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by being God's Love in Action."*

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Cindy's Chalkboard

Blessings in this New Year—and a warm welcome to **Steven Merrick**, our new Director of Music Ministries!!

God is indeed faithful, and we are blessed to announce and welcome Steven to our New Haven UMC staff and family of faith.

Many of you know it has been a difficult journey these past many months as we continue to grieve the loss of our dear friend and Minister of Music, Paul Mabrey. Just walk through the hallways of the church, or into the choir room—look up at the lectern in the Sanctuary. Can't you just hear Paul's voice and infectious laughter? While we will never be able to replace Paul and all that he continues to mean to us—nor would we want to—we give thanks to God for leading Steven to us for a new season in ministry.

We also want to offer our thanks and a depth of gratitude to **Pamela Prescott** for her steadfast leadership of the choir during this interim time. Pam, our hearts have been touched for Christ by your

willingness to step in and direct the Chancel Choir in Paul's stead. Thank you for sharing your gifts and graces for God's glory!

Welcome to Steven Merrick New Haven's Director of Music Ministries!

You will want to get to know Steven as he joins our staff. You will see him on Sunday mornings leading worship and directing both the Praise Band and our Chancel Choir. Steven has dedicated his life to ministry and has a visible passion for music and worship!

Steven holds a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance and Music Education from Azusa Pacific University, and a Masters of Jazz Pedagogy from Berklee College of Music and the Boston Conservatory of Music. While a resident of Tulsa for the past year and a half, Steven originally hails from Los Angeles, California.

He is a church worship leader and music director, with a wealth of experience as an accomplished and published orchestrator, arranger, Jazz

band, and Praise & Worship leader. Among Steven's gifts and graces include producer and song writer and holds recording credits for a portfolio

of several well-known Pixar and Disney pictures.

Steven's experience spans a variety of settings including high school, undergraduate and graduate teaching positions. Locally, Steven teaches at the University of Tulsa and the Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences.

Above all of these God-given talents, Steven's passion is for serving and offering God his praise and glory. I know you will want to get to know Steven and his family and welcome them to our family of faith.

God's blessings abound!

-Pastor
Cindy



"DESERT ROSE DISHES"

Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift? Or needing something new for your table to entertain over the holidays?

The New Haven United Methodist Women are offering our congregation the chance to purchase place settings of the Desert Rose China, purchased by the UMW decades ago, and no longer in use at the Church. Many remember when the UMW and Church used these dishes for so many big and special events!!

We have numerous place settings, some with cups and some without. We are asking \$100 for an 8 piece place setting with the cups and \$50 for those without.

All of the funds raised from the sale of these dishes will directly benefit the New Haven Youth fund for their mission trip in Spring 2015.

Please contact the church office or Susan Lamkin if you are interested. We are hoping to have a display soon.

Thank you for your support of our missions!
Susan Lamkin, New Haven UMW President
918-557-9148



ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy New Year! I hope your year is off to a positive start; I can't believe it's 2015!!

Below are the happenings in the children's area. If there is an area you'd like more information about, or a place you'd like to help, please let me know!

This month in Sunday School, we are learning about "The Parable of the Sower" and what it means to be a follower of Christ. We will be looking at different types of seeds, as well as different types of ground cover, to discover what it means to be planted in the rich soil of Jesus. We will be learning a song called "Sow the Word" that you may just get to hear in church!

I am looking for two people to help with Children's Church, 2nd service. This commitment is for one Sunday, every other month, and the lesson is provided! It's a great time to get to know our kids!

January 25th, 12:15pm (or immediately after 2nd service) – Acolyte training; 1st grade and up. This training is for ALL acolytes, including those previously trained. A light lunch will be provided before we move to the sanctuary to learn more about what it means to be an acolyte. If your child is unable to make the training, please let me know ASAP so we can set another date for him/her. I am making the schedule based on who attends the training. Have an awesome week!

FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . .

