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by being God's Love in Action."*

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Pastor Cindy's Chalkboard

I've never been one to travel light. Which is why I can relate to a book written by Max Lucado with a similar title: "Traveling Light".

I've tried to travel light. But ever since I was a girl scout, I've been determined to always be prepared! Sadly, I don't know how to travel light.

I don't know how to travel light... but I need to learn. How about you? Do you pack the suitcase to overflowing... just in case you need that extra pair of shoes, or the warmer jacket, the dressier top? You know, they say you can't enjoy the journey when you're carrying so much stuff around.

The truth is, haven't we been known to pick up a few extra bags of luggage along the way?

Chances are, we did it this morning. Somewhere between the time we got out of bed and when we stepped out the door, we grabbed extra luggage.

"Set that stuff down! You're carrying burdens you don't need to bear!" If we let him, God will lighten our loads.

Traveling Light

Max Lucado points out that we don't always know it. We do it without thinking. The bags we pick up are not made of leather, they're made of burdens. You drape a duffel bag of weariness on one shoulder and a hanging bag of grief on the other. Add on a backpack of doubt, an overnight bag of loneliness, and a trunk of fear. No wonder we're tired!

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." God says,

How do we invite God to do this? One way is through the prayer we've all been learning together. It's a simple prayer, that can make all the difference in the world in traveling light. Won't you pray this with me in the days and weeks ahead?

***"God, you are good.
I need help.
They need help.
Thank you.***

In Jesus' name, Amen."

—Max Lucado

Traveling light. My prayer for each of you! - Pastor Cindy

Why Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes the theme that our sinfulness before God and our human mortality have triumphed

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During our Ash Wednesday services, you will receive the sign of the cross with ashes on your forehead. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Christian worship.

Where did the ashes come

from? It's traditional to save palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday to burn to produce ashes for this service. These are the ashes you will receive at our service on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm.

Join us as we begin our journey in this meaningful time of Lent together.

Did You Know . . .

...New Haven invites children with special needs and their siblings to come monthly for some fun time away from home

...There is time for games both group and individual; creative artwork; music including singing, playing instruments, and movement; delicious snacks; and having a meal that each child brings with them

...Respite Care is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. the second Saturday of each month in the gymnasium

...We currently serve six families and normally have eight children in attendance

...There is a participant's application process to make sure that New Haven has enough caregivers per special needs child

...Our volunteers normally come in shifts (this can be scheduled in hour increments up to the total four hours)

...No special skill set is required of the volunteers – just love on the children

...Total volunteer time each year is approximately 288 hours for this ministry (normally six volunteers per month)

... An estimated \$300 is spent on snacks and supplies that is not part of the operating budget

...if you are interested in volunteering or coming and observing, please contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net

Come and Experience it!

FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . .

Howdy church –

Spring break is quickly approaching, and that will mean that our youth will be traveling to Kentucky. As we approach this meaningful, life changing journey for our youth I'd like to ask a favor of you. As we learned in this first sermon from Pastor Cindy prayer doesn't have to be complex, use big words, or even be in church! Would you pray for this mission trip? Would you pray for the youth? Would you pray for the adult leaders that are going on it with them? Your support is greatly appreciated and the most important way we could use that support is through prayer for safe travel mercies, and for God to allow us to change the lives of those we come in contact with in Kentucky. And of course that God would do as only he could and move mountains in the hearts of us on the mission trip to be changed forever! Thanks for your support.....and prayer!

God is Good

I need help

They need help

Thank you

In Jesus name

Amen

These are actual comments made by police officers taken off their car videos:

~ "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."

~ "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."

~ "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."

~ "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

~ "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."

~ "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you *another* ticket."

~ "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

~ "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

~ "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Christene O'Toole; Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; David Schiffer-decker, in loss of his uncle; Lana Gotcher, loss of her cousin.

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson, Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Tracy Pape's mother, Jodie; Greg Pape's mother; Don Carpenter; Family of Jerry Smith; 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

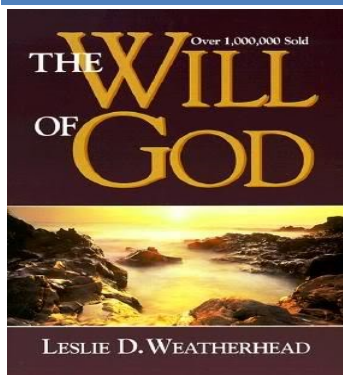
UMPTENAGERS

Doesn't everyone like a bargain? Well, we have a bargain for you! Come with us on Tuesday, February 17, to the Oklahoma Aquarium where the entrance fee is only \$6 for seniors on Tuesday. We will leave the Church (transportation provided) at 11:00 am, have lunch at Louie's Grill, then on to the Aquarium.

