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Cindy's Chalkboard



What a joy it was to be together on Easter Sunday! *God is so good!* Even in spite of the rain, the Sanctuary was glowing with the light of Christ and the joy of knowing that “He is Risen!” *Our Lord is risen, indeed!*

As I gaze on the beauty of our Sanctuary, I am reminded of all the people who made it happen. From the beginning of the day with our meaningful, and early (!) Easter Sunrise service offered by **Rev. Suzanne Davis** and **Danny Hall**, to the heartfelt music of the **Praise Band** and **Children’s Choir** at the 8:45 service, to the **Handbells**, **Chancel Choir**, **Brass Ensemble** and **Children’s Choir** at the 11:00 service, it all combined to celebrate the most important statement of who we are as Christians – that death of any kind does not have the final word – Jesus Christ has conquered the grave, *for us!* Can there be any more powerful of a statement in this world?



Our Chancel area is simply stunning with the draping of white and gold materials. Thank you to **Yuka Daughters** for her talents and artistic gifts to display the liturgical colors of Easter. They look so majestic alongside our beautiful Communion banners and paraments; and the addition of the wonderful Easter Lilies shows once again God’s blessings poured over New Haven Church. Outside on the church lawn, take a look at the middle cross! Our thanks to **Steve Lassiter** for all his help with this symbolism.

Finally, I want to thank you, the congregation, for your individual help in creating our new mosaic cross that stood front and center in the Chancel area this year. See the transformation that has taken place in our midst! My prayer for you is that every time you look at this cross, you will be reminded that God can take any part of our lives, and turn it into something beautiful. God has given us a new beginning in Christ – let us give thanks for His redeeming grace and love!

Easter blessings and love to all,
Pastor Cindy

NEW MEMBERS!



On Easter Sunday we were blessed to have two couples join New Haven UMC. Pictured on the left are John & Mary Stutsman and on the right are Victor and Mary Neal. We welcome them into our fellowship and know you will enjoy getting to know them!



Project Transformation is Lookin' for Books!

Many of the books for Project Transformation have been so lovingly used that they are in need of replacements! If you have gently used children's books you would like to donate, we'd love to have them. If you'd like to visit the bookstore and purchase some new titles, we'd love to have those, too. (Borders on 21st is going out of business.)

There will be two donation boxes at the church. One will be in the hall where we sign up for outreach activities, and one will be near the coffee pot at the parking lot door.

Questions? Call Linda Jaeger
at 918-481-0249.

HOPE CIRCLE MEETS MAY 2

Our next Hope Circle meeting will be held **MAY 2** at 6:00 in the parlor. (Please note this is a change from our regular meeting day.) Our speaker will be from the Alzheimer's Association and we will have a salad and dessert potluck. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad. If your last name begins with M-Z, please provide a dessert. All women are invited to join us for this time of food, fellowship, and learning. Contact Tonya Ford if you have any questions (tonyacford@hotmail.com, 918-252-4571).

GREEN IS THE WORD

In honor of Earth Day, Old Navy is collecting old flip flops for the next three weeks. (You know, you have one flip-flop and you just know the other one is going to turn up somewhere so you haven't thrown it away yet?) The flip-flops will be recycled to use as playground and track surfaces in low income areas (just like tennis shoes, as we mentioned last week). So grab your old flip-flops and head to Old Navy!

CHEMICAL-FREE RECIPE OF THE WEEK

TOILET BOWL CLEANER

Mix one-fourth cup baking soda and one cup vinegar.
Pour into toilet bowl and let sit for a few minutes.
Scrub with brush and rinse.

Adult Sunday School Class Attendance Sunday, April 24, 2011

Christian Living Class— 9
Discovery Class— 8
Interlude Class— 11
Fellowship Class—17
New Friendship Class—16
Journey Class—13



BERRIES! BERRIES! BERRIES!

You can put your order in now for the summer berry crop from Bithell Farms. Be ready to make your cool, refreshing smoothies this summer! Order forms are in the reception area.

Deadline: June 24th.

The UMW thanks you in advance for your order!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON—SUNDAY, MAY 22nd AT NOON

Project Transformation is a summer literacy camp for underserved children, grades 1-6. The day camp runs 8 weeks, Mon.-Fri. from 9am-3pm. College interns work with the children to gain experience working and serving in urban ministries. This is our 9th year to participate in PT and we'll be partnering with Southern Hill UMC to:

- Financially support an intern: \$1,200.
- Support an intern through prayer
- Provide 12-15 volunteers for 4 mornings to read one-on-one with the children.

