



*Epiphany?
What is it?*

I’m glad you asked!

Epiphany, also known as “Three King’s Day,” was celebrated last week on Friday, January the 6th. The feast of Epiphany recalls the Gospel of Matthew in which the Magi from the east came to Bethlehem to worship baby Jesus. So, it’s the 12th day of Christmas for some, the day the Wise men arriving for others, and also the day that Jesus was baptized by his cousin. But that’s not all!

Some of us remember the song written about Epiphany called “*The 12 Days of Christmas*” where “...my true love sent to me, 12 drummers drumming, 11 pipers piping, ten lords a’leaping”... Someone figured out if you add up all the gifts in this song, it would cost \$107,300!! By the 12th day,

364 presents would have been delivered!

Also, think about this. Whoever received all the gifts would have to rent a storage unit and have a lake to contain it all! The 42 swans (six per day for seven days) are the most expensive gift at \$1,000 each.

Now, it wouldn’t be quite so costly if you agree with the theory that the “five golden rings”

ized the baby born in the manger was Almighty God who had come to live among us!

Other traditions celebrate Epiphany in similar ways. Roman Catholics commemorate it as the coming of the Wise men or Magi. Greek Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany as the baptism of Jesus and his first miracle at the wedding at Cana when he turned water into wine. In both traditions

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are ring-necked pheasants... not jewelry. Some say it’s not “four calling birds,” but “four colly birds (blackbirds)” (which means a total of 36 by the end of the song!)

On a more serious note... the word “Epiphany” is a Greek word meaning “a sudden, brilliant realization”. On Epiphany, the Wise men suddenly real-

the idea is the same: it’s the revelation of Christ to the world – whether as an infant or as a 30-year-old.

As we look beyond Epiphany and toward this New Year ahead, we give thanks to God for the gift of Christ with us. Let us begin the year anew, remembering that God is indeed with us! - Pastor Cindy

Hospitality Workshop January 16th 5:30 pm

In just one short week, our Hospitality Event will be upon us! Dr. Jim Ozier is coming to New Haven on Monday evening, January 16th at 5:30 pm!

Make your reservations NOW by calling the church office at 918-743-6491 for a **catered**

dinner, a time to listen and interact with an **engaging presenter** and receive one of his **books**—all at no cost to you! We will even provide transportation if needed!

We are very excited about this opportunity! We know you will

find our time with Jim to be meaningful, engaging and fun. Call and make your reservations now!

This invitation is extended to **all** members, visitors, friends and family of New Haven UMC **FREE of charge!** Nursery will be provided.

Paula's Perspective . . .

Happy New Year! It is great to be back into a normal routine with our children!!!

Beginning Sunday, **January 8th** we will have a new schedule for our children's Sunday afternoon activities. The changes are as follows:

4:00 – 5:00 pm Celebration Singers and W.E.B. are combined. We will meet upstairs in our Sunday school room. This is open to children 4 years old – 5th grade. You may contact Lindsay Morgan for more info regarding choir lmboles@gmail.com and me, pauljeanfox@icloud.com regarding other children's activities.

5:00 – 6:00 pm Imagination Station Creative Art will meet upstairs in the Sunday school room. This is open to children 4 years old – 5th grade. Children will have many opportunities to explore with a wide array of art media to create their masterpieces!

5:00 – 6:00 pm Footprints Liturgical Dancers will meet in the Sanctuary. This is open to children and youth in 3rd – 12th grade. You may contact Deena Smith for more information, Deena@sixbyte.com

The Children's Ministry Team looks forward to working with our children as we worship God while using the gifts and talents He has given each of us.

Sharing the joy,

Ms. Paula

THE FAITH OF A MOCKINGBIRD NEW STUDY BEGINS SUNDAY, JAN. 8th AT 9:45 AM NEW HAVEN UMC PARLOR



In "The Faith of a Mockingbird," based on Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," pastor and author Matt Rawle uses Lee's beloved characters to explore our place in the world and God's story, as well as what it means to live out a hopeful faith in a broken world. Is this classic book still relevant for us in 2017? Not already connected to a small group on Sunday mornings? Join Roundtable Connection Group in the Parlor (new class location) as we have fun discussing this classic. For more information, contact Robin Steven at rltstevens@mac.com

UMW MEETING

The Susanna Circle will meet on January 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. We will be working on projects for the Day School and also planning our mission projects for the new year.

Umpteenagers to Visit Jewish Museum

The Umpteenagers will leave the church at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, for lunch at the Delta Café before proceeding to the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art on 71st Street for a tour through this unique facility of culture and history. Cost will be \$5.50 per person unless 10 or more of us attend, which will reduce the admission price to \$3.00 per person. We will return to the church around 2:00 p.m. Telephone Eileen Walker at (918) 286-6420 if you will attend; if that's too much effort, come on anyway.

