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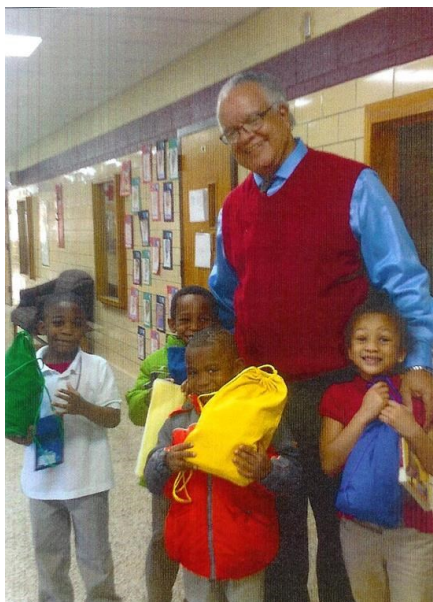
News of New Haven United Methodist Church

"Gracious Acceptance. . . . Grateful Service"

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Cindy's Chalkboard



These smiles tell it all. Thank you for being an important part of making Spring Break a very special time for children at Bunch Elementary!

The lunch bags that you filled and provided for these children made a difference in their lives

this past week. You were literally the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Bless each of you!

these pictures... and knowing that God must be smiling as well.

Bunche Elementary— All Smiles!



There's no better way to begin our week, than by looking at

Thank you, New Haven church. God has blessed us to be a blessing in this world, and that's exactly what you do.



Grateful for our shared journey together.—Pastor Cindy

Lenten & Easter Worship And Events

Lent & Holy Week

April 6: 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt: Church Yard

April 13: 8:45 am
Palm Sunday Worship
Contemporary Service
Children's Pageant
Blessing of Crosses of Love

April 13: 11:00 am
Palm Sunday Worship
Traditional Service
Children's Pageant
Blessing of Crosses of Love

April 18: 6:30 pm
Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday Services

April 20th
6:30 am
Sunrise Service: Front Yard
8:45 am
Contemporary Service
11:00 am
Traditional Service

March 30th is Scout Sunday

Come join us for "Scout Sunday" in which we celebrate and give thanks for our scouting organizations here at New Haven. If you are a scout from ANY organization, wear your uniform on March 30th! Also, if you would like to be a part of the service, please come to the Sanctuary twenty minutes before the service begins.

LOVE TO COOK?

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

Thanks to all who have signed up to help in this SO needed ministry. As Brenda Martin, the volunteer coordinator shared with us, the food is, of course, essential, but the fellowship with the parents who are in a city far from home with their ill child makes them feel less alone. We have more openings to help cook. You do not have to commit to a long period of time. You can help once or whatever fits into your schedule!

FROM DAVID'S DESK. . . .

It has been a busy week for our youth here at New Haven UMC. We have spent our spring break all over town doing all sorts of activities. We kicked off our week at SkyZone Tulsa, an awesome trampoline park where we showed off our gymnastic skills and awesome basketball dunking abilities. Wednesday found us at Restore Hope Ministries where we packed 70 home care boxes to be given to people in need to help care for their homes and themselves. We also helped sort all their stored clothing, getting them ready for spring and summer. Thursday we made our way to the Tulsa Zoo to spend a day in the sun looking and learning about all of God's creatures and having fun the whole time. Friday we packed our bags and headed to the Tulsa District Camp Ground at Ft. Gibson Lake. We spend a relaxing time playing games, running around, skipping rocks on the lake, cooking great meals and sitting by the fire. We truly are blessed to have such a marvelous place just down the road from Tulsa. We came home Saturday smelling like a campfire and a little tired from all of our adventures but they didn't end there. Sunday we were back in service worshipping with all our fellow New Havenites and Sunday evening we spent our usual youth time raking the church yard. We raked so many giant trash bags of leaves that our dumpster is still overflowing! We owe a special thanks to all of the parents who went with us this week and helped make our spring break so great. We couldn't have done it without them.

p.s. The first youth to read this article and tell me their favorite bug will get a candy bar when they come to church next.

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Charlotte Erwin
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Linda Parmele
Vetus Vanderwiele

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, Mildred; 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

Come, Experience, and Walk the Labyrinth!

