

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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"Being a Community of Heart and Soul"

When Jesus was asked, "Teacher, what is the most important commandment of all?" He responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself." These words of Jesus are the basis of our vision to be a community of heart and soul. During the coming season of advent and as we begin a new calendar year, let us each ask ourself how can we best live out that vision?

Yesterday we completed our Mountain of Food campaign for Restore Hope Ministries. We raised more than \$8000 to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves. People who are hungry. People who are threatened with eviction. people who just need to know that someone cares. That's what it means to be a community of heart and soul. As we move towards Christmas, we have an opportunity to show that heart and soul of Jesus Christ to others by providing gifts cards for children as a part of our Angel Tree.

As our children return to in-person instruction in the public schools, We have yet another opportunity to be a community of heart and soul. We will be working with Carnegie elementary as a partner in education to help them with providing for the needs of their students, teachers, and staff. As we determine what the specific needs are, we will respond accordingly and invite our neighbors in the Holiday Hills area to join us in supporting the Carnegie children. It is my dream that this community might use this opportunity to unite our efforts and make a difference in the lives of these children, while developing relationships and structures to build on for the future.





Sunday Mornings 10:00 - 10:40am



Wrestling with God

From a recent sermon by Danny Hall on Sunday, August 30. Danny's sermon was about searching and struggling. The text from Genesis 32 tells about Jacob wrestling with God. Who was the "man" Jacob struggled with? Was Jacob wrestling with God or was he wrestling with himself, his past.

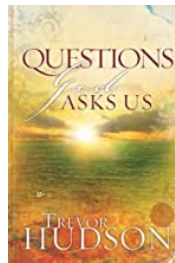
Scholars tell us that the vagueness of this story in Genesis 32 is most likely one of the ways that the narrator protects the mystery of God's involvement with us as human beings. The Christian life is about trusting God and staying connected with God---holding onto God and asking God for a blessing. I think we often feel like Jacob. We are not sure who or what we are running from. Who or what we are wrestling? **Join on Danny Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am on Zoom and let's continue to wrestle with God!**

Here is an excerpt from the poem "Jacob" by Pastor Nicky Blackford, shared by his widow, Linda Blackford.

"Why are you running, Jacob? Running after life, running after God. Who are you Jacob? Are you really a deceiver or is that what you have allowed yourself to become? You have a new name Jacob. Your name is Isra-el: One who struggles with God. Give it up Jacob. Be who you have always been. A child of God, loved by Him. Arise from all your dreams, Celebrate your new name, Israel. And never doubt again."

Contact Danny at 918-640-3891 to get information on connecting with Zoom.

Also Sundays @ 10:00am Interlude Class



New book "Questions God Asks Us" by Trevor Hudson. We are always asking God questions, for healing, for life decisions, for others in our lives, for jobs or better jobs, but what questions does God ask us? Join our lively class discussions as we seek to find the questions and answers. Book is available to purchase on line at Amazon.com.

Call Stacey Schifferdecker for more information and ZOOM sign in directions.

Tuesday Evenings 7:00 - 7:45 pm



Roundtable Class All are welcome!

If you are looking for a place to connect with a smallgroup during these crazy times, the **Roundtable Connection Class** may be the answer. We are meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from **7:00pm - 7:45pm. Class is led by Jone Friesen.**

We'll have fun looking at various stories in Genesis through the eyes of ancient Jewish Rabbis. In the process we are encountering some unexpected twists and turns in these familiar stories.

Text or call Jone at 918-445-1576 at or to get the link to our next Zoom meeting.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday November 22nd

We started this tradition in 2007 when our dear Nathan Wofford, son of Kim Wofford Percival, passed away. Nathan was all about Christmas, all year long. Through the years the memorial tree has become a tradition for everyone who has lost a love one.

In the past the memorial tree was decorated on the front lawn. Last year we changed that part of the tradition to the sanctuary so the tree will be part of our worship on Sunday mornings. Due to the circumstances we will not be able to decorate the tree together as a New Haven family. Marianne and myself will decorate the tree. We will leave room for you if you prefer to place an ornament in private during office hours or before and after the worship service. If this will be your first time to place an ornament and you prefer to take it out yourself please free at any time. The tree will be up till first of the year.

