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It will come as no surprise to many of you that I am a

huge fan of Rev. Adam Hamilton and his amazing gifts for preaching and teaching. Many of you are as well!! You have used his Bible studies in your Sunday school classes, and even watched some of his sermon videos. Rev. Hamilton is Senior Pastor of The Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. I have visited his church and remain in awe of all that God is doing through him to touch lives for Christ.

You may remember previous sermon series we have offered that have been based on some of his work—there is always so much to learn! Our new summer sermon series will be no exception. It's called **"Wrestling with the Bible."** I'm excited about all that we can learn together as we embark on this series looking at some of the challenging questions about the Bible:

- Where did the Bible come from—does it make sense?
- Violence and God
- Dinosaurs on the Ark
- New Testament Tales

The Bible as we know it contains some of the most beautiful verses in literature. Millions look to it for inspiration. At the same time, some parts are confusing and others are

deeply disturbing.

My prayer is that this series will lead us to a deeper appreciation of the Bible and that God's Word might be heard in a way that you will find life-changing.

If you are looking for an excellent resource to go along with this series, pick up the new book by Rev. Adam Hamilton called: "Making Sense of the Bible." We will have copies

Cindy's Chalkboard

available for you in our Guest Services area.

I am certain this resource will be of value to you in understanding more fully some of the questions frequently asked about the Bible.

Will we have all the answers? No, we will not. But I believe we will gain a greater appreciation for the world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved

Sermon Series: "Wrestling With the Bible"

book that has ever existed.

I'm looking forward to our time together as we "Wrestle with the Bible" and learn more about the nature of Scripture and find ways that we might hear God's life-giving words through it.

Blessings on our journey.—
Pastor Cindy

In-Service Sunday Another Incredible Success!

You did it! Once again, you offered your time at the end of worship services to literally "do" worship by serving others! This time, we packed health kits for those in need. 160

health kits, to be exact. We can't wait to take these boxes of supplies to Annual Conference in just a week and a half, and get them in the hands of those who can ship them to

those in need! Wow!! Congregation, you are AMAZING! Thank you for your prayers, your efforts, your funds and your heart for ministry in the world!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Bobbie Scott; Lana Gotcher; Karen Gibbs; Charlotte Erwin; Rick Davis; Nancy Gunter; Karen Jones & family in the loss of Bob Jones, who died on May 13, 2015

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Greg Pape's mother; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Peter Havlik's father, Ladislav Havlik; Ruth Ann Field; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

I am taking donations of the following items for VBS:

TP / paper towel rolls
Plastic gallon milk jugs (please rinse them out!)
Baby food jars
Monetary donations

VBS is a blast!
Thank you!



DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

We have received a new date for serving dinner at the Day Center: **Saturday, May 30th.**

OUR MENU:

Chili
Cornbread
Applesauce
Cookies

You may sign up at the hallway table to bring these items. The applesauce should be brought in the individual foil-covered servings.

UMPTENAGERS

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 21st.** That is when we are going to Shepherd's Cross Farm (home to about 400 sheep) just north of Claremore. This is a public, non-profit organization that teaches Biblical references to the harvest, animals, farming and gardening. Their tours of the area are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. That's why we are going Thursday, May 21st instead of our regular day (Tuesday). The riding tours are \$5/person and will consist of touring the pastures and gardens and hope we see the baby lambs, also a gift shop. Lunch will be in Claremore at The Pink House. We will leave the church at 11:00 am in our mini-bus. Come join us!



We are so happy to welcome **LEWIS CAPPELLERI** as our newest member. Lewis has visited New Haven during the past and he joined during the 11:00 service on May 17th. Please give him your warmest New Haven welcome!!!

Calling all Vacation Bible School Music Helpers!

Children, Youth and Adults who are interested in helping lead music at VBS this year should come to the sanctuary on Sundays May 17th, 24th and 31st at 3:30 PM. We will meet until 4:30 to learn the choreography to all of the songs, so that we will be ready to stand up in front of everyone during the opening and closing each day. VBS will be held June 1st through 5th, during the day. If you have questions, you may call or text Deena Smith at 918-693-4828.

Also we will not have Footprints/ Dance practice on May 10th, and we will have VBS Music Helpers Practice instead of Footprints the following three weeks (see above). Footprints will take a break over the summer and start back up in the fall.





Seth Amos

Seth is graduating magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with BA degrees in Economics and Hispanic Studies. He hopes to work internationally, preferably in Latin America.

Seth is the son of Steve and Cathy Amos and brother of Liz Amos.



