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“I have called you by name, you are mine.” – Isaiah 43:1b



Like many of you have done, or will be doing very soon...

I attended a graduation ceremony this past weekend. We

sat patiently, waiting for that moment... those “10 seconds of fame”... when the name of a loved one is called out to be recognized. One by one, hundreds of graduates walked to the stage, waited for their name to be called out, took hold of their diploma, shook the hand of a school dignitary, and turned to have their picture taken. All of this, in the midst of enthusiastic cheers... **God says I have called you by name, you are mine!**

This past Sunday we welcomed a little child into the family of God through baptism. We sang a song to this beautiful child of God, “God Claims You!” to remind him, and all of us, that God has called us by name, and that we indeed are His... **God says I have called you by name, you are mine!**

In just a short two weeks, we will celebrate yet another milestone in our faith journey. Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd. It will be a time of great celebration, as our Confirmand will profess that Jesus is Lord of their life. It is a time when we remember we, too, are claimed by the One who created us. We are called by name as we commit ourselves to live as Disciples of Jesus Christ and acknowledge all that God is doing in our lives.... **God says I have called you by name, you are mine!**

God is with us in all the milestones in our lives. He knows us by name. We are chosen, claimed, and loved for life. It doesn't get any better than that!

Walking the journey in faith together,

Pastor Cindy



PAUL'S MUSIC MUSINGS.....

Thomas S. Colvin (1925-2000) was a pastoral missionary for the Church of Scotland in Ghana and Nyasaland (now Malawi). On Sunday morning, we sang one of his hymns "Jesu, Jesu" (UM Hymnal 432). It is adapted from a Ghanaian folk song he heard during his years of service in that country.

Because of the reference to foot washing in stanza 1 (John 13:1-17), this hymn may be used during Holy Week. However, the general themes of service and love make the hymn appropriate for any time of the year. The dominant theme is the equality of all peoples in Christ (John 13:16). All people -- "rich and poor" and "black and white" -- are our neighbors.

The focus on neighbors recalls Christ response in Luke 10:27, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Furthermore, now that missionaries have taken the gospel around the world, this hymn suggests that relationships among all peoples should be as equals, where our love for each other through Christ "puts us on our knees, serving as though WE were slaves."

Thanks to Dr. C. Michael Hawn, director of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology for these insights on this hymn. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!



Paul Mabrey

**PROJECT TRANSFORMATION FUNDRAISER
THIS SUNDAY AT NOON!**

If you haven't been able to sign up for lunch this Sunday, please join us anyway in fellowship and support of this so needed Literary Camp for underserved elementary age children. Teranne Williams, the associate director of P.T. will be our featured guest speaker.

You will also have the opportunity to look at what days you might be available to help a child read. To actually share in fellowship with a child is awesome, as all of you know that have been a part of this program. The dates for listening to a child read to you are Monday, June 28th-Thursday, July 1st from 9:15 am-12:00 pm. You will be provided with more information after you sign up!
Our children are our future!!!

God's Speed,
Adriaan

**JUNE IS MISSION & OUTREACH MONTH
CELEBRATING SERVING & SHARING LIVES
TOGETHER!**

June 12-30

Part of this celebration in mission and outreach will be making some improvements at the Indian U.M. church. We'll be painting floors with speckles, replacing part of a ceiling, installing linoleum in a bathroom, repairing and painting some water damage in the entry, and replacing some windows. Our youth will clean up and beautify their grounds. Please stop at the Outreach table this Sunday for more info about the workdays which will be Saturdays, June 12, 19, and 26 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. If you can only work part of the day, that is great, too!

Lunch will be provided.

Looking forward to celebrating by serving in mission and outreach with you,
The Outreach Committee

BAPTISM



**Pictured above is Evan Kerek Stevenson with his parents,
Joseph & Kathryn Stevenson.
Evan was baptized during the 11:00 service on May 9th.
Grandparents are George & Camille Stevenson.**

**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.**

Ya'll come!

**DEADLINE FOR EYEGASSES
FOR MEXICO**

The deadline to donate eyeglasses for Mexico is fast approaching. The latest day to give them to me is Sunday, May 30th. So far, New Haven has donated 165 pairs that will be taken in July on a Medical Mission trip by the Elk City UMC's team. The team is led by Steve's and my daughter, Rev. Wendi Neal, and our son-in-law, Rev. Carlos Ramirez. They are overwhelmed by the generosity of all of you, and so am I. Thank you so much!

Bobbi Neal

UMPTENAGERS

The Umpteenagers will once again enjoy a terrific potluck luncheon on Tuesday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the church parlor. This is a very popular event. . .there are some terrific cooks in this group!!! Any adult wishing to "try out" this group is more than welcome to come. The meetings are very lively and you'll always enjoy great food and lots of laughter! Come find out for yourself!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

MAY 16TH

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION FUND RAISER LUNCHEON AT NOON!

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!!!

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!!!



Opportunities of the Week May 16 ~ 23, 2010

SUNDAY, May 16

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:00 pm PT Luncheon/Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, May 17

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

TUESDAY, May 18

11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, May 19

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

THURSDAY, May 20

10:00 am Nifty Knitters/Parlor
7:30 pm Yoga/211

FRIDAY, May 21

4:30 pm Play Rehearsal
7:00 pm Dinner Theater/Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm AA

SATURDAY, May 22

SUNDAY, May 16

Confirmation Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday Schools
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:00 pm Church Picnic/Leake Park

MANY THANKS TO . . .

. . . Phil Roberts for the hard work and preparation in beginning to replace the wooden fencing around our air conditioner units!

. . . Peter Havlik for our new church yard banner frame!

. . . Those continuing to help other with other women in the community to build a "Habitat for Humanity" home for those in need!

. . . Our wonderful seasonal "flower" angels who bring arrangements to help decorate our Narthex and women's restroom areas!