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**“What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.” - UMC Hymnal #292**

We will reach the end of our journey to the cross this week. More than any other year that I can remember, I and so many of you, will look forward to this Easter Sunday. In trying to comprehend what happened in the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, we have been through some hard things together. You can't really understand and appreciate Easter until you've been to the cross. You can't appreciate the power of the resurrection until you've been in the dark places, until you've seen what seems to be the triumph of evil, the triumph of sin and brokenness, and finally the triumph and tragedy of death that wasn't deserved.

The crucifixion was simply the end of the beginning. This next Sunday we will celebrate the risen Christ. But before we get there, we have the opportunity to witness the Upper Room from a different perspective. Join us at 6:00 pm for a behind-the-scenes look at what may have happened in the kitchen below the Upper Room. We'll end this brief drama by sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Then, at 7:30 pm on Friday, we will gather for Good Friday worship. We'll talk about the last words of Christ as we cloak the Chancel area in black, and then close the service by carrying out the cross and placing it in the front church yard. Come; walk with us in the final days with Christ....

On Easter Sunday morning we will rise to acknowledge that the tomb is empty! We will rise and give thanks for a glorious Easter Sunday morning and celebrate that Our Lord is indeed risen!! We will gather at the 6:30 am, 8:45 am and 11:00 am worship services to claim Jesus' triumph over suffering and death. I look forward to seeing all of you there as we “Lift High the Cross” and celebrate this sacred and joyful day!

*Pastor Cindy*

## ***CIRCLE OF CARE FUNDRAISER BANQUET “FRIENDS OF CHILDREN”***

On Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care will hold its annual Friends of Children Fundraising Banquet at Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa. This uplifting evening of testimony and celebration will be keynoted by Bishop Robert Hayes Jr. It begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsorships for an eight-person table begin at \$200; there are also sponsorships available at \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$30. This is one of two major fundraisers for Circle of Care in 2010 and your support is greatly appreciated. If you need a form to reserve a table or make a donation for this event, please come by New Haven's office and we'll provide one for you.



## CROSSES OF LOVE

What a joy it was seeing the decorated crosses in the Sanctuary this past Sunday! I can't believe it has been 25 years since the tradition started with one Sunday School class making 8 crosses and taking them to Methodist Manor.

This year 30 crosses were shared with the children of Ronald McDonald house and the fire station nearby New Haven. Those crosses were presented by ten of our Bible Blast children. Awesome!!!

Another 85 of the large crosses were given to the residents and staff of the memory ward at St. Simeons. We also shared in song with our extended family. Some of them remembered a song or two and some of them just smiled. We visited with Beverly Green, Fredna Wince, and with Michael Foster's father. They enjoyed the singing as well. The small crosses will be delivered to Restore Hope and to some members of our own New Haven family this week.

Many thanks to the adult Sunday School classes, the youth and children, Covenant Care committee, and all the many individuals for picking up, decorating, and returning all the crosses. Thanks to Paul for leading us in song and to Pastor Cindy for her kind and thoughtful support.

Thanks be to God for His only Begotten Son!  
Adriaan

## COLLECTION BOX FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

We have a box decorated in red, white, and blue located in the Restore Hope closet (right across from the parlor) for you to place supplies for our men and women in service. There is a list attached to it for suggestions of things you can buy (socks, chapstick, gum, etc.) Our ladies in the U.M.W. will package these items periodically and mail them overseas to men and women who really will appreciate your thoughtfulness!!! If you would like to have a copy of this list, the office can supply one for you. Thanks you for your generosity!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPEAKER AT HOPE CIRCLE MEETING

Tina, the head of the all-women work crews for Habitat for Humanity, will be the guest speaker at the Hope Circle meeting on April 12. Members will participate on one of these crews at a "to be determined" date. Also, if you have any items to send to Susan Harris' daughter in Haiti (new/gently used sheets or towels, toilet paper, etc.), please bring them to the meeting. Shirley Wolfrom will host. Hope Circle meets in the Parlor at 6 PM on the second Monday of each month. A light dinner is served, and childcare can be provided. Please join us.

## SUSANNA CIRCLE TO MEET APRIL 8th

Pat Thomas will present the Spiritual Growth Mission Study, "Letters of John," at the April 8th meeting of Susanna Circle of the UMW. Eileen Walker and Shirley Nelson will host the meeting. Susanna Circle always meets the second Thursday of the month at 10 AM in the Parlor, and child care can be provided. All the women of New Haven are encouraged to join us.

## GOOD FRIDAY?

During the Children Moment on Sunday I reminded the children that the week coming up is called Holy Week and I suggested that they see and learn all they could about Jesus' last week. Immediately Jocelyn Schifferdecker asked me this question, "Why is it called "Good Friday"? I would like to answer that question now:

Dear Jocelyn, (and anyone else who wonders this same thing) thanks for this very good question. Indeed, how can this day be called good? Part of the answer has to do with how words get translated. "Good Friday" is middle English from "God's Friday". The day is also called Holy Friday. But the most important thing to remember is that "Good Friday" is good because even though Jesus suffered, he did it for us, to take away our sins. Jocelyn, what could be more 'good' than that?

Danny Hall

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class**

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

**Room 210: Fellowship Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum: The Gospel of Matthew

**Room 211: New Friendship Class**

“When Bad Things Happen—Where’s God?”

**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**

“24 Hours that Changed the World”

Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

**NEW HAVEN READS!**

Due to Easter falling on our regular Sunday to meet, (April 4th), New Haven Reads will meet on Sunday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the parlor. We will discuss “Siddhartha” by Herman Hesse. See you then!



**MUSIC MUSINGS**

Music! Music! Music! It is always amazing to me how God uses music to reach people. Of course, God can use anything, but music is a good choice. Every week, I search for music to help enhance our worship services. I try my best to be receptive to God’s “suggestions.” Pastor Cindy always gives me a scripture lesson and topic and we discuss the theme during the process.

Today, I saw music working in a different way. When we took the Crosses of Love to St. Simeon’s, a few of us gathered around the piano and sang some hymns. Soon we noticed some of the residents mouthing the hymns with us. Some even began to join in singing. Many of these residents have Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia.

God allowed us to commune with these residents through the text and melodies of these old hymns. Something in the text or melody cut through the clouds tormenting these people and touched a memory. Hopefully, it was a memory of joy, praise and thanksgiving. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!!!!

*Paul Mabrey*



**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

*A gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of Bill Garms and Leontine Klabzuba was given by John & Georgia Klabzuba.*

*Gifts to the Endowment Fund in memory of Phyllis Prange were given by Marvin & Reba Hoot and Harlan & Shirley Heier.*

If you ordered seafood or fruit from Bithell Farms in February, your order will arrive on our parking lot at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 12th. Please be on time to get your order as the truck is only here for a short time. Thanks!

**ATTENDANCE**

**March 28, 2010**

**8:45 am– 76**

**11:00am– 133**



**Happy Easter!**

The children will be celebrating Easter with a party during Sunday school. We will have an Easter egg hunt, so be sure and bring a basket or bag to gather eggs. If the weather is nice, we will meet at the picnic table on the playground at the beginning of Sunday school. Otherwise, we will meet in Grand Central Station as usual.