The Adult Education Council

invites you

to experience the Labyrinth

In the Gymnasium: Sunday, March 30, 2014

Come anytime between 9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



An ancient symbol for the presence of God within, a labyrinth is a large, complex, spiral circle. When you walk a labyrinth, you are enabled to focus on your spiritual self as you navigate the human path. In the process, you center yourself in God. A labyrinth is an experience anyone can enjoy, no matter his or her "spirituality" or Christian experience.

New Haven United Methodist Church will offer the Labyrinth experience on Sunday, March 30, 2014. The labyrinth we will be using is a Chartres replica (shown above) with an eleven-circuit path, painted on canvas. You will be given instructions on walking the labyrinth before you begin. We ask that you remove your shoes. You may want to bring an extra pair of socks. Allow about an hour to complete the path. No pre-registration is necessary but a prayerful attitude is requested.

**What better way to prepare your inner self this
Lenten season than by walking the labyrinth?**

CROSSES OF LOVE: MAR. 30th-APR.6th

Crosses of Love are a Dutch tradition which was adopted by New Haven in 1984. These wooden crosses are made by Dick Garwood, and then decorated by our New Haven family with ribbons, silk flowers, and a touch of sweets, raisins, a religious bookmark, and a history of the crosses. In Holland, the crosses are decorated by family and friends in a park the Saturday before Palm Sunday, then they are delivered to hospitals, children's homes, and nursing homes. We here at New Haven have shared the crosses with many different ministries; to name a few—Restore Hope, Hospice, Ronald McDonald House, and Exodus House. This year we will share them with the Street School students and staff and Restore Hope for their Chapel services. Although we previously had large and small crosses decorated, this year we will only do the smaller cross because its easier for the students to take home. We'll have a few crosses decorated to show you for examples. You can take part in this ministry through your Sunday School class, but we will have extra crosses available for adults who do not attend Sunday School, but want to participate. Supplies will be in all classrooms by March 30th and the crosses should be decorated by April 10th so they can be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Thanks, New Haven, for keeping this tradition as part of your outreach commitment.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

July 18-20, 2014
Clarion Inn Tulsa International Airport
2201 N. 77th E. Ave.
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74115

The only financial obligation for a couple is a \$50 non-refundable application fee. At the end of the weekend, couples will be told the cost of the event and will be given an opportunity to make a freewill donation to the ministry. Additional information about the Marriage Encounter Weekend is available by calling Linda Polson at 918-342-3700 or email at lpolson1966@gmail.com. Linda Polson is associated with the First United Methodist Church of Claremore, OK.

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.

Thank You, Dear Church Family!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for your love and care in hosting a baby shower for our daughter, Laura (Sahli) and our son-in-law, Drew – and for precious little Emma. Thank you so much! Peter and I are so excited to welcome Emma to the world, and so is the entire family. Your gifts, cards and notes of congratulations and love have touched our hearts. God has blessed us beyond measure with such a loving and caring congregation. We give thanks to God for each of you, and await the most amazing blessing of all in the birth of this precious gift from God. With gratitude and love,
Pastor Cindy and Peter



NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBER, ROLAND FRIESEN



Roland joined us in membership on Sunday, March 23rd. You already know his wife, Jone, who joined here last year. Their wedding anniversary is March 31st so you can all wish them a very happy one! We're glad to welcome you, Roland!

Opportunities of the Week March 30 ~ April 6

SUNDAY, March 30 Scout Sunday

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am— Walk the Labyrinth in the gym
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 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

MONDAY, March 31

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, April 1

- 6:30 pm Outreach/offsite
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
- 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, April 2

- 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 3

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

FRIDAY, April 4

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, April 5

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

SUNDAY, April 6

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 pm Spiritual Practices Class/Gym
- 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt/Church lawn
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
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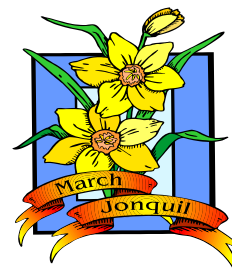
New Haven Staff Members

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 23, 2014

8:45 am—62

11:00 am—106

Total: 168

Sunday School—60

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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