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News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God’s Love in Action.”*

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Cindy’s Chalkboard

Ever been in line at the Quik Trip, you get up to the cashier and the person in front of you (you presume) paid for the item you were buying? How about driving into the toll booth, only to find out that your toll was paid by the car in front of you?

Random acts of kindness. We don’t see them coming, but boy, do they make you smile. For everything that we hear about that goes on in this world; all the hurt and pain and hard situations we see on the news, something like this lifts us up and makes us once again believe in the good of humanity!

I’ve been reading about a church that adopted a “Random Act of Kindness” campaign. They call it “RACK.” It’s pretty wonderful. The

congregation agreed to do one random act of kindness to others for an entire month!

Like, paying for the groceries for a person behind you. Or, someone’s cup of coffee at Starbucks.

Some of the ‘RACK” ideas were easy, like putting a donation in a Salvation Army kettle, or smiling at 10 strangers. All of the ideas were opportunities to show generosity and love.

Generosity is more than tithing and finances. It’s also being generous with the things you do. Expressing generosity is a way to live out our faith and experience how small, unexpected gifts of love and

acts of service can have lasting effects.

The hope in all of this is that

Random Acts of Kindness

people will continue to think about the small things that they can do to be generous and to show kindness to others, and continue doing this through the year. Little things can mean a lot and have a big impact in the life of someone else!

Try it! See what happens. Random acts of kindness is a refreshing way to be reminded that life is good, and God is still at work!

May God bless you in all that you do.—Pastor Cindy

Calling All Youth!! Big Creek Mission Trip Meetings—February 1st & March 1st

It’s finally here. Time to begin preparing for the upcoming Youth Mission trip to Bear Branch, Kentucky (Mar. 15-21)

An organizational meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 1st right after the 11:00 service.** We’ll have packets of information to give to you with all the details about the trip. We will also have an estimate

of the cost per person (it’s VERY reasonable!) and collect deposits of \$100.00 for each youth that plans to come along.

Pastor Cindy will be going along as the V.I.M. (Volunteer in Mission) leader; and of course your awesome Youth Director, Patrick Grafton, will be helping to lead the crew. This will be a life-changing trip—

one where memories will be made for a lifetime! That’s what happens when you are in service to God!

Plan to meet us in the Parlor on February 1st at 12:15 pm. Bring your parents and your questions as we talk about the amazing things that God has in store! We will see you then!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 8, 2015

If you want to take part during the worship service in recognizing the Boy Scouts, please call the church!

918-743-6491

UMPTENAGERS

"Oh the weather outside might be frightful, but our Church Parlor is so delightful," so come join us on Tuesday, January 20, at 11:30 am for lunch (Chili and more, \$5/person). Then hear Chief Meteorologist Brett Anthony of KJRH, Channel 2, talk to us about predicting the weather and other weather-related subjects.

SUZANNE SEZ. . .

For those of you who were in worship this past Sunday you are aware of the needs of our Bus Stop ministry.

Don Gregory shared the story of what a wonderful ministry it is for the students who wait for the school bus to arrive in our parking lot.

Paula Fox began this ministry 3 years ago and it truly provides an opportunity for the students to have a warm place to come on the cold winter days.

They get to know students from other schools, they can have a morning snack and have a place to "hang out". If you would like to be a part of this ministry, Paula would welcome you. Please call the church office and let us know.

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.
- Mother Teresa

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CARD IS BEING MADE BY REGINA LAGRONE AND WILL BE READY FOR EVERYONE TO SIGN ON THE HALLWAY TABLE NEXT WEEK!!!

OUR OWN AMAZING VETUS VANDERWIELE WILL TURN 107 YEARS OLD ON FEBRUARY 9TH!

PLEASE STOP BY ANYTIME BETWEEN SUNDAY, JAN. 25— SUNDAY, FEB. 1ST AND SIGN THIS CARD AND LET VETUS KNOW HOW MUCH SHE IS LOVED BY ALL AT NEW HAVEN UMC.



ALLYSON'S ANNOUONCEMENTS



Below are the happenings in the children's area. If there is an area you'd like more information about, or a place you'd like to help, please let me know!

I am looking for two people to help with Children's Church, 2nd service. This commitment is for one Sunday, every other month, and the lesson is provided! I also need two volunteers to lead "Bible Experience" once a month from 4:30-5:15 pm. It's a great time to get to know our kids!

