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*Thank you
to all who
offered their
time, talent
and efforts
to be used*

for the glory of God for our Holy Week and Easter Service celebrations!

The Maundy Thursday Service was wonderful! I loved how we gathered around the table and shared in the sacrament of Holy Communion together. Thanks to **Rev. Suzanne Davis** who helped with the set up and to **Stephen Merrick** for the powerful music.

In our Good Friday service we remembered the story of Jesus' trial, crucifixion and death on the cross. Oh, how our hearts ached to know the pain and agony that He went through for us. Didn't our hand bells do an amazing job of accompanying the sacred hymns along with **Stephen Merrick** on the keyboard? At the close of the service, we carried the cross out to the

Cindy's Chalkboard

front church yard... what a powerful reminder of the tragedy and death of our Savior... it took our breath away.

And just when you thought that all was finished... did you

And what joy we had in our Sanctuary services as well! Thank you, instrumentalists for the blessings of such incredible music. And thank you once again to **Stephen Merrick** for all that you do for every aspect

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!!!

notice? Easter morning arrived! The celebration had begun! And don't think for a minute that our Easter Sunrise Service was daunted by the rain! Not a chance! In the early hours of the Easter morning, we moved inside the narthex area to declare the glorious Good News together! Thank you **Rev. Suzanne Davis** and **Danny Hall** for your efforts and message that made this service meaningful in every way. Thank you, **Stephen Merrick & Jocelyn Schifferdecker** for the beautiful accompaniment. We were indeed blessed!

of leading and offering music and worship! Thank you, **Greg Pape and Becky and Barry Puryear** for your tech support in running our audio and video equipment. We could not do worship without you!! **Praise Band and Chancel Choir?** You were simply wonderful! Thank you for the beautiful music and hard work, and thank you **Teresa Roberts** for your faithful gift of music!

Thank you to **everyone** who offered their time and efforts to God for this glorious Easter as we worshipped the Risen Christ! To God be the Glory!
-Pastor Cindy

"Bright Sunday" (Holy Humor Sunday) this Weekend—April 12th!!!

Hold on to your hats! This Sunday, April 12th, is Holy Humor Sunday! Come, laugh and smile with us as we continue to remember the JOY of Easter with this fun service.

There's no telling what's in store for us during our 8:45 and 11:00 services! Bring your smiles, laughter and sense of humor, along with your friends and family to worship services

that will demonstrate to all God's gift of laughter and joy. Come celebrate with us! You'll be glad you did!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Audrey Quinalty; Lana Gotcher; Kathryn Stevenson; Karen Gibbs; John Stutsman

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Carla Hefley's dad, Gerald Blissit; Kelly Sartain's father, John; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Lewis Cappellari; Greg Pape's mother; Sharon Hewitt, friend of Betty Hodge; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Ann Martin; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS!

A HUGE thank you to my ROCKSTAR volunteers Palm Sunday! You all make my job easier and I appreciate you!

Tonya Ford
Tracy Pape
Rachel Pape
Cathy Amos
Nancy Gunter
Tracy Walker
Becky Puryear
Kelly Sartain



Paula Fox – Queen Rock Star! Thank you for all you did; you deserve a medal!

Mary Ann Cunningham – for helping with the babies!



UMPTENAGERS

We are REALLY going to see the Clydesdale horses on Tuesday, April 21. We'll leave the church at 9:00 am (in the Mini-bus) and should return by late afternoon. Lunch will be at Bad Brad's Barbecue in Yukon. Then on to see the horses, stables, and gift shop. We moved our trip from March to April because many who wanted to go had other commitments on that date in March. Hope everyone can go in April. It sounds like fun!

VISITATION COMMITTEE



Did you ever wish that you could serve God through visitation and/or transportation to those in our church area who may not have a church home? We here at New Haven UMC hope to give you that opportunity!! **At 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 14th** we will have a meeting in the church parlor to see what interest there might be. We now have a church mini-bus so we could pick up people in our area that might need a ride to church! Serving God gives a person more satisfaction in life than anything else we can do. By visiting others in the name of Christ, we are serving Him! We welcome those who are interested in joining our Visitation Committee to come to our organizational meeting and help establish another way to serve God and His work through the church. **Wayne Love** has offered to lead us in this effort!!

U.M.W. MEETING

The Susanna Circle will meet promptly at 10am on Thursday, April 9. We will leave as soon as possible to go to Restore Hope and assemble diapers and wipes for families. Please join us and attend the Chapel service following our project.

