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monoxide  
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erwise  
known as  
H<sub>2</sub>O, water!),

has not been kind to the church as experienced by the past several years of symptoms (floor moisture, roof & water line leaks) from 40-50 years since the East wing and Sanctuary were built. The good news is that progress has been made on one of the three water issues and the Trustees are in the process of planning/repair on the others.

**Water 2" Line** that feeds the center section and Sanctuary was replaced and other dripping facets/toilets have been repaired. The last two months of water billings indicate usage returned to normal.

**Steeple and Balcony Roof Leaks** – the first of 3 phases have been completed:

**Phase 1 completed** - create safe access into the steeple, add in attic lighting for access, add power circuits for phase 2 & 3 work, wasp control in steeple.

**Phase 2 will address major repairs** to steeple drain tray, brick veneer flashing (top and transition to roof deck. Trustees are in planning discussions with the main contractor. Once these repairs are completed, then the visible balcony ceiling tile/insulation repairs will be made. Depending upon the weather and resource

Repairs on these Dihydrogen monoxide issues probably are not progressing as fast as some hope; these are taking longer than hoped, but the Trustees are performing the necessary investigation to determine the problem, identify potential longer term solutions (versus Band-Aids), then contracting with qualified profes-

## Cindy's Chalkboard

### Water & Rain Issues at New Haven UMC Status on Progress of Repairs

availability, completion is hoped to done before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016. Sooner is always hoped for.

**Phase 3 will be more extensive**-repair the water leaks coming into the steeple from upwards from the lower brick veneer section.

**East Wing Water Runoff and Ground Water** moved away from footings/floor/wall to address a couple of floor and wall moisture damaged areas. This repair work necessary for 1<sup>st</sup> floor re-flooring.

sionals, and getting it done. This takes time.

**Your patience is greatly appreciated as the Trustees work through the multiple work efforts.**

**The Trustees again give thanks to everyone whom have so generously donated to our March Forth funds to cover these extraordinary repair items!!**

Ron Cunningham  
Chair Bd. of Trustees

### Advent and Christmas Activities!

Advent is a time where we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Here at New Haven UMC, we do that in many ways.

This past Sunday we decorated the Sanctuary for the **"Hanging of the Greens."** Next Sunday we will share in the sacrament of **Holy**

**Communion**, the blessing of the Angel Tree gifts, honor loved ones at the Memorial Tree at 9:45, and then at 6:00 pm hold our Christmas Dinner and Talent show! The third Sunday of Advent we gather for worship and listen to the word of "Joy!" that is coming. The fourth Sunday we will have our

combined **Worship Band and Spirit Choir** program.

And finally, **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services** on **December 24th** at both **5:00 and 7:00 pm!** Join us in giving thanks to God for His Son!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

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

### **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

## UMPTENAGERS

It's Christmastime already—let's celebrate by having dinner and seeing Christmas lights on Tuesday evening, December 15th. We'll leave the church at 4:30 pm in our church minibus, have dinner at The Olive Garden in Utica Square, then see the lights around town.

Please call Sue Duncan at 918-491-6126 no later than December 12th if you plan to go. She will make dinner reservations for the group.



Kyler Smith and Hannah Field having fun in the Turkey Day 5K Race!

## **A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT THE HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME OF CHINA!**

Your donation to our own Council Oak District mission, Happy Children's Home of China can **double** Tuesday, Dec. 1st. The General Board of Global Ministries will match donations up to 1 million dollars given to United Methodist international charities that day! Wow! Please consider giving to China Advance #14582A on Dec. 1st, starting at midnight on "Giving Tuesday"!

### OUR FIRST ADVENT FESTIVAL WAS SUPER FUN!!!



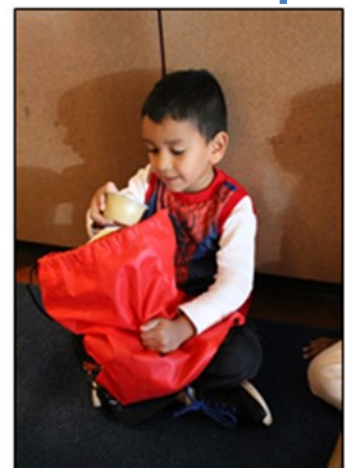


## CRAFTERS' HELP NEEDED FOR HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME EVENT PLANNING

The children at the Happy Children's Home of China have carefully made soda straw roses by hand for our big April 23, 2016 event, and we need some creative ideas of how to transform the tiny, delicate roses into a lasting gift for all who attend! The Home is a true local grass-roots mission of the Council Oak District of the United Methodist Church.

Last year the New Haven UMC Respite children helped make the roses into pins expressing the theme IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN. The roses were also a bouquet on the tables at the dinner.

Crafters! We need you! Please submit an idea or two on ways the roses can be used as a gift for those who attend the April event. Give your ideas by Dec. 15 to Adriaan or Marianne Duiveman or Lou Lindsey. You can make a prototype, or give a description of your idea.



## Opportunities of the Week December 6 ~ 13

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 COMMUNION SUNDAY

#### Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Memorial Christmas Tree  
11:00 am Children's Church  
6:00 pm Christmas Dinner & Talent Show

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group  
6:00 pm Writers Group/185  
6:00 pm Disciple I Fast Track/Off Site

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 10:00 am Advent Study/Parlor  
6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group  
6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor  
7:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle Visits Child Share  
6:00 pm Praise Band

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### Third 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  
2:30 pm Administrative Council/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

### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian



### 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

### UMW NEWS

The Susanna Circle will visit CHILD SHARE next week on December 10th.

We only have 8 bags of pecans left, so please let Susan Lamkin know if you want one or more!

[susanlamkin@cox.net](mailto:susanlamkin@cox.net)

## ATTENDANCE

### NOVEMBER 29, 2015

**10:00 Combined  
Worship Service  
Total: 141**

### 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"

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