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## Cindy's Chalkboard



All of the glorious singing this past Sunday is just a preview of the song that will be in our hearts this Friday evening as we gather together for our Candlelight Christmas Eve services! Thank you, Chancel Choir and Praise Band singers, for filling our hearts with those familiar songs that fill our hearts with joy. I want to especially thank Cynthia Mabrey for stepping in and conducting this wonderful Cantata this year – we appreciate all of your hard work and effort, and using your musical talents to praise our Lord in such a magnificent way! Thank you!

We look forward to Christmas Eve where we will also witness meaningful music and celebrate the gift of Christ in three worship services that evening:

**5:30 Family Oriented Worship**

**7:30 Praise and Worship**

**11:00 Traditional Worship**

I am especially mindful this year that we missed having Christmas Eve services together in 2009 because of the vast amount of snow and ice that showered upon us earlier that day. This makes me especially aware of the fact that I have not yet, as your Pastor, had the blessing of sharing in Christmas Eve services with you! I look forward to this time together with deepest gratitude and anticipation as we hear the story:

*"Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace!'"* (Luke 2:13– 14)

As we look forward to the day ahead, we give thanks to God for the gifts of joy, anticipation, and the opportunity every year to re-live it all. May the beauty and the miracle of the birth of our Lord and Savior remind you of the amazing way God works in our lives, and how very much you are loved!

Christmas Blessings and joy to all,

Pastor Cindy

## END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING

The church office will be open the week of Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and will be able to accept all contributions of tithes and offerings until the close of business on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Per IRS guidelines, in order for contributions to be associated with the year 2010, they must be received by the church by this date. Your gifts and generosity enable the many ministries at New Haven UMC to touch hearts for Christ in this community and throughout the world. Thank you for being faithful to our call to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We are grateful!



**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AT THE  
DAY CENTER**

Plans are underway to sponsor a Pot Roast Dinner for our brothers & sisters at the Day Center for the Homeless on New Year's Eve. You may sign up on Dec. 19th & 26 to help. If you plan to cook, please bring your warm food to the main kitchen by 4:00 on Dec. 31st. If you want to help serve, please be in the kitchen no later than 4:45 pm. Another big help would be monetary donations to help buy a festive cake and sparkling cider. Please stop at the Outreach table if you'd like to be part of this ministry.



**The Outreach Committee**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**LUNCHEON BENEFIT FOR LAURIE VANDYKE**  
**SUNDAY, JAN. 30TH AT NOON**  
**More information will be in your**  
**January Spires.**

**Welcome to Our New Nursery Director -  
Chanel Smith!!**

Please join us in welcoming Chanel Smith to the church staff as our new Nursery Director! Chanel is not new to the church – as a matter of fact – Chanel has grown up in this church and has served in many areas of children's ministry. Chanel officially began working at New Haven as an early childhood teacher in our Day School in 2005, and added the position of School Age Director to her resume in 2007. Upon our previous Nursery Director leaving (Mary Beth McNulty), we conducted interviews for the position.

We were pleased to have several very strong candidates, and with prayerful consideration, believe Chanel to be a perfect fit. It is our prayer that others we have interviewed may consider working as adult nursery workers in the near future! Please welcome Chanel to this position, as we look forward to the excellent leadership she will provide in this important and vital ministry to our children of this church.



*Peter and Rev. Cindy Havlik*  
*invite you to share in the joy of*  
*the marriage of*  
*Laura Marie Havlik*  
*and*  
*Drew Edward Sahli*  
*4:30 pm. January 8, 2011*  
*Kirkland Chapel,*  
*Camp Loughridge*  
*4900 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street*  
*Tulsa, Oklahoma*  
*rsop: 918-743-2608*

**WEDDING SHOWER  
FOR LAURA HAVLIK!**

**AN ALL-CHURCH WEDDING  
SHOWER FOR LAURA WILL  
TAKE PLACE ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH  
4:00-6:00 PM  
IN THE PARLOR**

**Laura is registered at:**  
**Bed, Bath, & Beyond**  
**Pottery Barn**  
**Williams Sonoma**



## Commitment Update for 2011

With grateful hearts to our Lord, we want to share with you the results of the 2011 commitments that have been made to God's work through New Haven UMC. To date, we have received a total of 99 pledges totaling \$319,092. When we compare these numbers to last year at this time (100 pledges totaling \$289,946) we can say with great enthusiasm that God continues to do amazing things through this Body of Christ! Praise God!

