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As we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in these days of Easter,

the hymn “*Up From the Grave He Arose*” has been playing over and over again in my mind. I thought you might be interested in the history of this hymn.

Robert Lowry was the composer; and among his other most famous gospel compositions were: “*Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*” and “*Shall We Gather at the River*.” He also composed the music for other’s texts, such as “*Marching to Zion*”, a camp meeting version of Isaac Watts’ text, “*Come, We that Love the Lord*,” and “*Need*,” and the music for Annie Hawks’ hymn, “*I Need Thee Every Hour*.”

Cindy's Chalkboard

When asked about writing any hymn, he said, “It must be readily apprehended by the Christian consciousness, coming forth from the experience of the writer, and clothed in strong and inspiring words.”

words, giving expression to the thoughts that had been uppermost in his mind.”

This was a favorite hymn of my childhood. Not only do I remember singing it on Easter Sunday morning during wor-

Up From the Grave He Arose!

“*Up From the Grave He Arose*,” also called “*Christ Arose*” in many hymnals, was composed in 1874. Lowry tells this story of his inspiration for writing this hymn. Reflecting on Luke 24:6-8, “. . . Lowry found himself seated at the little pump organ in the parlor of his home, and, in a very spontaneous fashion, there came forth the music and the

ship and during children’s Sunday school, I also remember the fun of crouching low during the stanzas and then jumping up suddenly at the beginning of the refrain!

Join me in proclaiming the joy of the Risen Christ as we sing, “*Up From the Grave He Arose!*”

- Pastor Cindy

Your Weekly Spire Delivery is Changing!

If you think your mailed copy of the Spire is MIA (Missing In Action) this coming week, no worries! We are converting our printed and mailed copies of the Spire to an electronic format whenever possible.

The dawn of a new day in your Spire delivery is upon us. Beginning with your next Spire issue (the week of April

24th) we will no longer be mailing copies of the Spire—but instead offering email delivery or making printed copies of our weekly newsletter, the Spire, available at the church.

We need your help! If you currently receive a printed Spire mailed to you, please call the church office and let us know your email address. If you don’t have an email—there

will be plenty of hard copies of the Spire in the church office, or on the tables in our hallway.

Printed copies of the Spire will be taken to our homebound and those not able to attend weekly worship. If you know of others that would like a printed copy, please feel free to take extra copies with you!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

The Three C's

3 Problems. 1 Solution.

Based on a model founded in 1998 in Dallas, Texas, Project Transformation Oklahoma launched in 2002 to address three unique challenges with one program: 1) how to meet the academic, physical, social-emotional, and spiritual needs of children from low-income communities, 2) how to provide meaningful ways for college-age young adults to explore ministry opportunities and develop as young principled leaders for the church and the world; and 3) how to help revitalize churches in undeserved communities.

Children – College students – Churches. This is a win-win-win formula, but relationships are at the heart of everything we do. It is through relationships that lives are transformed.

Our mission is to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, support underserved children and families, and connect churches to communities in need.

Project Transformation's collaborative model of ministry harnesses the creative energy and leadership of college age young adults, who live in intentional Christian community, and lead summer programs for children in various undeserved neighborhoods. Each week, interns meet with church and nonprofit leaders to explore various ministry-related vocations and spend time discerning their vocational call to life-long service. The programs are held at United Methodist churches located in the heart of low-income neighborhoods, thereby helping those churches connect in meaningful ways with their communities. Dozens of other churches and organizations throughout Oklahoma partner together to support this work, investing in these young lives with their time and resources.



NEW HAVEN UMC STAFF OPENING CHURCH BUSINESS MANAGER

Job Title: Church Business Manager

Reports To: Senior Pastor, New Haven United Methodist Church

Job Brief: Detail oriented individual responsible for business activities of the church including oversight for operations, general office, finance, properties and administrative records. Works closely with Senior Pastor and layperson Chairs of Finance and Trustee committees. Establishes and has oversight for personnel policies. Does not oversee staff performance.

Qualifications:

Associate or Bachelor in Business degree or related work experience

2-5 years experience in business management
Proficient in Microsoft Office, i.e. Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook

Excellent oral, written and inter-personal communication skills

Flexibility in working with schedules and multiple demands

Gain proficiency in Power Church and Quick Books software

30 hours per week. Salary commensurate with experience. For more information, or if you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to Pastor Cindy at: cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISING AUCTION COMING UP ON JUNE 25th!

The Project Transformation committee is already accepting gift baskets/goods/services for their annual fundraiser. Please contact Tiffany Sherwin at 918-457-6871 or email her at zenbear2205@yahoo.com if you wish make a donation for the silent auction.

New Executive Director of New Haven UMC Day School

After a thorough search and the interview of several very qualified candidates, the New Haven Day School Council would like to announce the hiring of its new Executive Director. Please give a warm welcome to Cindy Taylor, who will begin her tenure with us on July 1st! Cindy comes to us with over thirty years' experience in education in Tulsa Public Schools. Cindy is a certified educator in Special Education, K-8 Elementary Education and K-8 Elementary Principal. Her experience ranges from teacher, School Based Counselor, Special Education teacher, Principal and Human Resources Director. Cindy has also had connections a few years ago right here in our own neighborhood as the Counselor and Principal Intern at Carnegie Elementary. As we draw closer to July 1st, we will be sending you Cindy's biography so that you can know a bit more about who she is and the gifts and graces she brings to this position.