Make plans **NOW** for your child to attend Acolyte training **January 25th**, after second service. There will be a light lunch in the gym. We will then proceed to the sanctuary where Pastor Cindy will talk about what it means to be an acolyte; we will also assign robes at this time. This is open to all children and youth, 1st through 12th grades. Please make plans to attend, as the schedule for the year will be made based on who attends the training. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Have an awesome week!

Allyson

GRANDPARENTS - as defined by children

- ~ Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. They like other people's.
- ~ A grandfather is a man grandmother.
- ~ Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.
- ~ They don't say, "Hurry up."
- ~ They wear glasses and funny nightgowns..
- ~ Grandparents don't have to be smart.
- ~ Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown-ups who like to spend time with us.
- ~ They know we should have snack-time before bed-time.
- ~ They kiss us even when we've acted bad.

**PHOTO SESSION SIGN-UPS
ARE UNDERWAY!!! CHOOSE YOUR
DATE AND TIME NOW. . .THEY ARE
FILLING UP QUICKLY!**

Photo Sessions: February 4th-7th

All New Haven members and current visitors are encouraged to sign up to be photographed for our next Church Pictorial Directory. You can go to our website to choose your date & time to be photographed. (www.newhavenumc.org) Just click on the **Life Touch** graphic and follow the directions! It's really easy! Just enter the number of people who will be in your group, then choose one of the 4 days to be photographed, and the time slot you would like to have. If you also give your email address to Lifetouch, they will send you a reminder! (They never give your email to anyone else!!!) If you don't use the internet, please call the church office and let one of us help you secure a spot! We'll also have sign up sheets in the hallway from January 11-25. Photography dates are Feb. 4-7th. (If you will be out of town that week, we may be able to find you an appointment at another church. Call the church office.)



Looking for a volunteer(s) to lead the Day Center for the Homeless Mission sub-team for 2015. Responsibilities include scheduling and organizing each event, gathering people to prepare food and serve meals, and staying within budget.

**If interested, call David Toalson at
918-260-1705**

Come and Experience it!!!

**PLEASE
PRAY FOR. . .**



Our Members:

Bob Durkee
David Johnson, loss of his
father, Doyle Johnson
Bobbie Scott

Christene O'Toole

Linda Parmele
Bob Schwartz

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson, Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Melba Turner's brother; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Lana Gotcher's cousin; Tracy Pape's mother, Jodie; Greg Pape's mother; Susan Harris' dad, John Elliott; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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



MURDOCK VILLA CELEBRATES 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTHDAY PARTIES THIS FRIDAY AT 3:00! COME PARTY WITH US!

Come join the residents of Murdock Villa this Friday at 3:00 in celebrating the sixth anniversary of the monthly birthday parties! Murdock Villa has been a mission of New Haven United Methodist Church (Mission Committee and Susanna Circle) since the year of the founding of these parties, 2009. Murdock Villa is a six story apartment building at 828 S. Wheeling. It is the city's residence for disabled adults, and it is a supportive community unto itself. A highlight of each month is the birthday party! Bring nothing but yourself this Friday if you can make it to the 6th anniversary party. You can help serve birthday cake, and enjoy hearing the guest entertainment, Jessica Hunt who will perform! If you missed her solo concert at Utica Square, catch her Friday at Murdock Villa! As a law student she performed often for the residents at these parties, and as an alum she returns every year. Stay tuned for news about the May birthday lunch to be sponsored by the Mission Committee.

"Come and experience it!"

Opportunities of the Week January 25 ~ February 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 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 and Sanctuary
 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, JANUARY 26

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

- 6:00 pm Cadet Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 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/ Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dale Edmond	3
Bob Walker	4
Tiffany Sherwin	4
Sammye Hardgraves	7
Kay Garwood	10
Ron Unterschuetz	11
Helen Russell	12
Rose Unterschuetz	12
David Tolson	13
Rachel Pape	13
Joan Beebe	16
Sarah Duiveman	16
Stephen Merrick	19
Derek Lamkin	20
Dwayne Boyd	21
Adele Gruber	24
Jude Smith	28
Mike Riggin	29
Bayleigh Boles	30



ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 18, 2015

8:45 am— 75
 11:00 am—106
TOTAL—181

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:
64

**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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