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Cindy's Chalkboard!!!

What a blessing it is to be part of the Body of Christ – *can I get an "Amen!" on that?* Peter and I enjoyed time with some of our family at New Haven UMC during the New Member Dessert this past Friday evening.

How wonderful to visit with our newest members and to hear their stories. We also had several staff members on hand to share who they are and what they do. Of course, we had plenty of incredible desserts, too (so much for New Year's resolutions!) But hands-down, the highlight of the night was to hear the stories shared as we each introduced ourselves and talked about what it was that drew us to New Haven.

You all know Peter and I are here because of the Bishop and Cabinet's appointment this past June – and we couldn't feel more blessed or humbled to be in ministry with all of you. Others that were there Friday night shared how they were led to New Haven UMC. Many said it was because someone in the congregation invited them. Just this past Saturday, Bishop Hayes talked with us at the Local Church Leader's Workshop about this very same point. **60% of the visitors in our churches come because they were personally invited.** That statistic was clearly true as we met with our newest members!

I wish the rest of you could have been here to hear the stories and praises. Things like, *"The congregation is so welcoming."* *"People invited me to Sunday school my very first day!"* *"My life has turned around, thanks to this church."* *"I can't imagine going anywhere else."* *"New Haven feels like home to us."* *"Worship is meaningful and heartfelt."* *"I know people at New Haven truly care about me."*

It continues to be our job to invite others to this wonderful church at the corner of New Haven and 56th street. God keeps bringing people our way – and you've done a great job of inviting them to be a part of our New Haven family. Since just this past June, we have welcomed 24 new people into membership! But, let's not forget that numbers are not nearly as important as the ultimate goal. Touching lives for Christ. You will never know the lives that were changed because you invited someone to worship. Keep up the incredible work in making Disciples for Christ – it will make an eternal difference in their lives, and yours.

Walking the journey with you,

Pastor Cindy

Adult Sunday School Classes Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

Room 211: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum:
The Gospel of Matthew

Room 210: New Friendship Class

"Lord, Where are You When Bad Things Happen?" by Kay Arthur

Parlor: Christian Living Class Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 183 New Haven's Newest Class!

"24 Hours that Changed the World"
Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journey's Class

Book of Philippians (6 weeks), then
"Christianity and World Religions"
by Adam Hamilton

It's a Celebration! Sunday, February 7th

At the 11:00 service, we invite you to help us honor the caregivers/teachers of the Respite Program/Faithful Friends Sunday School Class.

We want to highlight the special talents of these special children and acknowledge their God-given gifts. All New Haven children will put on a musical presentation and be involved in all aspects of the worship service. There will be a presentation to the caregivers/teachers in the special needs program.

We invite you to stay for lunch and fellowship with our children and their families. Please come by the Outreach table on Sunday to sign up if you'd like to join us for lunch. If you have any questions, you may call Kim Wofford at 622-6906 or Adriaan Duiveman @ 250-5966.

VOTER HOSPITALITY, AGAIN!

Our precinct will be participating in the School Board Election on February 9th. That means that we will want to offer our famous RADICAL HOSPITALITY to all who come. (Do you think the incumbent has a challenger just so everyone can come to New Haven and get delicious muffins, cookies, etc.????) There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway for those of you who would like to help by baking treats or buying doughnuts. The UMW will provide the beverages, paper products, decorations, and hostesses.

ACCESSORIES FOR "DRESS FOR SUCCESS-TULSA"

In response to Hope Circle's program by the Dress for Success-Tulsa representatives, the UMW will be collecting professional-looking accessories through February 7th. There will be a designated place at church to put your donations. This organization promotes economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional business attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help them thrive in work and in life. At this time, they need accessories including jewelry, scarves, belts, and handbags. They can also use unopened packages of hosiery (pantyhose and knee-highs), dress shoes in good condition, and unopened cosmetics. The only clothing needed at this time is Plus Size. Any clothing donated needs to be clean, on hangers, and in season. All donations are tax deductible, and the forms will be available.



PLEASE WELCOME SUE DUNCAN. . .NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBER!!!

Let Sue know how pleased you are to have her become a part of our fellowship and help her find a special place of ministry among us!

