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Good Morning and Happy Monday!

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom of heaven. In his teachings he tells his disciples that at the judgement, we will stand before the king and be sorted, separating the sheep from the goats. In this parable, the sheep are described: *"Come, you who are blessed by my*

Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

The principal of Carnegie Elementary, Robin Emerson, has let us know that we can help the children by furnishing some replacement uniforms. By this time of the year, the children's uniforms are getting very worn, and many parents can't afford to replace them. We have an opportunity to be God's blessed sheep by helping furnish new uniforms. I've priced them and we can get a single uniform (pants and shirt) for a total cost of \$15. Will you buy a uniform or two to help a child? Write your checks payable to New Haven and put school uniforms in the comment line! Let's see how many children we can bless this month!

HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME OF CHINA

GALA FEB. 23RD

***BENEFIT TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN!***



Tickets are ready to secure your spot at the biennial benefit for the Happy Children's Home of China! February 23rd is the date of this amazing event to be held at Asbury UMC. Tickets need to be purchased by Feb. 10th.

Tickets can be purchased before and after each church service in January, or contact Adriaan or Marianne Duiveman, Lou Lindsey or Stacey Schifferdecker.

This gala event features New Haven's own Stephen Merrick and his Jazz Combo who previewed their talents at our Christmas dinner last month! Also highlighting the evening's entertainment are The Divine Divas, a trio of Methodist ministers who started wowing audiences with their singing in 2009, raising money for a Methodist mission for homeless and working poor. Rev. Twila Gibbens, Rev. Jessica Moffatt and Rev. Amy Venable are thrilled to regroup for this important fundraiser for our District's mission in Fujian Province! The son of Rev. Shannon and Jan Davis, formerly at New Haven, Jacob, will sing for us. We will also be treated to a dance program from our friends at the Chinese Christian Church.

This lovely evening with a full dinner and a surprise Chinese dessert. A small but amazing silent action will top off the evening.

Doors open at Asbury UMC on Feb. 23rd at 6:15 pm. The program is from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$50. Thanks for your support of the Home over the years and now. ***IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN!***

UMPTENAGERS TO VISIT DAVIS GUN MUSEUM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

The Davis Gun Museum in Claremore houses guns, musical instruments, steins, swords, knives, and Native American artifacts.

Plan to leave the parking lot at 10:30 am on February 20th. We will have lunch at the Belvedere Mansion at 11:00 and then attend a guided tour of the museum at 1:00 pm. We plan to return to Tulsa by 3:00 pm.

Please plan to attend this Oklahoma attraction.....the more, the merrier! Museum fee: \$5.00

A RETIREMENT MESSAGE FROM OUR FRIEND AND RECENT FINANCIAL SECRETARY AT NEW HAVEN :

Dear Members of New Haven,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the position you have entrusted me with during my time here. During my time with you I have grown to know and love you. I will miss seeing the awesome staff here on a regular basis and of course all of you as well. Cynthia and Pat are troopers and will take very good care of you.

I hope to see you before we make our move to Colorado in a few months, if not, just know how blessed I have been to be part of this church. God Bless You and care for you.

With much love in my heart for you,
Ann Martin

Walk to Emmaus Sunday

February 18th

What is the Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

—from [*What Is Emmaus?*](#) Copyright The Upper Room.

To Learn More About How YOU Can Get Involved

Join us at Noon in the Parlor for Pizza and Conversation on Feb. 18th!

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Several years ago New Haven UMC decided to develop a program called "Radical Hospitality". Part of this decision was to offer treats to our voters on election days and WOW.....they have really appreciated our efforts!!! Our dear Dodie Wood has been leading this effort for years and has done an outstanding job! But she also is heavily involved in our Covenant Care Ministry and now finds that she needs to allow someone else the fun of running the "goodie table". This only happens about twice a year and our congregation is so generous about bringing cookies and little muffins for the refreshment table. We usually have 2-3 volunteers taking a shift "hosting" the table together. If you think this would be a great way for you to be in ministry here, please call the church and we will meet with you and give you all the details. (918-743-6491)

Summary of the Mountain of Food

We raised a total of \$7,750 from 78 contributors, and with the \$500 from the Mission budget we spent \$8,250 on 12,500 pounds of food for Restore Hope. This means we helped approximately 934 individuals. That's a mountain with impact!

New Haven members are very generous with both their treasure and their time. The project took nearly 61 hours of volunteer effort to unload and stack food, and then load it up to transport to Restore Hope. We got 56 church members involved in this labor. Thank you to all our contributors and our volunteers.

You still have a few days to get your tickets for Restore Hope's 40th anniversary Ruby Gala on February 9.

We have much for which to be thankful at New Haven and we can celebrate our support for Restore Hope and the hungry people we were able to help.



SUSANNA CIRCLE

The UMW Susanna Circle will visit Restore Hope on Thursday, February 8. We will leave New Haven at 10am for a tour and to help assemble cleaning supply kits for clients. Hope to see you there and for lunch after!

This UMW Circle is open to **ALL WOMEN** and we'd love to have **YOU** join us!!!

A VET FUNNY

Smoky, our family cat, had gotten injured and needed to stay at the vet clinic for several days. Our three children were so concerned that several times a day, my wife and I had to reassure them that Smoky was safe and being cared for by the "animal doctor."

Finally, we got the call that Smoky was ready to come home. Driving to the vet, it became clear that our four-year-old son, Ryan, had been doing a lot of thinking about Smoky's absence when he asked, "Mom, what kind of animal is the doctor?"



This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th (Valentine Day). We will have a short service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, leaving you time to also celebrate Valentine's Day in your own special way!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts & Pack 67
5:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:00 pm Writers Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Practice

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:30 am Women's Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

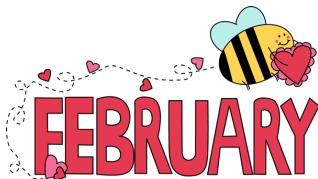
7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor
3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Barbara Coleman
3. J.J. Sartain
4. Billy Carthel
6. Regina LaGrone
Steve Lassiter
9. Linda Jaeger
Caitlin Riffin
Robin Stevens
10. Shirley Nelson
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Jocelyn Schifferdecker
Donita Gray
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
21. Nancy Graham
23. Dot Haynes
Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz
Mary Anne Tyler
24. Jean Smith
26. Michael Sherwin



ATTENDANCE

January 29, 2018

8:45 am ~ 51

10:00 am ~ 111

Total: 162

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 84

Youth ~ 10

Children ~ 21

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

"What Does the Bible Say About. . .?"

Parlor: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class

"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

Room 103: Interlude Class

"The Faith of a Mockingbird"

Room 206: New Haven 206

Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle

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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Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Claretha Gotcher
David & Kyler Duncan
Jean Roberts
Joe Sanders
Diana Horn
Oscar Sturgeon
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