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Pastor Cindy's Chalkboard

Every time I walk into the church, I look at the display board full of materials in our Guest Services area. Many of you know we offer books and reading material on the table and on this case that relate to recent worship themes in our Sunday morning services. These materials are for you!

It makes me smile to see empty spots on the board where you've taken them home to read! I hope they are a blessing to you, as they have been for me.

Where do all of these worship ideas come from? I'm glad you asked! Recommendations are given to Pastors all the time. I am given ideas of new books at conferences from denomination leaders, from publishers, and from you. Often times books are the basis of sermon series; others are just for the enjoyment of simply taking time to read. The challenge is to know what to read!

There are three books I have read that I would like to recommend to you. The first book is one we've been

studying for the past four weeks in our sermon series, **"Before Amen"**, by Max Lucado. If you've never read his books, I especially invite you to try this one out. You'll find Lucado's writing style to be profoundly amusing! **"Before Amen"** is a wonderful book that reminds us of the power of simple prayer.

Guest Services Area - Books & Materials

The next book is a favorite devotional book of mine – in fact – my favorite devotional book of all time! It's called **"Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence"** by Sarah Young. This wonderful book is written as if Jesus, himself, were the author. I use it often in our weekly Chapel time. Each page is a daily devotional that reminds us Jesus is Emmanuel, *God with us*. This little book will make a difference in your daily walk of faith!

"Reflections of a Peacemaker: A Portrait Through Heartsongs" by Mattie J. T. Stepanek will definitely touch your heart. This book has been around for a few years, but definitely a gem.

Many of you know Mattie's story. He's a young man whose life was way too short on this earth. He began writing poems at the young age of 3; a self-described "poet, peacemaker and philosopher who played." You, indeed, will be blessed.

Make it a point to check out the materials in the Guest Services area. May you be blessed in the reading and hearing of God's Word.

- Pastor Cindy



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Audrey Quinalty;

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; Kay Garwood's cousin, Ilene Lloyd; Donita Gray's mother; Carla Hefley's dad, Gerald Blissit; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

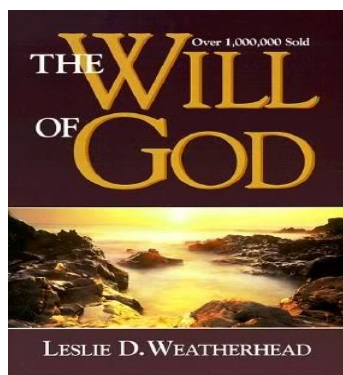
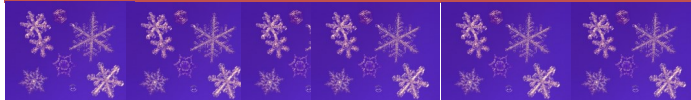
Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

New Haven's Newest Member!



We were so pleased to welcome Markwen Johnson into our fellowship on February 15th during the 8:45 service. If you have not yet met Markwen, please do so soon and give him our big New Haven welcome!



"THE WILL OF GOD". . . You can still sign up for this class in the hallway!!! 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

Leader: Rev. Suzanne Davis

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

Classes: Tuesday Mornings

Length: 4 weeks

HAVE A HEART!!!



We still have hearts for you to pick up in the narthex with the names of our New Haven children listed on them. We are asking for you to take one or more hearts and pray for the children listed on that heart all through the Lenten season. They will be blessed and so will you!!!

A New Day Center for the Homeless Mission Opportunity

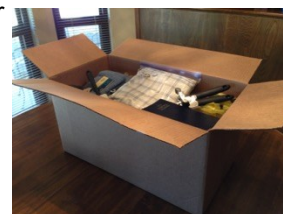
Would you like to be able to serve the homeless community of Tulsa, but are unable to participate in organizing or serving meals at the Day Center? Our friends at the Day Center for the Homeless have proposed a new way for us at New Haven UMC to help.

HOPE CIRCLE TO MEET ON MARCH 9TH

Join the Hope Circle at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 9th for a snack supper and an interesting program presented by Paula Fox. She will speak on how to start the conversation about sexual assault and domestic violence. Then a film will be shown, "Telling Amy's Story". All ladies are invited to join us in the parlor.

When the homeless come to the Day Center looking for help, they are assigned a caseworker to help them, including helping them find a permanent place to live. When the person does transition to permanent housing, the Day Center presents them with a Housewarming Box to help them get started. This box is filled with donated items, such as dish towels, pot holders, twin sheet sets, blankets, an alarm clock, kitchen utensils and cleaning supplies, sauce pans, and skillets.