If you have any questions please call Adriaan Duiveman at 918-250-5966.



Wishing you Well, Safety, Hope and Peace to all!!

**2020
ANGEL
TREE**

2020 Angel Tree

Like everything else in this crazy year, the Angel Tree is going to look different than what we are used to. This year, the Circle of Care is requesting gift cards as presents for the foster children in their care. Their goal is to provide \$100 worth of gift cards for each of the 240+ children and youth they serve. **Can you help New Haven make this goal a reality by donating funds to help us purchase gift cards?** When you make your gift, whether in the basket, in the mail, or online, just indicate it is for the Angel Tree. **We**

will use the funds we receive to purchase gift cards at a discount so we can help the greatest number of children.

Please make your donation by November 22. Any questions? Contact Stacey at 918-381-5450 or schiffds@cox.net. I know this process is different than in years past, but I hope that it will still be as meaningful for you.

Thank you!



KIDS CORNER



We are excited to have some of our little friends back in the church on Sundays, and we continue to enjoy virtually connecting with others via our Children's Church at Home Facebook group. We are on a mission to represent our church as the family that it is in our Facebook group, and are therefore in need of volunteers to commit to posting periodically. Ideas for posts include bible storytime, arts and crafts, science experiments, resources for parents, or anything else that you come across that might be beneficial to our virtual kiddos.

A special thank you to the volunteers who are providing amazing children's moments on Sundays. Deena Smith, Paula Fox, Steven Merrick, and Stacy Schifferdecker have done a great job with lessons that are inspiring to all ages. We need at least one more volunteer for children's moments. If you are interested in being placed on the rotating schedule, please contact me at brit8519@yahoo.com.

Our family movie night on the lawn was so much fun and definitely something I want to do again in the future! Despite the cooler temperatures outside and the pandemic, we had several neighborhood families join us. Thank you to Paula and Ken Fox for providing individual pre-packaged popcorn and drinks!

Thank you for always encouraging and supporting our children's ministries!

Brittany Fox

Director of Children's Ministries

Oct. 24th Movie Nite



Thanksgiving Prayer

Loving God, We turn our hearts to you today to give thanks for your many gifts. For each one, we are grateful. For each one, we are blessed. For each one, we are opened to the abundance of your love. May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us. We praise you. We rejoice in you. We give you thanks. Amen.



RESTORE HOPE
MINISTRIES

Mountain of Food

Our Mountain of Food - Restore Hope Drive concludes this week. We are just short of our goal to surpass last year's total of \$8500 so your gift can make a big difference. **We did it!! Our total raised is \$10,570, thank you to everyone who helped reach this outstanding total!**

Checks can still be mailed or delivered to the office. Be sure to write in the memo line either Mountain of Food or Restore Hope (for unrestricted funds). Thank you for your generous support of our urban ministry's efforts to combat hunger and homelessness.

UMPTENAGERS UPDATE!

All Umptenager trips have been cancelled for the rest of the year due to Covid-19. Trips will continue once a safe and effective vaccination is available. At that time we may have a brief meeting to see if we want to continue with the trips scheduled for this year or make changes to the existing schedule. There will be a notice in the Spire if/when a meeting is planned. Call me (Alon) at 918-622-7006 or email me at alon.soderfelt@cox.net if you have any questions or concerns. Stay Tuned.

November Birthdays

3 Carol Berry
 4 Carolyn Welch
 5 Linda Gregory
 7 John Sartain
 10 Karyn Maio
 14 Phil Roberts

18 Sheila Ernissee
 19 Janice Duffield
 21 Betty Fine
 22 Sarah Graham
 23 Jerry Fisher
 28 Margie Thompson



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Dick Garwood's family
 on the death of his
 brother Don
 George Stephenson
 Jan Boyd
 Marion Wilkerson
 Betty Fine
 Karyn Maio
 Joe Sanders
 Tom Black
 Jessica Nicholson-
 Kaufman
 Scott Nicholson

Kelly Sartain
 Don Gregory
 Dodie Wood
 Guy & Jan Duffield
 Our Military & First
 Responders
 COVID-19 HEROES



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 & Prayers*

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