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by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Just recently you received a letter in the mail from me asking for extra-giving for the end of this year. Let me first say a huge “Thank you!” to all who have already done so! My goodness! When New Haven

Cindy's Chalkboard

our offering plate last Sunday. My financial secretary brought it to me with a big smile and asked “What would you like me to do with this?” In her hand was a gold Kruggerand coin! What a fun, unusual, gift! It

different ways.

Perhaps you have checked out our website, and are managing your giving electronically. Or, you may be offering stocks and securities through our Ameri-

Many Ways to Give - Thank You!

UMC hears about a REAL need, you respond! So far, we’ve received an additional \$17,700 toward our efforts of raising \$30,000. We are more than halfway there!! I’m so humbled and thankful for each of you. *You have made my day!*

made me smile from ear to ear as I remembered the annual Kruggerand coin that makes it’s way into the Salvation Army buckets each year in Tulsa... and here is one that landed at our church! Thank you, whom-ever you may be!

trade investment account - which we gratefully convert to usable funds. Others choose to name New Haven UMC as a beneficiary on their will. Many choose to place your checks and funds directly in the offering plate. And of course, the giving of your time. Thank you!

I want to share a wonderful experience I had as the Finance Committee counters were gathering up the funds to deposit in the bank. It seems a unique, anonymous, gift was placed in

We always enjoy a surprise in the office, and we are always so grateful for everyone's giving. This just seemed a fun way to remember that our giving to God happens in many

Whichever way you choose to give, know that each type of giving makes a difference in lives for Christ!
Blessings to you! - Pastor Cindy

Advent Lunches!! December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

Wow! Beginning on **Thursday, December 1st**, we are having our first EVER Advent lunches at the church! It’s a great meal for a reasonable price!

12:30 p.m. Enjoy lunch with one another, hear a brief Advent devotional and be on your way!!

Take time during your day to stop by the church for a good, hot meal from 11:45 am -

It’s a catered meal - \$8.00 each - every Thursday during Advent. Reservations needed! Sign up on the table in the hallway. Don’t miss this!



**ONE COMBINED SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY!
"HANGING OF THE GREENS"**

Wow! Advent begins this coming Sunday! November 27th is Advent Sunday and we will have our traditional "Hanging of the Greens" at **ONE COMBINED SERVICE** which will take place at **10:00 am**. This is such a fun family time as we sing traditional Christmas carols and place our poinsettias and candles in the Sanctuary and hang the Chrismons on the Christmas tree. Come and bring your friends!

**CHURCH FAMILY
CHRISTMAS CANDLE**

It's a *new* idea! We are asking each family to bring a candle from your home, any size, shape, color or condition is OK! You might consider bringing a candle that has actually been used from a Christmas event if you wish. Once we have collected them all, we will melt them down and create a "Church Family Candle"! During Advent, we will light this candle along with the Advent candles. A collection box is in the hallway!



Demonstrate Your Thankfulness this Season!

Each holiday season, New Haven UMC anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule or to make an end of the year contribution, visit us online (www.newhavenumc.org) and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generous support!

**Down to Earth
Advent Study**

**Thursday's December 1st - 22nd
4 weeks 10:30 - 11:30
Leader: Rev. Suzanne Davis**

Nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Jesus intentionally positioned himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of the lows. Jesus, the down to earth God, demonstrates in the flesh the full love, humility, obedience and sacrificial lifestyle that we as Jesus' followers are in turn called to live out and embrace. We will look at this story as God's great surprise changes everything.

Sign up for this class in the hallway now!!!



ADVENT CATERED LUNCHES!

**Every Thursday in the Parlor
during Advent**

**Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
11:45 am - 12:30 pm**

\$8.00 (Reservations required!)

Come during your lunch hour for a wonderful meal and short devotion as we welcome this sacred time of year! (Sign up in the hallway or call the church office).

**MEMORIAL TREE ~ DECEMBER 4th
AFTER BOTH SERVICES**

On Sunday, December 4th, we invite you to bring an ornament and meet us on the front lawn AFTER each worship service to decorate our Memorial Christmas tree in memory of beloved family & friends. This special tradition began when we lost our beloved Nathan Wofford. We'll sing a song and Pastor Cindy will share a prayer with us.





Dear Missy,

What are the remaining events scheduled through the end of the year that have to do with outreach and missions? Tell me more about the Memorial Tree and what it's all about.