We hope to raise \$1,600. through this luncheon. Our week to participate this year is Mon., June 27—Fri., June 30.

The Outreach Committee will be available to answer your questions and help you sign up on May 8th at the Outreach table in the hallway. Thank you so much for your continued support for this life-changing ministry.

Adriaan

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

THE STUDY OF ESTHER BEGINS THIS WEEK! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th at 10 a.m. in the Parlor

Enter into an exotic and fanciful Persian kingdom complete with a dim-witted king, a defiant queen, an egotistical lieutenant and a loyal uncle. With lavish banquets, extreme beauty treatments and dangerous liaisons at every turn, can the beautiful and courageous Esther avert disaster for her people? All this occurs in a Biblical book where God is never mentioned. Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Wolfe on DVD digs deeply and lovingly into this complex story that ranges from slapstick farce to Shakespearean tragedy. Uppity Women of the Bible: Esther is presented in six sessions. So grab your Purim gragger and your hamantaschen – if you don't know what those are, you'll find out in session two – come and join us on Wednesday morning April 27 at 10:00 for a journey into this fascinating study of power, corruption, violence and courage.

Church wide pot luck lunch—May 15th
Celebrating those who have been
married 50 plus years!

Please plan to join us to honor all the couples in our church who have been married 50 or more years on Sunday, May 15th. Each week we will “spotlight” one of the couples. Look for Carson & Helen Russell’s story next week!

KELLY & DOT HAYNES
MARRIED JANUARY 23, 1946

Dot and Kelly met shortly after September 5, 1944 when Kelly arrived at Overseas Replacement Depot in Greensboro, North Carolina where Dot was working for Jefferson Standard Insurance. On their first date (blind!) they went to a club on the base and danced and ate “chicken-in-the-ruff” (the only thing on the menu).

Until ordered to Anzio, California on Nov 15 for shipment overseas, there were frequent dates. The relationship was carried on via correspondence, including a written proposal.

They were married on January 23, 1946 following his return from Shanghai, China in Young’s Chapel Church, Mouth of Wilson, Virginia. Following a honeymoon trip, Kelly enrolled at The Ohio State University—graduating with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering & worked 19 years for American Airlines. Dot and Kelly have a son David in solo law practice in Collin County, Texas, a daughter Suzanne, a research Librarian at Tulsa Community College, and a grandson, Jonathan in Plano, Texas.

START SPREADING THE NEWS!

On Sunday, May 15th we do plan to honor all those in our church family who have been married 50 or more years but **we also want to recognize all weddings/marriages**. Grab your favorite thing to bake/make/take and a wedding picture of you and your spouse and join the party. The way we see it, we will have a table of photos of those who have been married 50 plus years and another table full of wedding pictures of everybody else. If your spouse is not living, we want to honor your marriage as well so please bring your picture, too.

Have a wedding story to tell? We want to hear it!
Come one, come all....start spreading the news!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
EASTER!
Sunday, April 24th



6:30 am-22
8:45 am- 124
11:00 am-190
Total—336

JERUSALEM, THE HOLY LANDS

Want to Know More?

Monday, May 9th @ 6:00 in the Parlor

We have the privilege of having Kristen Brown, a United Methodist Minister in Oklahoma, come to New Haven on May 9th. Kristin is a new missionary assigned to Jerusalem through the General Board of Global Ministries. All are invited to take part in this informative time of learning about Israel and Palestine. Kristen has been to Jerusalem 7 times; she has been a leader and member of Volunteers in Mission teams. She spent a month in personal discernment in the Holy Land in 2007 and will now be a missionary at Sabeel, which is an ecumenical theology center just outside Jerusalem. She will talk with us about what is going on in that part of the world right now. **And, for those interested, tentative discussions are underway for an international mission opportunity from NHUMC to travel to this area in 2012, so this will be a great opportunity to ask questions!** We are blessed to have Kristin come and share with us before she is sent out into the mission field this summer. Please come join us!

COUPONS. . . .We ARE still collecting coupons and they are available for everyone. We take the unused ones to Restore Hope to give away. Bring your coupons to the office or put them in the “Coupon” mailbox in the office area.