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Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!! What a beautiful Easter Sunday we shared together! We give God *all the glory and praise* for sharing the Good News of the resurrection together. *God is so good!*

Many thanks to all who helped make this Easter, and my very *first* Easter with you, so beautiful and special. Our dedicated **lawn crew** came out and made the church yard look so wonderful for Easter – thank you! **Mike Flaherty** and **Dick Garwood** helped prepare the crosses for a powerful visual reminder of Holy Week in our church yard. Thank you to **Yuka Daughters** and **Peter Havlik** for draping the Chancel area of the Sanctuary. With the beauty of the Easter lilies surrounding us, and the altar items carried back in to the Sanctuary, we proclaimed together with power and majesty of the resurrection that, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Our **Praise Band** did an outstanding job in helping us worship and give thanks and glory to God for this day. Thanks to **Paul Mabrey** for his musical and prayerful leadership of the Praise Band and **Chancel Choir**, and to Teresa Roberts for her gifts of accompaniment – my goodness – have you ever heard such beautiful music and singing? We are so blessed.

And there is no way we could keep from smiling, or having tears well up in our eyes as our precious Children’s Choir sang! Thank you **Kaelen Terry** and **Chanel Smith** for your tireless efforts and your love and support for our children. They were simply amazing!

Rev. Suzanne Davis and Danny Hall did an outstanding job in leading our Easter Sunrise service in a meaningful and heartfelt way. What a glorious way to begin this sacred day! And I would be remiss if I did not thank Rev. Suzanne Davis and Rev. Jan Boyd for their passionate and tireless leadership with me in worship on this glorious day. Let us give God our praise and thanks!

I am certain I have left out names that should be recognized for their part in our Easter celebration. Please forgive me – but DO know that God knows who you are – and we give you thanks for your efforts!!

How grateful we are to claim that in remembering Jesus’ story, death does NOT have the final word. *GOD has the final word! Hallelujah – Christ is Risen indeed!*

Easter Blessings to you,

*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 key-noted 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.

## 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!

## MOWERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in serving New Haven by helping mow and upkeep the lawn, please contact Derek Lamkin at 557-9147. There are several teams that each commit to about once a month to bring their equipment, if possible, and get the lawn ready for Sunday services. Assignments and a schedule are in the works to begin later this month - there is a need for more mowers! Thank you.

## DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER

Being with our sisters and brothers during Holy Week by sharing a meal, God's message by Pastor Cindy, and Paul leading choir members in singing the message of Easter was such a humbling experience! Many kind remarks were given about the food, too. Serving the meal at their tables is always well received and it is a wonderful way to fellowship together. Might serving dinner at the Day Center during Holy Week become a tradition?

Thank you, New Haven Family!  
God's Peace, Adriaan



NEW  
MEMBER

Pictured above is long-time member, Joseph Stevenson, with his wife, Kathryn, and son, Evan. Kathryn joined New Haven in membership on Easter Sunday. Be sure to give her the famous New Haven welcome!!!

## 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.

## Mode of Transportation Need

We have recently become aware of a need from one of our visiting families that they have asked we share with you:

Erica and Davd Ostentag have been visiting our congregation several times in the past year - you may remember this family of five who have two special needs children. Their little one, Anna Bella, has recently been placed in a walking device - a mobile apparatus that enables her to move around safely. The Ostentags are also guardians for little David, who is developmentally disabled, and also has special equipment needs. The family tells me that their mini-van is not large enough to carry all of the "equipment" they now carry around for their children. If they travel anywhere, it requires two vehicles. This family has been to several social agencies in the city asking for any possible means of transportation such as a used Suburban or similar vehicle. Due to their extremely high medical bills, they cannot qualify for a loan or seek a vehicle on their own. If you know of any resources that they may not have tried, or if you know of anyone who may have a used vehicle they would be willing to sell or offer this family, please contact either Pastor Cindy or Pastor Suzanne. Thank you for your prayerful consideration for caring for those in need as the Body of Christ!

**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!

**Opportunities of the Week**  
**April 11 ~ 18, 2010**

**SUNDAY, April 11**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads Book Club
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast

**MONDAY, April 12**

- 4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth
- 5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor

**TUESDAY, April 13**

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Outreach/Parlor
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

**WEDNESDAY, April 14**

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

**THURSDAY, April 15**

- 5:00 pm Math Tutoring/185
- 7:00 pm Down Group/Parlor & Gym
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

**FRIDAY, April 16**

- 7:30 pm AA /Gym

**SATURDAY, April 17**

**SUNDAY, April 18**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:00 pm Finance/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir



The hymn in our UM Hymnal on page 707 is called "Hymn of Promise." It was written by Natalie Sleeth who once observed: "[I was] pondering the idea of life and death, spring and winter, Good Friday and Easter, and the whole reawakening of the world that happens every spring. I worked on the words very carefully, choosing just the right 'pairings' to get across the idea of something inherent in something else even though unseen." I recently read a blog by Rev. Judith K. Jones where she stated, "Easter is about transformation. It is the story, not of more life, but of new life. Transformation is not about rearranging what is. Transformation is about emptying out and making space for something new. Transformation is about the hidden promise of God's ability to make all things not just better, but new." What a wonderful reassuring thought; God can make all things new!

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*Lets keep this Easter message  
in our hearts  
everyday of the year!*

*Paul Mabrey*

