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Cindy's Chalkboard



It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is here, and Sunday begins our season of Advent. On a note of thanksgiving, I find that I have so much for which I am thankful this season... I'm thankful for a wonderful and supportive family... I'm thankful for our church staff who gives of themselves because they believe in the mission of the church... I am thankful for the faithful prayers and care of others both inside and outside our church family. I'm thankful for you – New Haven United Methodist Church.

I'm looking forward to our “Hanging of the Greens” services this coming Sunday morning at both worship hours. What a joy it will be to see the greenery go up, hear the first Advent hymns and songs of the season, and watch as the lights first flicker on the garlands and trees! It will be an opportunity for you to come and help prepare God's house of worship for the spectacular news that Jesus Christ is born!

Advent is the beginning of the church year; a four Sunday season of preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. During this time we will have the traditional advent wreath on the altar. Come to the front of the Sanctuary sometime, and look closely. You'll see three blue candles, one pink candle and a large white candle at the center. Each week during Advent we will light the candles one by one.

The first blue candle represents the *Hope* that we have in Christ. The second blue candle signifies the *Peace* that is ours through Christ. The third candle, the pink candle, is the candle of *Joy*. Why is it pink? In the earliest years of the church, the only season celebrated was the season of Lent – a solemn season of fasting and prayer. But however solemn the season, the story of the crucifixion has a twinge of hope and joy – for we know the joy of the resurrection is coming! So, as a reminder of this coming joy, many years ago, the Pope would honor someone with a pick rose. Long story short, the third candle in our Advent wreath reminds us of that Lenten tradition – the candle with a tinge of color. The fourth blue candle on our Advent wreath is the candle of *Love*. It is the symbol of the incomprehensible gift God has given to us in Jesus. The last, and center candle, is the *Christ Candle*. On Christmas Eve, we will light this candle to celebrate the coming of Christ in this world!

What an exciting time ahead! Come, and invite others to share in this season with us here at New Haven. Let us all begin the journey to Bethlehem and find our place of hope, joy, peace and love and give thanks for the gift God has given to us in Jesus.

With thanksgiving and joy,

Pastor Cindy



Adult Sunday School Classes
Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
A Study of Matthew

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"Seeing Gray Where Faith and Politics Meet" by Adam Hamilton

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 183 Interlude Class
Acts

Room 205: Journey's Class
A Study of Ephesians

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bart Barton was given by Mr. & Mrs. Grady Fox.

A gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of Bart Barton was given by the Christian Living Class.

A gift to the Memorial Garden in memory of Bart Barton was given by Ray Prange.

ADVENT EVENTS AT NEW HAVEN

1st Sunday of Advent-November 28th

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Hanging of the Greens
Advent devotional booklets available

2nd Sunday of Advent-December 5th

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Children's Pageant "Christmas Around the World"
Sacrament of Holy Communion
6:00 pm Christmas Dinner and Talent Show

3rd Sunday of Advent-December 12th

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Liturgical Dance

4th Sunday of Advent-December 19th

Lighting of the Advent Candles
10:00 am One Combined Service!
Join your New Haven family for one combined worship service this day!
Our outstanding Chancel Choir will present "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols".

ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE ON 28th



The gifts should be wrapped with the angel tag on top in plain view, and returned to the church by Sunday, November 28th. There is a \$40. limit and only 1 or 2 gifts per child. If you buy 2 gifts, please tie them together. Thanks for your faithful response in previous years for sharing and celebrating our Savior's birth with all God's children!

Outreach Committee

CHRISTMAS STOCKING TREE

If you weren't able to participate in the Angel Tree and would still like to share Christmas with some very special sisters and brothers of our own church family who are no longer able to attend church or are ill, you may do so next Sunday, November 29th, by selecting a stocking off the "Stocking Tree" and filling it with goodies. We'll have suggestions of things you might buy for the stockings. Please bring the filled stocking to church by December 5th and leave it in the office work room. We have 25 stockings to fill and members of the Outreach team will be on hand to assist you as you select your stocking. We are so grateful to the Covenant Care Committee members for delivering these stockings.

