

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

Our Mission: "Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world, by being God's Love in Action"
Our Vision: "to be a community of heart and soul"

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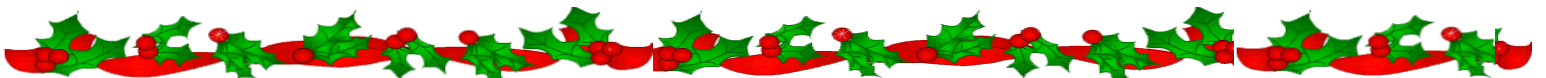
"HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

On Friday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m. we will gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child! Whether you are young or old, near or far, married or single, child or adult, Christmas calls us home. I always look forward to gathering with my church family on Christmas eve in the sanctuary as we bear witness to our faith and celebrate the birth of Jesus! There is nothing like seeing all of your

faces lit by candles in the dark singing *Silent Night* and *Joy to the World!* There is nothing like the feeling you get hearing the voices of your church family blended together in song. There is nothing like the experience of coming home for Christmas!

I hope you will gather your families and be present with us in person this Christmas Eve as we celebrate once again the birth of the Prince of Peace! We will celebrate holy communion together and then carry the light of Christ into the world! We will be home in time to tuck the children all snug in their beds so that visions of sugarplums can dance in their heads. They should be asleep in plenty of time for old Saint Nicholas to pay them a visit. Then on Christmas morning we can gather with our families to share our gifts with one another. I know I look forward to sharing time with my family, but there is no greater gift that I can offer you than Jesus Christ this Christmas! I look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve!

Pastor James



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 19

Choir Cantata

11:00 am

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

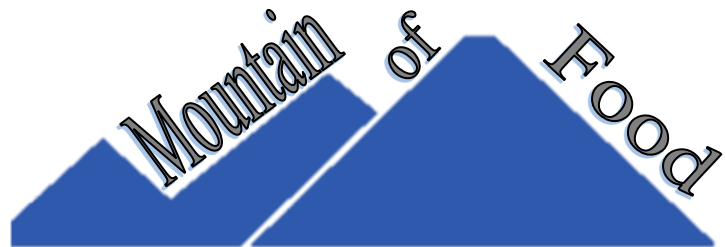
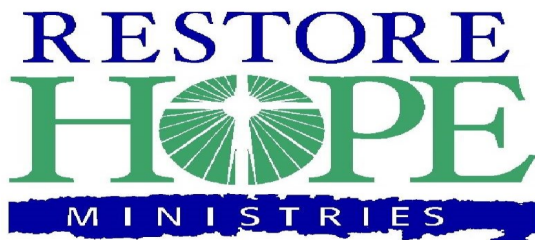
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Sunday, December 12

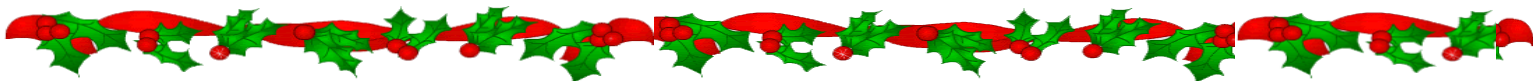
Deena and Jillian

shared a liturgical dance to:

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"



Thanks to New Haven's generosity, we raised \$9,841.80 for the Mountain of Food. Rev. Jeff Jaynes, the Executive Director, and Jean Alabi, the warehouse manager, are thrilled with our success. These efforts by local congregations are the backbone of their food ministry. Thank you for giving.



**KIDS
CORNER**

Christmas is such a magical time and even more so, I think, in the eyes of a child. We are enjoying learning about Advent and celebrating everything that the Christmas season brings! Sunday school has resumed at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. This month we have Christmas ADVENTure themed interactive centers. The children are loving it! In Children's Church, each week the children take turns lighting the advent candles as we discuss that week's word. Then we complete an activity that illustrates that week's message. They are very much enjoying the spiritual and ceremonial aspects of Advent. Ask them who the white candle is for!

Our Child's Night Out was a success! The children had a great time and the adults were grateful for the break! Thank you to Paula Fox and Lauren Linscomb for volunteering your time and energy!

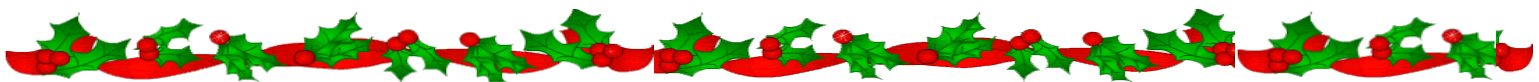
We look forward to what's to come, because while advent is about waiting, we know we get to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus soon!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Brittany Fox, Director of Family Ministries



Pictures from
Children's Sunday School
& Parent's Night Out





December Birthdays

December	
12/07 Jim Harris	12/17 Kathryn Stevenson
12/08 Evan Stevenson	12/21 Cathy Amos
12/13 Michael Foster	Kelly Sartain
12/15 Claire Graham	12/24 Linda Joyce
12/16 Linda Blackford	12/26 Oliver Bruce
Susan Lamkin	12/27 Dianna Horn
	12/30 Megan Lamkin

Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson
 Jan & Doyle Boyd
 Karyn Maio
 Ron Unterschuetz
 Adriaan Duiveman
 Greg Gotcher

Tom Black
 Guy & Jan Duffield
 Jean Roberts
 Christene O'Toole
 Don Gregory
 Dodie Wood

Sympathy for Chuck and the family of: Carol Berry

Hear our prayers, O Lord



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