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Cindy's Chalkboard

There is one constant we know about life, and that is, that there is *always* change. Change is a part of life. And so, it is with mixed emotions that I let you know that there will be change in our church family. Our wonderful Executive Director of our Day School, Tonya Ford, will be retiring from that position.

Tonya has been our Day School Director since 2008 (with plenty of years previously as the Children's Director and a Day School teacher, herself!) Many of you know that during her time with us, Tonya has made a significant impact on the care and well-being of the lives of the children in the Day School, and on our Day School program itself. In her own words to the Day School Council, and the Day School staff this past week:

“...I will be retiring as New Haven's Day School director at the end of this school year or possibly on in to the summer depending on how quickly a replacement is found. I want to reassure you that all is well and good with our school.

Enrollment is very strong and our FANTASTIC teachers will continue to be the backbone of our program and the reason why you recommend New Haven Day School to so many of your friends and relatives.

This decision is purely a personal one. Some of you know my mother came to live

Transition in New Haven UMC Day School

with me and my husband almost two years ago. She is nearly 90 now and is requiring more and more of my attention -more than I can give while also holding a full-time job.

Thank you SO much for all of your support over the years. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of New Haven Day School both as a teacher and director. The school will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year and I know the next 50 years will be even better!”

As we begin the process of finding a replacement for Tonya, we know that she and Bill will continue to be active in many ways at New Haven

Church. We pray for many blessings in the days ahead and for this transition in their family, and for our Day School. God has used Tonya's ministry in powerful ways for His kingdom.

The Day School Council, the SPRC Committee and I have already begun the search for a new Executive Director. We

know God to be faithful, and we look forward to see who He will send our way to make a difference for Christ through this wonderful program.

Please keep the Day School staff, children, parents as well as Tonya and Bill in prayer as we seek the very best person to join us in our journey of ministry to change lives for Christ.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Praying with each of you,

Pastor Cindy

DID YOU KNOW THAT 8 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 DIE EVERY YEAR FROM HUNGER?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE IN DIRE NEED?

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come to a CROP HUNGER WALK OPEN HOUSE! Learn what is being done in Tulsa by one organization to end hunger and poverty in Tulsa and Worldwide.

They are making a difference!

The Crop Hunger Walk Open House is being held at Fellowship Lutheran Church, 6727 S. Sheridan Road on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 pm in the evening. Refreshments will be served.

Meet the people who are working hard in the war on poverty and hunger; find out how you can be part of making a difference!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Charlotte Erwin
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Mabrey family, loss of
Cynthia's father, Mert Fall
Nick Nicholson
Carolyn Toalson

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto and friend, Diane; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; David Toalson's mom, Mildred; Don & Linda Gregory's family; Michael Taylor's dad, Kenneth; the homeless; our country, city, & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Lois Bailey; Maxine Loyd, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Dorothy Koons; Bob Schwartz; Bob & Dorothy Thacker; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke

UMPTENAGERS-Date Changed for Trip

Because the azaleas have not bloomed yet, we are going to Honor Heights Park in Muskogee on **Tuesday, April 22nd** instead of this week. Lunch will be at Miss Addie's Restaurant at noon, then we will tour the park. We plan to leave the Church at 10:30 am. Hope you can join us!

MEMORIAL GARDENS

New flowers/shrubs have been planted in the garden in memory of Rev. J.C. Morgan, Fran Andrews, Clancy Hofer, Grady Fox and Doris Fox.

Day School Executive Director

Do you have a heart and passion for children? New Haven United Methodist Day School Council and New Haven United Methodist Church are seeking a caring, loving and mature individual who is able to relate well to children, parents, co-workers and church staff for the position of Executive Director. This position holds the following job requirements:

- Degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education
- Bookkeeping experience preferred
- Demonstrate Christian values
- Familiarization with DHS guidelines and procedures
- Passion for well-being of children and encouragement of their faith development
- Exhibit effective management supervision skills and techniques
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills

Salary is commensurate with experience. New Haven Day School is a vital ministry of New Haven United Methodist Church. The Executive Director works in conjunction with the church in shared ministry to touch lives for Christ. For more information, or to apply for this position, please contact Rev. Cindy Havlik in the church office: 918-743-6491 or cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org.