Note of thanks

It hardly seems like it's been a year since I joined New Haven UMC. I've learned so many things from the sermons as well as in the Fellowship Class and have enjoyed the inspiring music in both services. Many of you have welcomed me with your smiles and hugs, warm greetings and handshakes. It has indeed been a wonderful year of worshiping with you and I thank you for helping me feel so "at home".

Peace & Blessings, Alon J. Soderfelt



LET'S GET CRAFTY!!!

Have some talent you're dying to share with people in our community but don't know how?

Have just a little and are still wanting to join in?

Have none at all and unsure if you can even help but want to?

We need you!!!!

The Let's Get Crafty group is morphing into a community craft project on Sunday afternoons!

Our first project, hats for a children's home and for children in need in our own community, hats that are sure to bring a smile with them!

Needed, any level of sewing experience and sergers!

Little to no sewing experience but want to learn? No problem, delighted to teach!

Never sewed a stitch and afraid of the high speed needle? No problem, we need people to cut!

Terrible with Scissors? No problem, we need people to lay out patterns and draw around them for people to cut!

Can't even trace a pattern piece? No problem, we need people to fetch and tote and keep things organized!

Got a free space Sunday the 22nd, around 4:30 PM? We need you!!!!

We've got a whole lot of fleece already from Regina's Stash for the class, but donations are always welcome if you have a stash that you need to cut down on or you see a good color in the remnant lot. Don't buy full price!!!! ;) Can also use spools of Serger thread in most colors, especially white, orange, yellow, and green!

Come join us and get your Crafty on!!!



Corner



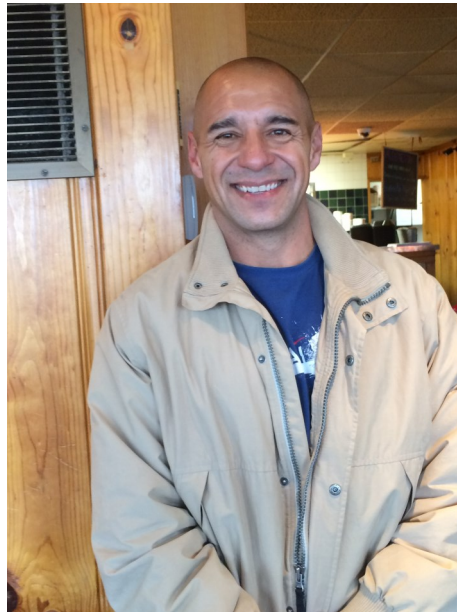
Dear Missy,

I know our former resident at Exodus House graduated in December. When will we get a new resident? Can you tell me how I can help?

Signed,
Wanting to Know

Dear Wanting,

Great questions! Here's the exciting news.... please welcome Wesley Factor, our newest resident at Exodus House, Tulsa.



Wesley came to Exodus House on Thursday, January 5. He is very excited about the apartment furnished by New Haven UMC. He is also very interested in worshipping with us, however, he does not have a car so if you are willing to pick him up and deliver him back to his apartment, please contact Jan Boyd at 918-691-1622 or revmumz99@cox.net. Wesley works as a detail specialist at the Mr Klean Car Wash at 71st and Sheridan. He loves sports of all kinds and was active in the mixed martial arts arena touring the world earlier in his career.

The Exodus House in Tulsa is located at 2624 E Newton Street. As members and guest of New Haven, we furnish a one-bedroom apartment (apt F) – complete with linens, cooking and eating utensils, decorations and furniture. The apartment is provided free of charge, except for the cost of electricity. Upon completion of the program, the resident may take all the furnishings and contents when they move. Many thanks to those who helped with the furnishing of the apartment for Wesley.

Blessings,
Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 3:30 pm SPRC/161
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (children)
- 5:00 pm Footprints Liturgical Dance
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

- 5:30-8:00 pm Jim Ozier Event & Dinner
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 11:15 am Umpteenagers
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

- Youth spend weekend at Camp Egan
- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 11:00 am Pinewood Derby/Gym

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm All-In Meeting/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 5:00 pm W.E.B.
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
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New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
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Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
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Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3. Dale Edmond
4. Bob Walker
Tiffany Sherwin
10. Kay Garwood
11. Ron Unterschuetz
12. Helen Russell
Rose Unterschuetz
13. David Toalson
Rachel Pape
16. Joan Beebe
Sarah Duiveman
19. Stephen Merrick
20. Derek Lamkin
21. Dwayne Boyd
28. Jude Smith
29. Mike Riffin
30. Bayleigh Boles



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Sharon Sparks
Kelly Sartain
Greg Gotcher
Dodie Wood
Ron & Mary Ann Cunningham

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Roland Freisen's mother, Pam Rowley; Christy; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart
Ovella Followell
Rosemary Tarr
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons

ATTENDANCE

January 8, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 59

11:00 am: 99

Total: 158

Sunday School

Adults-60

Youth- 6

Children- 7

Day School Chapel: N/A

ADULT CLASSES

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 161: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 185: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"The Lives of Great Christians" by William Cook

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Redemption of Scrooge"

Room 206: New Haven 206 Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Parlor: Roundtable "The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

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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