UMW COLLECTING OLD EYEGLASSES FOR MEXICO

UMW President, Bobbi Neal, received an email from daughter, Rev. Wendi Neal, asking for old pairs of eyeglasses for Mexico. For the past two years, she and husband Rev. Carlos Ramirez have led a team from Carlos' hometown of Puebla. It's a small, private clinic owned and operated by the Methodist Church of Mexico. In fact, Carlos' grandfather was the VIM head who was responsible for starting the clinic. It serves the people in the Tatoxcac/Zacapoaxtla area (mountains of the state of Puebla). The majority of the people are indigenous and descendants of the Aztecs.

This year an optometrist is going with them, thus the need for glasses. If you have old pairs and would like to donate them, please give them to Bobbi or to any UMW member. So far, Wendi reports that they have collected 350 pairs, but they need about 500.

....AND ORTHO PRODUCTS

Our son, Kevin, will also be going to Mexico with the Elk City VIM team. Kevin is an orthopedic surgeon, but says that he mainly sees patients with problems resulting from arthritis. If anyone has any canes, back supports, wrist braces, etc., that they don't need anymore, please bring them to church and give them to Bobbi.

TRAINING FOR DISASTER RELIEF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

There will be a VIM training in OKC in the near future. The time and place are still unknown, but if you would be interested, please contact Adriaan Duiveman @ 250-5966



PRAISE THE LORD! ANOTHER \$1,500. HAS BEEN GIVEN TO NEW HAVEN UMC TO HELP WITH THE HAITI DISASTER RELIEF!!! YOUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING!!! WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR HAITI FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED.

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO.....

two of our "Lindas" ! Linda Joyce and Linda Jaeger volunteer at New Haven every Thursday evening from 5:00-7:00, tutoring any math students needing help. This is a free service to all who come! Both ladies are instructors at TCC.

Dear Church Family-

Please let Vincent or Mark know if you are interested in going to the Winter Jam Concert on Thursday, February 25th. Christian Bands performing are Third Day, Newsboys, 10th Avenue North and more! The Concert is at the BOK Center. Gates open at 6, but, we will go down to get our place in line much earlier than that. Cost is \$10.

WHAT IS A LAY SPEAKER?

Lay Speakers are trained volunteers who serve the church and community in a wide variety of ministries. Lay Speakers offer their gifts in the areas of Caring, Leading and Communicating. Some examples of our service include visitation, teaching, volunteering in the community, worship leadership, support for the grieving, prison or nursing home ministry, coordination of food or clothing bank and leadership of committees and project groups. There are virtually no limits to the possibilities in ministry available to Lay Speakers!

The entry point to the Ministries of Lay Speaking is enrollment in a Basic Lay Speaking Class. With the support of your pastor and Administrative Council, you may become a Local Church Lay Speaker, providing a witness of leadership and service within your congregation. Many persons choose to continue their training by completing an approved Advanced Class in Lay Speaking Ministries to become a Certified Lay Speaker.

If you think you might be interested in taking the basic training to be a Lay Speaker, you can take your first class on Friday, March 5th and Saturday, March 6th. The class will be held at Memorial Drive UMC from 6:00-9:00 pm that Friday and 8:00 am-4:30 pm on Saturday. The cost is \$30. and your registration must be turned in by February 12th to be able to participate in this class. You can sign up through Pastor Cindy or stop by the office for a registration form.

NEW HAVEN READS!!!

The book we'll be discussing at the February 7th meeting is "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Seth Amos will let us know what great reads are in store throughout 2010.

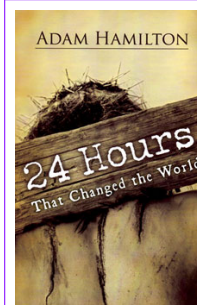
Please join us on Sunday the 7th at 4:00 pm in the Parlor.

If you have any suggestions or questions, call the Amos' at 496-3682.

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Opportunities of the Week Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 2010



Our "Newest" Sunday school class here at New Haven invites you to join them for a Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's book "24 Hours That Changed the World". This study coincides with the upcoming sermon series that will begin in worship on the first day of Lent. Along with a DVD "video journey" of the Holy Land offered by Hamilton, this class will also be offering a devotional book created specifically for this study. You are invited to join them at the 9:45 Sunday school hour in room 183 to share in the Lenten Journey together. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Havlik at 743-2608.