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Our last "In-Service" Sunday of the year was spent packing

365, yes, *three hundred and sixty five* bags for children in Rosa Parks Early Childhood program!

I don't know about you, but I especially look forward to these particular Sundays when we can actually BE the hands and feet of Christ for others *during* worship. What a privilege we have to share what we have with those in need!

New Haven offers "In-Service" Sundays four times a year, and every event is different. We've packed "flood buckets" for the Oklahoma UMC Annual Conference, hygiene kits for the Veteran's Center, school supplies for a local elementary, teacher supplies for Carnegie Elementary, health kits for UMCOR... just to name a few!

And every one of our efforts touches lives for Christ! We pray that as we prepare the bags, boxes or buckets, we will bring a word of hope and care to those whom we serve. A lot of preparation happens behind-the-scenes. Our "In-Service" Committee meets to

these events. Thanks also to **Allyson Cauthon** for helping and hosting this past event in substitute for our annual Christmas Shoe Boxes. We are grateful for your acts of service!

Blessings, Pastor Cindy

Cindy's Chalkboard

In-Service Sunday—Wow!!

discuss and decide between various areas of need in the community. Once identified, they quickly set about planning for the event and putting together a shopping list. Set-up begins Saturday evening or early Sunday morning with unloading boxes and separating items. It is truly a labor of love!

Many thanks to **Jennifer Lawrence, Nicole Grafton, Sharon and Rob Sparks and Tiffany and Michael Sherwin** for their tireless efforts and planning for



Our Bride's Room was overflowing with your generosity!

Christmas Dinner and Talent Show! December 6th at 6:00 pm!

You don't want to miss this annual event—our Christmas Dinner and Talent Show is right around the corner!

On **Sunday December 6, 6:00 pm**, we will gather together for a wonderful (catered) meal in

the gym, followed by our traditional Christmas Talent show. Cost is **\$8.00 per adult** and **\$4:00 for children**. Every year we look forward to this event to listen to our talented members.... as well as some silly skits and presentations of

those who joyfully share their "talents"! Santa plans on making a stop here as well! Danny Hall is already lining up our incredible talent with a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Come join us. You will be blessed!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members: Vincent Duiveman; Greg Gotcher; Sartain Family



Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Jessica Nicholson; Jim Vaughn; Mary Anne Tyler's uncle, Dick Deibert; Pastor Suzanne's brother; Mark Keifer; Louise Boyd's grandfather; Donna Edmondson's niece, Stacey; Judy Bradford & family; Mark Morgan's brother-in-law, Steve Henderson; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

ADVENT FESTIVAL IS COMING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:00-6:00 PM

\$3 per child

\$5 per adult

\$20 max per family

NEW HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GYM

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

ACTIVITY STATIONS INCLUDE:

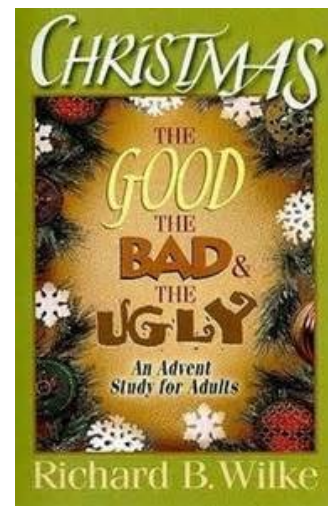
- ◆ Advent Wreath – Start a new family tradition
- ◆ Advent Paper Chains – Count down the days until Christmas
 - ◆ Chrismons – Special Christmas ornaments
 - ◆ Mission – Help us help others in need
 - ◆ Cookie Decorating
 - ◆ And more!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

NEW Advent Study

A new four week Advent study on several significant people in the story of Christ's birth, the wise men, the shepherds, Joseph and King Herod will begin on **Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 am** in the Parlor. They all had a significant but very different role in the Christmas story. Let us put Christ back into Christmas as we learn more and study and ponder these different roles.

Rev. Suzanne Davis will be leading this study, using a book by United Methodist Bishop Richard Wilke, "Christmas: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". Sign-up at the table in the hallway!



