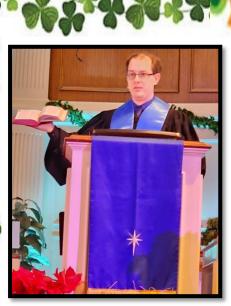




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There's a lot to do at New Haven UMC right now! Our Lenten program on Wednesday evenings, "New Haven Table Fellowship," has been a good success and a great time to talk faith over dinner. We have a great group of mid-20s adults who are gathering for fellowship on Wednesday evenings and planning more social events and mission work. Our Sunday School classes are full and vibrant, and it's good to see so many of you on Sunday mornings. While we still have time ahead of us recovering from the pandemic and weathering our denominational turmoil, we are a strong church NOW (PS, for those of

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you who like to know about these sorts of things, our financials in February were among the strongest we've had in a long time. Thank you all!).

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In our devotional and spiritual lives, we now look toward Holy Week and our enacted commemoration of Jesus' final ministries, death, and glorious resurrection. My strongest urging to you is to make the **Palm Sunday**, **Holy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services a part of your week. The songs and **celebration** of **Easter Sunday** will ring all the more true to you if you have walked with Jesus and knelt at the cross during the week. All of those services will be at 6:00 pm on their respective days.

Soon it will actually be spring and we'll be wanting to plan our summer activities. I am always grateful to the staff and leadership of our church for their cheerful vision of the future. New Haven is a vibrant and strong church and I love being your pastor!

Blessings,

Pastol Ben

Pastor Ben





# We need helpers to pull off this community event. If you are available, please stop by and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We also need lots of candy to put in those eggs! We'll be accepting candy donations through March 19th. Please make sure the candy is individually wrapped.

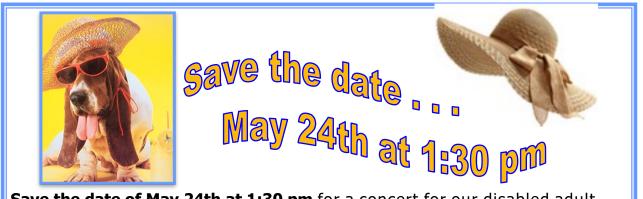
One of our wonderful Day School teachers, Ms. Desaray Whitehead, and her children will be joining us in helping with children's Sunday School and Nursey. I love to see us bridging the gap with the Day School! Please say hello and help them feel welcome (like you always do)! Speaking of Day School, there are some needed items on the giving tree. Please consider picking up some of these the next time you're at the store. We're also always looking for subs and/or volunteers. If you're interested, please let me know! Everyone pitching in here and there helps the Day School tremendously!

New Haven UMC sponsored TWO teacher tables at the Carnegie Auction this year, and the Day School donated an auction item of 1 month of aftercare tuition plus enrollment fee. Our name was featured on the big screen as well as special recognition on the event page and on stage. Our Partner in Education, Carnegie, and community are so grateful!

As always, thank you for all of your love and support for our children and families!

Bittany Fox Director, Family Ministries





Save the date of May 24th at 1:30 pm for a concert for our disabled adult friends at Murdock Villa, sponsored by New Haven UMC The uke band *"Dave and the Ukeladies"* will entertain residents in their community room!

New Haven UMC will also provide fun gift bags and custom birthday cards on a **Straw Hat Day** theme on **May 1st for all residents with May birthdays.** 

If you would like to help with the gift bags (after Easter), contact Lou Lindsey at 918-906-7364. And please sign the cards, too, and come to the concert wearing a straw hat!



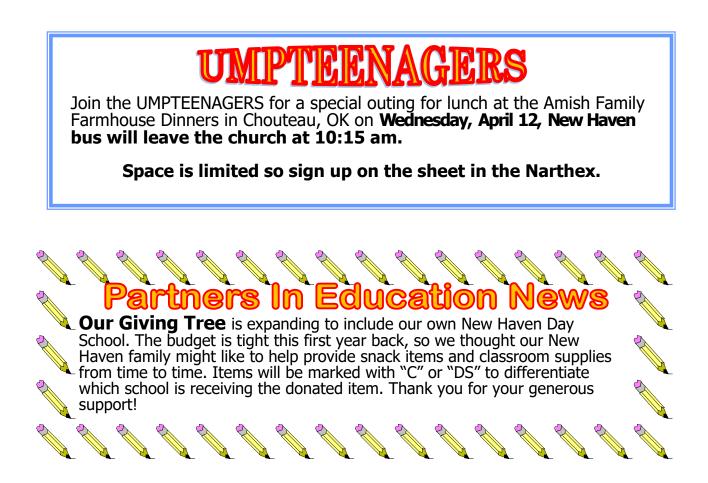
Adriaan Duiveman . . . New Interim Chair of

Happy Children's Home

"It's all about the children" has been Adriaan and Marianne's motto since the very founding of The Happy Children's Home of China. These two photos of the little girl they

started sponsoring at the founding of the home, and her recent photo with her husband, demonstrate this motto! On March 6th Adriaan was nominated by the Board as the new Interim Chair. He has visited the home three times, and has served for many years as the Chair of the subcommittee that has planned wonderful local events to celebrate the mission! Let's give him all the support we can muster in this new endeavor, **CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS, ADRIAAN!** 





## **Discipleship Opportunities**

**Roundtable 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/ j/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.



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