Signed,
Interested

Dear Interested,

On Sunday, November 20, you heard during the Ministry Moment about the Memorial Tree. This tradition began ten years ago when Nathan Wofford passed away – he was a dear young boy here at New Haven that touched the lives of those he met. Christmas happened to be his favorite time of the year. In fact, Christmas was his favorite time all year. It didn't matter if we were in the spring or summer. He was in the "Christmas spirit" throughout the year and shared that joy with others. So as a way to honor and remember him, the congregation would decorate "Nathan's Tree" by placing ornaments on the tree. This tradition has grown within in our congregation and is now a way not only to remember Nathan, but all our loved ones that have passed away. We call it the Memorial Tree.

On Sunday, December 4, after each service you will be invited to the front lawn to decorate the Memorial Tree. Please note that decorating the tree will occur after both the 8:45 and the 11:00 service. All members and guests are invited to this special time of remembrance. You may bring an ornament or there will be ornaments available to write your loved ones name on and place on the tree. A short service with a prayer and a song will be held. If you prefer a time to do this by yourself, you are invited to place your ornament on the tree at any time to pay tribute to those beloved family and friends.

Other upcoming outreach opportunities:

Exodus House – Graduation celebration for Margie Chance on Tuesday, December 6 at St Luke's Redemption Church at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow. Please sign one of the cards on the hall-way table to congratulate her and wish her the best.

Respite Care – Christmas party for children with special needs and their family will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the parlor. Rumor has it that Santa will be in the house.

Day Center for the Homeless – a meal will be prepared and served on Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. Plans are to go out afterwards for dinner and bring in the new year. Be watching for sign-up sheets and menu plans.

Blessings,
Missy



Come and

Experience It!

ROUNDTABLE CONNECTION GROUP ADVENT STUDY BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY MORNING!

Roundtable Connection Group will begin discussing Adam Hamilton's "Not a Silent Night" next Sunday, November 27, at 9:00 AM. The following three Sundays we will meet at our regular time of 9:45 AM. Everyone is welcome to join us as we experience the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary, mother of Jesus. For more information, contact Robin Stevens at rltstevens@mac.com.

There was this truck driver who had to deliver a hundred penguins to the state zoo. As he's driving through the desert, the truck breaks down. He waves another truck down and offers the driver \$500 to take these penguins to the state zoo for him.

The next day the first truck driver arrives in town and sees the second truck driver crossing the road with 100 penguins walking in single file behind him!

He jumps out of his truck and says, "What's going on? I gave you \$500 to take these penguins to the zoo!" The guy replies, "I did take them to the zoo. And I had money left over so now we're going to a movie."

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00 am "Hanging of the Greens"
ONE COMBINED SERVICE!
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:00 pm Tiger Cubs Pack 67/Gym
4:30 pm Celebration Singers
4:30 pm Disciple I/Parlor
5:00 pm W.E.B. (Children)
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 6:00 pm Community Craft Workshop/270
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Parlor
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/185

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 10:30 am Advent Study/Parlor
11:45 am Advent Lunch/Parlor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship**
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:00 pm Tiger Cubs Pack 67/Gym
4:30 pm Celebration Singers
4:30 pm Disciple I/Parlor
5:00 pm W.E.B. (Children)
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November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
15. Pat Graf
17. Kerry Beebe
20. Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riggan
28. Dorothy Koons



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Beverly Vincent
Kelly Sartain
Greg Gotcher
Patrick Grafton
Friends & Family of New Haven UMC
Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith;
Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law,
Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's
brother, Bob; Carol Morgan's
husband, Lee; the homeless; our
world, city, country, public serv-
ants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

ATTENDANCE

November 20, 2016

8:45 am - 66

11:00 am - 100

Total: 166

Sunday School

Adults -54

Youth - 8

Children - 8

Day School Chapel- 83

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
"The Lives of Great Christians" by
William Cook

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Revival" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Beginnings
"In the Footsteps of St. Peter"

Gym: Roundtable "The Gospel
According to Starbucks" by Leonard
Sweet

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.

New Haven Staff Members

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| Rev. Cindy Havlik | Senior Pastor |
| Rev. Suzanne Davis | Retired Pastor |
| Jennifer Payton | Business Manager |
| Stephen Merrick | Music Director |
| Patrick Grafton | Youth Director |
| Paula Fox | Children's 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 |

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