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“He/She shall from time to time give to Congress information of the State of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he/she shall judge necessary and expedient.”
– Article II, Section 3 of the U. S. Constitution

As I watched President Obama’s State of the Union Address this past week, it seems only fitting as we begin this New Year to offer New Haven UMC’s “State of the Church” Address! How did we end the year 2009? What were the results of our stewardship campaign, and what is our budget for 2010?

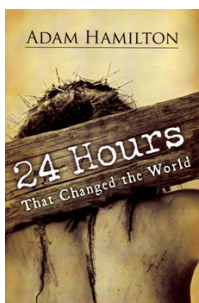
God is, and always has been, faithful to New Haven UMC. I am so grateful for your steadfast support of our ministry together. You made my heart smile, and I give God all the praise and glory that we closed out the year 2009 not just with all our bills paid, but with a carryover (excess) funds of more than \$10,400. While this alone is something to be grateful for, when you take into account Christmas Eve services that were cancelled, and therefore missing an additional offering that evening.....along with very low attendance the following Sunday due to weather... ending the year on this note is *remarkable*. Your God, your church and I thank you.

Someone on the Finance Committee remarked the other day that our stewardship campaign had “turned a corner.” For the year 2010, we received an additional 24 pledges which resulted in a total of \$308,350 in commitments to God’s work through this church. You may also remember from my last article that we have been blessed with 24 new members since June. All of these blessings indicate that we take seriously our commitment to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts service and witness!

At the Administrative Council meeting in December, you approved a budget of \$414,500 for 2010. This number is very close to the budget we had for 2009. In these economic times, it needs to be so. However, you can take joy in knowing that the significant difference for 2010 budget is that we did not have to include any of the carryover funds in this year’s budget! We are able to rely on our pledged funds (in addition to our regular revenue sources) to meet the 2010 budget. God is so good.

What does this all mean? First, give thanks to our Lord. He is doing great things in our midst. Second, continue to be faithful to our “job description” of making Disciples for Christ. Numbers are important, but never as important as changing lives for Christ. The year ahead will be filled with challenges of its own. Will we know what to expect? No. But we do know Who will walk with us in the days ahead. Be faithful in all we do. I look forward to seeing how the year 2010 will unfold with each of you. May God bless and keep you.

Together in the journey,
Pastor Cindy



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.

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. If you haven't been able to sign up to help celebrate in this ministry by being in fellowship and lunch, please join us anyway. We'll have extra's. The menu will be brisket on a bun, salad, chips, and dessert. We'll have hot dogs for our younger New Havenites....(so, Paul, don't even think about it!)

If you know anyone who could benefit from this ministry by bringing their child and siblings to Respite Care once a month on the second Saturday from 3-7 pm so the parents can have a little free time, please call Danny Hall, 640-3891, for more information. If they would like their special talented child to try the Faithful Friends Sunday school class, please call Adriaan Duiveman at 250-5966.

Looking forward to celebrating with you,
Adriaan



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.



UMW COLLECTING OLD EYEGLASSES FOR MEXICO

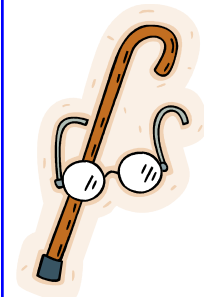
UMW President, Bobbi Neal, received an email from daughter, Rev. Wendi Neal, asking for old pairs of eyeglasses for Mexico. For the past two years, she and husband Rev. Carlos Ramirez have led a team from Carlos' hometown of Puebla. It's a small, private clinic owned and operated by the Methodist Church 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

Gifts to the Endowment Fund in memory
of Phyllis Prange were given by:

Ruth Keller, Fran Palm, Carolyn Welch,
Martha Vaughn, Verienne Huse,
Dean & Susan Hansen, Ronald & Sandra
Olson, Dave & Lori Moore-Roberts,
Marilyn Moore, and Howard & Mable
LeFlore.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory
of Libby Love was given by Martha
Vaughn.

HOPE CIRCLE TO MEET FEBRUARY 8

Human Trafficking is becoming a very real problem, not only around the world, but also in the United States. Laurel Duncan will present a program on this topic and tell us ways that we can respond, when the Hope Circle meets at 6 P.M. in the Parlor on February 8th. We will have updates on Haiti, as well. Members are asked to bring their "Dress for Success" donations, as well as any treats for the Voting Hospitality. Linda Joyce will host the meeting.

SUSANNA CIRCLE TO MEET FEBRUARY 11

Bobbi Neal will lead the UMW's "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" Spiritual Growth program when the Susanna Circle meets on Thursday, Feb. 11th, at 10 A.M. in the Parlor. This year's theme is "Property Makes Mission Possible." The special offering collected will benefit such institution's as community centers, women's residences, schools, colleges, and residential treatment centers in the United States. Internationally, the money will aid hostels, hospitals, clinics, and community and day-care centers. Sue Beaver and Dodie Wood will host the meeting.

OUTREACH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7	Special Needs Ministry Celebration and Luncheon
March	Crosses of Love
March 31st	Dinner for our Sisters & Brothers at the Day Center
May 2nd	"Mission Sunday" with Luncheon
May 16th	Project Transformation
June 12th, 19th, & 26th	Mission Opportunity to help the Indian Methodist Church
June 30th	Dinner for our Sisters & Brothers at the Day Center

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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.

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO. . . .

all those who helped shovel, de-ice and clear the sidewalks and parking lot from our winter storm this past weekend! We are grateful for your service to the church and its beautiful grounds!

ATTENDANCE

January 31, 2010

8:45—60

11:00—65

Total—125



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

Opportunities of the Week February 7-14, 2010

SUNDAY, February 7 “Special Needs Ministry Sunday”

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm Luncheon/Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party/
Blanchards
- 5:30 pm Children’s Choir
- 6:00 pm Bible Blast

MONDAY, February 8

- 4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth
- 5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth
- 6:00 pm Writer’s Group/185

TUESDAY, February 9

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm New Haven Nites Studies
- 6:30 pm Outreach
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, February 10

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 11

- 10:00 am Susannah Circle/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Math Tutoring/184
- 6:00 pm Band Practice
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

FRIDAY, February 12

- 7:00 pm AA /Gym

SATURDAY, February 13

- 3-7:00 pm Respite Care

SUNDAY, February 14 BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 5-7:00 pm Family Valentine Dance/Gym
- 5:30 pm UMY

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.



CHURCH SIGNS

“Can’t sleep? Don’t count sheep:
Talk to the Shepherd”

Happy Easter to our Christian Friends!
Happy Passover to our Jewish friends!
To our Atheist friends. . . good luck!