With these numbers, we moved forward to discuss and vote on the 2011 budget at our recent Administrative Council meeting; it was received and approved with a resounding "Yes"! We are pleased to let you know that next year's budget has been set in the amount of \$410,000. If you are interested, copies of the 2011 budget are available in the church office, along with a narrative budget summary by ministry areas. **If you are receiving this Spire through your email account, a copy of the narrative budget is attached.**

Your Finance Committee and I thank you for your steadfast support and encouragement as we near the beginning of 2011 with hope and anticipation of all that God has in store for us. It will indeed be a Happy New Year filled with joy and hope for what is to come. Let us give all the honor and glory to God.

- Pastor Cindy and your Finance



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM  
THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE!!!**

## Local Church Leaders Workshop

January 22, 2011

Boston Avenue UMC

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

It's not too late to sign up for the upcoming Local Church Leaders Workshop! Have you ever wanted to learn more about...

- ...how to use online tools in the church to harness the marketing power of the internet?
- ...explore what's working in youth ministry right now and ways to incorporate them into the church?
- ...two dynamic UMC ministries that are transforming lives in our community through Project Transformation and Restore Hope Ministries?
- ...insights regarding the local church, the Oklahoma Conference and the UMC denomination through conversations with our own Bishop Robert E. Hayes?
- ...effective hospitality in the local congregation and to share experiences and ideas to help strengthen local churches in Oklahoma?

All this, *and much more*, is offered during this very informative event. **We encourage all of our leadership here at New Haven UMC to attend this workshop**, and also invite any others that would like to attend. New Haven will cover the cost of your attendance. Please pick up a brochure in the church office for more information, and let our secretary, Pat Bates know which sessions you would like to attend!

### A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"!

I want to thank everyone at New Haven for providing Angel Tree gifts to our students here at Carnegie. The parents will pick the gifts up from me soon, and I know that they will be so thankful and the children so surprised and happy on Christmas morning!

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Kim Byrd, Counselor  
Carnegie Elementary School



Ann Wilkerson



Shelley  
Worrell

### New Haven's Two Newest Members!

A celebration of Holy Baptism for Ann Wilkerson took place this past week in the Chapel at New Haven. Due to medical concerns, Ann is unable to attend worship services at this time; representatives of the congregation gathered to share in her vows.

After Ann's baptism, we were overjoyed to welcome both Ann Wilkerson and Shelley Worrell into membership of the church. What a memorable day!



## HELP US HELP OTHERS

### New Haven Day School Scholarship Fund

(Editors note: Please disregard last week's article about the Day School Council. It was inadvertently sent to me and is an old article which was pasted into the Spire accidentally! Sorry!)

Many families in our community are finding it more and more difficult to send their children to a high quality preschool such as New Haven Day School. When finances are tight, preschool is usually one of the first things to be cut from the family budget. Some of our current families are facing that very situation.

Our UMW ladies have graciously made a donation towards a scholarship fund and we would like to invite you to help make it grow! This fund is used to supplement tuition for families who are unable to pay full tuition, whether it be for a month or two or perhaps longer. Families who are interested in becoming recipients will be required to complete an application, which will be reviewed by the Day School Council. They will also be required to pay a portion of the tuition based on their income.

