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Cindy's Chalkboard



I hope many of you had a chance to “attend” church this past Sunday. Even though New Haven UMC was closed due to the weather, there were so many opportunities to “go” to church in our own homes, from local televised church worship services, to radio stations and even on internet sites.

I had the blessing of watching one of my colleagues in ministry, Rev. Wade Pascal at First UMC Tulsa, offer a compelling message called “The Interrupted Life” on TV. He talked about the times we get interrupted in life; how they are not just unexpected, but a lot of times, we see them as mostly inconvenient. Like... when we are out on the freeway and all the sudden realize the route we needed to take was blocked because of construction! Can we relate, or what? Or, what about the times we get angry and impatient at the airport because of the delays? Do I see a few head nods?

Like many of you, I like to set my schedule. I like to know what’s going on, what to expect. But not Jesus! In Matthew Chapter 9, he is engaged in what I think is his favorite activity. He’s teaching... and then it happens...the interruption. This time, it was a leader of the synagogue who walked right in and asked him to go with him to his daughter’s house. At another time, Jesus is sleeping in a boat, and his Disciples interrupt his sleep because they were afraid of the rough seas. Jesus isn’t offended by any of these. Jesus seems to live as if he wanted, and even invited, the interruptions of this world.

Our lives have been interrupted lately from this crazy weather. And yet, a lot of good has come from it. Members, and even entire families, came to help dig the church out of the snow drifts and had a great time of fellowship. The Trustees arranged for a couple of snow plows to help us out on the parking lot. Some much needed replacements and repairs were done in the choir restrooms, and parts replacements in other restrooms at the church. There was a flurry of activity, in spite of the interruption of the weather.

God uses all kinds of ways to accomplish his work through us. Pay attention to the next interruption in your life. See if you can see how God is working in it – it may take a while to realize what he’s doing – and at other times, we may not ever know. But what we do know is that God is always at work, in both the good times and in the hard times of our life.

Praising God in the interruptions with you,

Pastor Cindy

News From the Children's Department. . .

Bible Blast schedule update:

Because of the Valentine Dance on Feb. 13, we are making that week a Home Blast. Footprints will meet at 4:00. There will be no choir on February 13.

So, the next time we have Bible Blast will be February 20. Keep up with your reading! We will be all the way to the prophets by then.



Here's a list of what NOT to give her for Valentines Day:

- A box of chocolates, clumsily rearranged in an attempt to hide the fact you ate all the caramel ones.
- Any video starring Sylvester Stallone, Jim Carrey, or Jenna Jameson.
- Flowers from a hospital's gift shop--or worse, a mortuary's.
- Any household appliance, power tool or other item from the harder side of Sears.
- Cash.
- Any food item with the words "diet," "light," or "high fiber" on the label.
- Any clothing item with the words "push-up" or "slim-down" on the label.
- Anything you could have bought at the gas station mini-mart on the way over, even if you didn't.
- An apologetic look and the words "That was today?"



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. We'll have a "6 foot sub sandwich", prizes and dj's for the dancing! ALL families, couples, and singles will enjoy this evening. . . come and have a great time!!!



DINNERS FOR 8 will resume this month. . .this is your last chance to sign up for Feb. 18th! Call Susan right away if you want to attend a dinner on this date.

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!

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One afternoon, Sue was in the backyard hanging the laundry when an old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard.

Sue could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. But when she walked into the house, he followed her, sauntered down the hall and fell asleep in a corner.

An hour later, the dog went to the door, and Sue let him out.

The next day he was back. He resumed his position in the hallway and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks.

Curious, Sue pinned a note to his collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day the dog arrives with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with eight children. He's just trying to catch up on his sleep."

UMPTENAGERS
FEBRUARY 15, 2011 ~ 11:00 a.m.

All are invited to come for a time of food, fun, and some brain stirring. It's POTLUCK so you know the food will be extra special.

I'll be looking for you so don't disappoint me!

See you in the Parlor.

Pat Thomas

BITHELL FARMS

It's time to place your orders for Oregon berries, jam, and seafood.

Order blanks are available in the reception area.

Deadline: February 25th

Your orders are much appreciated by the United Methodist Women!

Someone has written these beautiful words. Must read and try to understand the deep meaning of it.

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
- 2] Why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

A American family took their first-grader on a car trip to Canada. To help pass the time, the boy practiced his new reading skills by calling out road signs. He fell asleep just before they entered Quebec.

When he awoke, he looked out his window at the highway signs - now in French - and said in a worried tone, "I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep."

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A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect!"

"Really?" answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty..."

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Thoughts for today.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

"I thank my lucky star that I'm not superstitious!"

Opportunities of the Week Feb. 13 ~ 20, 2011

SUNDAY, February 13

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 12:00 pm Children's Choir
- 2:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 2:00 pm Disciple II/Pastor's Office
- 4:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Valentine Party - Everyone invited!
- 5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, February 14

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor

TUESDAY, February 15

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee/Suzanne's Office
- 7:00 am Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, February 16

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

THURSDAY, February 17

- 4:15 pm Guitar Lessons
- 5:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, February 18

- 6:30 pm Dinners for 8
- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, February 19

SUNDAY, February 20

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

Do you know someone who could use a FREE all electric, remote control hospital bed? If so, call the church for the name and number of a person who has one to donate!

743-6491



February Birthdays



2. Will Scruggs
- Marjorie Depoe
3. J.J. Sartain
4. Paul Mabrey
6. Sue Beaver
7. MacKenzie Gilbert
9. Linda Jaeger
- Nick Nicholson
- Caitlin Riggan
- Vetus Vanderwiele
- Cali Bayless
10. Shirley Nelson
14. Adam Barnett
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Dwight Stevenson
- Jocelyn Schifferdecker
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
23. Dot Haynes
- Ginny Lamkin
- Stella Schwartz
24. Jean Smith
25. Maxine Loyd
27. Ken Worrall



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 6th

Church services cancelled due to a severe winter storm and icy roads.

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Mark Mann	Youth Minister
Tonya Ford	Day School Director
Chanel Smith	After School Care & Nursery Director
Pat Bates	Church Secretary
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Marcia Ferguson	Treasurer
Kate Scruggs	Financial Secretary
Jane Johnson	Wedding Coordinator
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

The father of a family - who is a big-time techie - got his oldest daughter an iPhone for her birthday.

He also got an iPad for his son. Later an iPod for the youngest daughter.

So when his anniversary rolled around, he got his wife an iRon.

That's when the fight began.

today's THOT=====

"The trouble with quotes on the Internet is that you can never know if they are genuine." - Abraham Lincoln