Hope you can join us.



New Bible Study Classes Begin Soon! (Sign up in hallway or call the office 918-743-6491 by Feb. 9th)



The Will of God

Life doesn't always turn out as we had planned. The unimaginable happens and we are left asking why? Why did God let this happen? Does everything happen for a reason? We will be discussing Weatherhead's book "The Will of God" and other materials as we think about the will of God. How do we discern it in our lives today?

Materials: Provided

Classes: Tuesday Mornings

Leader: Rev. Suzanne Davis

Length: 4 weeks

Dates: First session starts March 3rd 10:00 - 11:00 am.



The Book of Revelation

Come join us in this thought-provoking study of one of the most challenging books of the Bible. This book contains a wide range of symbolism as it relates to the Old Testament and future thoughts. The Book of Revelation tells us that the future is in God's hands and the best is yet to come!

Materials: Provided

Classes: Thursday Evenings

Leader: Nancy Gunter

Length: 8 weeks

Dates: First session starts February 12th 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Meeting God in Hymns

Hymns are historical artifacts, works of art, essential practices in worship, lessons for children, and sources of comfort in times of trial. In each session we will explore three hymns organized around a common theme. Come join us as we learn about the hymns' authors, consider what the lyrics say about God, and what the lyrics can teach us about following the way of Jesus.

Materials: Provided

Classes: Thursday Evenings

Leader: Sarah Morice Brubaker

Length: 6 weeks

Dates: First session starts February 19th 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

A Mighty Fortress
EIN FESTE BURG

Martin Luther, 1529

Public Domain

Corner



Dear Missy,

I am an older member of New Haven and don't get around like I use to but still want to contribute my time and talents in the Mission area. What would you recommend?

Signed,
Wanting to Serve

Dear Wanting,

First, let me say how much I appreciate your heart for missions. Even as we age, we can still make an impact on lives and show God's love to others. Here are a few ways that you can help with some of the upcoming mission events:

1) **In-Service Sunday:** Bring a roll of toilet paper or a roll of paper towels to either of the services on March 1. Another in-service Sunday will be occurring and these items will be used, along with other items, to pack boxes that our youth will be taking to Big Creek Mission in Kentucky.

2) **Undie Sunday:** Donate new children's underwear (no white briefs). These will be gathered, sorted, labeled and sent to Skyline Urban Ministry. Look for donation boxes that will be set up beginning April 12. Skyline's mission is to impact lives, empower those in need and to address the roots of poverty in Oklahoma.

3) **Housewarming Boxes:** Purchase items for a housewarming box for those transitioning out of the Day Center for the Homeless. The box is filled with items, such as dishtowels, potholders, twin sheet set, blanket, kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies, pots and pans. Total cost is approximately \$85 - \$95 to fill a box. Empty cardboard boxes will be given to those signing up. This is a great Sunday school class project too. Boxes can be returned to the church for delivery. Sign up sheets will be available February 22. Thank you for making a difference in people's lives!

Blessings,
Missy

Reminders:

- Respite Care – February 14, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., gym
- Bus Stop Ministry – every day that TPS is open, 6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., gym
- In-Service Sunday – March 1, after 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

Opportunities:

- Can you periodically provide transportation from Exodus House to/from church? Contact Adele Gruber at adele.gruber@yahoo.com or 918-237-0267.
- Ronald McDonald House – contact Phil Roberts at Phil.Roberts@cox.net or 918-234-1574 for your turn to fix a meal.

Come and

Experience It!



Ministry

Come and join us for some fun each morning that Tulsa Public Schools are in session by attending New Haven's Bus Stop Ministry. Children start coming around 6:50 a.m. and the last group leaves the gym by 8:00 a.m. Approximately 45 to 50 children from elementary age through high school come through our doors. New Haven provides a safe place for children waiting for their school bus. Breakfast snacks are provided. Many read, visit, and play games in the gym. Won't you come and try it out? It doesn't take much time but provides a world of blessing.

