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As I write this, it's Easter Tuesday- and if that isn't a real liturgical holiday, it should be one. It's the day in which pastors come back into the office after sleeping all day Monday, clear their desk of all the Easter and Holy Week stuff, take a deep breath, and ask: what's next?

First, to recap: our Wednesday Evening Table Fellowship has had great success at being a community hour for our church, a time to be together in fellowship and learning about our Christian heritage (and how we talk about it in the 21st century). Our young adult "after party" has grown into a solid community. We had four fantastic holy

week services, full of the deepening silence and reflection of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday, followed by the fantastic joy and celebration of Easter morning, including welcoming three new members into the New Haven UMC community! I am really grateful to all of you for participating so joyfully in all those events.

So, what next? Well, some things I can say definitively. First, the Sunday scripture passages during Eastertide deal with the very nature of what it means to have "faith." From "Doubting" Thomas, who only had faith once he could touch Jesus, to the two men who met Jesus on the walk to Emmaus and knew him in the breaking of the bread. These are lovely passages and I can't wait to explore them with you.

I also know that many of you are keen to continue Wednesday Evening Table Fellowship. It's turned into a really lovely time of fellowship and learning in the midweek.

Stay tuned for fellowship event news!

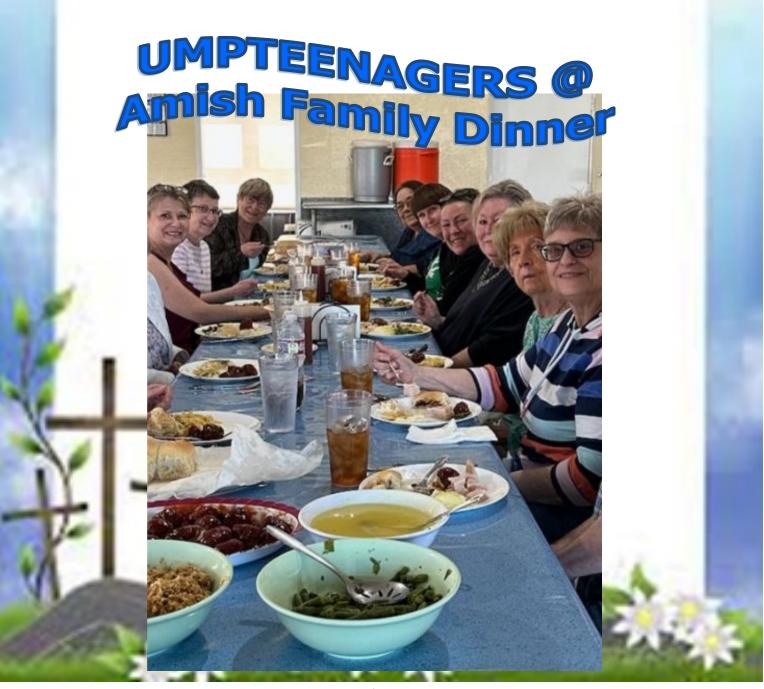
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But I am all ears. With the energy and momentum we have here at New Haven UMC- where do we go next? What kind of people are we being called to reach? What kind of people are we being called to be? What kind of mission work are we being called to undertake? **I want to hear from you!**

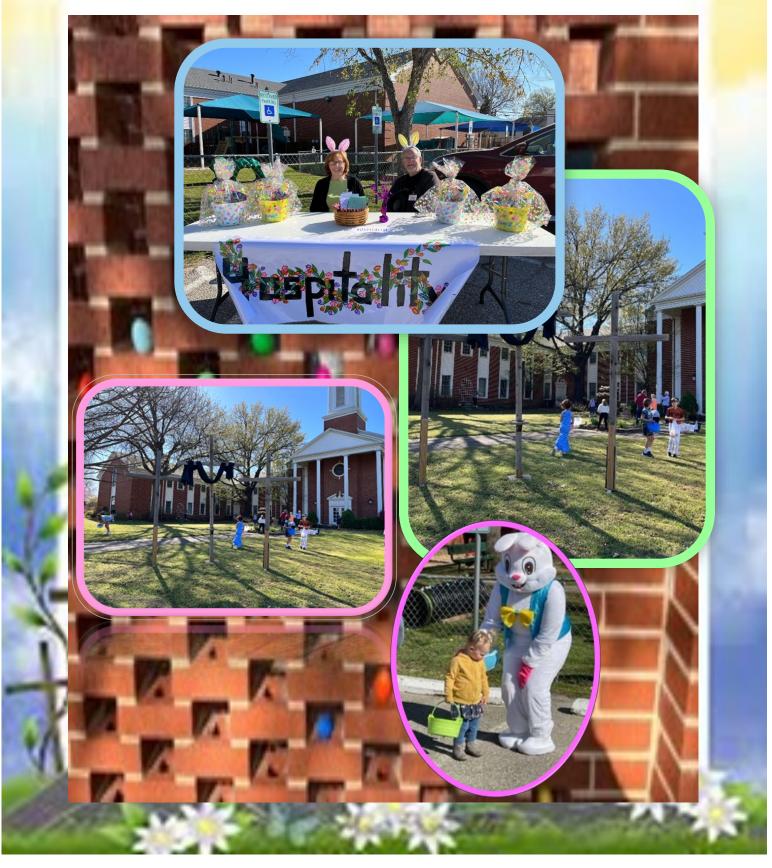
Keep up the good work- because it's all GOOD work.

