

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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All Saints Day is just around the corner. All Saints Day originated in the early church in the 4th century to celebrate and remember the Christian martyrs that had sacrificed their lives for the faith. It traditionally begins on all hallows eve, October 31st and extends through November 2nd, All Souls Day. "The Christian celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day stems from the belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the 'Church Triumphant') and the living (the 'Church Militant')."

In Methodist theology All Saints Day is about giving thanks for the lives and deaths of His saints, including those who are famous or obscure.

We will be observing the celebration of **All Saints on Sunday, October 31**st. We intend to honor the saints who have joined the Church Triumphant since last all Saint's Day, reflecting on their sacrifices and contributions to leading us in our faith. In order to help us celebrate all of those special saints, we ask that you send us their names and a short statement of how they have impacted your life and faith. On October 31st we will light candles in their honor and remember them before God.

Grace and peace,

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Pastor James



The New Haven Fall Festival is right around the corner, on **October 30th from 4 to 6pm!** There are still several opportunities to volunteer! If you are interested, please contact Brittany Fox at 918-706-8239. **Help us spread the word! All are welcome!**



FOOTPRINTS DANCERS



Will rehearse on **Sundays, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** Children, youth, adults, male and female (kindergarten and up) all who are interested in serving God and leading in worship through dance are welcome to join.

Please contact Deena Smith at 918-693-4828 if you are interested or with any questions.





Please bring your completed commitment, mission, and ministry cards on November 7th for our commitment service, or drop them in the mail.



For over 20 years New Haven has been doing the Mountain of Food for Restore Hope Ministries. We have been so successful that other congregations have modeled their food drives after ours. Last year, in the middle of a pandemic, we raised \$11,035! We'd like to do that again this year. Our campaign will kick off on October 31. As we have done the last two years, this is a virtual 'mountain'. In actuality, the food is purchased with our giving by Restore Hope from the Community Food Bank and stored at the Restore Hope warehouse for distribution. Last year our food covered the basics for regular client needs at Restore Hope (excluding holiday meals) from late November into February.

To help you decide how much you want to give, here are some of the current prices for staples. Corn, tomato sauce and green beans are \$10.25 per case of 24 cans; cream of mushroom soup is \$12 per case of 24 cans and peas are a bit higher at \$14 per case of 24. Twelve jars of peanut butter are \$18, 12 of pineapple are \$12.25 and 12 cans of peaches are \$13.25. Pasta comes in flats of 24 packages, at \$19, and cereal is in cases of 12 boxes, at \$21. These costs are given to help you see how much food we can buy with your contribution.

Usually, clients leave with about 60 pounds of food. While there has been a lot of on-going publicity about the eviction assistance program Restore Hope manages, the need for food is also high. If a family cannot pay their rent, they are not eating either. Oklahoma is one of 9 states with food insecurity higher than 15%; one in 3 children in Tulsa County has gone to bed hungry during the pandemic. For Seniors that rate is over 13%. The Community Food Bank estimates that the cost of a meal in Tulsa County is \$3.13 person. Another way to consider this is that \$100 will buy 33 meals.

New Haven is a generous church - we are in the middle of our annual Stewardship Program and facing a budget challenge. This project is one of our signature Missions projects, one that we undertake knowing that our congregation understands the need and takes great satisfaction in rising to meet that need. We hope you will prayerfully consider all these requests and that there will be room for Mountain of Food again this year in your giving priorities.

Our campaign will conclude just before Thanksgiving, on November 21. Please mark your contributions as Mountain of Food or Restore Hope.



October

10/26 Greg Gotcher Teresa Roberts 10/27 Sue Duncan

November

11/03 Carol Berry 11/05 Linda Gregory 11/07 John Sartain 11/10 Karyn Maio

November (continued)

11/14 Philip Roberts 11/18 Sheila Ernissee 11/19 Janice Duffield 11/21 Betty Fine 11/22 Sarah Graham 11/23 Jerry Fisher

Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson Jan & Doyle Boyd Karyn Maio Ron Unterschuetz Carol Berry

Tom Black Guy & Jan Duffield Dodie Wood Mike Workman & Christene O'Toole Don Gregory

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