Outreach Committee

NEW HAVEN READS

Our book club will meet at 3:30 pm on December 5th to discuss "The Art of Racing In the Rain". We'll meet in the Faithful Friends classroom.

MANY THANKS GO OUT TO. . . .

...all those who made the Fall Festival here at New Haven Church the best ever! What a wonderful way to work together as a church and Day School family to have so much fun and fellowship!

...to our United Methodist Women for their generous donation to the Operating Fund. We are so grateful and give thanks!

...for the continued work by our Trustees committee (and many others) for all the continued painting and new cove base, and ceiling tile repairs, etc. etc. etc! A special thank you to Phil Roberts for his organization, time and efforts in getting so many of these things done!

...for the Fall Clean-Up crew extraordinaire who began the incredible undertaking of raking and bagging leaves around the church grounds. You all are wonderful!

THANKSGIVING LAITY SERVICE

*"Stuff that works--- stuff that holds up,
Is the kind of stuff you don't hang on the wall,
Stuff that's real--- that stuff you feel,
Is the stuff you always reach for when you fall"*

(Lyrics sung by John Manuel at the Thanksgiving laity service)

Last night our speakers, Don Gregory, Kim Wofford, Mark Mann, John Manuel and Christie Gilbert all gave thanks for "stuff that works"---our families, our church, our friends, our health, our faith, and our Heavenly Father. Thank you to the speakers for sharing their stories of personal triumphs and affirmations of faith. We were all truly, truly blessed!!

Thank you very much goes out to Teresa Roberts and Vincent Duiveman for coming back to make this service happen. Pat Bates for the wonderful bulletin. Pastor Cindy for her support of this service. Marleigh Blanchard and Kala Morgan for their gift of song. Also thanks to David Duncan for leading the congregation in the music. And a great big thank you to the wonderful people who brought the quilts---indeed a very special touch.

Stuff that works...Stuff that works...Praise God for His stuff that works! Happy Thanksgiving! Danny Hall

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE FINAL "SPRUCING UP" OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL?

We're looking for a few somewhat experienced folks to help finish installation of the cove base and to sand and paint doors and door frames. The cove base along the walls is about 40% finished now and it would be great to have this all done before our Christmas Dinner and Talent Show on December 5th. Work dates and times are next Saturday, November 27th (9AM-noon) and the following Saturday, December 4th (9AM-noon). I'll be there both dates to lead. Hot coffee and bagels/donuts provided. Useful tools to bring for cove installation are a caulk gun, box knife, scrapers, and t-square or metal straight edge. For painting, sanders, sand paper and paint brushes would be helpful.

No sign-up required. . . .just show up on either date!

Thanks!

Phil Roberts

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Sunday, November 21, 2010

8:45- 67
11:00- 101
Total- 168

Opportunities of the Week Nov. 28 ~ Dec. 5, 2010

SUNDAY, November 28

1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Footprints
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Disciple I & II
- 5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, November 29

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, November 30

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

WEDNESDAY, December 1

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

THURSDAY, December 2

- 6:00 pm Band Practice

FRIDAY, December 3

- 7:00 pm AA Celebration Dinner/Gym

SATURDAY, December 4

SUNDAY, December 5

2nd Sunday of Advent Communion Sunday Children's Pageant

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 2:00 pm Disciple II/185
- 4:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Footprints
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 6:00 pm Christmas Dinner & Talent Show



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of your loved ones. If you haven't picked up an order blank at church, you may send your check for \$10/each along with your information to the church office. Make your checks out to New Haven UMC and put "poinsettia" in the memo line. Please include who you would like to remember or honor with your plant. (We have to order our plants at least a month ahead, so this year (like last year) we ordered 50 poinsettias. We still have 20 available for you, but we can buy additional ones if more than 50 are requested).

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
THEY WILL BE IN PLACE IN THE SANCTUARY ON DEC. 5T**