



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is the day our

children joyfully wave palm branches down the center and around the outside aisles of the Sanctuary. What a contrast to the events that follow shortly afterwards!

The story of Jesus’ crucifixion, death, and resurrection is what Adam Hamilton calls “the most tragic, moving and powerful story ever told.”

This week we begin by remembering the last supper Jesus shared with his Disciples. He took the simple elements of bread and wine, gave thanks to God, and offered them to his

Cindy's Chalkboard

closest friends and said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” And then came the hard part.

The very next day we hear about the humiliation of Jesus on the walk to the cross, the wounding of Jesus, the wearing

What Simon did not know was that this unexpected interruption would ultimately be the most profound and important experience of his entire life. In this agonizing interruption, Simon had carried the cross for the King of Glory!

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of the crown of thorns and having to carry his own cross... at least part of the way. We’re told that when Jesus couldn’t carry the crossbeam any longer, Simon of Cyrene was enlisted into service to do that for him.

My prayer for you is that we meditate on this story and what it teaches us about Jesus, about the God we serve, and about ourselves. May we look forward to the glory of Easter Sunday more than we ever have before.

- Pastor Cindy

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services

Join your church family as together we remember the life, death and resurrection of Christ with our Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday service will take place on Thursday at 6:30 pm and will focus on the Last Supper of Christ. We will have long tables set up in the Sanctuary where you may stand at YOUR OWN PLACE to take the sacrament of Holy Commun-

ion. Meaningful music will set the tone as we remember this sacred meal.

Good Friday service, the next evening at 6:30 pm, will reflect on the story of Christ’s betrayal, his arrest, trial and crucifixion. At the end of the service, you will be invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary and nail your “sins” to the large wooden cross. The deeply moving hymns during this

service will be accompanied by our hand bell choir.

Easter Services begin at 6:30 am sharp with our annual Easter Sunrise Service on the front lawn. Our two additional Easter Services take place in the **Sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00 am**. We will celebrate the Risen Christ with Holy Communion, brass, woodwinds, a soloist and glorious music! Invite your family and friends!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Audrey Quinalty;
Lana Gotcher; Kathryn Stevenson; Karen Gibbs

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Carla Hefley's dad, Gerald Blissit; Kelly Sartain's father, John; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Lewis Cappellari; Greg Pape's mother; Sharon Hewitt, friend of Betty Hodge; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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



**Dick & Kay Garwood with the
"Crosses of Love"
for Restore Hope.**

MEET NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBER!



Donita Gray

Donita joined in membership with us during the 8:45 am service on March 29th. She works at Tulsa Community college and became friends with Linda Joyce there. Linda invited Donita to visit our church and the rest is history! If you haven't already met Donita, please do so soon and welcome her to our wonderful church!!!

VISITATION COMMITTEE



Did you ever wish that you could serve God through visitation and/or transportation to those in our church area who may not have a church home? We here at New Haven UMC hope to give you that opportunity!! **At 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 14th** we will have a meeting in the church parlor to see what interest there might be. We now have a church mini-bus so we could pick up people in our area that might need a ride to church! Serving God gives a person more satisfaction in life than anything else we can do. By visiting others in the name of Christ, we are serving Him! We welcome those who are interested in joining our Visitation Committee to come to our organizational meeting and help establish another way to serve God and His work through the church. **Wayne Love** has offered to lead us in this effort!!

Day Center for the Homeless Meal Sign Up

The next meal to be served at the Day Center for the Homeless is Saturday, April 25. Please sign up to prepare food and/or serve food for that day. The menu consists of: chili, slaw, cornbread, and cookies. Food needs to be brought to the church by 4:00 p.m. Servers will leave church at 5:00 p.m. Look for sign-up sheets in the hallway this coming Sunday!

Mission **Corner**



Dear Missy,

I know the Missions Committee here at New Haven offers many opportunities in which I can use my talents. Where have their efforts been in the first quarter of 2015 and what's on the horizon?

Signed,
Colleague

Dear Colleague,

Here are some first quarter statistics on how the members and guests of New Haven United Methodist Church served others:

Description – 1 st Quarter 2015	Est of Volunteer Hours	Est of # of Individuals Served Q1	# of Events
Bus Stop Ministry	110	2,295*	51
In-Service Sunday	9	300	1
Respite Care	76	20	3
Exodus House	25	1	10
Day Center for the Homeless	18	7	7
Ronald McDonald House	36	180**	6
Crosses of Love	15	50	1
Totals (Estimate)	289	2,853	79

* represents approximately 45 children per day
 **represents approximately 30 people served meals each event

New or Additional Opportunities for 2nd Quarter:

Project Transformation – A summer literacy program for underserved children in grades 1 – 6. New Haven provides readers one week during the summer, as well as financial and other support. Contact Becky Puryear at 918-747-3949 or rapuryear@yahoo.com.

Murdock Villa – Birthday celebration on May 12 for residents of Murdock Villa, a low-income apartment complex for those with disabilities. Contact Lou Lindsey at 918-906-7364 or louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu.

Undie Sunday – Collection of children’s underwear for Skyline Urban Ministry beginning April 12. An agency whose mission is to impact lives, empower those in need and to address the roots of poverty in the state of Oklahoma. Contact David Toalson at 918-260-1705 or dcktoalson@cox.net.

Tulsa Food Bank – exploratory trip on Tuesday, April 7 meeting at church at 5:30 p.m. to ride the mini-bus to learn and “do” mission work until 8:00 p.m. Contact David Toalson at 918-260-1705 or dcktoalson@cox.net.

Day Center for the Homeless – meal to be served at the downtown center on Saturday, April 25. Contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or phil.roberts@cox.net.

Look for information in The Spire each week to see where you can “plug-in” and serve!

Blessings,
Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week April 5 ~ 12



SUNDAY, APRIL 5 EASTER!

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service/front lawn
8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Church Office Closed

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 5:30 pm Mission Group to Food Bank
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee/Chapel
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
5:00 pm CPR Training for Children's Workers/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
6:00 pm "The Book of Revelation"/Parlor
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 9:00 am DSAT Breakfast/Gym
3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 Bright Sunday

- 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 for Children
5:00 pm Disciple II
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Stephen Merrick	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
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

April Birthdays

Doris Foster	8
Lindsay Morgan	13
Syble Aumiller	15
Jessie Myers	15
Denny Beebe	16
David Jaeger	16
Louise Boyd	17
Rafael Baez	19
Adriaan Duiveman	21
Patrick Grafton	22
Eileen Walker	25
Terry Tyler	25
Kaelen Terry	26
Bailey Sartain	26
Betty Barton	28
Becky Puryear	28



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ATTENDANCE

MARCH 29, 2015

8:45 am—96
11:00 am—113
TOTAL—209

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:
50

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
"How Jesus Became God"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class
"Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith"

THE UMW STILL HAS PECANS FOR SALE \$12/BAG

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
NEW HAVEN MISSIONS!

Stop by the office to
purchase your pecans!

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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