

Cindy's Chalkboard

As we have seen all along in the history of this church, *God can make anything happen if there is a real need!*

Indeed, we are witnesses to that this very week. After months and months of discussions about the need for a replacement church van (mini-bus), and challenges to raise the needed funds... thanks be to God! We—with the help of God—have done it!

Some of you have seen our brand new mini-bus in our church parking lot already. David Toalson, a member of our Trustees Committee, drove our old Dodge 15 passenger van to Franklin, Tennessee, where he traded in the old for

**Dedication of New Mini-Bus
Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 12:15 pm!!**



the new. How exciting is that? Thank you, David!!

Congregation, let me just say how proud I am of you. Thank you for your willingness and perseverance to see this project through. I cannot wait for you to step into the mini-bus and see what God has done with your mini-bus funds!

And, even as we jump for joy to see this amazing mini-bus in our midst, we remember that the joy we feel doesn't come from the things that we have... our joy comes from knowing that God will use this bus in mission and ministry in the world! **Join us for the dedication of the mini-bus on Sunday, November 23rd, 12:15 pm!!**

With gratitude for this gift from God's hand. - Pastor Cindy



New Haven United Methodist Church Staff Openings

Contemporary Worship Leader

New Haven UMC is seeking a dynamic Praise and Worship Leader for our 8:45 am contemporary service. A passion for worship is a must. We are looking for someone who has the ability and gifts to provide dynamic leadership in rehearsals and in worship. Previous experience on music church staff is a plus. Open to someone who can lead from guitar or keyboard. Approximately 10-12 hours per week. Persons interested in this position may contact Pastor Cindy in the church office 918-743-6491 or by sending your resume to cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org

Traditional Worship Leader

New Haven UMC is seeking a gifted individual for the 11:00 am traditional worship leader position. This part-time position (10-15 hrs per week) is responsible for assisting the church in planning, conducting and evaluating a choral music ministry including the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and oversight of the Children's Choir. We are seeking someone who has the ability to speak confidently before groups and provide passionate worship leadership. Previous experience on a church staff is a plus. Persons interested in this position may contact Pastor Cindy in the church office 918-743-6491 or cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

On Sunday, Dec. 7th, we invite you to meet us on the front lawn to decorate our Memorial Christmas tree. If you come out right after the 8:45 service, you'll still have time to attend Sunday School. The Memorial Christmas Tree began after our dear Nathan Wofford passed away and we continue decorating one each year in memory of all our loved ones. Pastor Cindy will share a prayer with us and we'll sing a song. When the tree is taken down after Christmas, we will save your ornaments for you. We hope you'll join us to pay tribute to all our beloved family and friends. If you need more information, please call Adriaan at 918-250-5966.



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS BY NOV. 23rd!



If you wish to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary during December, you may order yours now! They cost \$10 each. Please include who you'd like to honor or remember with your order. You may place your order during worship and drop in the offering plate or mail your check to the church office.

ANGEL TREE COMING! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16-23

We are celebrating our 19th year in this ministry! This year we are adopting:

- ♦ 12 children from Carnegie and through the Elf Program.
- ♦ 10 children from Child Share, a United Methodist Foster Care program.
- ♦ 18 children & youth from the Methodist Boy's Ranch.
- ♦ 10 children in need from the community

There is a \$50. gift limit per child and no more than two gifts....all put in the same bag please! We would like for you to bring your gifts by Wednesday, December 3rd to the Bride's room inside the Parlor.

Thank you for your faithful response in all the previous years as we share and celebrate our Savior's birth!



Outreach Committee

BUS STOP MINISTRY HELP NEEDED!!!



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP PAULA FOX FROM 6:45-8:00am IN OUR BUS STOP MINISTRY!!! YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR ONE MORNING A WEEK, EVERY OTHER WEEK, OR MONTH. . . (OR MORE OFTEN IF YOU WANT TO!) WE NEED TO HAVE TWO ADULTS EVERY MORNING!!! CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER. (918-743-6491)

UMW News

The ladies of the New Haven United Methodist Women are selling pecans! We have one-pound bags of Sooner pecans. They are local and fresh! This is our annual fundraiser, supporting our missions. This year we plan to sponsor families for Christmas gifts and support youth for the mission trip expenses.

One pound for \$12. Available on Sundays or by calling the church office.

The Susanna Circle will meet at 11am on Thursday, December 11 to go to lunch at Gilcrease Museum. Hope Circle will resume in January. Mark your calendars!

**Come and enjoy a light lunch and help
pack the Christmas Backpacks!
December 14th at Noon
in the gym.**

Allyson has spend countless hours shopping for the perfect items to put in the backpacks for the children at Remington School. On Sunday, Dec. 14th right after the 11:00 worship service, everyone who would like to help put these backpacks together is invited to come to the gym for a light lunch and quickly assemble the packs. It will be laid out just like our In-Service Sundays, so it will go really fast! The principal and some of the teachers from Remington will join us for this project, so please come and greet them and show our love to these wonderful educators!!!

