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There are moments in our lives where we encounter “mountain-top” experiences – times when we KNOW that we KNOW that we KNOW that God is with us. Maybe you can name some of these times in your life.

This coming Sunday, we have the opportunity to be reminded of the presence of God’s Spirit. At the beginning of every year, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Sunday. It’s a day set aside to remember when Jesus came down to the river to pray, and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. During our morning services this next Sunday, we will be invited to take part in a service of reaffirmation of our own baptism. We will take time to remember and reclaim its significance and the call that God has placed on our lives.

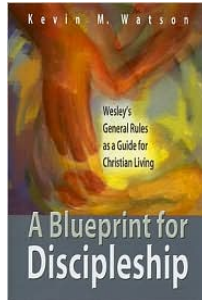
Perhaps you don’t remember your baptism - you may have been a small infant at the time or you may have been too young to remember. Or, maybe it was many years ago. But even if we cannot recall the event, we can remember it spiritually.

We’ll offer a symbol for you to take home to remind you that you are claimed by God, that you are forgiven, and that you are God’s beloved son... or beloved daughter. If you have not been baptized you are invited to come as well; as together, we feel the waters of God’s grace and love for everyone and recognize that God is indeed at work in our lives. Come meet us at the waters of baptism this Sunday. I’ll look forward to seeing you there.

Walking the journey in this New Year with you,

Pastor Cindy

Join Us for New Haven Nights Beginning February 2nd! Classes Offered Tuesday Evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm

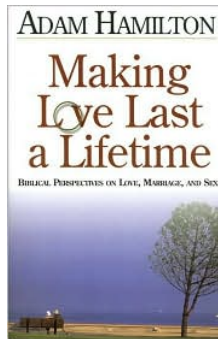


A Blueprint for Discipleship

A practical guide for Christian living using John Wesley’s General Rules. Author: Kevin Watson (Tellia and Matt Watson’s son!) Finding a way for a deeper, more spiritual relationship with God.

Materials: \$12.00

Class Leaders: Rev. Suzanne Davis
& Matt Watson

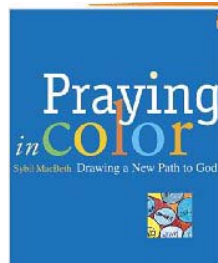


Making Love Last a Lifetime

An inspiring study offering helpful insights to grow in your relationship together, and experience all that God intends for a healthy, satisfying and successful marriage. All who are married, or anticipate marriage are encouraged to attend!

Materials: \$9.00

Class Leader: Rev. Cindy Havlik



Praying in Color

A new prayer form through drawing that is fun and deeply spiritual. Join in the practice of using color to pray!

Materials: Bring paper & crayons

Class Leader: Danny Hall

Call the Church office 743.6491 by January 11th
to register so materials can be ordered.
Childcare is available.

How's THAT Sound?

Glory to God in the Highest! We give thanks for the remarkably improved SOUND in our Sanctuary, for fully functioning WIRELESS MICROPHONES, and having our beloved ORGAN back! I couldn't be more excited, or grateful. Won't you join me in giving thanks to the one who led these efforts and made all of this happen? **Vincent Duiveman** has given months and months of his time and efforts to research our sound equipment needs, take his recommendations to the Trustees and Finance Committee, and then with their approval, used his gifts of technological know-how to install the upgrades we needed to expand and enhance our sound system. We now have new microphones for the pastors that meet current frequency requirements, a larger sound board with additional capacity to assist with the clarity and quality of worship, as well as new staging and special amplification for our drum set. Thank you for your leadership on this, Vincent!! To top it all off, we've been blessed that an organ technician has finally been able to restore our organ to working condition!

What's NEXT? We need your help. Do you have the desire to help on Sunday mornings with our sound and/or video screen needs? If you have an interest in this area, we are standing by and ready to train you. Those who participate in making sure the sound and visual needs are taken care of in worship are an integral part of offering our best to God. Please contact Vincent Duiveman or Pastor Cindy as soon as possible if you would like to help. We need YOU!

EVENING CIRCLE TO ELECT OFFICERS AND HEAR "DRESS FOR SUCCESS" SPEAKER

When the Evening Circle of the UMW meets in the Parlor at 6 PM on Monday, Jan. 11, they will have a full plate, literally and figuratively. Chanel Smith will provide the literal meaning as the hostess, and a speaker from Dress for Success will provide a portion of the other. Dress for Success Tulsa is an affiliate of an international not-for-profit organization that "promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional business attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help them thrive in work and in life."

The most important part of the meeting, though, will be the election of officers for this new Circle, choosing a name for the Circle, and making a commitment to support the United Methodist Women with prayers, presence, gifts, and service. This is a mission-minded group, and any woman interested in becoming involved in either the daytime or evening circle is encouraged to call Bobbi Neal at 494-7875, or to just show up at a meeting. All are welcome.

"Just Because" Potluck Dinner

Church Life will sponsor a potluck dinner at noon on Sunday, January 10, 2010, just because! Since the busy holidays are over, we hope everyone can make it for fellowship and great food, hopefully some of those recipes from the New Haven cookbook!

Please bring a dish to share.....just because!!!

Memorial Gifts

At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to New Haven UMC. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through our church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of our gift, without disclosing the amount.

*A gift to the Memorial Fund has been given by
Roger and Cookie Coffey in memory of Libby Love.*



SUSANNA CIRCLE TO HAVE PLEDGE SERVICE ON JANUARY 14TH

It's a new year and a time to make new resolutions. When the Susanna Circle of the UMW meets on Thursday morning, January 14, in the Parlor, they will do just that. Treasurer, Eileen Walker, will conduct the annual Pledge Service where members commit to support the UMW with their prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Marion Wilkerson and Stella Schwartz will host the meeting. All of Susanna Circle's programs revolve around mission, spiritual growth, and study. If you would like to become a member of this organization, or just want to "check it out," please join us on Jan. 14th. You can also call Bobbi Neal at 494-7875 if you would like more information.

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT

Karyn Maio for portraying the
sermon on December 27th, D
Linda Weible for sharing the
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of God coming out to share th
Thanks to the AA group for

