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BLESSING OUR PETS IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS~ OCTOBER 4th

On Sunday, October 4 New Haven UMC will join churches around the world to celebrate something that St. Francis of Assisi started almost 800 years ago: blessing our animals. It was Francis who first introduced the idea that human beings are only one of a myriad of creations of God and ALL are blessed in God's eyes. The feast day of St. Francis (the day he died) is celebrated every year on October 4, and blessing of the animal services are usually scheduled for the Sunday closest to that day.

Whether or not you realize it, you probably know something about St. Francis. He is the most popular Catholic saint in the world. He is the one who preached to the birds; blessed fish that had been caught, releasing them back into the water; communicated with wolves, brokering an agreement between one famous ferocious wolf and the citizens of a town that were terrified of it, and used real animals when he created the very first live Christmas nativity scene. As a result of these, Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

The first blessing of the animals happened one warm afternoon early in his ministry (sometime between 1210-15) when Francis wandered outside of Assisi. Full of self-doubt, he asked God if perhaps everything he had done until that point had been for the wrong reasons. Francis wondered if he should have simply gotten married and raised a family as his father wanted him to do! It was while he was praying alone to God that Francis glimpsed some birds along the path. He paused and began to speak to them as if to equals. Soon, he began to "preach" to them about God's glories and all the reasons why both humans and birds should be grateful. That day marks the beginning of the environmental movement, the beginning of an era when we begin to understand ourselves as intrinsically connected to all of creation.

Mark your calendar to bring your pet(s) to the front lawn of New Haven UMC at 3:00 pm on October 4th and celebrate the gift of unconditional love of God and our pets.

Rev. Jan Boyd



PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Marion Wilkerson;
Kay Garwood



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; Greg Pape's mother; Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Ron Cunningham's dad; Paula Fox's friend, Richard; 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

UMPTENAGERS 12 MONTH SCHEDULE

Sept. 15, 2015—Lunch at White Fish Market and tour the Tulsa Zoo

Oct. 20, 2015—Historic Dewey Hotel and Tom Mix Museum

Nov. 3-5, 2015—Branson, Mo. Trip

Dec. 15, 2015—Dinner & Christmas Lights Tour

Jan. 19, 2016—Lunch & Games, Church Parlor

Feb. 16, 2016—Jenks High School Planetarium

March 15, 2016—Boston Avenue Methodist Church

April 19, 2016—Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, Arkansas

May 17, 2016—Channel 6 Tour

June 21, 2016—Cherokee Queen, Grand Lake

July 18, 2016—Indian Catholic Church Stained Glass, Pawhuska, and Tall Grass Prairie

Aug. 15, 2016—Lunch & Planning Schedule for 2016-2017

(Dates & locations are subject to change due to their availability.)

Christmas in Branson!

November 3-5, 2015

Reservations are being accepted for our trip to Branson on November 3,4,5. We will see shows at Welk Theater, Branson Belle, and Moon River Theater plus shopping and dining! The cost for double occupancy is \$260.00 and single occupancy is \$344.00. Our driver will be the ever capable and talented Greg Gotcher! Please call Shirley Nelson to make your reservation.

MEN'S BRUNCH BUNCH

1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us, "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." That's a pretty good definition of the mission of the New Haven Men's Fellowship. All the men of New Haven are welcome.

Men have a tendency to "go it alone" until they mature enough to understand that nobody does it all by himself. A wise man learns from the experiences of other men. We sharpen each other like steel on steel and get stronger with friendship.

Join us for an hour of Fellowship and a Great Brunch at our next meeting 09/26 at 10am in the Parlor. May God Bless!

John W. Manuel

Out of the Mouths of Babies

One Sunday morning, a Sunday school teacher was teaching on how Lot's wife looked back and suddenly turned into a pillar of salt.

One little boy raised his hand and said, "Yes, my mother looked back once while she was driving... and she turned into a telephone pole."

During his sermon, our pastor quoted Matthew 19:19, "Love your neighbor as yourself." To emphasize the point, he asked three times, with increasing intensity: "Who is my neighbor? WHO is my neighbor? WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?!"

Each time he asked a young boy behind us answered (mimicking the pastor's intensity, but not quite as loud): "Mister Rogers! Mister Rogers! Mister Rogers!"

Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

Tell me more about the mission called "Respite Care". I have heard that term but not sure what it is and what is required to volunteer.

Signed,
Curious to Know More

Dear Curious,

New Haven invites children with special needs and their siblings to come monthly for some fun time away from home. This gives the caregivers a reprieve from caregiving, as well as a time to run errands.

There is a 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. on the second Saturday of each month in the New Haven gymnasium. Currently, we are taking applications for new participants. If you know of a family that has a child with special needs, please contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or at tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers normally come in shifts (this can be scheduled in hour increments up to a total of four hours). All that is required for volunteers is to have the Safe Sanctuary training and a current background check on file with the church.

Our next Respite Care is Saturday, October 10th.

Blessings,
Missy

Come and Experience It!



Opportunities of the Week September 20 ~ 27

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Nominating Committee/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
- 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group
- 6:00 pm Disciple I Fast Track/Off Site
- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 6:00 pm Mission Group/Food Bank
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group
- 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm "A Bead and A Prayer"/Chapel
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 7:00 pm Adoration Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
- 6:00 pm CHI Group/Off Site

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 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 & Pizza
- 4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
- 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm "Social Principles of the UMC" Class/185
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

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

September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd
4. Christopher Boyd
- Rich Foster
7. Bob Durkee
8. Don Gregory
9. Greg Pape
- Dallas Quinalty
10. Ace Quinalty
- Alexander Hensley
12. Shirley Rossiter
- Sylvia Hensley
14. Jasper Cole
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
23. David Johnson
28. Wayne Love
- Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing



ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

8:45 am—82

11:00 am—102

TOTAL—184

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 60

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

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