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Advent is here, we began the season Sunday with our Hanging of the Greens. The sanctuary looks beautiful! We all had a part of bringing in the warmth and beauty of the garlands, the poinsettia's, the window candle globes and beautifully, significant Chrismons hanging on the tree. This is the time of year when we wait expectantly to celebrate the most incredible birth we have ever known. We prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ child who came into this world to make a change, to show us how to love and care for one another. The holiday is everywhere around us, it certainly began powerfully this past week end with all the black Friday events and cyber Monday. We seem to focus on finding the perfect present for someone we love, decorating our homes, preparing the wonderful cookies. It is very easy for us to get so caught up in all the shopping, decorating, parties, dinners, and so many activities that we can lose track of what this season it about. It is a time of expectancy and anticipation. The people of Israel had been waiting for the arrival of this special person for thousands of years, that is a long time to be expecting! They had imagined great things about this Messiah. Jesus was the gift everyone needed but no one expected. "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given . . . and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". The gift before us is to pause and remember the hope. Advent allows us the time and space to refocus our hearts and minds on the birth of the baby Jesus who came to change our lives forever. What are you expecting for Christmas this year? What are your hopes for the season? Do you expect Christmas to change anything really? Come and be with your New Haven Family as we together share the hope and joy!

Rev. Suzanne Davis

Advent class this Thursday December 4 at 6:00

Christmas Dinner and Talent Show Sunday December 7 at 6:00

Decorating the Memorial Christmas Tree Next Sunday at 9:45

Filling backpacks for Remington Elementary School December 14 at Noon

Christmas Eve Services December 24 at 5:00 and 7:00

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE



On Sunday, Dec. 7th, we invite you to meet us on the front lawn to decorate our Memorial Christmas tree. If you come out right after the 8:45 service, you'll still have time to attend Sunday School.

Each year for the past 8 years we have decorated the tree in memory of all our loved ones. The idea originated when we lost our precious Nathan Wofford eight years ago and it became so popular that we decided to continue having our Memorial Tree every December. If you'd like to bring an ornament in memory of your loved ones, please do! If you wish, you may also hang an ornament in private at any time. You may leave the ornament with us or feel free to take it home before Christmas. We hope you'll join us to pay tribute to all our beloved family and friends.

Pictures from "The Hanging of The Greens"



UMW News

The ladies of the New Haven United Methodist Women are selling pecans! We have one-pound bags of Sooner pecans. They are local and fresh! This is our annual fundraiser, supporting our missions. This year we plan to sponsor families for Christmas gifts and support youth for the mission trip expenses.

One pound for \$12. Available on Sundays or by calling the church office.

The Susanna Circle will meet at 11am on Thursday, December 11 to go to lunch at Gilcrease Museum. Hope Circle will resume in January. Mark your calendars!

Come and enjoy a light lunch and help pack the Christmas Backpacks! December 14th at Noon in the gym.



Thank you so much to those who have made donations for the Remington backpacks; your generous gifts will be used to bless 300 students that wouldn't otherwise receive a Christmas gift. The donations are also being used to provide gift cards to 35 staff members.

Please make plans to join us December 14th after the 2nd service, for a light lunch and to pack the backpacks. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the Remington staff members and fellowship together. Please let me know if you have any questions!



FROM PATRICK'S DESK....

Howdy church!

Well we made it through Thanksgiving – ALREADY! I swear every year that I am going to soak in the holiday season, and just about without fail I find that in my rear-view mirror is the grand kickoff of Thanksgiving before all of the Turkey is even gone. And if you missed it, what a blessed Laity Thanksgiving Service we had here the Sunday before. Thanks go out to all of the speaker and musicians who made the service truly special. I was especially proud of several youth members that offered up the gift of their thankful stories or their talents. Thanks go out to Jocelyn Schifferdecker and Kyler Smith for their moving, and hilarious sharing of the things that they are most thankful for. Thanks also to Bailey Sartain, and Timothy Prescott for their stirring musical talents for which we're so very grateful. It was a blessing to hear of so many ways that God is working in others' lives that are right around me. It was a great reminder that I have to be more aware of all of my own blessings, and not lose sight of the fact that He's creating things in each of our lives that will culminate in incredible blessings for each of us!

