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Cindy's Chalkboard



Even as I write this, the doors to this year's Vacation Bible School are preparing to open. New Haven UMC's version of "Shake It Up Café" is about to begin!

What a *glorious* opportunity we have as a church to interact in the lives of God's children. I hope many of you stop in at the church and see what all the fun is about. You might even "catch" the urge to sing along with the VBS songs with our incredibly gifted New Haven praise and worship band! It promises to be a great week, filled with laughter and smiles from ear to ear as we show God's precious children how much they are loved by their Lord, and by us.

You've heard it said the youth of today are the future of tomorrow. We depend on them to carry on the faith to their own children.... generation after generation. And how proud we are! During worship, Wyatt Schifferdecker shared with us about the amazing time our youth had at Youth 2011 this year in Purdue, Indiana. We give thanks for all they learned, and for both Becky Puryear and David Schifferdecker who were the adult leaders that offered their time and efforts to be with them - they have some great stories to tell!

We also give thanks for the inspirational song that was offered in worship today by Marleigh Blanchard. Listening to her share her gifts of music as a youth, reminds us of the call we all have to "raise up a child" and surround them with the love of Christ.

Yes, it's been a great day in worship! Over these past few weeks, God has challenged us to reach out to this world and share our faith story with others. We do this in so many ways through our ministries at New Haven. That's what we are about as Christians, reaching out to outers in the name of Christ. When you do, you can't *help* but be blessed.

Blessed to be among you.

Pastor Cindy

Mark Your Calendar!!

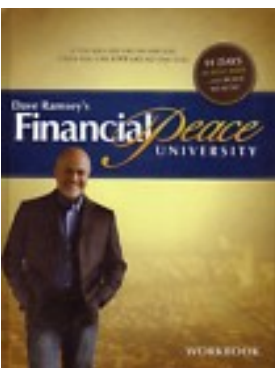
You will be hearing a lot more about this in the weeks to come!!
It's right here, at New Haven United Methodist Church:

Financial Peace University

Preview Night: Tuesday, 6:30 pm August 30th

Classes start: September 13th, Tuesday nights, 6:30 pm
New Haven United Methodist Church

"This is the best, most informative, and inspiring financial management program I have ever taught. I look forward to offering it again!" - Pastor Cindy



Please call the office (918-743-6491) if you have questions, or would like to sign-up before the special preview night! Discounted rate and scholarships available.

Christmas in July

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!



RESTORE HOPE MINISTRIES LOOKING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, TOO!

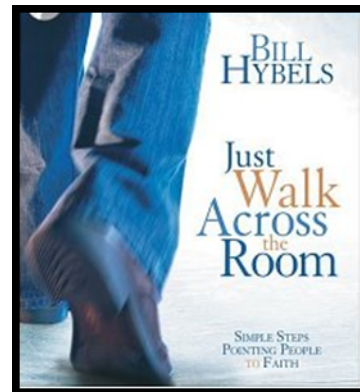
When you pick up school supplies for the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, it would be wonderful if you could double your purchase and bless Restore Hope with the same supplies. They have set a goal to give 2,500 Tulsa students school supplies. In addition to the items listed for the Christmas boxes above, you can give 1 1/2" 3-ring binders, 12" rulers, notebook paper, ink pens (blue, black & red), compass (safety point), glue sticks, graph paper, large zipper pencil bags, 3 x 5 ruled index cards, protractors, set of 12 colored pencils, set of 8 watercolors, pocket folders with brads, primary pencils with erasers, 4 oz. bottle of white glue, broadline washable markers, 5" blunt and pointed scissors, and Ziploc Bags, (quart and gallon.) These items can be brought to the church and placed in Restore Hope boxes. They will also accept children and youth clothing and shoes. No other clothing will be accepted until the rebuilding from the storm damage last February is completed.

Also, a donation of \$25 will supply one child with a full set of school supplies. Make you check to New Haven UMC and write "Project School Supplies" in the memo line. The church will send your donations to Restore Hope.

Thank you in advance for giving to both programs to help needy children all around the world and in Tulsa, too.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE IS COMING! SEPTEMBER 16-17

Please be saving items you wish to donate! If you want to help with the sale or have items that you need to have picked up, please call Susan Lamkin @ 918-557-9148 or email susanlamkin@cox.net.