UMPTENAGERS

It's Christmastime already—let's celebrate by having dinner and seeing Christmas lights on Tuesday evening, December 15th. We'll leave the church at 4:30 pm in our church minibus, have dinner at The Olive Garden in Utica Square, then see the lights around town.

Please call Sue Duncan at 918-491-6126 no later than December 12th if you plan to go. She will make dinner reservations for the group.



BAPTISM!

New Haven's newest baby was baptized on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at the 8:45 service.

Mark and Lindsay Morgan are the proud parents of precious Elaina Reese Morgan who was wearing her "best dress" for the big event! It will be a joy watching little Elaina grow up in her family's church!

CRAFTERS' HELP NEEDED FOR HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME EVENT PLANNING

The children at the Happy Children's Home of China have carefully made soda straw roses by hand for our big April 23, 2016 event, and we need some creative ideas of how to transform the tiny, delicate roses into a lasting gift for all who attend! The Home is a true local grass-roots mission of the Council Oak District of the United Methodist Church.

Last year the New Haven UMC Respite children helped make the roses into pins expressing the theme IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN. The roses were also a bouquet on the tables at the dinner.

Crafters! We need you! Please submit an idea or two on ways the roses can be used as a gift for those who attend the April event. Give your ideas by Dec. 15 to Adriaan or Marianne Duiveman or Lou Lindsey. You can make a prototype, or give a description of your idea.



THANKSGIVING LAITY SERVICE

Thank you God,
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

Those who attended the Thanksgiving Laity service last night left with a special closeness to the five New Haven folks who shared their stories of personal triumphs and affirmations of faith.

Tender (and sometimes humorous) words of God's peace and assurances were presented by heartfelt testimonies as Todd and Elaina Morgan, Stephen Merrick, Christine Williams, Hannah Henson and Patrick Grafton shared with us parts of their life's journey. We were also blessed with a beautiful solo by Jocelyn Schifferdecker.

A special thank you goes to Stephen Merrick, Teresa Roberts and Greg Pape for coming back to make this service special and thank you, Pastor Cindy for the opportunity to have this service.

In this uncertain world there are some things that never change and that is the perfect love our Heavenly Father has for each one of us and that God is still in command. Praise God! We all give thanks with grateful hearts. Happy Thanksgiving. Danny Hall, Lay Leader.



Opportunities of the Week Nov. 29 ~ Dec. 7

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am ONE COMBINED WORSHIP
SERVICE/HANGING OF THE
GREENS!

4:00-6:00 pm ADVENT FESTIVAL/GYM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 pm Writers Group/185

6:00 pm Disciple I Fast Track/Off Site

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 pm Missions Meeting/Parlor

7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym

7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary

6:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm One Spirit Choir

7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00 pm Praise Band

7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 pm CHI Group/Off Site

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 am Contemporary Worship &
Children's Church

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Memorial Christmas Tree

11:00 am Children's Church

3:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 67/upstairs
kitchen

6:00 pm Christmas Dinner & Talent
Show



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
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

25. Christine Riffin

27. Mitzi Blanchard

28. Dorothy Koons

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Shirley Wolfrom

7. Jim Harris

8. Seth Amos
Evan Stevenson

13. Tammye Johnson
Jennifer Lawrence

Tracy Walker

14. Kevin Scruggs

16. Linda Blackford
Susan Lamkin

17. Kathryn Stevenson
Dee Kemp

21. Cathy Amos
Kelly Sartain
Bob Schwartz

24. Mark Williams
Linda Joyce

25. JESUS!
Christene O'Toole

26. Peppa Smith

30. Meghan Lamkin



ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

8:45 am-79

11:00 am-126

TOTAL-205

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 62

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Advent Study: "While We Wait" by
Mary Lou Redding.

Room 210: New Friendship Class
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem
and Northern Kingdom

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"The Call: The Life and Message of
the Apostle, Paul".

Room 205: Journeys Class
"The Will of God"

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