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Cindy's Chalkboard



What is Lent?

Lent is the season of forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It commemorates Jesus' time of preparation in the wilderness for forty days following his baptism, and is meant as a time of preparation for Easter.

For centuries, the church has encouraged Christians to fast (abstain from food or drink) during Lent as a way to prepare one's heart and mind for the celebration of Easter. The point of fasting is to rely on the power of God to deny oneself, thereby bringing our hearts closer to God. There are many that may choose to do this.

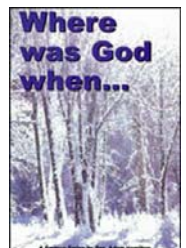
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent; a journey of deepening reflection and renewal, and an opportunity to make new commitments in faith. We will prepare for our journey on **March 9th at 7:00 pm** with our **Ash Wednesday service** in the Sanctuary. At the beginning of the service, you will be invited to take and hold a small piece of broken pottery. During the service, we will reflect upon the symbolism in the pieces of tile, and acknowledge our brokenness in the presence of a gracious God. You will then be invited to bring this tile forward and place it on a cross. The traditional imposition of ashes will be offered at the altar rails. We will continue to add pieces of tile to this cross throughout the season of Lent.

Your Worship Committee and I pray that this will be a deeply meaningful time for all who come. May we always remember that by the grace of God alone, we are given eternal life! Let us offer to God our willingness to repent and become all God has created us to be.

Looking forward to sharing the Lenten journey with each of you,
Pastor Cindy

Lenten Sermon Series “Where Was God When...”

During the first three weeks of Lent, we are going to embark on a series of sermons that will begin to ask some very difficult questions that most of us have asked at one time or another about God. Questions that deal with real life experiences like, “Where was God when...my friend committed suicide?” “Where was God when...my precious child passed away from cancer?” “Where was God when...a tragic car accident claimed the life of an innocent bystander?” There are times when God doesn't seem to make sense. We wonder why God allows terrible tragedies. We are disappointed when God doesn't answer our prayers. There are times when God seems silent and absent in our lives. Ultimately, we wonder, “Is God there? Does God really care?” In this three week series based on Adam Hamilton's sermons, we will ask some hard questions of the faith together. I pray this will be a meaningful time of growing together in our faith, in our understanding of God's love and care, and what it means to each one of us.



NEW HAVEN READS!

(A Book Club that meets once a month and is open to anyone who loves to read!)

The next meeting will take place on
March 6th at 4:00 pm in the Parlor.

Begin now to read
Pride and Prejudice
by Jane Austin

and on March 6th we will meet and
discuss this classic novel.

We'll have tea and treats, too!

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The Susanna Circle will meet on Thursday,
March 10th at 10:00 am in the Parlor.

Hopefully the weather will be nice this month and we can
enjoy a speaker and refreshments together!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SET...

Young people in 6th grade on up through high school are invited to attend a series of Confirmation classes (if they have not already been confirmed. An approved adult mentor that the child will have input in selecting will lead these classes. Please let Mark Mann know of your interest by Friday, March 11th

On Sunday, March 27th, the Confirmation classes will commence. The student and their mentor will meet once a week, and will be going through the confirmation book entitled, "Making Disciples," by William H. Willimon. In addition, there will be a special retreat and other activities for the Confirmation class. Confirmation will be held June 12th on Pentecost Sunday.

Youth Fundraising News

Through the Flamingo Fundraiser, the Youth of New Haven have raised over \$625.00 towards their 2011 Summer Mission Trip to Lafayette, Indiana.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in this fun and rewarding activity. Look for pictures of yards that have been flocked in upcoming editions of the Spire!

Our next fundraising event will be April 30th, as the youth will be performing in their second annual Dinner Theater.

Thank you again for supporting the Youth of New Haven United Methodist Church.

Sincerely,

Mark Mann
Youth Minister

An IRS Funny.

"Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is."

"This is the IRS calling. Can you help us?"

"I can."

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is."

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will."

ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE OCCUPIED ON MARCH 15th

Come join the Umpteenagers for lunch, fellowship, fun and an opportunity to get to know others in our great Church.

Spring is on the way and the weather is warmer so it's time to be out and about and enjoy life with friends you haven't as yet met.

I'll be looking for you on

Tuesday, March 15th, 11:00 a.m.

Church Parlor \$5.00

Please sign up in your classroom, church hallway or give the church a call so I'll know you are coming.

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Lenten Devotionals

We will be offering a devotional booklet for you to read and prayerfully consider during each of the 40 days of Lent. The "Springs of Living Water" booklet will be available starting the evening of our Ash Wednesday service on March 9th at 7:00 pm for you to pick up. Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of our redemption through Christ. Make it a point to read this devotional daily, as together we walk this journey to the cross. May you be blessed and renewed by the "living water" of Christ's love this Lenten Season.

– Your New Haven UMC Worship Committee



Thank you, Pack 67, for your recognition of New Haven UMC during the annual Blue and Gold Banquet held this past Saturday evening! We are grateful for this honor and for the beautiful plaque. New Haven is

blessed to host this important ministry, and thankful for the ideals and values that Scouting instills in our young people.

- With gratitude, New Haven UMC

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Speaker?

Lay speakers are trained volunteers who serve the church and community in a wide variety of ministries. Lay Speakers offer their gifts in the areas of caring, leading and communicating. There are virtually no limits to the possibilities in ministry available to Lay Speakers. The entry point to the ministries of Lay Speaking is enrollment in a Basic Lay Speaking Class. Tulsa District will hold training on Friday evening, April 1 and Saturday (8 to 4:30) April 2 in Tulsa at Memorial Drive UMC. If you are interested contact Danny Hall at 918-640-3891.

RED HATTERS!

Due to various scheduling conflicts, the Red Hat luncheon is postponed to a later date. Look for a new date sometime in April.

Thanks to all who responded.



Opportunities of the Week March 6 ~ 13, 2011

SUNDAY, March 6

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

MONDAY, March 7

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, March 8

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

WEDNESDAY, March 9

- 12:15 pm Lenten Bible Study/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

THURSDAY, March 10

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
- 4:15 pm Guitar Lessons
- 5:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, March 11

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, March 12

- 10:00 am Youth Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm Respite Care

SUNDAY, March 13

- 8:45am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 4:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple II/Pastor's Office
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 27th

8:45 am—66
11:00 am—115
Total—181