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I read a wonderful devotion offered by Shauna Niequist

that really spoke to my heart during this time of Advent. Perhaps it will speak to yours as well.

In her book "Savor", Shauna talks about the less "flashy" side of Advent. Being present in this season and thanking God for a time that understands longing for better days to come.

Cindy's Chalkboard

Christ Child is coming, but He isn't here yet. We are reminded that hope is on it's way, but the yearning is still very real. Advent allows us to live into and look forward with great joy, the wonderful promise of Christmas. The baby is on His way!

God fulfilled His promises when Jesus came to us as a tiny little baby in Bethlehem. Our very real

but all year long!

Praise God for the gift we will receive once again this coming week in the form of a tiny little baby. A priceless gift that is born again and again, in our hearts.. Blessings and love to you and your family.

Join us for Candlelight Christmas

***All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet:
"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel"
- Matthew 1:22-23***

She says, "Advent is about waiting, anticipating, yearning. Advent is the question, the pleading, and Christmas is the answer to that question." I love that!

There are moments in this season where we are reminded that the

hope is on the way. God's promises are true!

This Christmas we are reminded of God's love for us in a very tangible way. God gave us the gift of his Son; a gift we celebrate, not just at this sacred time of year,

Eve services offered on December 24th at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. The Christ Child will be born!

Waiting with you in joyful anticipation!

- Pastor Cindy

Combined Worship Band and Spirit Choir Program This Sunday!

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time when we gather for worship and hear God's Word of peace for all of humankind.

It is also a meaningful time for New Haven UMC, as our **Worship Band** and **Spirit Choir** join together to offer their gifts of music to God as we joyfully await the coming of the Christ

Child! You don't want to miss this! Come to worship at either the 8:45 or 11:00 service (or both!) and you will be blessed. Sing along with favorite hymns and contemporary renditions of Christmas classics.

And finally, on Thursday evening, December 24th, enjoy our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services**. The

5:00 Family Oriented service will offer the children a time to "act out" the Christmas story. The **7:00 Traditional service** offers a children's felt story board! Both services will feature special instrumentalists and beloved Christmas music. Invite your friends and family to join us as we give thanks to God for the greatest gift this world has ever known!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members: Vincent Duiveman; Greg Gotcher, Doyle Boyd; Karen Gibbs; Kerry Beebe

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Mary Anne Tyler's uncle, Dick Deibert; Pastor Suzanne's brother; Mark Keifer; Louise Boyd's grandfather; Donna Edmondson's niece, Stacey; Mark Morgan's brother-in-law, Steve Henderson; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

Demonstrate your thankfulness this season!

Each holiday season, New Haven UMC anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule or to make an end of the year contribution, visit us online **www.newhavenumc.org** and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, contact the church office and we will be glad to assist you. Thank you for your generosity and support!



**Your Church Staff
Thanks You!!**



Thank you for your generous end-of-the year love offering! What a blessing it was to receive your gifts this week – we are so grateful for your steadfast support throughout the year, and for thinking of us at this time of year. It is a joy to work alongside you in ministry. Many blessings to each of you at Christmas!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER

New Haven UMC has the opportunity to serve dinner on December 31st at the Day Center for the Homeless. All who want to help should meet at the church at 4:45 pm. Menu: Frito Chili Pie & Brownies & Ice Cream Bars. You may sign up at the table in the hallway to bring chili, Fritos, grated cheese or brownies. Phil Roberts will bring the ice cream bars to add to the dessert. When you are finished at the Day Center, anyone who would like to make this a New Year's Eve "night out" can plan to go to the Spaghetti Warehouse where Phil has reserved some tables for the group. (Each person will be responsible for the cost of their own meal). What a fun way to spend New Year's Eve!!!



Jolly St. Nick
came to the
Respite Care
Christmas
Party!!!

Snowflake

by Hannah Fields

I just have to trust in God with all I am
because I'm a falling snowflake.
He's the only one with gentle hands to guide me
to each place I'm meant to be.
The cold air lets me know I won't melt
even in the heat of life
or when every other snowflake around me
is changing into a raindrop to nourish
the next growing season.
I just need to look up to see God's gift
just for this little snowflake.

(Hannah wrote and shared this during the talent show on December 6th. What a blessing it was to all!!)

Corner

Are you interested in becoming a Mission sub-team leader for one of the following missions: Undie Sunday, Crosses of Love or Mission Sunday? Please contact David or Carolyn Toalson at 918-251-2911 or dcktoalson@cox.net.

- ♦ **Bus Stop Ministry** – Every school day from 6:30 am to 8:00 am, our church gym is open for children from elementary age to high school to come in and enjoy a snack, play games, do homework, visit, and get out of the weather. Pick the days that you'd like to serve and sign up on the Bus Stop calendar on the hallway table,



DECORATING THE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE ON DEC. 6th



BLESSING
OF THE
ANGEL TREE
GIFTS
ON
DECEMBER 6TH



Director of Children's Ministry Part-Time Opening

Do you, or someone you know, have a heart for God's precious children and are seeking a part-time position in children's ministry? New Haven UMC is currently accepting applications for a 20 hour work week position on staff for someone with a love and passion for children and experience in ministry. Candidates must have:

- College degree and/or training in Christian Education/Education.
- Previous experience in Children's ministry.
- Ability to listen effectively and to communicate clearly, both orally and in written form.
- Leadership skills with children and parents of children.
- Quality administrative and organizational skills.
- Basic ability to use computer software such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook.
- Commitment to biblical Christian principles and teachings, both professionally and personally.
- Successful completion of background check administered by the church.

For those interested in the position, please contact Pastor Cindy in the church office, or send a resume to: cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org. A full job description for the position is available in the church office.

Opportunities of the Week December 20 ~ 27

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Children's Church
1:30 pm Finance Meeting/Parlor
4:00 pm Bible Experience
5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
6:00 pm Disciple I Fast Track/Off Site

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 10:00 am Advent Study/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm One Spirit Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Church Office Closed

- 5:00 pm Contemporary Candlelight
Communion Service/Sanctuary
7:00 pm Traditional Candlelight
Communion Service/Sanctuary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

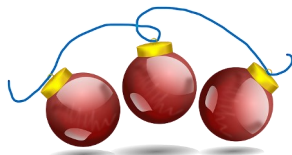
CHRISTMAS DAY!!!

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Children's Church



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Shirley Wolfrom
7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson
Jennifer Lawrence
Tracy Walker
14. Kevin Scruggs
16. Linda Blackford
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson
Dee Kemp
21. Cathy Amos
Kelly Sartain
Bob Schwartz
24. Mark Williams
Linda Joyce
25. JESUS!
Christene O'Toole
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



ATTENDANCE

December 6th

Total: 180

December 13th

8:45—79

11:00—107

Total: 186

Sunday School: 70

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Advent Study: "While We Wait" by Mary Lou Redding.

Room 210: New Friendship Class
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem and Northern Kingdom

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle, Paul".

Room 205: Journeys Class
"The Will of God"

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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