UNDIE SUNDIE!

Sunday, April 27th
"What's that all About?!!!"

Well, let me tell you! Some of you might remember that years ago we had an "Undie Sundie" where we collected underwear for Child Share. This time we would like to help the Street School students. Street School recently opened a clothing closet and food pantry. They are very much in need of underwear for gals and guys, size Medium, Large and some X-Large.

You can see samples of what to buy at the Outreach table this Sunday. (Some of our Outreach members were going to model them, but I talked them out of it! Aren't you glad?!) There will be laundry baskets at several locations in the church for your donations beginning week after next.

Thanks for sharing in the fun for this need with us!



The Undie-Sundie
Committee

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



The collections for Vacation Bible School have begun!!! Please see the list below for things we need to collect.

Toilet paper tubes
Coffee cans (rinsed out)
Cardboard boxes
Pieces of cardboard
Leis
Colorful plastic tablecloths
Clean paint cans
String
Kleenex boxes



You can place your donations on the table underneath the staff mailboxes in the hallway by Suzanne's office or give them to Allyson. Thanks so much!!!

COVENANT CARE MINISTRY

Our Covenant Care ministry is an essential part of who we are as a caring congregation. We do have some of our members who, for health reasons, are no longer able to attend church, Sunday School or any of our activities. They are a part of our faith community and we want to include them in our care. Which is the purpose for our Covenant Care. We want to stay in touch, make contact, visit, call, check on them and keep them informed of what New Haven is doing and provide an opportunity to share our faith, knowing we are all walking the same way with God's love and grace.

If you are interested in being a part of our Covenant Care we would welcome you. It would mean making contact with one person/ family at least once a month and possibly more often during difficult times. New Haven is a caring church and we want to continue always to be so. If you would like to be a part of this special ministry you may call the church office or talk with Dodie Wood or Linda Gregory



Opportunities of the Week April 20 ~ 27

SUNDAY, April 20 EASTER DAY!

- 6:30 am **Sunrise Easter Service**
 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and
 Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and
 Children's Church

MONDAY, April 21

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00 pm Disciple 1/Parlor
 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, April 22

- 10:30 am Umpteenagers go to Muskogee
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, April 23

- 10:00am Women's Grief Recovery
 Group/Suzanne's office
 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/206
 8:30 pm College Group

THURSDAY, April 24

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, April 25

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, April 26

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, April 27 Undie Sunday

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and
 Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and
 Children's Church
 12:00 pm Mission Sunday Committee/
 Parlor
 2:00 pm District Youth Council/Youth
 room
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Bible Experience
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth



April Birthdays

Andrew Davis	7
Doris Foster	8
Lindsay Morgan	13
Syble Aumiller	15
Jessie Myers	15
Denny Beebe	16
David Jaeger	16
Louise Boyd	17
Rafael Baez	19
Adriaan Duiveman	21
Patrick Grafton	22
Eric Coulombe	23
Eileen Walker	25
Terry Tyler	25
Amanda Cole	26
Kaelen Terry	26
Bailey Sartain	26
Betty Barton	28
Becky Puryear	28



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 13, 2014

8:45 am-84

11:00 am-100

Total: 184

Sunday School-59

LAY SERVANT/LEADER TRAINING

The basic and advanced courses will be taught this year on April 25th & 26th at Memorial Drive UMC. Cost is \$10.00 If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity for Lay Servant Training, please contact Tee Higgins at the Tulsa District Office. 918-742-7496

Adult Sunday School Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton Christensen

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"Christianity's Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class
"God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	Music Director
David Berns	Youth Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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