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Cindy's Chalkboard

A question came up during our recent Acolyte training this past Sunday afternoon, "What does the word "Acolyte" mean?"

What a great question! It's something we don't really think about very often. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "In many Christian denominations, an acolyte is anyone who performs ceremonial duties such as lighting altar candles."

We learned that the word *acolyte* comes from the Greek word "acolytos", which means a companion, attendant or helper. The word has its roots in the Old Testament of the Bible, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest, and Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet.

In our Methodist tradition, acolytes help out in worship services by lighting the altar candles as a symbol of God's presence. After worship is over, the acolyte relights their "candle lighter" and then takes the light of Christ out into the world.

We had a wonderful crowd of children and youth that came to be trained! You will see them shortly as they begin to help us out. I let them know that this is a *very important* part of what we do together in worship – as a matter of fact – I told them worship does not start until they come forward. We are waiting on them!

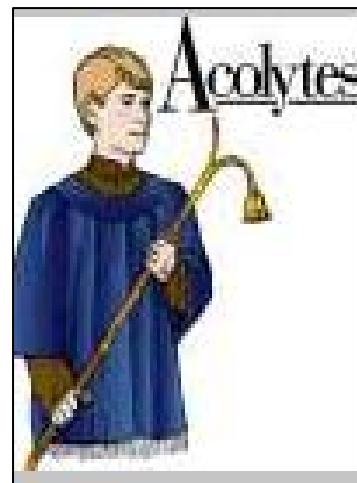
How often does this happen in our lives when we wait for children to lead the way? Not often enough! You'll remember in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Our children and youth are ushering in the Kingdom. Watch closely as they do. We just might be able to see an inkling of what God has planned for them in the years ahead.

And, come join us this Sunday as our "awesome" youth lead in worship. You will be blessed.

Walking the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Cindy



Memorial High School presents

Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*

Master Works Concert

Directed by Dr. Donald W. Armstrong

January 26, 2012 at 7:30 pm

Holy Family Cathedral

122 West 8th Street

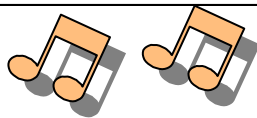
A free public event in appreciation of your support
of the fine arts at Tulsa Public Schools

Donations are greatly appreciated



Marleigh Blanchard,
one of our youth, is a
member of this choir!

A NOTE FROM PAUL



On **Saturday, February 11th** New Haven will host an evening of music and dancing in our fellowship hall. Okay, gymnasium! It's not the first dance held in a gym. The music will be provided by an instrumental combo from TCC and feature some wonderful vocalists. We are concentrating on old standards by *Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Harold Arlen* and many more. Music to set your feet a-tappin'. Mark your calendar and reserve the date. More information will follow. You won't want to miss this. Invite some friends too, they will enjoy the evening.

Bring a snack to share and just sit back (or get up and dance!) and enjoy this fine evening of music.

BJ's Blurb. . .

Gold Stars to Wyatt Shifferdecker and Kyler Smith for not only going to the LCLW, but also leading one of the better break out sessions. Also Wyatt read the scripture at the worship service. I am amazed all the number of youth that are getting involved in the conference and district ministries. We have far more than a church our size should. => but then again I guess I shouldn't be surprised looking at our total membership and all that they do! ;) keep up the good work good and faithful servants of New Haven!

Youth Sunday is. . .NEXT SUNDAY!

Confirmation Meeting: Tuesday at 6:30pm in the parlor.

We will be discussing the revamping of our confirmation progress.

Youth 6th grade and up who have not been through it should come with their parents.

Joplin

We are looking at the weekend of February 17th and 18th. The VIM Disaster relief office in Joplin has requested each member fill out a brief skills assessment. Please look for a clipboard with the sign ups and brief assessment out on the sign up table. Once I know our skills I can let them know how to best use our team inside, out of the elements. As always more info will be posted in the Spire as I find out more.

