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News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God’s Love in Action.”*

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Cindy’s Chalkboard

After months and months of planning... it is finally here! Our second-ever Mission Sunday is about to take place this coming weekend. I can remember when the idea first popped into my head over two years ago, and the excitement in the air for trying something completely new. And here we are, ready to do it again!

It’s so exciting to see all of the places that we, New Haven church, are going to serve out in the community. There are also many opportunities for those who choose to stay at the church and “do” ministry inside the church walls, including a service of worship in our Chapel. God has provided something for everyone!

If you ordered one of our amazing Mission Sunday t-shirts, they are in and ready for pick-up. These awesome shirts were designed by our own **Regina LaGronge**—modeled after all the places we served on our first Mission Sunday experience in September of 2012. Thank you, Regina!!

The countdown has begun. As of today, six days and counting... What a great day God has planned for all of us! I can hardly wait to see how it all unfolds.

Thank you, church, for modeling what it means to be Christ’s hands at work in the world. May we be blessed as

Mission Sunday Countdown!

If you forgot to order a t-shirt... no worries. We bought extra. And for just \$6.00, they can be yours as well! Just come to the front table this Sunday as you prepare to participate in Mission Sunday, and pick one up for you to wear.

we come to serve, and may we, in turn, be a blessing to others.

I’ll look forward to seeing you this Sunday in the parking lot at the 8:45 or 11:00 send-off.

Blessings,
Pastor Cindy

Mission Luncheon—October 12th at 12:15 pm

Come join us on October 12th, right after the 11:00 service, for a family meal together in the gym. It’s a celebration in YOUR honor! We are gathering for a **Mission Celebration Luncheon** to enjoy a wonderful meal together, and share stories about many things that took place on Mission Sunday.

Whether you went out from the church and served in the com-

munity, or stayed within our walls and worked on mission projects, or attended our Chapel worship service... or just plain weren’t able to come that day—EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

One of the best parts of this luncheon is that you don’t have to bring anything but yourself! Our own Chuck Berry is making a delicious brisket (can you say ‘Yum?’) and we will provide

plenty of sides.

The main focus will be on highlighting all the adventures we experienced on Mission Sunday and how God’s presence was evident in all the things that we did.

Mark your calendars. Join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship and to celebrate God working among us!

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



I recently met with the principal of Remington Elementary in regards to the Christmas packages the kids will be receiving from us this year. She said the kids love getting small, simple items, like lotions and deodorant! We also discussed several other items, which are listed below and will be included in the bags we send. I would like to also include the staff members, as they are the ones who pour their hearts into the kids each day. I have started ordering items with the funds that have already been donated and am excited about what this will mean to the students.

Pencil sharpeners	Erasers
Pencils	Pencil grippers
Crayons	Books
Deodorant	Yo-yo or other small toy
Journals	Gift cards for staff
Socks	

Please let me know if you have any questions. ☺

MORE THANKS FROM CARNEGIE TEACHERS. . . .

Dear New Haven Church,
Thank you very much for the wonderful surprise tub full of great gifts! You chose perfect items (too numerous to mention) to start off a new school year. As I delightedly sorted through the tub, I came upon your generous gift cards! I have spent the Walmart card on curtain material to cover the two shelves in my classroom. Also, I bought an electronic timer to time various work stations. The "icing on the cake" was a special individualized note from the Puryear family!

Sincerely,
Dennis Oliphant

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Dear New Haven,
Thank you for the much needed care packages to all of our teachers at Carnegie. Your generosity is amazing and warming our hearts. May your church prosper and be in good health. We are thankful you are a part of Carnegie's success! Be blessed!
Mrs. T. Owens,
Counselor

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Members:

Bob Durkee	Paul Mabrey
Jim Followell	Bob Schwartz
Karen Gibbs	

In Remembrance: Nick Nicholson passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2014. Memorial service TBA.

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark, Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Syble Gale Aumiller; Elizabeth Havlik; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Bill Mote; Regina LaGrone's grandmother, Lonie Evans; Melba Turner's sister; Jean & Len Eames; the homeless; our country, city, and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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



BRING YOUR PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SOON!!!

As part of our "Mission Sunday" effort, we are collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly to take to the food pantry at Kendal Whittier School. Containers to collect these much needed items are located in the hallway. Please purchase these items and help us "SPREAD THE LOVE!!!"