Just Walk Across the Room

Evangelism Ideas! July 31st 4:00-5:30 pm
Presented by Rev. Erma Pregler

Here's where we put what we've been talking about in worship – in action! If taking ten steps across a room could point someone toward faith, it might just change the way you walk. Meet us in the Parlor for a practical discussion on basic steps to evangelism. Come join us, and make a difference in your life, and in the life of your church!

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE A "MERRY STRIPPER"???

IF SO, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

We need volunteers to help strip and wax our floors (and save thousands of \$\$\$). We'll work on Monday & Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings from Aug. 1-13.

It's a good way to burn calories (if you don't drink the root beer and eat the popcorn provided!), and a great way to get to find out why our strippers at New Haven are so merry. The job is manageable if we get enough good folks to help. So.....

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE HALLWAY AND LET'S GET STRIPPING!!!



**EVERYONE INVITED!!!
MISSION & OUTREACH SUMMER!
CELEBRATING IN SERVING & SHARING
LIVES TOGETHER!!**

OUR NEXT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ARE:

“UNDIE SUNDAY”—this collection during worship begins on Sunday, July 31st. Candice Morton, the director of Child Share, the UM Foster Children Program, assured us there is a BIG need for under-wear and socks for boys and girls of all ages.

On Saturday, August 13th, we will be painting at **REST HAVEN NURSING HOME** from 8:00-3:30. Lunch will be provided for you. Sign up at the Outreach table.

During this Mission Summer we will also identify some of our New Haven family that might need help with yard work, painting, or small repairs. Our Boy Scouts are willing to be part of this ministry, too!

On August 28th, everyone is invited to New Haven for a **LUNCH TO BENEFIT THE NEW DAY CAMP**, a camp for children whose parents are incarcerated. Guess who's cooking??? You're right! Our brothers (men's group) from the Indian U.M. Church will be serving their **AWESOME INDIAN TACOS!!!**

Please watch the SPIRE for more details. Looking forward to celebrating by serving and sharing our lives together as God leads us.

The Outreach Committee

**REACHING OUT TO REST HAVEN
NURSING HOME ON SAT., AUG. 13TH
8:00 AM-3:30 PM**

Rest Haven was adopted by New Haven UMC as a local mission. This time we will have an opportunity to paint the hallways. If you can't spend the whole day, we welcome your help for any part of the day.

The residents so appreciate us for helping spruce up their home. Even more important is the fellowship and sharing our lives together. So, if you aren't able to paint but enjoy visiting with our sisters and brothers or singing a song together, please join us.

If you come to paint, please bring your favorite paint brush, roller and pan, cleaning rags, and perhaps a drop cloth. We'll leave New Haven at 8:00 am and caravan over. Lunch will be provided. Please stop at the Outreach table during the next couple of weeks to sign up.

God's Speed,
Adriaan

**SKI TRIP
March 19-23, 2012**

I have found the best time to promote a ski trip is during a couple weeks of 100+ degree weather that has no end in sight! Just imagine seeing your breath and catching snow flakes on your tongue, looking up at the majestic snow covered Colorado Rockies. Ah I feel cooler already, or did the A/C kick on... oh well. I know a youth ski trip is so cliché, but its actually really nice to go as a family so that you can create lasting memories together and youth can still have fun and hang out with their friends. This is a spring break trip, and although that's a long time away if we get in early we can get a huge discount. \$355 per person is all it costs for 4 nights and 3 days in a beautiful comfort Inn and Suits at Carbondale CO (just outside Aspen, CO), 3 days of lift passes to all 4 mountains at ASPEN, CO, and ski rentals for the 3 days. If you want to snow board it cost \$15 more. If you want to go and don't need to rent equipment then its \$292. If you want to go and hang out but not ski its \$200. If you have any questions ask BJ Danner, our new Youth Director, when he gets here and if you want to go we need to have a \$125 deposit by August 28th.



A "Funny" for You!

A young man was sitting next to me in one of the two "husband chairs" in a ladies' clothing store.

After 30 minutes and five outfits, the fellow's wife came out of the changing room again.

He looked at her and immediately said: "That looks good on you. Get that one."

"Honey," she replied, "this is what I was wearing when we came in."