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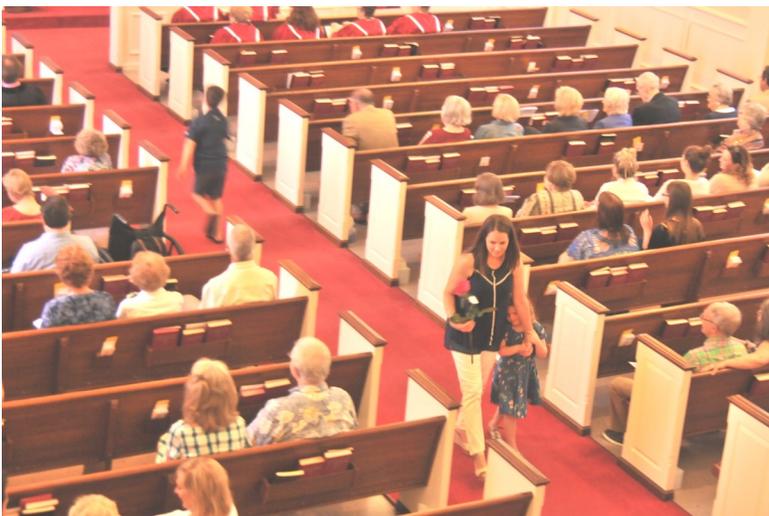
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## Mother's Day



ALL THE WOMEN  
RECEIVED  
A LOVELY ROSE!



## PORT OF CATOOSA DAY TRIP ~ MAY 15TH

"Up close and personal" is how the Umpteenagers will experience the Port of Catoosa on Tuesday, May 15th. The POC officially opened on February 20, 1970. It is one of the largest, most inland river-ports in the USA. If you want to join us on this excursion, meet at the church at 10:20 am for a 10:30 am departure. We will have lunch at Applebee's (4733 S. Yale) before touring the Port. We plan to return to the church around 3:00-3:30 pm. **Everyone from New Haven is invited!** Call Alon J. Soderfelt (after May 5th) at 918-622-7006 if you have any questions or if you plan to join us.

## AWESOME TURNOUT FOR THE DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER

A big thank you to everyone who helped cook, serve, and contribute items to the Day Center on April 30th!

We had 25 NHUMC members who contributed their time and money to cook and serve meals and play music and sing to approximately 125 homeless who were at the shelter.

Awesome, and once again, thank you for helping carry out our church's mission in the world around us!

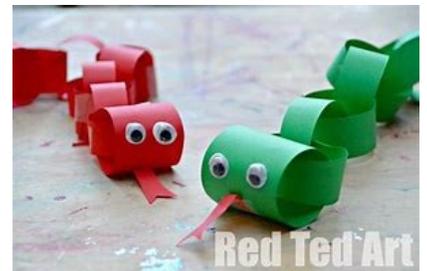
Phil Roberts

## TIME ON YOUR HANDS AND WANT SOMETHING TO DO?

Our awesome Day School would love to have some volunteers to take home projects, cut them out, and return them to the preschool. No prior experience is needed. . .all directions will be given.

If you are at the church and have time, we also have copies to be made.

We appreciate church support!!!



## FREE TO A GOOD HOME!!!

The Day School has two desks and one changing table in the gym that are free to a good home. Feel free to look and take any or all that you can use!

We support reuse and recycle efforts and hope someone can help.

# ANGELS WITHOUT WINGS

## By Heather Spears Kallus

\* This poem is dedicated to all of the wonderful educators who have touched our lives and hearts!  
We thank God for you! \*

I thank the Lord for teachers and here's the story why,  
They're a different kind of angel. They don't have wings to fly.  
God needed special angels for His hands and feet on earth,  
He picked them each out carefully - the day of their birth.

He gave them gifts and talents for teaching and for caring,  
He blessed them with a heaping dose of patience just for sharing.  
He knew they'd be important to the little lives they'd touch,  
He knew each year their students would love them very much.

He made their eyes so sparkly - their smiles so bright and wide,  
So children would feel welcomed to let them be their guide.  
For all the teachers that I know, teaching is a calling,  
It is not for everyone. (Ain't that the truth, my dahling?!)

It's not just a job or paycheck or a place to go each day,  
Teaching is their heart and soul, a passion I would say.  
They cheer their students on and motivate them to succeed,  
They are angels without wings, yes, they are indeed.

They bandage knees and tie some laces, missing not a beat,  
They kneel and sit on classroom floors, without a cushy seat.  
They excitedly jump up and down when information clicks,  
Then they pray at testing time, that all that teaching sticks.

They make learning come alive for children every day,  
After school, on weekends – grading papers until May.  
I've seen the way the students tug their shirts so they can share,  
A story, tattle, random thought – a loose tooth, if they dare.

They're angels without wings. They laugh and sometimes cry,  
Using words of inspiration, they encourage kids to try.  
Teachers have a place reserved, deep down in my heart,  
Because each child that journeys through, forever they're a part.

I admire them for loving kids as if they were their own,  
For taking time to nurture all the seeds that they have sown.  
I thank God for teachers, the angels without wings,  
But what I'll tell you now is why my heart just sings.