NEW PEOPLE, NEW PLACES!

New Haven has always been a welcoming church and we long to have more come and join us! Our Oklahoma Conference is encouraging local churches to find ways to attract younger and more diverse people by offering grant money to those with innovative ideas. Well, we think we have one! Our New People, New Places committee has submitted an application with the following ideas:

New Haven is mission-focused and continuously looking for people who want to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and put God's love into action. Our target group is the millennial generation (ages 18-35). Most rely on smart phones to stay connected through social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) Research also shows this group has a desire to help others and make a positive difference in the world. Our new program will combine our focus on missions with our target group's interest in technology and desire to help others. We will utilize social media to promote service "challenges", track the number of participants and number of hours they log. They will be able to share their experiences, providing feedback on how their service is impacting their spiritual growth. We will also develop smart phone apps, allowing people to select a category of service, set up service day/time, "check in" at that location, log/track their service, share their experiences and communicate needs in their community. The apps may also include links to an online Bible, The Upper Room devotional, and popular Christian music. Local groups will meet periodically to reflect and share how their experiences have affected their spiritual growth. Our hope is to attract younger, more diverse people and help them grow in their faith while making a positive impact on our world.

We would like to go ahead and launch this idea through social media, BUT WE NEED SOME HELP! This is much more than a committee of 5 or 6 can do. We especially need input from people ages 18-35ish to help make decisions on the best ways to reach our target group. Please contact Tonya Ford (tonyaford@hotmail.com; 918-688-8180) or Pastor Cindy to let us know you would like to help with this new venture!

OCTOBER 5th TICKET SALES BEGIN FOR HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME OF CHINA GALA

On Sunday, October 5th ticket sales will begin for "It's All About the Children - An Evening of Dinner, Entertainment and Fine Arts!" The celebratory benefit will be Friday, October 24th at Asbury UMC from 7:00 - 9:00. New Haven's own Pamela Prescott will join the line up of musicians! Our church's Respite Care children helped make pins for every attendee, using tiny straws folded into roses by the children at the Chinese children's home. Adriaan Duiveman's uncle has completed a beautiful mixed media painting of the home, and it is heading toward Tulsa now to be auctioned at the benefit. It will be a marvelous evening to celebrate this amazing grassroots mission of the Tulsa District UMC in Tong Huang Village, China!



Eureka! - A Class on Revelation

Have you ever wondered about the beast from the sea; the fall and desolation of Babylon; or the new heaven and earth mentioned in the Book of Revelation? The Adult Education Council, in conjunction with the Journeys Sunday school class, is hosting a ten-week study surrounding the Book of Revelation.

Nancy Gunter will facilitate the discussion beginning October 19. Come join with the Journeys Class during Sunday school to learn more about the end times. The Journey Class is located on the second

Today's "Funny"

A feisty 70-year-old woman had to call a furnace repairman. After a quick inspection the man put some oil into the motor and handed her a \$70 bill for labor.

"Labor charges!" she exclaimed. "It only took you five minutes." The repairman explained that his company had a minimum one-hour charge on every house call.

"Well, I want my remaining 55 minutes of labor," the lady responded, and she handed him a rake. The repairman spent the next 55 minutes in her yard bagging leaves.

Opportunities of the Week Sept. 28 ~ Oct. 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

MISSION SUNDAY!!!

- 8:45 am **Worship/Sending Forth Mission Teams**
 11:00 am **Worship/Sending Forth Mission Teams**
 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts/2nd Floor Kitchen
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 6:30 pm Financial Peace University/
 Parlor
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 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 (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

September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd
4. Christopher Boyd
Rich Foster
7. Bob Durkee
8. Don Gregory
9. Greg Pape
Dallas Quinalty
10. Whitney Coulombe
Ace Quinalty
Alexander Hensley
12. Shirley Rossiter
Sylvia Hensley
14. Jasper Cole
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
23. David Johnson
Lisa Standlee
26. Jim Followell
28. Wayne Love
Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 21, 2014

8:45 am-85

11:00 am-96

Total: 181

**Sunday School Attendance
68**

**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

**MISSION SUNDAY
IS ALMOST HERE. .
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28TH!!!
BE READY FOR AN
AWESOME DAY!!!**

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

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Paul Mabrey	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
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Teresa Roberts	Organist
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Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
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