**THANKSGIVING LAITY SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOV 23 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Count your many blessings; name them one by one and it will surprise you what the God has done!

- 1-fresh air
- 2-cool water
- 3-love of family and friends

There is so much more—because God is so good to us. The list is “to be continued” on Sunday by Ron Cunningham, Nancy Gunter, Linda Joyce, Lou Lindsey, Carolyn Toalson and two of our youth Jocelyn Schifferdecker and Kyler Smith. Silent gratitude is no use to anyone and the Apostle Paul tells us “In everything give thanks”. You know the speakers, come walk along with them and experience humble blessing counting. You will also be invited to add your own. Giving thanks with grateful hearts—through word and special music--- is “to be continued” and should be continued each and every day of our lives.

FROM PATRICK’S DESK. . .

Hello church family!

Thankful. Webster’s defines it as being grateful that something has happened, or someone or something exists.

I’m especially struck this past week how thankful I am for this church and the people that come together here to do God’s work. On Sunday we created the laundry bags of coats, gloves, hats, and bathroom necessities for the Bryce House. And it was my great honor to represent our church family along with Dick Garwood in giving these gifts to those men. I said it to Dick as we drove away that the goose bumps, and feeling of doing just the delivery of the bags was a God high that I think we all need more often, and is incredibly addictive! We talked about how that feeling can (and should be) addictive, and push each of us to go back looking for that high. I didn’t have to see the faces of each of the men at Bryce House that received a bag, but I hope you’ll think about those faces, and how each of them felt when they received it. I hope you’ll think of the smile on their face as they realized some folks that don’t know them from Adam thought of them, and that those people knew how they would have a harder time than many fighting the cold this winter. I hope that you feel the great sense of appreciation and relief that each of them had when they saw the bathroom kit that would allow them to take care of themselves a little better. And I hope you felt it when some of them looked through the bags and said “Thank you God, for putting people like New Haven UMC in this world. I’m not sure what I’d do without your loving servants being your hands and feet.” And as you reflect on each of them receiving the gift we gave them of coats, hats, gloves, and bathroom kits, and those goose bumps slowly go away I pray that each of us desires to be afflicted with the wonderful, incredible, amazing, overwhelming, and yes.....addictive feeling of doing God’s work.

Thank you for allowing ME to be a part of God’s work through this church family! I’m daily reminded that it’s so much more than what occurs within these walls!

Blessings,
Patrick

**PLEASE
PRAY FOR. . .**



Our Members:

Bob Durkee
Jim Followell

Linda Parmele
Bob Schwartz

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie’s son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Mark Nicholson, Mary Ann Cunningham’s mother and sister; Danny Hall’s sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory’s daughter-in-law, Lea; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Bill Mote; Melba Turner’s sister; Tammy Johnson’s parents; the homeless; our world, our country, city, and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Maxine Loyd, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Bob & Dorothy Thacker; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

A Note From Pastor Cindy, Peter & Family

Thank you for your incredible outpouring of cards, phone calls and words of care and concern to Peter and I and our entire family in the loss of Peter’s mother just a few short weeks ago. We are so grateful for your love and care and for lifting us up in prayer as we grieve the loss of one so dear to us. Your response and encouragement to all of us touched our hearts in so many ways. Thank you for lifting us up, and indeed holding us up, in this time.

With love and deepest gratitude,
Pastor Cindy, Peter and family.

**ADVENT STUDY BEGINS IN DECEMBER!
December 4th, 11th, and 18th
from 6:00-7:00 pm**

The holidays are on our minds and it isn’t even Thanksgiving yet!

How do we get so caught up in all the activities of Christmas? Advent is a time of waiting expectantly. In this advent study, "Under Wraps: The Gift we never Expected", we will focus on "God is Expectant" and "God is Faithful" as we prepare our hearts for the coming of this incredible gift given to all of us. There will be time to stop, to pause and prepare for the joy and gift of this little baby coming into our lives.

Come join us on three Thursday evenings starting December 4 at 6:00 for an hour of anticipation and rejoicing together.

Rev. Suzanne Davis

Opportunities of the Week November 23 ~ 30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 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 (Children)
5:15 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Lay Thanksgiving Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:30 pm Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING DAY!



CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 HANGING OF THE GREENS

- 10:00 am Combined Worship Service!
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:15 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
15. Pat Graf
16. Doris Brown
17. Elizabeth Amos
Kerry Beebe
19. Hunter Standlee
Susan Thomas
20. Jude Blanchard
Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riffin
27. Mitzi Blanchard
28. Dorothy Koons



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

ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

8:45 am—59

11:00 am— 79

TOTAL— 138

SUNDAY SCHOOL— 58

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
"Ancient & Medieval Religions"

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 Ortberg. A study on Revelation

**THE UMW HAS
PECANS FOR
SALE ON
SUNDAYS!!!
\$12./BAG**

New Haven Staff Members

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Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
	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
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Joan West	After School Care
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