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Cindy's Chalkboard



What a wonderful worship we had Sunday with Danny's story of Ruth. As we study the Bible we become aware of the many ways we can read a story; the same story read one day may bring different images than reading another day. Someone studying the same passage may pick up on a totally different aspect from another person. In a story like Ruth there are several people involved and several different possibilities. We read as it relates to us in the moment. We even experienced that "in the moment" during the second service when Danny's microphone went off. She managed to move on without interruptions and did it beautifully. Danny, you are a master!

I have heard another story which explains a similar scenario. Have you ever shared an experience with another, and as they described the event you realized it was a totally different perspective from what you remembered? We have a tendency to judge from our own eyes and feel that is the absolute truth. Yet we later find that others may see things differently. We need to check our own perspective. Let me share a story about the Window from which we look.

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs a better laundry soap".

Her husband looked up but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and I cleaned the windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

A very familiar verse in I Corinthians 13 from the Message Bible states: "We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright. We'll see it all then, see it as clearly as God sees us".

We must be aware of the lens through which we look. It can make a difference!

Rev. Suzanne Davis



**EVERYONE INVITED TO OUR
INDIAN TACO LUNCHEON
TO BENEFIT THE NEW DAY
CAMP!
12:00 NOON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

Most of you know that New Day Camp is a camp for children of incarcerated parents. Lots of young lives and camp leaders have found their lives changed because of being in fellowship with each other and with God.

Carletta Denison will be our featured speaker at the luncheon. She has been involved for years in this ministry. Danny Hall will lead and open with a devotion before lunch. Thank you, Danny, for sharing your God-given talents with us. (Wasn't God's message awesome that Danny shared with us this past Sunday?!!!)

We also very much appreciate the Indian UMC for cooking their great tacos and to be in mission with us. You can still sign up this Sunday to attend the lunch. Just stop by the Outreach table in the hall.

Praise God for the opportunities He gives us to reach out to all His children!

UNDERWEAR FOR CHILD SHARE!

Awesome, New Haven Family!!!

Over 500 pairs of socks and underwear were collected for Child Share! On behalf of the Child Share staff and the Foster families,
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



Financial Peace University

Preview night: 6:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 30th

Classes start: 6:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 13th

Taught by Rev. Cindy Havlik

A financial management program for everyone!

New Haven UMC is offering this class for \$75. per couple. Scholarships are available.

The benefits you receive in taking this class will far outweigh the cost!!!

All Church Garage Sale Fundraiser

**The New Haven Garage Sale
is coming soon!**

The Garage Sale will be September 16th and 17th from 8am-3pm both days. We need volunteers to help us sort items all week to prepare! Any items donated for the sale to benefit our Church will be greatly appreciated. Any items not purchased will be donated to charity. If you have extra wire hangers or plastic grocery sacks, please bring them to the gym, along with your donated items, beginning September 11.

Please spread the word and bring your donations!! Contact susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-744-9440 if you need us to pick up items or can help!

**Wonderful New Opportunities Are
Coming For Enriching Your Life!**

DISCIPLE I

**Becoming Disciples Through
Bible Study**

Led by Peter Havlik

DISCIPLE II

**Into the Word
Into the World**

Led by Danny Hall

**Disciple I and II begin at 5:00 pm
on Sunday, August 28**

DISCIPLE III

**Remember Who You Are
Led by John Stith**

**Disciple III begins at 6:30 pm
on Thursday, September 1st.**

Christmas Shoeboxes

Did you see all the back-to-school ads in yesterday's paper? That means this is a great time to purchase supplies for New Haven's annual collection for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Items we can use include small notebooks (ones that will fit in a shoebox), pencils, pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and markers. You can bring your gifts to Stacey's office in the church office area.

Monetary gifts
also very useful!



Opportunities of the Week

August 21~ 28, 2011

SUNDAY, August 21

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 5:30 pm United Methodist Youth

MONDAY, August 22

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, August 23

- 6:00 pm Worship Committee/ Parsonage
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, August 24

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

THURSDAY, August 25

- 5:00 pm Day School Open House
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, August 26

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, August 27

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch

SUNDAY, August 28

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 12:00 pm Mission Luncheon/Gym
- 1:30 pm SPRC/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple I & II Studies
- 5:30 pm United Methodist Youth

WHY WOMEN LIKE CATS

- Cats don't criticize your mother.
- Cats never question how much you're eating.
- Cats understand the importance of beauty sleep.
- Cats are happy to let you drive.
- Cats always look good first thing in the morning.
- Cats don't complain when you get a short haircut.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 14

8:45 am - 57
11:00 am - 97
Total - 154

**Adult Sunday School
Attendance
August 14**

Christian Living Class- 10
Discovery Class - 8
Interlude Class- 17
Fellowship Class- 8
New Friendship Class- 11
Journey Class- 7

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
"The Will of God"

Room 209: Fellowship Class
"We Worship God" Adult
Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship
Class**

"Foundations of the Old
Testament"

**Parlor: Christian Living
Class**

"Judges, Ruth" Adult Bible
Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"When Christians Get It
Wrong" by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class

DINNERS FOR 8

It is time again to begin another round of Dinners for 8! We will be extending a special invitation to new members, but would like for those who have participated (and loved it, of course!) to spread the word and encourage others to sign up to be on the rotation for the Fall. Just a reminder - you do not HAVE to be a host for the dinners (or could always use the church to host). Also, you can just attend one evening if that is all you are able or just want to try it out! This is a great way to get acquainted with people from the other services or outside of the crowd you usually have the opportunity to visit with. Child care is always provided at the church during the dinners. Additional info to follow to participants!