Day Center for the Homeless Meal Sign Up

The next meal to be served at the Day Center for the Homeless is Saturday, April 25. Please sign up to prepare food and/or serve food for that day. The menu consists of: chili, slaw, cornbread, and cookies. Food needs to be brought to the church by 4:00 p.m. Servers will leave church at 5:00 p.m. Look for sign-up sheets in the hallway this coming Sunday!



SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE



11:00 EASTER SERVICE



8:45 A.M. EASTER SERVICE



We have just experienced Easter and remember the journey to the cross. On the first Sunday of Lent we shared together the call to worship which said:



The dust that shapes the journey . . . (pouring of sand)

The cross that guides it . . . (posting of cross)

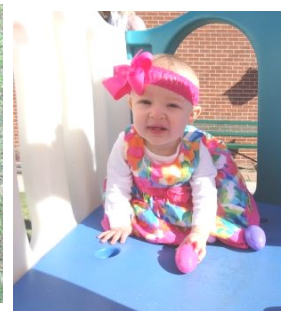
The lights that fades through it . . . (flameless candle)

The word that foretells it . . . (placement of Bible)

The wilderness that invites it . . . (gathering of pebbles)

That cross is empty now and the resurrection brings us new hope. We were given empty crosses at our Easter Sunrise Service as a reminder that good comes out of tragedy. It is up to each of us to find that hope and move on. May we remember and focus on the new day dawning and the hope of Christ's love that surrounds us every day.

EASTER EGG HUNT



WHAT A FUN DAY!!!

Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

Do you ever feel like life has become more and more routine and we tend to do the same things year after year? Sometimes I wonder about the impact of the various ways we do all of this mission work. What is the goal for the Mission Committee?

Signed,
Pointed Question

Dear Pointed,

This is a question that your Mission Committee dealt with earlier in the year. What is “success” for missions? Peoples’ viewpoints varied. For some, it was a matter of doing outreach for our own spiritual growth; for others, it was that of touching lives by responding to their needs (the least, the last, the lost); while still others, it was about growth for the church universal.

We concluded that the success of the Mission Committee is to increase the number of NHUMC members and guests that will experience various mission/outreach opportunities. By serving through missions, God makes a difference in our lives by individual growth and outward actions that meet the needs of others. Further, through mission-related opportunities, NHUMC will continue to reflect its heart for missions to others that are looking for a place to serve!

As we go about serving others, we are blessed. As we go about serving others, they are blessed. As we continue to reach out and engage more of our members and guests in mission together, we grow.

It is an absolute joy to follow Christ’s example. Won’t you come and experience the mission ministry with us? Here are some of the upcoming events:

Bus Stop Ministry – every day that TPS is open, 6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., gym

Tulsa Food Bank – Tuesday, April 7 meet at church at 5:30 p.m. to ride mini-bus to do mission work until 8:00 p.m.

Respite Care – Saturday, April 11, gym from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Undie Sunday – Collection of children’s underwear April 12 – April 26.

Day Center for the Homeless – Saturday, April 25, bring food at 4:00 p.m., servers leave from church at 5:00 p.m.

Check out the articles in the Spire, sign up in the hallway or contact David and Carolyn Toalson if you want to take part in these opportunities to touch lives for Christ!!

Blessings,
Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week April 12 ~ 19

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

BRIGHT SUNDAY

- 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 for Children
5:00 pm Disciple II
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, APRIL 13

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
6:00 pm "The Book of Revelation"/Parlor
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 9:00 am DSAT Workshop/Gym
10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 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 Children Visit Child Share
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
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

April Birthdays

Doris Foster	8
Lindsay Morgan	13
Syble Aumiller	15
Jessie Myers	15
Denny Beebe	16
David Jaeger	16
Louise Boyd	17
Rafael Baez	19
Adriaan Duiveman	21
Patrick Grafton	22
Eileen Walker	25
Terry Tyler	25
Kaelen Terry	26
Bailey Sartain	26
Betty Barton	28
Becky Puryear	28



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ATTENDANCE

APRIL 5, 2015

6:30 am—26

8:45 am—115

11:00 am—144

TOTAL—285

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:

52

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
"How Jesus Became God"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

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

Room 205: Journeys Class
"Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith"

THE UMW STILL HAS PECANS FOR SALE \$12/BAG

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NEW HAVEN MISSIONS!

**Stop by the office to
purchase your pecans!**

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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Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
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