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by being God's Love in Action."*

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From Patrick's Desk

Hello Church –

As many of you know some of the members of the youth group, myself, and parent Stacey Schifferdecker all attended the Tulsa District Winter Retreat at Camp Egan January 23rd and 24th. The theme of this year's retreat was "365 Do Not Fears!"

Did you know the bible tells us to not fear or be afraid A LOT, and does so in every context of our daily lives. The youth spent the weekend trying to better understand their own individual fears, helping their peers work through fears, and as a group learning that many of them shared similar fears! It was very eye opening for all.

Now for me, this was my first Camp Egan experience, and WOW what an incredible one it was, too! The youth warned me that it was sacred ground, and that for many of them Camp Egan held a very special place in their hearts and held countless wonderful memories for them. With this backdrop – I found my experience didn't disappoint!

The weekend was spent in worship, studying the word, small group discussions,

dancing, hiking, hearing an amazing preacher, and generally having a phenomenal time with about 80 other youth from across the Tulsa District.

Ben Pasco was the speaker, and is a seminary student and

School staff that worked so hard and fundraised so we could get our new mini-bus. IT IS AWESOME!!! This was the bus's maiden long distance voyage, and boy was it comfy! :)

2015 Youth Winter Retreat!

intern at Tahlequah UMC. All I can say is that he did an amazing job of telling stories, giving real life examples, and without question reaching the kids on a very deep level. I was even moved at his analogies about how as God's children, we allow fear too often control us instead of the Holy Spirit and the incredible gift of Grace setting each of us free!

All in all the kid's, Stacey, and I had a really great time! We also appreciated the prayers for our journey, and time at camp. Those ARE felt, and DO make a difference.

A couple of special notes of thanks I would be remiss in forgetting – first to Stacey Schifferdecker for making the trek with us too! She was a real trooper, and leader for our girls cabin. And secondly to the entire congregation of New Haven UMC and the Day

I also couldn't help but smile when several of our kids stated with pride how neat it was to be riding in the nicest van/bus at camp! This resource is going to be invaluable to so many here at our church and Day School, and we just wanted to thank you for making it happen!

Please check out the pictures on the inside of the Spire. You'll see photos from some of the good times at camp, and I would encourage you to stop any of us you see pictured so we can share our individual experience from camp!

Blessings,

Patrick
and the
NHUMC Youth

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 2015





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

**PLEASE
PRAY FOR...**



Christene O'Toole
Bob Schwartz
Bobbie Scott

Susan Harris, in the loss of her father,
John Elliott
Melba Turner, in the loss of her
brother, Bill Clopton
Family of Maxine Loyd

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; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Lana Gotcher's cousin, Kathy; Tracy Pape's mother, Jodie; Greg Pape's mother; 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

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



In February's Sunday Schools, we will be learning about love. What does it mean to love those who hurt us? Or those we don't like? Or those that are really different from us? Does Jesus really want us to love EVERYONE??

We will have our make-up acolyte training in February. This is for all students, 1st through 12th grades, that are interested in continuing as an acolyte or being trained as a new one. We ask that parents be at the training as well, so that you are familiar with the procedures we will discuss, as well as the importance of your child's place in the worship services. The date is TBA, so look for updates in coming Spires!

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.

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 skilletts.

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 Toolson at 918-251-2911 or send an e-mail to dcktoolson@cox.net.

Come and Experience It!

HAPPY 107TH BIRTHDAY, VETUS!

**A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CARD FOR VETUS WAS
MADE BY REGINA LAGRONE AND WE'D LIKE
EVERYONE TO SIGN IT!!!**

**OUR OWN AMAZING
VETUS VANDERWIELE WILL CELEBRATE
HER 107th BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 9TH!**

**PLEASE STOP BY ANYTIME FROM
SUNDAY, JAN. 25th THROUGH
SUNDAY, FEB. 1st AND SIGN
THIS CARD AND LET VETUS
KNOW HOW MUCH SHE IS
LOVED BY ALL AT
NEW HAVEN UMC.**



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 regular 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 then choose an available time slot for your photo session.

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 location. Call the church office: 918-743-6491)



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!

Mission Corner

Each quarter, we would like to highlight a few of the mission opportunities coming up. If you would like to participate in any of these wonderful missions, please contact the sub-team leader listed.

Respite Care – The second Sunday of every month, New Haven members volunteer to watch children with special needs and their siblings for four hours to offer parents a reprieve from caregiving. Contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.

Crosses of Love – A Dutch tradition where church members decorate handmade wooden crosses which are delivered after Palm Sunday to various individuals and families both within and outside the congregation. Contact Danny Hall at 918-640-3891 or iamdanny@cox.net.

Ronald McDonald House – New Haven members provide home-cooked meals to families residing at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are treated in Tulsa hospitals for serious illness or injury. Contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or Phil.Roberts@cox.net.

In-Service Sunday – Three to four times a year, during the end of worship services, the entire congregation is involved in “doing worship” through hands-on mission (i.e. filling flood buckets, assembling backpacks, etc.). Contact Jennifer Lawrence at 918-527-5933 or eatmorefiber1379@yahoo.com or Nicole Grafton at 713-344-3117 or osufluteplayer@yahoo.com.

Remember, what a blessing it is to participate in missions - it's what God calls us to do – as together we make a difference in the world for Christ.

Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week February 1 ~ 8

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
12:15pm Big Creek Mission Meeting/ 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 2

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 6:30 pm Missions Committee/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Sanctuary
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 12:00 pm **LIFETOUCH** Photos Begin
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
LAST DAY OF LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SCOUT 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 Special Called Charge Conference/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

LATE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jude Smith	28
Mike Riffin	29
Bayleigh Boles	30

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Will Scruggs	2
J.J. Sartaïn	3
Regina LaGrone	6
Linda Jaeger	9
Caitlin Riffin	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
Mary Ann Cunningham	27

ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 25, 2015

8:45 am-70

11:00 am-91

TOTAL- 161

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:

58

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"

LAST CHANCE THIS WEEK!!!

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SESSION FOR OUR NEW
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!**

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