The Day Center is asking churches and other organizations to donate items that can be included in the Housewarming Boxes. We can even fill the boxes ourselves and let the recipient know that it is coming from New Haven UMC. If you would be interested in organizing this effort or participating in filling or sponsoring a Housewarming Box, please contact David and Carolyn Toalson at 918-251-2911 or send an e-mail to dcktoalson@cox.net.



Baby Shower for Baby Caroline

Proud Parents to be:

Tiffany and Michael Sherwin
Sunday, March 22nd at Noon

In the Church Parlor

Everyone is Invited to Attend.

Registered at Target

Come and Experience It!

Corner



Dear Missy,

I know Exodus is the second book in the Old Testament. However, recently I heard reference to the Exodus House here in Tulsa. Can you tell me more about this mission outreach?

Signed,
Lost in the Wilderness

Dear Lost,

Great question! Exodus House is a six-month (can be longer with approved extension) temporary residential program supported by the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (a ministry of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church). These are small apartment complexes where people newly released from prison can live with their families while they re-enter life successfully outside prison walls.

There are two Exodus Houses – OKC and Tulsa. Each Exodus House has two staff members, a case manager and a facility manager. The facility manager sees that the apartments and grounds are maintained, while the on-site case manager helps residents get their lives restarted. The resident and case manager work together with the court system and DHS for the return of custody of the resident's children when possible. Support is given with parenting classes, anger management classes, and counseling as needed.

The Exodus House in Tulsa is located at 2624 E Newton Street. This location opened in 2002. In 2014, Exodus House Tulsa served 19 residents, 13 males and 6 females. Out of that group, there were 7 graduations (successful completion of program) and 5 extensions.

New Haven furnishes a one-bedroom apartment at the Exodus House in Tulsa – complete with linens, cooking and eating utensils, decorations and furniture. These apartments are provided free of charge, except for the cost of electricity. Upon completion of the program, the resident may take all the furnishings and contents when they move. Once the resident moves, New Haven will paint, repair and replace items for the next resident.

Markwen Johnson is our current resident at the Exodus House. In addition, he is the newest member of our congregation. Please welcome, Markwen to the New Haven family. New Haven folk provide transportation to and from the church for our resident. If interested in learning more about the Exodus House or would like to volunteer to help, then contact Jan Boyd at 918-691-1622 or revmumz99@cox.net.

Blessings,
Missy

Reminders:

- Bus Stop Ministry – every day that TPS is open, 6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., gym
- Ronald McDonald House – February 26 dinner, P Roberts and B Hodge
- In-Service Sunday – March 1, after 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service, bring a roll of toilet paper or a roll of paper towels

Come and

Experience It!

Praise His Name in Dance!

Interested in leading in worship through dance? If so, please join Footprints at 3:30 in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. Those in 2nd grade and up, including youth and adults, are welcome to come! The next time we dance is March 29, Palm Sunday. For more information, call Deena at 918-693-4828.



Opportunities of the Week February March 1 ~ 8

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

In Service Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 12:15 pm Big Creek Mission Meeting
- 2:00 pm Girl Scout Planning Event/Gym
- 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, MARCH 2

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 10:00 am "The Will of God" Class/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Missions Meeting/Parlor
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 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, MARCH 6

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
- 2:00 pm DSAT Easter Party/Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 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 Safe Sanctuary Training/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

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
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Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
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

LATE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dot Haynes	23
Ginny Lamkin	23
Stella Schwartz	23
Mary Anne Tyler	23
Jean Smith	24
Michael Sherwin	26
Mary Ann Cunningham	27

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Max LaGrone	3
Claretha Gotcher	4
Todd Morgan	4
Yuka Daughters	6
Marleigh Blanchard	10
Karen Gibbs	11
Will Roberts	12
Steve Amos	16
Pat Smith	17
Karen Jones	21
Kyler Smith	22
Craig Hannon	23
Janice Hannon	24
Steve Smith	25
Peter Havlik	26

Please check the table in the hallway to see if your complimentary 8x10 photo taken by Life Touch Studio is there. They are laid out alphabetically. We are receiving some of these every few days, so keep checking for yours!

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

8:45 am— 71

11:00 am—82

TOTAL—153

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:

59

**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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