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Cindy's Chalkboard



Do you remember this logo? That's right! We used it in our capital fundraising campaign - calling it "March Forth!" since we were marching toward Commitment Sunday, which took place on March 4th, 2012 (get it?).

This month marks the third and final year of our effort to raise funds to enhance and upgrade our church building.

A lot has happened since the campaign began. God has blessed us *beyond measure* by your response. You'll remember we pledged \$300,000 over a three year period for the campaign. **As of today, we have received \$231,877.**

Isn't that incredible?! Of the total amount received, we have spent \$58,500. God has been doing amazing things!

This past September, we sent a letter updating you on the projects that have been completed to-date. What a blessing these improvements have been:

- Additional insulation in gym ceiling
- Hallway corridor repairs
- Restroom repairs
- Additional insulation in 2nd floor ceiling
- New carpet for several church offices
- Office computers and software upgrades
- New carpet in Choir loft

"March Forth!" to March 4th

Children's Wing Renovations:

- Painted all classrooms
- Painted all cabinetry
- Replaced countertops and several sinks
- In process of replacing all lighting
- Painted restrooms
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- Building Priority Project**
Gym lighting and ceiling replacement

- Parsonage drainage issues resolved.
- Parsonage guest bath renovations

And... there is much more ahead to do!

Thank you, Trustees Committee, for your hard work. and thank YOU, congregation, for your faithful giving. We are indeed blessed. - Pastor Cindy

Baby Shower for Laura and Drew Sahli - Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm.

It is with great joy that we (Pastor Cindy and Peter) let you know that our daughter Laura is back at home and doing well. We are thankful that little Emma has not yet made her entrance into the

world, and is "staying put" for just a few more weeks until her actual due date! Thank you for your prayers and care during this anxious time.

Pat Thomas and Shirley Nelson

are graciously hosting a baby shower for little Emma and her family-to-be. It will take place on **Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm in the Parlor.** Come celebrate with us. *We would love to see you there!*

CALLING ALL LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for a few more people to be on our mowing teams! The church owns a riding mower, so you don't need to bring one! We will have 3-4 teams of four people each to alternate mowing dates. We've had awesome teams every year and hope to keep that going! Call David Johnson, 918-744-7055 for more information or to sign up to be on a team.

WILD ONION DINNER—\$8.00 per person

Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Tulsa Indian UMC
1901 N. College

Menu:

Wild onions & eggs, pinto beans, fry bread, hominy,
salt pork or ham, dessert and beverage.

Grape dumplings available for \$2. extra.

Sodas, 50 cents

Dine In or Take Out

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

Would you like to become part of a team
of Guest Chef volunteers?

Ronald McDonald House has a "Guest Chef Volunteer Program" to cook for the parents and families that stay at the house while their child is in the hospital. They are in need of guest chefs for lunch and other meals 7 seven days a week. We aren't sure what dates are open, but if you are interested in this ministry to form a New Haven chef team, see Adriaan Duiveman or call him at 918-250-5966. Two to four chefs are needed for each meal. Please keep these children & parents in your prayers!

DINNER FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS WHO ARE HOMELESS SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

We've been given another opportunity to serve a meal to our extended family. Our menu will be chicken & noodles, carrots, rolls, and pie. If you'd like to make the chicken & noodles, please make it thick, almost like a casserole. Or we will also need several pies. You could bake one or donate toward the purchase of one. As always, we need help in serving the meal! So, if you can help, please sign up in the hallway on March 16th or March 23rd. On March 31st, please bring your warmed dishes to the main kitchen at 4:15 pm or if you are serving, meet us in the kitchen at 4:45 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members:

Sue Beaver
Joe Beaver
Ron Cunningham
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Linda Parmele
Jean Roberts

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; Syble Gayle Aumiller; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; Cynthia Mabrey's dad; David Toalson's mom; 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

"Ancient Spiritual Practices Made Relevant for Today" Spiritual Practices Series

The Adult Education Council invites you to a new short-term class series for those wanting to explore ancient spiritual practices. The class will meet in the gymnasium for five weeks. Jone Friesen, who received a degree in Ministry and Culture from Phillips Theological Seminary and has had extensive training as a Spiritual Director, will facilitate the class. Come join us as we explore, learn, and grow in our spiritual walk.

Time

All classes except March 30: During Sunday school hour
For Labyrinth on March 30: 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (or when attendees from late service finish walking)

Date

3/16/2014
3/23/2014
3/30/2014
4/06/2014
4/13/2014

Spiritual Practice

Lectio Divina
Lectio Divina
Labyrinth
Breath Prayer
Contemplative Prayers

Lectio Divina: Praying the Scriptures; listening to God; hearing a personal message from the Scriptures.

