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Some of you may have heard the story about the mother who was preparing pancakes one morning for her sons, Kevin, age 5, and Ryan, age 3. The boys loved their mom’s pancakes and began to argue over who would get the first pancake. As boys sometimes will, they were pushing and shoving to be first in line. Their mother saw this as a great opportunity for a moral lesson. So she called the boys to calm down and said, “If Jesus was sitting here, what would he say?” “Well,” she continued, “I’ll tell you what he’d say. He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait...’” At that, Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, YOU be Jesus!”



We laugh, because it’s something many of us can relate to. Most people who take the time to be involved in church are convinced that being a disciple of Jesus Christ and doing the work of the Gospel can and should be done. We want, and expect excellence in the ministries and programs of the church. We want all the benefits of a vital and growing faith. We want the Spirit of Christ to be alive in our church! But, many times, we think someone else can do it for us. We want somebody else to be Jesus.....

I have seen so many people at New Haven UMC step forward and help wherever they are needed. Every weekend it seems there have been people painting and scrubbing, putting up fences, mowing and digging. Others have eagerly shown up to help with preparing for special meals or respite care. Still others offer their time and efforts to attend meetings and offer guidance for so many areas of ministry at the church.

What you do speaks volumes to your children, your family and your friends. But it speaks the loudest to our Lord. God has blessed us with so much. And for all that we have been given, we are called to respond; we can do that in so many ways. If you are not involved in a Sunday school class, please prayerfully consider how you can make that a priority in your life. If you have a few hours a week to offer your time to help others, give us a call. Consider making a financial gift to enhance the ministries at New Haven. In all that we do, may we show others Who is at the center of OUR life. How else will our neighbors and friends see Jesus, if not in you?

Let our actions speak louder than our words.

You will be a blessing to your church and to all whom God sends our way!

*Walking the journey in ministry and serving together,
Pastor Cindy*

Please Attend Our Dinner Theater!

Friday, May 21st

7:00 pm

If you haven’t already signed up to attend, please call Mark Mann this week to let him know you are coming!



MAX NIGHTINGALE

joined in membership with New Haven UMC on May 16th. Please extend your warmest welcome to Max and let him know how delighted we are to get to know him!



**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

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCH

Thank you, Danny Hall, for sharing your devotional with us by focusing on God's words, "Let the children come unto me". Serving the "underserved" children is the main reason Project Transformation was formed.

It takes the involvement of many of us in sharing our gifts and talents. We had the privilege to meet and hear one of the interns, Teranne Williams, one of the associate directors of Project Transformation, speak in her passionate and articulate way about the program. Others are also important to the success of the program: the young adults and interns to lead the camp, the board, the site coordinators, and all of you! You have shared your compassion in many ways by having a child read to you, fixing desserts and dinners and luncheons and giving monetary donations in the past.

Thanks to all who attended the lunch Sunday and were so generous! We raised close to \$1,100. to support an intern and \$400. for snacks and camp materials. Our commitment is for \$2,000., so we are still accepting donations if you want to take part and haven't been able to do it yet. Thanks to Linda Jaeger for all the smart-looking art pieces and table decorations, to Vincent Duiveman for the great hamburgers and hot dogs & Kevin Scruggs for the buns, the Outreach committee for the desserts and setting up the community hall, and to all of you for cleaning up after the lunch!

God's Speed, Adriaan

**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!!!

**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 EYEGLASSES
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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY
ELECTED UMW UNIT OFFICERS**

Congratulations go out to the new United Methodist Women's Unit Officers, elected Sunday. They are:

President -	Susan Lamkin
Vice-President -	Lana Gotcher
Treasurer -	Kate Scruggs
Fundraising -	Shirley Nelson
Program Resources -	Linda Joyce (Reading Program)
Social Action -	Jan Boyd
Spiritual Growth -	Danny Hall
Radical Hospitality -	Laurel Duncan
Co-Chair -	Dodie Wood
Military Support -	Shirley Nelson
Co-Chair -	Dodie Wood

DATES TO REMEMBER!

MAY 21ST

DINNER THEATER AT NEW HAVEN UMC

MAY 23RD

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

4:00 PM ~ ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT LEAKE PARK

MAY 30TH - GRADUATE SUNDAY

JUNE 6TH ~ UMW SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

JUNE 20TH ~ FATHER'S DAY!

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

AUTHOR TO SPEAK TO ADULT CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

The Christian Living and Fellowship Sunday Classes will hear the Rev. Robert Martin Walker discuss the *Adult Bible Studies* summer quarter curriculum, *Christian Commitment in Today's World*, in the Parlor this Sunday, May 23rd. Bob has written the Teacher's Guide for this 13 week study.

The son of New Haven members Bob and Eileen Walker, the Rev. Walker is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, and Yale Divinity School. He has pastored churches in Texas and Connecticut for some 30 years and is a member of the New York Annual Conference, now appointed to write and teach in the field of spirituality and religion. He serves as Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York, and is a teacher for Rising Hope, an organization that provides college-level educations for persons in prison.

Everyone is invited to join these classes at 9:45 this Sunday to hear Bob preview this study that will begin at New Haven on June 6th.

His latest devotional, *Blessings of the Cross*, will be published as the 2011 Lenten Study for the United Methodist Church. Bob blogs at <http://soulinmotiononline.blogspot.com/>

NEW SUSANNA AND HOPE CIRCLE OFFICERS

All the women of New Haven are invited and encouraged to join the mission-minded United Methodist Women. If you would like any information about the UMW and the different Circles, please contact Unit President, Susan Lamkin, at 744-9440, or any other UMW member.

The Susanna (daytime) and Hope (evening) Circles of the UMW recently elected new officers, as well. They are:

SUSANNA

Chair - Susan Lamkin
Vice-Chair - Kelly Sartain
Secretary - Pat Thomas
Treasurer - Shirley Nelson

HOPE

Chair - Tonya Ford
Vice-Chair - Lana Gotcher
Secretary - Jennifer Carthel
Treasurer - Kate Scruggs

Congratulations to all of these awesome ladies!

Opportunities of the Week

May 23 ~ 30, 2010

SUNDAY, May 23

Confirmation Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:00 pm Confirmation Reception/Parlor
4:00 pm All Church Picnic at Leake Park
5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, May 24

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

TUESDAY, May 25

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

WEDNESDAY, May 26

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

THURSDAY, May 27

6:00 pm Band Practice/Sanctuary
7:30 pm Yoga/211

FRIDAY, May 28

7:30 pm AA

SATURDAY, May 29

SUNDAY, May 30 Graduate Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday Schools
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
5:30 pm UMY
6:00 pm OK. Annual Conference begins
at Boston Ave. UMC

Celebrate With Us! Congratulations, Wendi Neal!!

Our own Wendi Neal (Steve and Bobbi Neal's daughter) is going to be ordained as an Elder in full connection at this year's Annual Conference at Boston Avenue UMC! As many of you know, Wendi is one of New Haven's own. You are invited to share in the celebration of Wendy's ordination during worship services on Tuesday, June 1st at 6:30 pm. We are so proud of how God has worked in her life, and that she has reached this milestone in her faith journey in ministry. Come join us in the blessing of witnessing the holy moment of Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr. placing his hand upon her head, and all those who will be also be ordained that evening, into the United Methodist Church. Cards from her church family can be addressed to: Wendi Neal c/o Steve and Bobbi Neal, 6718 South Atlanta Ave., Tulsa, OK 74136 !