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Cindy's Chalkboard

"April showers bring May flowers" is a familiar quote to most of us, and April showers are familiar to all of us. April showers welcome springtime with its promise of new life.

Occasionally we speak of the "promise" of spring. What we usually mean by this is the joy that comes from its arrival. But, have you noticed... we never talk of the "promise" of winter? It might be because we don't usually look forward to the weather it usually brings! And even when winter may be more mild or more severe than we had hoped, those April showers never seem to disappoint our expectations for those beautiful May flowers.

The Bible talks about showers. When God speaks about the restoration of the earth, he

promises: "I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing" (Ezekiel 34:26).

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Although primarily promising Israel that they will have the rain they need to produce crops, God talks about the blessings that he provides.

Peter preaches about the resurrection of Christ. Springtime is almost universally associated with Easter. And just as the promise of springtime includes the renewal of growth and the bursting forth of new life, the resurrection of Christ promises new life!

It's already the middle of May,

and those heavenly showers continue today and every day in all the good things God is doing for us in our lives.

Have you noticed, that the rain is always the most intense during the darkest storms, even when we don't see it? In times like these when we can't see two steps ahead of us, and the future seems to be a blur, we can stop and count our blessings and trust in the promises of God.

April showers bring May flowers. God's promises bring showers of blessings - all the time.

Praising God for this beautiful season.—Pastor Cindy

In-Service Sunday—Flood Buckets a Rousing Success!!

Thank you, thank you, *thank you!* Our second "In-Service Sunday" turned out to be a rousing success, thanks to your help!

We packed 50 "Flood Buckets" filled with supplies to send to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana for disaster relief efforts. Our heartfelt THANKS to our hard working

"In-Service Sunday" committee headed up by Jennifer Lawrence—they all worked hard to make this happen. We could not have done this without the incredible donation of over \$1,200 from Lowe's Home Improvement Store and donations from you, the congregation, of an additional \$1,000. How wonderful is that? God is so good!!



ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



I need your help! If you are able to run the sound-board the week of VBS (June 9-13), please contact me **ASAP**.

Also, Deena will begin teaching the music and choreography for VBS on Sunday, June 1st, at 4pm in the sanctuary. All children and youth are invited to attend and learn the songs. You must attend in order to be a part of the VBS assemblies!

If you have not registered your child(ren) for VBS, time is running out! You can register online at:
<http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/tulsanewhavenumc>

Last, if you are interested in purchasing a VBS t-shirt, please let me know what size you need. They will run about \$8.

Questions, don't hesitate to call or email me! ☺

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green
Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson

Dawson Watson and family in the loss of Betty Watson last week. Graveside service will be in Muskogee on Tuesday, May 20th. Call the office for more information.

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; 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; Syble Gale Aumiller; 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 BINGO!

Find those treasures around your house that you don't want anymore and bring them to Umpteenagers on Tuesday, May 20th. We are having lunch and White Elephant Bingo in the parlor at 11:00 am, all for \$5/person. Hope you can be there!



SENIOR SUNDAY MAY 25th

If you are graduating from high school, college, or tech school this month, you are invited to come and be recognized on May 25th during worship. After the 11:00 worship service, there will be a reception to honor the graduates in the parlor. Everyone is invited!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION BENEFIT LUNCHEON. . .EVERYONE INVITED!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST AT NOON (SIT DOWN OR TAKE OUT)

Project Transformation is a summer literacy camp for underserved elementary children, grades 1-6. The camp runs for 6 weeks, Monday-Thursday. The children read to an adult in the mornings from 10 am until noon, so we need your help to be a "listener" and share your love and interest with a child. The week that we at New Haven UMC will be involved with this awesome program is July 14-17th at Southern Hills UMC at 61st and Lewis Avenue.

In addition to our volunteers, New Haven sponsors an intern and provides snacks/drinks. The interns who lead the camp are college students who are considering going into urban ministries or working in youth camps, etc. On June 1st, we invite you to the "**NEW HAVEN DINER**" for a sit down lunch after second service or take advantage of our new "takeout" option (after either service or Sunday School) and take your meal to go! **The menu will be sliced BBQ brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and cookies.** Our goal is to raise \$1,600. to support one intern and our share of the program during Project Transformation this summer. Sign up sheets to attend the luncheon will be in the hallway.

Our children are our future!!!

Outreach Committee

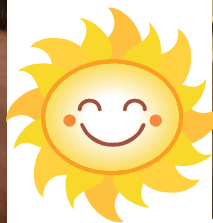


IN-SERVICE SUNDAY

MAY 18TH,
2014

WE FILLED
50 FLOOD
BUCKETS
WITH
SUPPLIES
TO SEND TO
UMCOR,
SAGER
BROWN,
IN
BALDWIN,
LOUISIANA
FOR
DISASTER
RELIEF
EFFORTS.

MANY
THANKS
TO THOSE
WHO
WORKED
SO HARD
TO GATHER
AND PACK
ALL THESE
SUPPLIES!



Opportunities of the Week May 25 ~ June 1

SUNDAY, May 25th SENIOR 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 Reception for Graduates/Parlor
- 2:30 pm "A Disciple's Path" Class/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

MONDAY, May 26th Memorial Day Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 27th

- 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, May 28th

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 8:30 pm College Group

THURSDAY, May 29th

- 6:00 pm Christianity & World Religion Class/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Covenant Bible Study/Offsite
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, May 30th

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, May 31

SUNDAY, June 1st

- 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 Project Transformation Lunch
- 2:30 pm "A Disciple's Path" Class/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth



May Birthdays

2. Paula Manuel
4. Sarah Roberts
5. Lucas Lamkin
6. Jennifer Beaver
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry
Henry Cauthon
Marissa Degner
9. Joleen Taylor
10. Kim Percival
12. Bryant Lamkin
Michael Smith
Camille Stevenson
15. Dawson Watson
17. David Duncan
18. Charlotte Erwin
20. Laura Degner
Sandy Nicholson
22. Bob Thacker
27. Rick Davis
Rosemary Tarr
Samuel Standlee
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love
Kelcey Hardy



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 18, 2014

8:45 am— 74

11:00 am—96

Total: 170

**Sunday School Attendance:
58**

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

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 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

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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