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Cindy's Chalkboard

What a wonderful day this past Sunday was! Thank you SO MUCH for your heartfelt reception – we celebrate with you our re-appointment to this incredible church. Thank you to all who organized this time of fun and fellowship – it means so much to us. I look forward to seeing God at work through all of us in the year ahead!

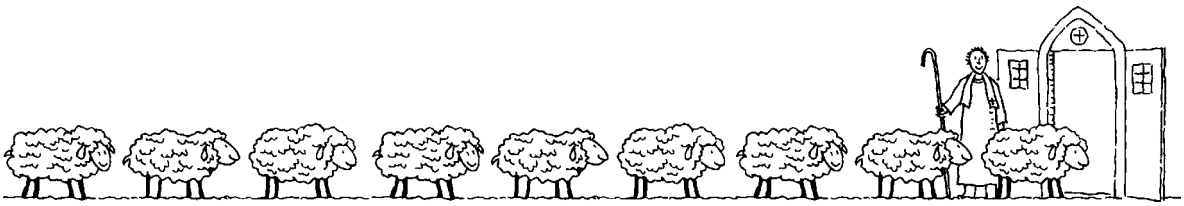
As we think about Father's Day coming up, these words from Harold K. Bates help us think about loved ones who have cast a positive shadow on our lives. Our fathers, or those who are father figures to us, play an important role in who we are today:

> "**Witnessing is not only something you say, but it is also something you do. And when it is done best, it may be summarized in these words: *Witness* is *withness*. When you are *with* Christ, you inevitably bear witness. As you stand in His light, you cast a shadow that touches the lives of others. As you stand *with* others, you give your witness for Christ. Your care, companionship, and compassion for others – *withness* – is a convincing witness for Christ who is *with* you "to the end of the earth." – Witness for Christ.**

This weekend we will gather to recognize Father's Day in worship. We will have several people come forward to talk about the influence having a Christian father has in their life, and what it means to them. This will be a time of blessing for all – I hope you will make it a point to join us. We also acknowledge that not everyone has the same experience of what we hope a father to be. As Christians, we do have the joy and hope to know we have a heavenly Father, and for some people, it's the only positive influence they have in their life.

Many of you know that Peter (my better half) has been away on business, working on a plant start-up in Louisiana. I miss him! So, I am particularly mindful this weekend of Father's Day, and look forward to his coming home and being with our family to celebrate together. He is my example of "withness" – who is yours? Let us give thanks to God for those who have shown us care, companionship and compassion in our life. Come join us as we celebrate!

Walking the journey with you,
Pastor Cindy



CHILD SHARE'S UNDIE SUNDAY!

"Undie Sunday" will be on Sunday, June 27th, but we begin collecting children's new underwear and socks for Child Share, a foster care children's program, the first week of June through the 27th. Candice Morton, the director of Child Share, assured us there is a big need for underwear. Please leave your donations in the laundry baskets which will be placed in the hallway.

Project Transformation Reading Week will be Monday, June 28-July 1st from 9:15 am to noon. We are still looking for some more folks to read with the children! You may sign up now at the Outreach table.

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON FOR NEW DAY CAMP. . . . .EVERYONE INVITED!
June 27th at Noon

To celebrate all missions and Outreach from all areas of New Haven, a B.B.Q. lunch is being planned and we hope all of you will join us!

Donations will go to New Day Camp, a camp for children of incarcerated parents. The children will have the opportunity to fellowship with other youngsters and adults and many lives are changed!

You, the New Haven family, have always embraced this ministry and we hope you will be able to celebrate with us. Our featured speaker at the lunch will be Coletta Denison, who will share lots of information about this ministry. If you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation, you can send a check by mail or just drop it in the offering plate.

Mark it "New Day Camp" and sign up for the lunch at the Outreach tables

Adriaan Duiveman

RESTORE HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

We hope you will participate in Restore Hope's fourth annual Golf Tournament on Monday, August 16 at Forest Ridge Golf Club. We also hope you will invite your friends to enter a team or sponsor a hole. Previous tournament proceeds of $48,000 fed, clothed, housed and stabilized families throughout Tulsa County.

