!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST AT NOON

(Put it on your calendar and watch for details in next week's Spire)



Opportunities of the Week May 4 ~ 11

SUNDAY, May 4th

- 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
 3:30 pm New Haven Reads (Book Club)
 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, May 5

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, May 6

- 6:30 pm Outreach/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, May 7

- 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, May 8

- 11:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
 11:30 am Children's Ministry Meeting/185
 6:00 pm Christianity & World Religion Class/Parlor
 6:00 pm Covenant Bible Study/Offsite
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, May 9

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, May 10

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, May 11 Mother's Day

- 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
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May Birthdays

2. Paula Manuel
4. Sarah Roberts
5. Dana Christian
Lucas Lamkin
6. Jennifer Beaver
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry
Henry Cauthon
Marissa Degner
9. Jolene Taylor
10. Kim Percival
12. Bryant Lamkin
Michael Smith
Camille Stevenson
15. Dawson Watson
17. David Duncan
18. Charlotte Erwin
20. Laura Degner
Sandy Nicholson
22. Bob Thacker
27. Doris Fox
Rick Davis
Rosemary Tarr
Samuel Standlee
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love
Kelcey Hardy



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 27, 2014

8:45 am-76

11:00 am-91

Total: 167

**Sunday School Attendance:
62**

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

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

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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