DINNERS FOR 8 COMING SOON!

If you've been a part of Dinners for 8 before, you already know how much fun it is. Susan Lamkin is taking names and working on forming dinner groups now, so if you want to be included please give her a call at 918-744-9440 or email

susanlamkin@cox.net The first dinner of the season will take place on Friday, Feb. 17th.

Love to Dance?

Deena is expanding her liturgical dance class to 3rd GRADERS AND UP, so please come to the gym at 4:00 on Sunday if you would like to participate! This includes adults, too, so if you would like to praise the Lord in dance, please join us! We plan to dance in both church services on Palm Sunday, April 1. If you have any questions, please call Deena Smith at 918-693-4828 or email her at Deena@SixByte.com.

UMW COLLECTING "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION"

Bic Ball Pens
 Bic Dry Erase Markers
 Bic Ecolutions
 Bic Gel
 Bic Highlighters
 Bic Mechanical Pencils
 Bic Permanent Markers
 Bic Roller
 Bic Wite-Out Brand Correction Tape
 Bic Mailing Labels
 Campbells Chunky
 Campbells Soup
 Campbells Soup & Recipe Mix
 Campbells Tomato Juices
 Campbells Healthy Request
 Campbells Beans
 Campbells Gravies
 Dannon Kids Yogurts
 Dannon Danimals and Dan-O-Nino
 Foodservice
 Franco-American
 Pace
 Pepperidge Farm
 Post Cereals and Treats

Here are products where you will find them!

SpagettiO's
 Swanson
 V8 Splash
 V8 V-Fusion
 V8 Beverages
 Wolfgang Puck
 Glad
 People
 Real Simple
 allyou
 Cooking Light
 Health
 Southern Living

Look for Collection Box in the hallway!



One of our newest babies at New Haven was baptized in the 11:00 church service this past Sunday.
Meet Joel Matthew Roberts, son of Phil and Teresa Roberts. (Teresa is the organist at New Haven UMC.)

This is a precious time in the life of our church as we all vow to help raise him up in the love and knowledge of God.

Opportunities of the Week Jan. 29-Feb. 5, 2012

SUNDAY, January 29 Youth Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday Schools
 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
 2:00 pm Special Meeting: Finance, Trustees, Adm. Council and Congregation/Parlor
 5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 5:00 pm Mid Hi UMY
 5:30 pm "What's in the Bible?"
 6:00 pm Sr Hi UMY

MONDAY, January 30

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, January 31

7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, February 1

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

THURSDAY, February 2

6:00 pm Praise Band
 6:00 pm Spiritual Gifts Class/185
 6:30 pm Disciple III Bible Study

FRIDAY, February 3

7:30 pm AA/ Gym

SATURDAY, February 4

SUNDAY, February 5

8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday Schools
 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
 5:00 pm Children's Choir
 5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
 5:00 pm JR. Hi UMY
 5:30 pm "What's In the Bible?"
 6:00 pm Senior Hi UMY

January 22nd

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

8:45 am -76
 11:00 am -170
 Total-246

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Christian Living Class-10
 Discovery Class -10
 Interlude Class-19
 Fellowship Class-17
 New Friendship Class-18
 Journey Class-8
 Youth-9
 Children-15

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
 "The Gospel of Mark"

Room 209: Fellowship Class
 Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
 "The Screw Tape Letters and The Bible"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
 Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
 "The Real Jesus" by Nicky Blackford.

Room 205: Journeys Class
 "Outlive Your Life!"

Thank you....

...to Greg Gotcher for painting the Chapel door. It looks wonderful with our new stained glass window!

...to Steve Lassiter for taking care of seemingly endless plumbing repairs, faucets and water heaters.

...to Ron Cunningham for running cabling to enable wireless access in our reception area.

...to Chuck Ulrich at Arbor Masters Tree Service for trimming branches all around our church yard as a tremendous gift to the church

thanks!!!