Marleigh Colon-Blanchard



I am a member of the class of 2015 from Memorial High School. My senior year I was Vice-President of the class, Editor-in-chief of the yearbook, Homecoming attendant, NHS co-secretary, voted Ms. Soccer 2015, and All School Musical lead. I will speak at baccalaureate

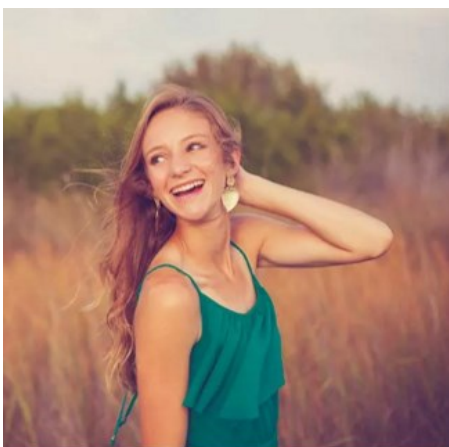
and graduation. I am in the top 10% of my class. I will be going to University of Central Oklahoma in the fall with scholarships to major in Mass Communications: Professional Media and Strategic Communications.



Mitzi Blanchard

Mitzi graduated from Maryville University of St. Louis May 2, 2015 with my Master's in Nursing -Family Nurse Practitioner. I will finish classes in August and then sit for my certification exam. I hope to practice in a Family Practice Clinic or Pediatric Clinic. I have a 4.0 GPA. I must thank my family for enduring this journey with me. It has been long and hard, but we have made it through together. Thanks also for the much needed support of church family and friends that have cheered me on and helped us through as well. I could not have done it without each and every one of you.

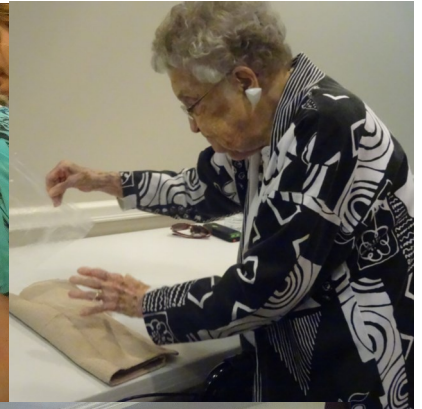
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES ! ! !



Kala Morgan began attending New Haven in elementary school and was confirmed here also. She has enjoyed many sports while growing up including volleyball, soccer, cross country and track. She was also a lead performer in a musical at Memorial high school. She enjoys running and singing.

Kala received a scholarship from Junior League of Tulsa and is continuing to apply for more to finance college. Kala will be attending University of Arkansas in the fall with a major in engineering.

IN-SERVICE SUNDAY: FILLING HEALTH KITS FOR UMCOR



OUR PRECIOUS CHARLOTTE
ERWIN IS STILL "LIVING
LARGE" ON HER 93RD
BIRTHDAY!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
CHARLOTTE!



Mission Corner

We thought you'd enjoy some pics from Respite Care and Murdock Villa!



Respite Care



Murdock Villa



Birthday Party



Experience It!

Come and

Opportunities of the Week May 24 ~ 31



SUNDAY, MAY 24 **SENIOR SUNDAY!** **PENTECOST SUNDAY!**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 3:30 pm VBS Music Class
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 25 **MEMORIAL DAY!** **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED** **OKUMC CONFERENCE BEGINS IN OKLAHOMA CITY.**

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Day Center
- 6:00 pm Tulsa People First/Gym

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 3:30 pm VBS Music Class
- 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

May Birthdays

2. Paula Manuel
4. Sarah Roberts
5. Lucas Lamkin
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry
Henry Cauthon
Marissa Degner
9. Joleen Taylor
10. Kim Wofford
12. Bryant Lamkin
Sarah Durkee
Camille Stevenson
15. Dawson Watson
17. David Duncan
18. Charlotte Erwin
20. Laura Degner
Sandy Nicholson
22. Bob Thacker
23. Shane Mote
27. Rick Davis
Rosemary Tarr
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love
Kelcey Newberry



ATTENDANCE

MAY 17, 2015

8:45 am— 71
11:00 am—117
TOTAL— 188

SUNDAY SCHOOL
TOTAL: 60

Adult Sunday School ***Come join us at 9:45 am!***

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Proverbs, Prophets, & Parables

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"How Jesus Became God"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"The Will of God" by Leslie Weatherhead.

Room 205: Journeys Class
"Stressed Out" by Serendipity
Focus Group

SOUND BOARD HELP

We are seeking volunteers to run the computer and sound board during church services. If you are interested, please come up to the balcony before a church service. It is easy to learn!

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

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
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

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