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## Cindy's Chalkboard

A time of remembrance.... that's what we celebrated this past Sunday in worship. We remembered the birthday of our nation, and we also spent time remembering the meal Jesus shared with his Disciples on the night before he gave his life for us.

Let there be no doubt that the Holy Spirit is alive and well! As Jan broke the loaves during worship services, I wish all of you could have witnessed the hot steam that gracefully swirled out of the freshly made Communion bread. It was such a powerful reminder of God's presence with us. I know you could smell the wonderful aroma of baking bread that worked its way in and out of our pews. Don't you think God must have smiled to see us waiting with anticipation to come and taste the bread, and drink from the cup? Did you know..... that's how God wants us to come and celebrate this meal? Full of excitement and joy, for all Jesus has done for each one of us.

And, how absolutely delightful it was to witness the presence of our church in the community this weekend. A good number of you came out with our surrounding neighborhood and took part in the annual Fourth of July parade (THIRD of July parade, this year!). While it rained and rained throughout the day... it did NOT take away even one bit from the fun that we had. So many people of all ages came with their children, bikes, wagons and dogs. It was a day to remember! We received wonderful newspaper write-ups in the Tulsa World in both Saturday and Sunday papers [Saturday's Weekend Calendar page two/Sunday's In The News page three] and then some fun TV coverage from Channel 6 News at 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00!! Wow! Many, many thanks to Stacey Schifferdecker and her family for all their hard work and effort to make this "Third" of July parade and fellowship a resounding success. We had a great time, didn't we?

It makes us smile to hear about all the good things that God is doing in our midst. Won't you make it a point to share your church with others and invite them to come be a part of New Haven United Methodist Church? All it takes is a personal invitation. Jesus did it all the time, and he seems to think we can do it too!

It is a joy to walk this journey of faith with you,

Pastor Cindy

### Important VBS Dates

Thursday, July 8 at 10:30-11:00	Meeting with family leaders to discuss your role and pass out schedules and packets
Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00-??	Decorating hallways (lunch included!)
Saturday, July 17 at 2:00	Set up Community Hall for VBS meals and marketplace
Sunday July 18 at 1:00	Decorate sanctuary

Please come and help whenever you can! If you want to help with anything and these dates don't work for you, just let Stacey know. She will find a way for you to help!

### Fun on the Fourth!

Despite the rain, we had a great time at the (almost) Fourth of July parade. The crowd gets bigger every year and we were featured on both the TV news and in the newspaper! Thank you to everyone who helped, from setting up and cleaning up to handling refreshments, taking care of the barricades, and welcoming our neighbors. You are an awesome church! If you have any pictures, please send them in to Pat so we can post them on our TV in the hallway. Also, if you have a yard sign, please return it so we can use them again next year.

Stacey

## 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.

### UMW Susanna Circle Informal Meeting

Let's meet at the church at 11am on Thursday, July 8th, to head out for a fun lunch! We can decide where to go when we meet!

### Church Life Meeting

The Church Life Committee will meet on Sunday, July 11th at 12:15pm. Please plan to attend or feel free to join us to make plans for the All Church Retreat September 17-18, Dinners for Eight and maybe another summer event! We will meet in the Parlor following services - contact Susan Lamkin if you have any questions or suggestions!

## LET'S WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER

Take a break from the summer heat. Join us in the parlor on Friday, July 16 at 6:25 p.m. We will be watching that great classic movie, The Bishops Wife starring David Niven, Cary Grant and Loretta Young. The movie lasts about 1 hour and 50 minutes. We'll have popcorn and soft drinks. For questions or to just say you are coming...call Shirley Nelson at 355-4543 or Danny Hall at 640-3891. If you need child care, call Stacey at the church office.

### UMPTENAGERS MEET FOR THEIR SUMMER PICNIC (INSIDE OF COURSE) ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

Be sure to join us in the Parlor for fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and ice cream

July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Cost ~ \$5.00

Be sure to sign up in your classroom or call  
Pat ~ 494-3927



### 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](mailto: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.

## ***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.**

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

Harvard Ave. UMC sustained a lot of water damage during the heavy rains early in June, so the Tulsa District's "Disaster Early Response Team" has set some work days in July to work on damaged wallboard replacement. Those days will be July 6-10, July 12, July 14-16 and work will take place from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Bill Turner from Faith UMC will coordinate the effort and welcomes all the help he can get!

If you would like to help our sister church you can go on any of these days to 1027 N. Harvard and lend a helping hand. Thanks!

## PROJECT TRANSFORMATION DINNER

Sunday, July 25th

6:00 pm

If you have been part of Project Transformation by listening to a child read, come and join us for dinner! This is a Tulsa District event where we celebrate the program together.

Please RSVP to Pat Bates by July 15th. (743-6491)

## CELEBRATING MISSION MONTH!!!

### Serving and Sharing Lives Together

Dear New Haven Family,

Our God is an awesome God! He reigns and calls us to be in mission and to go out into the world. And so you, sisters and brothers, always respond to that call. Serving in different ways last month with **SO MANY** of you. . . .to be children alike was awesome and I give thanks! I'd love to share the following article with you from my favorite author, Henry Nouwen, who says it better than I ever could:

### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

If you dare to believe that you are beloved before you are born, you may suddenly realize that your life is very, very special. You become conscious that you were sent here just for a short time, for twenty, forty, or eighty years, to discover and believe that you are a beloved child of God. Then length of time doesn't matter. You are sent into this world to believe in yourself as God's chosen one and then to help your brothers and sisters know that they are also beloved sons and daughters of God who belong together. You're sent into this world to be a people of reconciliation. You are sent to heal, to break down the walls between you and your neighbors, locally, nationally, and globally. Before all the distinctions, the separations, and the walls built on foundations of fear, there was unity in the mind and heart of God. Out of that unity, you are sent into this world for a little while to claim that you and every other human being belongs to that same God of Love who lives from eternity to eternity.

*Father, I am called to be your child. Today I will look closely at the quality of the faith you have given me—and marvel. What a miracle! You have chosen me.*

## Opportunities of the Week

July 11-18, 2010

### SUNDAY, July 11

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

### MONDAY, July 12

- 10:30 am "Uppity Women of the Bible" Study/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, July 13

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

### WEDNESDAY, July 14

- 10:00 am VBS Set-Up
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, July 15

- 10:00 am Nifty Knitters
- 1:00 pm Gym Jam
- 6:00 pm Band Practice/Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Bible study/Parlor
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

### FRIDAY, July 16

- 7:30 pm AA 26

### SATURDAY, July 17

- 2:00 pm VBS Set-Up

### SUNDAY, July 18

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 1:00 pm VBS Set-Up
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 5:30 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

## Endowment Fund Gifts and Memorial Gifts

The Fellowship Class gave **Endowment** gifts in memory of:

Maxine Atkinson, Eileen Walker's sister  
Ann Gifford, Mary Elizabeth Moore's mother  
Jenny McKellips, Dodie Woods sister  
Beverly Green, longtime member and wife of  
Dr. Gregory Green

**Memorial Fund** gifts in memory of Beverly Green were also given by:

Elizabeth Robertson, Jonathan & Michelle Schnitker, Jean Smith, Linda Blackford, Wanda Saddoris, and Weldon and Lee Allen.