Money is tight for some right now, but many of us CAN afford to give a little extra. Please help us reach out and help families keep their children in school...consider giving to our New Haven Day School Scholarship Fund. Contact Tonya Ford at the Day School for more information (742-6781).



### Children's Advent and Christmas Activities

#### Living Nativity

All children are invited to participate in the children's Living Nativity before and after the Christmas Eve services. Please arrive at the church a little early (5:00 for the 5:30 service; 7:00 for the 7:30 service) so you can select a role, don a costume, and assume your place in the stable (aka the narthex).

#### New Year's Eve Lock-in

For some reason, the words to the chicken dance keep running through my head: "I can't believe I'm doing this. I must be nuts." Anyway, the children have finally talked us into another lock-in, and on New Year's Eve no less. Meet at the church at 4:30 and we will go downtown and help serve at the Day Center for the Homeless meal. Afterwards, we will stop at CiCi's for dinner before returning to the church for an evening of fun and games before lights out around 1:00. Please bring snacks and games to share, as well as a sleeping bag and toiletries. If kids don't want to stay the whole night, they can come for just part of the night and then go on home to bed. Please let Stacey know if you are planning to come

## OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Lewis Cleveland

### PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THESE...

#### Members:

Lois Bailey	Bob Schwartz
Krysti Bayless	Katie Standlee
Joe & Sue Beaver	Shirley Stillwell
Doyle Boyd	Rose Unterschuetz
Orah Chaffin	Laurie VanDyke
Vincent Duiveman	Mahcoe VanDyke
Claretha Gotcher	Bob Walker
Mary Ileen Hicks	Ralen White
Karen Jones	Ann Wilkerson
Paul Mabrey	Cali Williams
Syble Perry	Mark Williams
Wanda Saddoris	

#### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Carol Johnson; Heath Smith in Kuwait; Aaron Fields (Smith's nephew), Afghanistan; Patty Barton; Kelly Sartain's mom, Barbara; Chris Wilkerson; Jeff Berry; Mark Baggetto, Duane McKellips; Pastor Cindy's Uncle Bob; Brayden; Erma Kinnison; Elaine McDonald; Baby Cooper; Roy Graham; Beverly; Ron; family of Jerry VanEllen; Bonnie Gilbert

Our Military Men and Women & families  
Our country, city, & leaders.

#### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Fran Andrew, Orah Chaffin, , Jimmie Ellis, Eleanor Hawn, Maxine Loyd, Duane Lunger, Polly Miller, Alma Mullendore, Fran Palm, Nell Summers, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele, Fredna Wince



**Opportunities of the Week**  
Dec. 26 ~ Jan. 2, 2010

**SUNDAY, December 26**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 5:30 pm UMY

**MONDAY, December 27**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, December 28**

- 4:00 pm Church Bridal Shower for Laura Havlik/Parlor
- 7:00 am Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

**WEDNESDAY, December 29**

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

**THURSDAY, December 30**

**FRIDAY, December 31**

- 4:30 pm Dinner at the Day Center
- 7:30 pm AA Gym

**SATURDAY, January 1**

**"Happy New Year's Day!"**

**SUNDAY, January 2**

- 8:45am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 5:30 pm UMY



**January Birthdays**

1. Kathy King
4. Bob Walker
7. Sammie Hardgraves
10. Kay Garwood  
Elizabeth Lindsey
11. Ron Unterschuetz
12. Helen Russell  
Rose Unterschuetz
14. Lowell Whitlock  
Byron Moore
16. Joan Beebe  
Sarah Duiveman
20. Derek Lamkin
21. Dwayne Boyd
24. Rosamond Harris  
Adele Gruber
28. Julian Smith  
Patrick Thurman
29. Mike Riggin



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday, December 19, 2010**

**10:00 am ~ 197**



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Stacey Schifferdecker	Children's Minister
Mark Mann	Youth Minister
Tonya Ford	Day School Director
Chanel Smith	After School Care & Nursery Director
Pat Bates	Church Secretary
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