Blessings,

Pastor Ben



EGGstravaganza!!





Thank you to everyone who helped to make Holy week such a success for the families at our Church and Day School. We are approaching the end of the school year and preparing for some exciting summer programming!

Our Day School would like to invite you to our art show! The children's artwork will be displayed the entire week of April 24th. We will hold a special reception with snacks and juice on Tuesday April 25th at 1:45 pm (after nap time). Please join us in celebrating what the children have been working

on and mingling/connecting with our Day School families. The last day of school for our Preschool children is May 11th. The last day of school for our aftercare (Carnegie) students is May 25th. Our summer session(s) will begin June 6th.

We're officially in the planning stages of our summer children's ministry programs! If you would like to be involved in our community 4th of July Parade and/or Vacation Bible School this year, please email me at brit8519@yahoo.com. Below are some important dates to add to your calendar!



EASTIER SUNDAY







SPIRE pic of "**Dave and the Ukeladies**" slated to perform a concert 5/24/23 at Murdock Villa, sponsored by NHUMC







Save the date ... May 24th at 1:30 pm

Save the date on May 24th at 1:30 for a NHUMC sponsored concert by "Dave and the Ukeladies," at the Villa's Community Room at 828 S. Wheeling.

May is birthday month for 15 Murdock Villa residents, and New Haven UMC will be surprising them with gift bags and custom birthday cards on May 1st!

If you would like to help prepare the gift bags next week, sign up at NHUMC's Community Table or contact Lou Lindsey @ 918-906-7364. We're collecting a hundred signatures on their birthday cards!

Wear a straw hat since May boasts National Straw Hat Day!



Partners In Education News

Our Giving Tree is expanding to include our own New Haven Day School. The budget is tight this first year back, so we thought our New Haven family might like to help provide snack items and classroom supplies from time to time. Items will be marked with "C" (Carnegie) or "DS" (New Haven Day School) to differentiate which school is receiving the donated item. Thank you for your generous support!

UMPTEENAGERS

Save the Date!

Join the UMPTEENAGERS for a special outing for lunch at the **Philbrook** Museum Monday, May 10th.

Watch the Announcements for more information

Discipleship OpportunitiesRoundtable Connection Group: Tuesdays @7:00 pm. One of our newest small groups. Generally for "Baby Boomers," those in their 50's - 70's. Contemporary discussion, join this group @ Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81896340189.

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Fellowship Class: Fellowship Class is using material from The Wired Word. Each lesson is based on the foundations of Christian faith and relates to a current news article. Each week we are reminded that the Bible is alive by relating selected Bible verses to the news of today. All are welcome. We meet in the parlor on **Sunday** morning at 9:45. Class is taught by Danny Hall. Zoom Link: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82706398620.

Interlude Class: Meets in the Chapel **Sundays @ 10:00 am**. Join this class for spirited discussion in person or on Zoom. Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/ i/85463997302.

New Friendship Class: Meets in Room 209 (second floor) @ **9:45 am**. This class offers studies on Christian and Bible - based topics that relate to contemporary issues along with lively discussion. Various activities with a lot of fun, fellowship and learning.





4/08 Dave Foster 4/09 Dan Wallace 4/16 Denny Beebe 4/24 Eileen Walker 4/26 Bailey Sartain

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5/05	Lucas Lamkin
5/07	Dodie Wood
5/08	Chuck Berry
	Barbara Smith
5/10	Kim Percival
5/17	Lvnn Roach





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