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## Cindy's Chalkboard



Well, as they say, when it rains...it pours. It's been an interesting week at New Haven. Not only did the freezing rain and snow bring a few challenges for all of us to get around....our building had a few challenges as well. Many of you know that during the very early hours on Thursday morning, a water supply line to an upstairs bathroom sink in the Children's Wing sprung a leak...

For several hours, the water sprayed onto the floor and formed a small "river" down the hall where it entered several rooms, and closets, and then ultimately....down through the ceiling to the floor below. By the time it was discovered, water managed to make its way into the downstairs walls, halls, and storage areas too. Let's just say, it's been a long week at the church...

The good news is, we're drying out. Things look better every day. And as people look around, what I hear the most is that "it could have been worse." Yes. That's absolutely true. It could have been so much worse if Oscar Sturgeon, our custodian extraordinaire, hadn't come to work so very early that morning and discovered the leak. It could have been so much worse if we hadn't had the advice and direction of Steve Lassiter who came by to help as soon as he heard. It could have been so much worse if we hadn't had a water mitigation company come on board within 45 minutes of our call to begin the process of getting the areas thoroughly and safely dried out.

Yes. It could have been so much worse. As I write these words, I wonder. When you think about it, a building is just a building, and through the efforts of many, it will be OK. The real treasure is the people we find in the building. People who bring their children to our Day School; people who walk up and down the hallways to their Sunday School rooms; people who stop by our reception area to get a cup of coffee and visit with one another before worship; those who take their children by the hand and lead them to the nursery; those who come to teach and learn with one another; those who come to the church offices every day of the week to serve our Lord. In this, and so many other areas, *that's where the real treasure is*. The next time you come to the building on the corner of 56<sup>th</sup> and New Haven Avenue, give thanks to God for all the people, who ARE the church. We are so blessed.

Giving thanks for each one of you,  
Pastor Cindy



## We are still here!

The Faithful Friends Special Needs Sunday School class will be meeting on an "as needed" basis for now. The decision to pack up our classroom was a emotional one. We are still committed to teaching (and learning) from any children who might find a one-on-one learning style more fitting. Any family (New Haven members or visitors) that would like to have a child participate in the Faithful Friends class need only call the church office by Friday to let us know you will be attending. We are still seeking ways to reach out to the special needs community.

We are thrilled that the Interlude Class has found a new home. We thank them for their sensitivity and grace during this transition. God bless you all for your past and continued support of this ministry.

Sincerely, Kim Wofford & Adriaan Duiveman

**A gift to the Memorial Fund was given by Lois Bailey  
in memory of Bob Ess.**

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW ABOUT. . . . .

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Valentine Party! All types of dancing food, and fun for all! 5:00-7:00 pm.

### FRIDAY/SATURDAY, MARCH 5 & 6

#### **NEW HAVEN GARAGE SALE!**

If you want to donate large items such as furniture, please call Susan Lamkin ASAP to schedule a pickup date. We will need volunteers the whole week before the sale to help set up and price all the items!

### DINNERS FOR 8 will resume soon. . .

We'll meet on Fridays: Feb. 18, March 25 and April 29. Call Susan to sign up! Childcare provided at the church.

### **ALL CHURCH PICNIC! JUNE 12TH**

Come to Leake Park at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 12 for our annual picnic.....always lots of fun!



## CELEBRATION LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT THE VANDYKE FAMILY

AWESOME! Sisters and Brothers for your response to this opportunity to share our love and concern with our extended family next Sunday by sharing in food and fellowship. Thank you, Paul Mabrey, for agreeing to serve as Master of Ceremony at the luncheon and also for leading the band in singing two favorite songs of Laurie's. Thanks to the band for sharing your ministry of music for the luncheon, too. Kaelen Terry, David Duncan, and Marleigh Blanchard. . . thank you for your commitment to share your inspiring, soul-touching voices.

This week will be a busy week of preparation for the lunch our chefs from the Indian United Methodist Church will begin preparing on Thursday. Linda Jaeger is creating a celebrating banner! We appreciate you, Linda! And the sisters and brothers of the Outreach Committee will bake the brownies, set up early Sunday morning, and serve your lunch. Thanks, gang!

To God be the glory and all praise to Him for placing the call on all of our lives to serve and for putting our faith into action. Many thanks to God for the miracle of Laurie's life!!!

Adriaan Duiveman

**New Haven children want to support the VanDyke family as well. They have been making chocolate chip and cinnamon pancake mix in Sunday school that they will be selling at the fundraiser luncheon after church on Sunday. Enjoy some delicious pancakes and help support our church family!**

## Small Group Ministries!

The beginning of our Small Group Ministries is just around the corner, and we are so excited!! At our last All-Church gathering, we talked about where we believe God is leading his church here at New Haven UMC this coming year. One of the suggestions that came up was to focus on additional ways to get to know one another in smaller settings. So, it's time to put that into action!

Men's group, Married with Children group, Merry Crafter's group, Red Hatters group, Needlework group.... are just a few of the examples! Let us know what group interests you, or create your own. Then, come to our introductory meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and we will train you in how to lead and/or be a part of a small group. What a great way to get to know others in the congregation! Call the church office or sign-up in the hallway today. You will be SO GLAD you did!

## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

Sunday morning, I referenced a study I had heard on the radio about time spent by the average American in religious activity. The study was somewhat depressing at best, since the weekly hourly average was around three hours. The time reported was not limited to time in church, but in religious activity. If God is our maker and main stay, how can we spend so little time? I am reminded of an old hymn which speaks to the problem.

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be.  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.*

*Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.  
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

Let everything that has breath. . .  
praise the Lord!

Paul Mabrey



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 23  
8:45 am- 84  
11:00 am- 108  
Total- 192

## Opportunities of the Week Jan. 30 ~ Feb. 6, 2011

### SUNDAY, January 30

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 12:00 pm Benefit Luncheon for Laurie VanDyke
- 4:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple II/Pastor's Office
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast
- 5:30 pm UMY

### MONDAY, January 31

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, February 1

- 7:00 am Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

### WEDNESDAY, February 2

- 6:00 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

### THURSDAY, February 3

- 4:15 pm Guitar Lessons
- 5:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, February 4

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

### SATURDAY, February 5

- 10:00 am Youth Dinner Theater Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, February 6

- 8:45am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 4:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple II/Pastor's Office
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
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## Adult Sunday School Class Attendance Sunday, January 23, 2010

**Christian Living Class- 9**  
**Discovery Class-10**  
**Interlude Class-10**  
**Fellowship Class-14**  
**New Friendship Class-15**  
**Journey Class-11**