Labyrinth: An ancient symbol of the presence of God within. A circular path of prayer; a walking meditation; a path taking one into the center and back out again; symbolic of our spiritual pilgrimage; an image of life as a journey.

Breath Prayer: Prayers that are as easy to pray as it is to breathe; harmonizing prayer with the rhythm of breathing; meeting God through the breath.

Contemplative Prayer: Being in communion with God; the focus is on listening to God. Encountering God's life-giving creative Spirit.

MISSION & OUTREACH CALENDAR

Upcoming Opportunities

- March 31—Dinner for our sisters & brothers who are homeless
- April 13— Dedication of Crosses of Love
- April 27— "Undie Sundie": Collecting under - wear for Street School students.
- May 4— New Day Camp speaker, Carletta Denison, during Ministry Moment. New Day Camp is a camp for children and youth of incarcerated parents. Monetary donations are appreciated on this day.
- May on last day of school—end of school year celebration luncheon at Street School.
- June 1— Project Transformation Benefit Luncheon at New Haven UMC. Project Transformation is a literacy summer camp for grades 1-6. Please watch the Spire for details.

SOMETHING FUN!!!

- What: **Camp Gibson Gospel Fest**
- When: Saturday, March 15th, 6:00p.m.
Where: Memorial Drive UMC
7903 E. 15th Street, Tulsa Ok 74112
(See last week's Spire for more details!)

ProActive Sport and Spine Hosting a Benefit Garage Sale

Syble Gale and her husband Stephen have had three tragedies since June of last year.

A drunk driver hit them causing Stephen to sustain injuries which led to him losing his job. Soon after, Syble learned she was pregnant, but also that she has stage 4 brain cancer and was not able to enter into chemo treatments until she was further along in her pregnancy. At 28 weeks, their child was stillborn. Stephen is currently the prime caregiver to his wife and young daughter.

If you would like to donate items to be sold in this garage sale or donate money directly to the family, please drop off donations at ProActive Sport and Spine, 4412 W. Houston, Broken Arrow, Ok. You can also send donations via gifted PayPal to syblegale@yahoo.com. For questions, contact Sara DeArmon @918-557-1981. Syble Gale is the niece of our own Mark Williams.

IN-SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014



New Haven members filled dozens of backpacks with nutritious food for the children of Bunche Elementary School to have during Spring Break week.



St. Paul "Seminary Lite" Course is Coming!

This one day class will be held in Tulsa for the first time and will be at Boston Ave. UMC on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Dr. Elaine Robinson, Dean of Saint Paul School of Theology at OCU, will examine the basics of our United Methodist identity, answering questions such as "Where do we come from as a denomination? What does John Wesley have to do with us today? How do we organize the denomination and why? What are the basic beliefs of United Methodists? Why do we baptize infants? and much more!

If you are interested in attending, please call our office for more details and registration information.

HOPE CIRCLE TO HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS

Darlene Lorenz, case manager at Exodus House, will speak and answer questions about the Exodus House Transitional Living apartments. New Haven UMC sponsors one of the apartment, but some members are not aware of what the sponsorship means. This meeting will be a perfect time to learn all about it! Cyndy Sexson, Administrative Assistant, will discuss the worship services and classes offered at St. Luke's Redemption Church each Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening. Exodus House/Redemption Ministries is part of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference. You do not need to be a member of the UMW to attend this circle meeting. . . visitors are always welcome!

Hope Circle: Monday, March 10th

6:00 pm--Dinner will be served in the church parlor. The program begins at 6:30 pm. Questions? Call Jan Boyd @ 918-691-1622

Susanna Circle: Thursday, March 13, 10:00 am in the church parlor. We will hear updates on Exodus House!

Opportunities of the Week March 9 ~ 16

SUNDAY, March 16

(This is Spring Break week and many of our families will be out of town, so the Sunday evening children & youth activities are cancelled today)

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 12:00 pm Mission Sunday Committee/Parlor
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor

MONDAY, March 17

- 10:00 am Grief Support Group
- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
- 7:00 pm China Meeting/Parlor

TUESDAY, March 18

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
- 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, March 19

- 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, March 20

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

FRIDAY, March 21

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, March 22

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
- 10:00 am Tulsa People First/Gym

SUNDAY, March 23

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Sahli's/Parlor
- 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

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



March Birthdays

Max LaGrone	3
Claretha Gotcher	4
Todd Morgan	4
Yuka Daughters	6
Marleigh Blanchard	10
Karen Gibbs	11
Will Roberts	12
Steve Amos	16
Pat Smith	17
Betty Watson	19
Karen Jones	21
Kyler Smith	22
Craig Hannon	23
Janice Hannon	24
Steve Smith	25
Peter Havlik	26



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 9, 2014

8:45 am-68

11:00 am-94

Total: 162

Sunday School-61

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Parables & Passion: Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent

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 Ortburg

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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