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Every time someone is baptized in the church, it is a sacred moment – not just for the infant, child, youth or adult who is being baptized, but for all of us. It is a sacred moment for the entire congregation. We all take part in the vows to raise this person in the faith.



This coming Sunday we will be sharing in the sacrament of baptism of a young child at the 11:00 service. I've been thinking about what a blessing that will be to all of us, and of course, to this young child and his parents. In times like these, we think about our own baptism. It's the day we were claimed as one of God's own. Whether you remember your baptism or not, it was the day that defined who and Whose you are!

What does it mean to be a baptized Christian? And, do the waters of your baptism STILL define who you are? Baptism calls us to a new way of living. Our baptism should affect the decisions we make; it should affect how we talk to one another; it should affect how we care for one another. Our baptism is that important!

I believe it was Martin Luther who once said that baptism is something that's done in church one day, but takes the rest of our lives to complete!

Come; be blessed in worship this week as we gather to worship the One who, at your baptism, said to you, “You are my child... my beloved son, my beloved daughter. You are mine.”

I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Walking the journey together with you,

Pastor Cindy



PAUL'S MUSIC MUSINGS.

My proofreader told me I omitted an important letter last week. I wrote, “I hope you have been blessed by the minister(s) of the New Haven Chancel Choir.” I meant to affirm that each singer is a minister in our music program. Sorry if I sounded vain!

I also want to thank each member of our Chancel Bells and the children in Celebration Singers. Both of these groups rehearse each week so that they can assist within the worship services. Chanel Smith and Kaelen Terry have worked faithfully with the children's choir this year. Stacey Schifferdecker has worked with Chanel and Kaelen to coordinate the Sunday evening children's activities to include their rehearsal time.

There is no part of our music ministry that has more fun than the Chancel Bells. We have a good time at each rehearsal. We take our mission seriously, but not ourselves! We laugh our way through our mistakes until we can offer our best in the service. I really appreciate these people and their joyful attitude.

Our music program is strengthened by the talents of Teresa Roberts on the piano and the organ (now that it's in good repair)! Teresa brings a quiet and calm professionalism to our music program. Her solos during the preludes and postludes are always inspirational. Truly, New Haven is blessed by the many ministers of music serving our congregation and God's kingdom.



Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Paul Mabrey

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 16th at Noon

Project Transformation is a summer literacy camp for underserved elementary-age children, grades 1-6. The day camp runs for 8 weeks, Mon.-Fri., from 9am-3pm. College interns work with the children to gain experience working and serving in urban ministries. Project Transformation was established in Dallas, Texas in 1998; Oklahoma began the program in 2002 and this is Tulsa's 7th year to participate. New Haven has been involved as a partner church from the beginning and this year will partner with Southern Hills UMC to:

- *Financially support an intern: \$1,200.*
- *Support an intern through prayer*
- *Provide 12-15 volunteers for 4 mornings for one-on-one reading with the children*
- *Provide 3 lunches & 1 dinner for the interns*
- *Donate program supplies and snacks*

Our goal is to raise \$1,600. through this luncheon. The menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and dessert.

The week we will work this year is Monday, June 28th through Thursday, July 1st. DISNEY is the theme this year!

The Outreach Committee will be available to answer your questions and help you sign up on May 10th at the Outreach table in the hallway. Thank you so much for your continued support for this life-changing ministry.

ATTENDANCE

May 2, 2010

8:45 am– 66

11:00am– 110

Total– 176

GRADUATES!

If you have a graduating high school, college or tech school senior in your family, we would like to recognize him/her during the worship service on May 30th.

If you can send a short bio, future plans, and a picture of your graduate, we will also put an article in the Spire on May 24th.

Please have these in the office by May 21st. Thanks!

JUNE IS MISSION MONTH!!!

The Outreach Committee is preparing to have all different kinds of mission opportunities during June. On three Saturdays, June 12, 19, and 26, we will help the Native American UMC with some of their needs at their building. This is the same church that came here to cook Indian tacos and our sisters and brothers there are very excited that we will be in mission with them this summer.

We'll have "Undie Sunday" on June 27th (we all bring children's underwear for Child-share)! Pastor Cindy will share a message on missions which will be followed by a luncheon to raise funds for the New Day Camp. This is a camp for children of incarcerated parents. All our ministries will have a display of their involvements in missions.

Last, but not least, all Sunday School classes will be contacted by Todd Morgan and asked to supply a cake like we did last year when China was the theme.

June 28th is our first day to read with the children of Project Transformation at Southern Hills UMC.

On June 30th we will serve a picnic dinner to our extended family at the Day Center.

You will be able to sign up beginning May 16th.

Adriaan



ALL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 23rd

4:00 p.m.

at Leake Park

**Fried chicken will be provided!
You bring a dish to share, your
drinks, lawn chair or blanket,
and any sports equipment
you may want to use.**



Get ready for an adventure! It's time to travel through time and space to ancient Egypt and learn about Joseph's journey from prison to palace. VBS will be July 18-22 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and we need you! Youth and adult volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Marketplace shops. Be a shopkeeper and have a great time playing the role of an Egyptian artisan or merchant. Share interesting historical facts with Egyptian families who visit your shop as you help them with hands-on projects and talk about the one true God. You can choose what shop you are interested in: barbershop and salon, toy shop, brickmaking, embalmer's workshop, jewelry shop, linen shop, hieroglyphic artist's shop, basket weaver's shop, or food shop.

Pyramid Playground. Lead Egyptian families in games each day.