Hello church –

Well it's all over now. The clearance aisles are overflowing with all of the Christmas décor that couldn't be sold prior to the 25th..... Now what? Now we join the shepherd's who were there, and the wise men who were in route to see this Son of God and we begin to share this good news. Maybe in years past you wanted to be sure that THIS would be the year that would be different for you; that THIS would be the year that you made an effort to get out of your comfort zone to evangelize in your small way, or to be sure you made a better effort in all aspects of your life to be the Light of Christ to the world. My prayer for us all in this new year is that we ALL make THIS the year that we do things differently. That we shine brighter for everyone around us to see, and that we shine that light to people and places outside of our comfort zone.....that we do it just as Christ showed us and asked us to do. Happy New Year to you all, and may we ALL be different for Christ this coming year!

Blessings,
Patrick

Save the Date
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
32nd Annual Masterworks Concert
FAURÉ'S REQUIEM & VIVALDI'S GLORIA
directed by Dr. Donald W. Armstrong

Celebrate 32 years of this Tulsa musical tradition and enjoy the beautiful sounds of MHS students & alumni as they are accompanied by members of the Tulsa Symphony

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 7:30 PM
Holy Family Cathedral, 122 West 8th Street, Tulsa Oklahoma

(Our own Marleigh Blanchard, a senior at Memorial HS will have a solo in this production!)

Missions – Touching Others with God's Love

Do you want to see God transform lives? Have you longed to be transformed yourself? Do you want to break out of apathy and complacency and encounter a transforming God? Have you ever considered doing "acts of service" as a way to show God's love?

If you said "yes" to any of the above questions, then join us on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will discuss old and new ways to reach outside NHUMC walls to a community in need. The Mission Survey results will be shared. Plans will be made. Come and join in this life changing encounter as we touch others with God's love.

David & Carolyn Toalson,
Missions Committee Chairpersons

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Members:

Bob Durkee
Bobbie Scott

Linda Parmele

Bob Schwartz
Marion Wilkerson

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; Delores Mabrey; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

DO YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS THAT YOU NO LONGER USE?

Tiffany Vaughn, a volunteer at the Tulsa Women's Shelter and also at the Boy's Home is collecting Christmas tree ornaments that are in very good condition, but no longer needed by New Haven families. She says that the Christmas tree at the Boy's Home had so few ornaments on it that it looked sort of pitiful.....that's sad! So, we came up with a plan! When you take your tree down this year, you may want to box up some ornaments that you no longer use or wish to store. Tiffany will pick those up here in January and store them for next year and the Boy's Home will have a beautiful, fully decorated tree! Just bring yours by the church during early January and we'll get them to her. Please bring only ornaments that still look pretty new!



PHOTO SESSIONS SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGUN ONLINE!

All New Haven current members and visitors should have received a phone message from Pastor Cindy recently telling you that it's time to sign up to be photographed for our next Church Pictorial Directory. You can go to our website to choose your date & time to be photographed. (www.newhavenumc.org) Just click on Life Touch and follow the directions! If you don't use the internet, please call the church office and let one of us help you secure a spot! We'll also have sign up sheets in the hallway from January 11-25. Photography dates are Feb. 4-7th.

Opportunities of the Week January 11-18

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and
Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and
Children's Church
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Bible Experience
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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- 10:00 am Grief Support Group
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:30 pm Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and
Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and
Children's Church
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Bible Experience for 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dale Edmond	3
Bob Walker	4
Tiffany Sherwin	4
Sammye Hardgraves	7
Kay Garwood	10
Ron Unterschuetz	11
Helen Russell	12
Rose Unterschuetz	12
David Tolson	13
Joan Beebe	16
Sarah Duiveman	16
Derek Lamkin	20
Dwayne Boyd	21
Adele Gruber	24
Jude Smith	28
Mike Riggin	29
Bayleigh Boles	30



ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 24

5:00-110

7:00-120

DECEMBER 28, 2014

8:45 am-57

11:00 am- 91

TOTAL-148

JANUARY 4, 2015

8:45 am-71

11:00 am-88

TOTAL-159

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
Beginning a new study next week!

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

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Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Steven Merrick	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
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