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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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Make
Christmas
Count.
Christmas?
Did she say
Christmas?

I know, we haven't even had Thanksgiving yet! And while we don't want to rush right past the blessings of giving thanks, the celebration of harvest and home, we do need to begin thinking about the fast-approaching season of Advent. Believe it or not, it is almost here!

Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. We look to the past as we read the stories of Christ's birth in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. We consider the present, and look to the future as we remind ourselves to watch for all the times that Jesus comes to us in our everyday lives.

The "advent" or arrival of Jesus is what the four weeks leading up to Christmas are all about.

Cindy's Chalkboard

In Matthew 11, when John the Baptist was in prison, he sent his disciples to Jesus with the following question, "Are you the One who is to come or should we look for another?"

the deaf hear, the dead have new life, and the poor find new hope) ... I am reminded of the mission statement of this church, *"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ by Being God's*

Make Christmas Count!

That is a great Advent question!

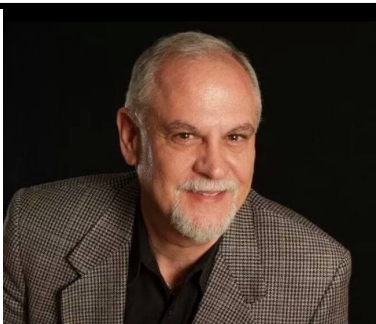
And in response, Jesus gives an Advent answer. Instead of saying "yes" or "no", he turns the question around and says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them."

Jesus is talking about participating in kingdom work here on this earth where lives are changed. When I think about Jesus' examples (the blind see,

Love in Action". It calls us to be participate in the life-changing, disciple-making work of making the world a better place for all.

This year Advent begins on **Sunday, November 29**, where we will gather together for **ONE worship service at 10:00 am** for our annual "Hanging of the Greens" service. From the first Sunday in Advent all the way through Christmas Eve... it is up to us to make Christmas count... and planning for that is just one good reason I have for my Thanksgiving holiday this year! - Pastor Cindy

Thank You For Giving to The Lord—In Loving Memory of Paul Mabrey



This past Sunday we remembered one who touched many lives for Christ, who loved the Lord and blessed us on staff for almost 8 years. Oh, Paul Mabrey, how we miss you! But we know you are singing with the angels in heaven—who

knows—you might even be directing them! We give thanks to both our Praise Band and our One Spirit Choir for honoring him with the song *"Thank You For Giving to the Lord"*. The choral piece was arranged by our own Stephen Merrick.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Marion Wilkerson; Rose Unterschuetz



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; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Jessica Nicholson; Mary Anne Tyler's uncle, Dick Deibert; Pastor Suzanne's brother; 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

EXODUS HOUSE

We are preparing our apartment in Exodus House for a new resident in November. Here is a list of what we still need to furnish this new home. If you can make a monetary gift to help, please write "Exodus House" in the memo line of your check. Thank you!

King size comforter

Bath towels and washcloths

Bat mat set & Shower curtain

Dresser with mirror or chest of drawers & wall mirror

Dining table & chairs

Sofa

Coffee table

Microwave stand (we have a microwave)

TV & stand

Cooking utensils

Sink drain tray

If you can supply any of these items, please let Jan Boyd know ASAP or call the church office.

A "Funny" For You!!!

One night I was tucking my 4-year-old son in to bed and I told him his nightly Bible story. This night it was the story of the prodigal son. We discussed how he had taken his inheritance early, left and spent it all on living it up and partying until he had no money left and had to work on a pig farm where he couldn't even afford to eat what the pigs ate! He remembered his father and went back home to ask for a job and forgiveness. His father welcomed him home with much joy! After we finished the story I asked my son what he learned and he immediately said, "Never leave home without your credit card!"

**ADVENT FESTIVAL
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 – Yummm!
- ☐ And more!

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

FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH



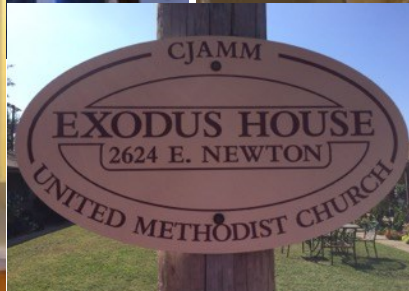
MOUNTAIN OF FOOD ORDER FORM

Let us build a **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD** for Restore Hope during these next five weeks. To participate in the Mountain of Food, please take the price times the number of a flat or flats you choose below and fill in the total price on the bottom of the list. **Make checks out to NEW HAVEN UMC.** If you wish to make a cash donation and would like for us to select the items, feel free to do so. **Be sure to write "Mountain of Food" in the memo line of your check.** We will purchase the flats of food and bring them to the church each week. On Sunday, November 1st, we will begin building the Mountain of Food in the Sanctuary. On the afternoon of November 15th, volunteers will load up the food and take it to Restore Hope Ministries. **We would appreciate it if you could turn in your checks and orders as soon as possible so that we can begin to order the food.** You may place your checks and order forms in the offering plate, mail them in, or leave them at the table in the Narthex. Last year our mountain of food grew to 7,000 pounds! Let us make this a great year in building the **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD.** The Outreach Committee appreciates your support.

<i># of flats</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Price per Flat</i>	<i>Totals</i>
_____	Soups.....	\$17.00	_____
_____	Peanut butter.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Tuna.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Pork & Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peas.....	\$8.00	_____
_____	Green Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Corn.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peaches.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Apple Sauce.....	\$17.00	_____
_____	Pineapple Chunks.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Pasta.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Cornbread Mix.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Cereal.....	\$21.00	_____
_____	Canned Chicken.....	\$21.00	_____
_____	Canned Luncheon Meat.....	\$22.00	_____

Signed _____ Total price of all flats _____

Mission Corner



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23rd**

**DINNER AT THE
DAY CENTER FOR
THE HOMELESS**



**Come and
Experience It!**

Opportunities of the Week November 1 ~ 8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
*4:00 pm Social Principles of the UMC/185
*4:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
6:00 pm Cluster Charge Conference/ Christ UMC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
6:00 pm Disciple ! Fast Track/Off Site

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm One Spirit Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
5:00 pm Social Principles of the UMC/185
5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

26. Greg Gotcher
Sam Puryear
Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter
31. Virginia Kingsolver

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3. Carol Berry
Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
Markwen Johnson
16. Doris Brown
17. Elizabeth Amos
Kerry Beebe
19. Susan Thomas
20. Jude Blanchard
Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riggan
27. Mitzi Blanchard
28. Dorothy Koons



SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 25, 2015

8:45 am-88

11:00 am-135

TOTAL—223

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 62

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
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem and Northern Kingdom

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
A Study of the Apostles.

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

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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