Egyptian Family Leader. Lead your family members to different activities throughout the evening and help children make the connection between their everyday life and what they learn in Egypt.

Child Care Leaders. Care for the young children of volunteers.

Photographer. Take pictures of all the adventures.

Snack Supper. Help prepare the snack supper each night for our children and volunteers.

We also need help before VBS, making costumes and decorations. If you can sew, paint, or even color within the lines, we need you!

Joseph's Journey is going to be a very exciting VBS! Talk to Stacey Schifferdecker about how you can be part of it. Training and all materials are provided.

You can also register your children for VBS now. Invite your friends and neighbors – everyone is welcome!



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!

Life Lessons with Max Lucado “The Book of John”

Room 205: Journey’s Class

“Christianity’s Family Tree”

by Adam Hamilton

**OKLAHOMA VOLUNTEERS IN
MISSION
ANNUAL UMCOR KIT DRIVE**

UMCOR is currently requesting donations for kits to be distributed in Haiti, the U.S. and around the world. OKVIM is organizing its annual kit drive to help in this tremendous need and ministry opportunity. Every church has been contacted! All kits will be taken to annual conference at Boston Ave. UMC at the end of May. If you can help, just drop your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Make it out to New Haven UMC and put UMCOR Kit Drive in the memo line.

U.M.W. Updates

POT LUCK DINNER AT HOPE CIRCLE MEETING

Hope Circle members will gather at 6 P.M., Monday night, May 10th, for a Pot Luck Dinner for their last meeting of the year. We'll celebrate their wonderful first year in the UMW. Kate Scruggs will host. If anyone is interested in becoming a part of this circle, just come join us. You don't even have to bring food. We meet in the Parlor, and childcare can be provided with 24 hr. notice.

SUSANNA CIRCLE SALAD LUNCHEON AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY

One of the highlights of every year is Susanna Circle's May Salad Luncheon and Birthday Celebration. Members, and potential members, will meet in the Parlor at 10 A.M. on Thursday, May 13th, for this special meeting. We will be hosted by Pat Thomas. In addition to the food and fellowship, Circle officers will be elected, and Pat Thomas will conduct the Spiritual Growth Mission study. Childcare is provided.

UMW UNIT MEETING

The UMW will have a brief Unit Meeting on Sunday, May 16th, at 9:45 A.M. in the Chapel. Members of Susanna and Hope Circles will meet together to elect their new Unit Officers. Members may then go to their Sunday School classes, or stay and fellowship.

COLLECTION BOX FOR MEN & WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT WE HAVE A BOX IN THE RESTORE HOPE CLOSET WHERE YOU CAN LEAVE ITEMS TO BE SENT ACROSS THE WORLD TO OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY. THERE IS A LIST INSIDE OF SUGGESTED ITEMS YOU MIGHT BUY. THANKS SO MUCH!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

**MAY 9TH ~ MOTHER'S DAY
SPECIAL GIFTS IN WORSHIP!**

**MAY 21ST
DINNER THEATER AT NEW HAVEN UMC**

**MAY 23RD
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!
4:00 PM ~ ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT LEAKE PARK**

JUNE 6TH ~ UMW SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

**JULY 18TH-23RD
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!**

Opportunities of the Week May 9 ~ 16, 2010

SUNDAY, May 9 "Mother's Day"

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, May 10

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

TUESDAY, May 11

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

WEDNESDAY, May 12

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

THURSDAY, May 13

10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
5:00 pm Math Tutoring/185
7:30 pm Yoga/211

FRIDAY, May 14

7:30 pm AA /Gym

SATURDAY, May 15

10:00-3:00 Dinner Theater Practice

SUNDAY, May 16

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday Schools
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Noon-Project Transformation Fund Raiser Luncheon
1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:30 pm UMY

HELP! Elementary Camp Leaders Still Needed!

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as dean at Elementary Camp (grades 3-5) this summer at Camp Egan. But I can't do it alone! I am still looking for volunteers to share in this fun experience and serve as cabin/small group leaders. The time commitment is July 24-30. Leader training is held July 24 & 25, and then campers are with us for the rest of the week. We need male and female leaders who are at least 18 years old. This is a very rewarding way to serve. You do not have to be a Bible scholar or an expert on children. It requires only a love for children and a willingness to try something new. As I said, training as well as everything else you need is provided. If you are interested in learning more details, please contact me.

Serving together,
Tonya Ford (252-4571 or tonyacford@hotmail.com)



Ladies Build Habitat for Humanity

We can do it . . . and we did!

Saturday six ladies from New Haven and about forty others arrived at 8:00 at the site. There was a lot with a concrete slab. We carried wood, hammered nails and on one, two, three we raised the walls of a new house. By mid afternoon all the outside walls were up and several inside walls. The future resident of the home and her family were there also helping. What a incredible experience to be a part of a new house coming into being and the joy of the family who will be moving in this summer.

Work continues every Saturday until the house is complete. Ladies, you are welcome to come and join us, there is work for everyone and the Habitat people show us everything we need to know and have all the equipment needed. We will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 Saturday morning. For more information call Suzanne or Ann Wilkerson.

Thank you to :

Phil Roberts for organizing the BEST EVER church work day!
Mike Flaherty and David Schifferdecker for taking the outside crosses down!
Yuka Daughters for the beautiful drapings for our Chancel area at Easter!
Dick Garwood for hauling zillions of bags of mulch for the parsonage and church yard!

All who volunteered (and continue to do so) for the Habitat for Humanity house!