We continue to offer our thanks to Tonya Ford, who has been stepping in as our interim Executive Day School Director these past many weeks, and will remain in that position until July 1st. You may remember that Tonya was our previous Director for over six years – thank you so much for your leadership, Tonya! We also give thanks to Tracy Pape, who is giving additional time during this transition to help staff the Day School office and wherever else she may be needed.

As we move toward this transition, please let us know if there is any way we can be of help or answer questions you may have.

One LAST chance to write a note to Cindy.

Note paper is in the basket in the hallway. Place your signed note in the envelope.

Thanks!

Staff Parish Relations



A "Funny" for You!

We took the kids to one of those restaurants where the walls are plastered with movie memorabilia. I went off to see the hostess about reserving a table. When I returned, I found my 10-year-old granddaughter Kaitlyn staring at a poster of Superman standing in a phone booth.

Kaitlyn looked puzzled. "She doesn't know who Superman is?" I whispered to Jenny.

"Worse," Jenny replied. "She doesn't know what a phone booth is."

Interim Director of Children's Ministry

In the midst of our busy lives where there can be much uncertainty; the only constant in life, is change. That holds true in the church, as well. Our gratitude and thanks extend to Paula Fox for leading our Children's Director position for this past year. Please join us in giving thanks as we celebrate Paula's service with us as our wonderful Children's Director, and for her heart and passion for Children's Ministry and her love for children. We also want to keep Paula in our prayers as she prepares for her upcoming back surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she prepares for surgery and her recovery in this time ahead.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has prayerfully considered options for the days and months ahead. The Committee has therefore announced an "extended" Interim Director of Children's Ministry. Rev. Robin Stevens will be leading our Children's Ministry area as a "long-term" interim – a position that will extend to one year.

The SPRC Committee has prayerfully discerned that this longer term interim commitment is meaningful for a variety of reasons. One is that would offer continuity within our children's ministry. Another benefit is that this position will draw from Robin's background and wealth of experience in Children's ministry.

Many of you know that Robin is a retired Ordained Deacon from the Central Texas Conference. Her experience includes teaching both Kindergarten and Preschool. She has both initiated and founded two church Day School ministries and served as Director. In her career, Robin has over 20 years' experience in Children's Ministries, including serving as Director of Children's Ministry in two churches.

Please welcome Robin on board as she begins the Interim position this coming Sunday, April 23rd.

UMPTENAGERS & FRIENDS VISIT THE TALL GRASS PRAIRIE PRESERVE IN PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA ON MAY 11th



Q: Why did this Bison stand in the middle of the road so our bus couldn't get by?

A: We don't know! Maybe he's checking to see who is driving this bus on HIS road!!!



COMMENTS FROM A FEW OF THE TRAVELERS . . .

Betty: "The Prairie is so HUGE! We drove around it for a long time! The baby bison were so cute! We had lunch in a local cafe and the food was really good!

Alon: It's a pretty long way out there, but totally worth it! The folks in the Tall Grass Prairie office were full of information about the bison. The babies are usually born in mid-April through May, so we were very lucky to get to see some of those cute little ones!

Dick: So much fun going with the New Haven group! There are 100,000 acres & over 2,000 head of bison. Definitely



Stella: Tall Grass Prairie opened in 1989 with 300 bison and now keeps a herd of 2,000. Around 300 new babies are born each Spring. A section of land is burned to make room for new grasses every three years. It's part of a Nature Preserve Program and is privately funded. Some of the rangers own land & homes within the Preserve. You drive on 2 lane, winding roads through small, scenic Oklahoma towns. The group enjoyed Bad Brad's Bar-b-q for lunch.....yummy!

Opportunities of the Week

APRIL 23 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
2-6 pm Council Oak District Youth
Event at Keystone Lake
4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
4:30 pm Disciple I
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery
Group/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

APRIL 30

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
4:30 pm Disciple I
4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

April Birthdays

8. Doris Foster
13. Lindsay Morgan
15. Jessie Myers
16. Denny Beebe
David Jaeger
17. Louise Boyd
21. Adriaan Duiveman
Mel Remondet
22. Patrick Grafton
25. Eileen Walker
Terry Tyler
26. Kaelen Terry
Bailey Sartain
28. Betty Barton
Becky Puryear



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Betty Barton
Kelly Sartain
Dodie Wood
Max Nightingale
Carol Morgan
Ovella Followell
Claretha Gotcher
Pat Thomas

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Danny Hall's brother, Royce Boyd; Pam Rowley; family of Tom Dunham; 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
Max Nightingale

ATTENDANCE

APRIL 16, 2017

Worship Services

6:30 am: 9
8:45 am: 113
11:00 am: 188
Total: 310

Sunday School

Adults- 41
Youth- 10
Children-8
Day School Chapel-83

ADULT CLASSES *Come join us at 9:45 am!*

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Parlor: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

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

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Creed" by Adam Hamilton

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

Room 161: Roundtable "Christianity's
Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

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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