Blessings,
Patrick

UMPTENAGERS

"O Come All Ye Faithful" to our next Umpteenagers event. We're going to celebrate Christmas with dinner at Charlie Mitchell's Restaurant, then a tour of the Christmas lights in Tulsa. All of this is happening on Monday, December 15. We will leave the Church at 4:30 pm in our new People Mover.

Please call Sue Duncan (918-491-6126) if you plan to attend.



A FUNNY FOR YOU!

During our church's worship service, the pastor invites all the young children to join him near the altar for the children's sermon. One day, with several small children in attendance, he spoke about the ingredients required to make up a church, using a chocolate chip cookie as an example. He explained to the children that, as with a cookie requiring ingredients such as sugar and eggs, the church needed ingredients to make up the congregation. Holding a cookie aloft, he asked, "If I took the chocolate chips out of this cookie, what would I have?" A shy six-year-old raised his hand. "Six less grams of fat," he replied.

PLEASE

PRAY FOR...



Our Members:

Bob Durkee

Linda Parmele

Bob Schwartz

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Mark Nicholson, Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Bill Mote; Melba Turner's sister; Tammy Johnson's parents; the homeless; our world, our country, city, and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

ADVENT STUDY BEGINS IN DECEMBER!

**December 4th, 11th, and 18th
from 6:00-7:00 pm**

How do we get so caught up in all the activities of Christmas? Advent is a time of waiting expectantly. In this advent study, "Under Wraps: The Gift we never Expected", we will focus on "God is Expectant" and "God is Faithful" as we prepare our hearts for the coming of this incredible gift given to all of us. There will be time to stop, to pause and prepare for the joy and gift of this little baby coming into our lives.

Come join us on three Thursday evenings starting December 4 at 6:00 for an hour of anticipation and rejoicing together.

Rev. Suzanne Davis

SOMETHING FUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The Sapulpa Community Theatre will present "Anne of Green Gables", a popular story about an orphan girl, Anne Shirley, from her first encounter with her austere guardian to her thrilling graduation from Queen's Academy. All the tragedies and triumphs that mark Anne's growth from adolescence to early adulthood are here! You can call 918-227-2169 to reserve your seats. Adults \$10, Students \$5 and just pay at the door when you attend. The theater is just about a 25 minute drive from New Haven and located at 124 S. Water Street, just a block south of Dewey Street (the main downtown street). Dec. 5,6,&12 @7:30pm and Dec. 7, 13,&14 at 2:00pm. For more information you may email sapulpacommtheatre@gmail.com

Opportunities of the Week December 7 ~ 14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Decorate Memorial Tree/Front lawn
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 3:30 pm New Haven Reads
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)
- 5:15 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Annual Christmas Dinner and Talent Show

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 6:00 pm Tulsa People First/Gym
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 11:00 am Susanna Circle to Gilcrease
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 6:00 pm "Under Wraps" Class/Parlor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 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 Backpack Assembly/Lunch
- 2:30 pm Administrative Council/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)
- 5:00 pm Disciple II
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 5:15 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

December Birthdays

1. Shirley Wolfrom
3. Natalie Coulombe
7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson
Jennifer Lawrence
Tracy Walker
14. Kevin Scruggs
16. Linda Blackford
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson
Dee Kemp
21. Cathy Amos
Kelly Sartain
Bob Schwartz
23. Johnnie Green
24. Mark Williams
25. JESUS
Christene O'Toole
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 30, 2014

"Hanging of the Greens"

Service: 10:00 a.m.

TOTAL—127

SUNDAY SCHOOL—29

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
"Ancient & Medieval Religions"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"Making Sense of the Bible" by
Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class
"God is Closer Than You Think" by
John Ortberg. A study on Revelation

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

**THE UMW HAS
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SALE ON
SUNDAYS!!!
\$12./BAG**

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth 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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