If you are unable to play this year we encourage you to make a donation to support the programs of Restore Hope.

Journey to Egypt

We are traveling back to Egypt this summer for VBS and invite everyone to come with us and explore Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace!

VBS is July 18-22 from 6:00-8:30 every evening. Register your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, etc. Registration forms are on the VBS table in the hallway.

We still have some opportunities for youth and adults to serve at VBS too. We need a couple people to help in the child care area, watching over the young children of other VBS volunteers. We can also still use a few family leaders and shopkeepers. Even if you are only available one or two nights, call the church office and let Stacey know or email Stacey@newhavenumc.org.

Can We Borrow That?

To help us transform our church into ancient Egypt for the week of VBS, we need lots of brown paper grocery bags, large and small baskets, pots, and greenery. If you have any items we can borrow, please bring them to Stacey's office by July 11. Be sure to put your name on everything so we can return it to you after VBS.

(Almost) Fourth of July Parade

The (Almost) Fourth of July Parade is coming up. Can you believe this is our 6th annual parade? We are calling it the (Almost) Fourth of July Parade this year because the 4th is on a Sunday this year and so the parade will actually be on Saturday, July 3rd. Parade hours are 10-12. 10-10:30 will be bike decorating time and we will begin lining up for the parade at 10:30. If you can't participate in the parade itself, come and cheer on the participants and enjoy a time of fellowship with your church family and neighbors.

This Sunday, we will have sign-up sheets out to bring cookies, supervise the water slide, and staff the refreshment table.

Join us for our *new* Bible Study
classes beginning the week of July 5th!!!

What's So AMAZING About GRACE?

by Philip Yancey
Led by Rev. Cindy Havlik

Grace: the freely given, unmerited and undeserved love of God.

We speak of grace often, but do we understand it? More important, do we really believe it and do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words? In this Bible Study, Philip Yancey asks us to think about God's grace... what it looks like,,, what it doesn't look like… and how we as Christians, can reveal the grace the world is looking for. Come join us as we travel the road of grace together!

Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm ~ July 8th - August 19th
Participant's Guide: $9.00

Uppity Women of the BIBLE

by Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe
Led by Rev. Suzanne Davis

This Bible study focuses on the book of Ruth using several engaging video sessions with Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe who will take us on an enlightening journey with a lively and thoughtful look at the Book of Ruth. Dr. Wolfe considers the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times. She explores themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty and seduction. What *really* happened on the threshing room floor? Combining humor and careful scholarship, this study invites us to re-read the book with new insight and understanding for all its characters, especially the intelligent, confident – even uppity – heroine Ruth.

10:30—11:30 am Monday mornings
beginning July 5th through August 16th

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES COMING TO
NEW HAVEN IN SEPTEMBER!

- Disciple Bible Study I, "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study", a 32 week study and the prerequisite for all other Disciple Studies.
  Led by Danny Hall
- Disciple Bible Study II, "Into the Word into the World" is the 2nd study in this series and will be led by Peter Havlik.

Opportunities of the Week
June 20-27, 2010

SUNDAY, June 20 Father's Day!
Children sing in worship!
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, June 21
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, June 22
5:15 pm Youth Guitar Lessons
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, June 23
7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, June 24
6:00 pm Band Practice/Sanctuary
7:30 pm Yoga/211

FRIDAY, June 25
7:30 pm AA 26

SATURDAY, JUNE 26
8:00 am Mission at Indian Church

SUNDAY, June 27
8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday Schools
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:30 pm UMY

ATTENDANCE

June 13, 2010
8:45 am-76
11:00 am– 120
Total- 196

MEMORIAL GIFTS
A gift to the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund has been given by Virginia Kingsolver in memory of Jarrett Kingsolver.

It's time once again to order those delicious berries from Bithell Farms in Oregon. The UMW is taking orders and you'll find the order blanks in the reception areas of the church!!!
Deadline: June 26th