You can select the days of the week you'd like to come. Contact Paula Fox at paulafox@cox.net or 918-808-8492 and get started today!

Come and Experience It!

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



In honor of Valentine's Day, we've been talking to the kids about loving others, especially those we may not like. I thought I'd share these honest Valentines with you to brighten your day. ☺

"My second Valentine is for Ms. Johnson. She is a great teacher. She is not part of the Jedi Council, but is great with the force."

"Thank you Mom and Dad for making me food so I don't die." -- Brendan

"Love is like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." -- John, age 9

"One of the people has freckles, and so he finds somebody else who has freckles too." -- Andrew, age 6

"It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." -- Kenny, age 7

"Love is foolish...but I still might try it sometime." -- Floyd, age 9

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Acolyte Training has been rescheduled for February 22nd after the 2nd service. We will have a quick lunch beforehand. We are asking that you attend with your children so you will be aware of the importance of your child serving as an acolyte, as well as the expectations that we have for them. If you have any questions, please let me know.

LESSONS LEARNED DURING EXTENDED POWER OUTAGE

- * Coffee and frozen pizzas can be made on a BBQ grill.
- * No matter how many times you flick the switch, lights don't work without electricity.
- * He who has the biggest generator wins.
- * There are a lot more stars in the sky than most people realize.
- * TV is an addiction and the withdrawal symptoms are painful.
- * Crickets can increase their volume to overcome the sound of 14 generators.
- * Tele-marketers function no matter what the weather is doing.
- * Cell phones work when land lines are down, but only as long as the batteries remain charged.
- * A store that sold only ice, chainsaws, gas, and generators would make serious money.
- * I can walk a lot farther than I thought.

Do you have a passion for working with children? If so, I have a job for you! New Haven has received a donation that may help us provide childcare for handbell and choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. This is for ages 4 through 5th grade and is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact me at the office (918.743.6491) or through email. (allyson.cauthon@newhavenumc.org)



TWO DISTRICT CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

1: To Dissolve the Tulsa District Corporation

The first will be the last District Conference of the Tulsa District. It will be held Sunday February 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Boston Avenue UMC. This District Conference will conclude the business of Tulsa District and give the Trustees permission to dissolve the Tulsa District Corporation.

#2: First District Conference of the Council Oak District

The second will be a joint Pre Conference Meeting and the first District Conference of the new Council Oak District. It will be held Sunday afternoon May 3, 2015 in Thomas Hall at Tulsa First UMC. In this Conference we will celebrate the beginning of a new District, elect officers, and establish a budget. We are still working on the timing of the afternoon events.

Members of the District Conference include: all clergy (elders, deacons, provisional members, associate members, retired, supernumerary, and local pastors); deaconesses and home missionaries; diaconal ministers, the lay leaders from each local church; the presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men from each church; the district trustees; The District Lay Leader and any associate District Lay Leaders; the lay members of the Annual Conference from each charge; the district president of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and Youth Ministries Council; the district representatives to the Conference Council on Youth Ministries; the district representative to the Conference Department of Congregational Development; and the chairperson of the district Finance Committee.

Opportunities of the Week February 15 ~ 22

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 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 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

President's Day

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers Visit Aquarium
6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Sanctuary
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 6:00 pm "Meeting God in Hymns"/Chapel
6:00 pm "The Book of Revelation"/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
12:15 pm Acolyte Training/Gym
2:00 pm District Conference/Boston Ave.+4
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3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children
5:00 pm Disciple II

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J.J. Sartaín	3
Regina LaGrone	6
Linda Jaeger	9
Caitlin Riggín	9
Vetus Vanderwiele	9
Shirley Nelson	10
Marianne Duiveman	15
Jocelyn Schifferdecker	16
Kegan Schifferdecker	17
Dot Haynes	23
Ginny Lamkin	23
Stella Schwartz	23
Mary Anne Tyler	23
Jean Smith	24
Michael Sherwin	26



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The Susanna Circle UMW welcomes District UMW Officer Anne Marie Boyce at our upcoming meeting. Anne will speak on the Mission Today goals and Mission Studies. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, February 12th** at 10am in the Parlor. Stella Schwartz will host.

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

8:45 am—87
11:00 am—119
TOTAL—206

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:
63

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
"Ancient & Medieval Religions"

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 Questions"

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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