When school begins, God gives a teacher brand new wings to share,  
With every single student - each one gets a pair.  
Teachers don't have wings because they give them all away,  
They give them to their students each year on school's last day.

All year they've spent preparing them for this special flight,  
Sometimes it's hard to let them go – they hug with all their might.  
Their students use those wings to fly and soar to greater things,  
And THAT'S why awesome teachers are angels without wings.



It takes a big  
heart  
to help shape  
little  
minds.



# Corner



**Dear Captain,**

I know New Haven UMC collected underwear for Project Elf the last couple weeks. What are the results?

Signed,  
Wanna Undie-Stand

**Dear Undie-Stand,**

The results are in! Drum roll please...

We collected 442 pieces of underwear for Project Elf this year. That means we helped approximately 147 children and young adults if you assume each would get a 3-pack of underwear. The Radical Disciples (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) were excited that this exceeded our collection results from last year. Thank you to all that participated in these efforts.

Our undie collection at the Project Elf office.



Come and experience the joy of giving to others!

Blessings,

Captn U

**Come and Experience It!**

## *Pentecost Sunday is May 20th*

On Sunday, May 20, we will remember the Day of Pentecost. The 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts tells the story of what happened when the disciples caught the wind of the Holy Spirit which enabled them to speak in languages they had never known before. There are two sides of the Holy Spirit. One side blows and burn and howls and may turn your world upside down. The other side of the Spirit leans in close, whispers your name and you may find within yourself a longing to grow closer to God.

Come join us Sunday. **Wear red** because red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. Perhaps the Holy Spirit will breathe on you, whisper your name and fill you with words of encouragement. . Or perhaps the Holy Spirit will energize you and call you to a life of faith, sending you where He needs you.

Danny Hall will be leading the services on May 20th.

## **AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL!**

Seeing a beautiful stained-glass window, measuring 37 feet and over 100 feet across depicting more than 70 religious and historical figures might well be one of the highlights of your summer. This large wall of stained-glass is located in the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection at Leawood, Ks.

If there is enough interest for an overnight trip, and if these dates work for you, Tues. & Wed., June 19th and 20th, please let Alon know ASAP, her number is 918-622-7006 or email [alon.soderfelt@cox.net](mailto:alon.soderfelt@cox.net). Details are being worked out and will be finalized when we have at least 10 who are committed to going. Many thanks.



## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, MAY 20 Pentecost Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 9:45 am Connection Groups  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship  
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, MAY 21

6:00 pm Writers Group/185  
 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Practice

### TUESDAY, MAY 22

6:00 pm Day School Council/185  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm ACOA/210

### THURSDAY, MAY 24

6:00 pm Praise Band  
 7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

### FRIDAY, MAY 25

7:00 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, MAY 26

### SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:45 Contemporary Worship  
 9:45 Connection Groups  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

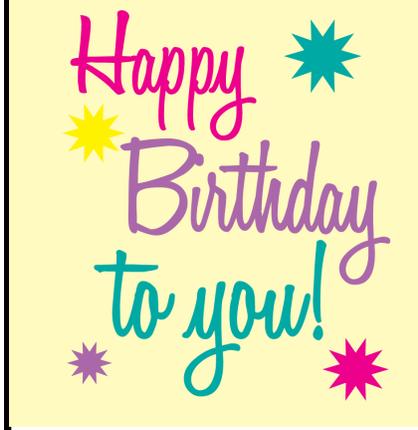
Bill & Claretha Gotcher  
 Linda Gregory  
 Joe Sanders  
 Dianna Horn  
 Jan Duffield  
 Mary Lou Black  
 Jean Roberts  
 Rev. Ken Tobler  
 Pat Thomas (death of her son-in-law)

### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Marti Lowery	Children Director
Pat Bates	Office Clerical Asst.
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Joan West	After School Care
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

## May Birthdays

4. Sarah Roberts
5. Lucas Lamkin
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry  
Marissa Degner
9. Joleen Taylor
10. Kim Wofford
12. Bryant Lamkin  
Michael Smith
17. David Duncan
20. Laura Degner  
Sandy Nicholson
21. Shae Feyerabend
22. Carol Cox
24. Linda Stockstill
27. Rick Davis  
Mike Brummal
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love



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**MAY 6, 2018**

### Worship Attendance

**8:45 am ~ 57**  
**11:00 am ~ 96**  
**Livestream ~ 8**  
**Total ~ 161**

### Sunday School:

**Adults ~ 58**  
**Youth ~ 15**  
**Children ~ 22**

**MAY 13, 2018**

### Worship Attendance

**8:45 ~ 49**  
**11:00 ~ 91**  
**Total ~ 140**

### Sunday School:

**Adults ~ 47**  
**Youth ~ 13**  
**Children ~ 15**

### ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

***Come join us at 9:45 am!***

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
 "Revelations Study"

**Parlor: Fellowship Class**  
 Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 209: New Friendship Class**  
 "The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

**Room 103: Interlude Class**  
 "Moses" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 206: New Haven 206 Connection Group**  
 "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 161: Roundtable**  
 "Barking to the Choir" by Gregory Boyle

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<http://www.newhavenumc.org>



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