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Cindy's Chalkboard



For Mother's Day, my family gave me the gift of planting a rose garden in our backyard. I love it! They know how much I enjoy their brilliant blooms – and oh – they smell so wonderful too. I am grateful for Jan and Shannon Davis, who planted the rose bushes in the front parsonage yard that would later make me want to have my very own! I have thoroughly enjoyed them.

The new (and old) roses are in full bloom. Never have I seen such a beautiful array! Almost every day, I go out and gather a few blooms for the center of our kitchen table. I see them every day – in the morning, before I head out to work – and in the evening, when I get home. I look at them, and it never ceases to amaze me. They are perfect little works of art God has given to us. It reminds me to stop and take time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

God wants that for all of us. I know our lives are busy, they are full of activities and so many things we want to do. But that old adage is as true today, as it was hundreds of years ago. Take time to stop.... and smell the roses; pay attention to God working in this world. For even in the midst of our busyness... or our struggles or difficult times we might be going through... He stops and gives US something so wonderful and worthwhile.

Look around. Give thanks to God for what you see. For He is the giver of ALL good things in our lives.

Looking around with you,

Pastor Cindy

SOME FUN CAKES FROM THE PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCHEON!





New Haven's Seniors

Seth Amos, son of Cathy and Steve Amos, is not changing religions, but once he graduates from Booker T. Washington High School he will become a Quaker—at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He graduates with many honors, including being a National

Merit Scholar. Seth will miss his friends at New Haven, but looks forward to the adventure Back East!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

Thank you, awesome New Haven Family, for your generous donations yesterday! Over \$2,100. was raised. . . the most ever! Praise God!!!

Thank you, Sunday School classes and Laura Sahli (Pastor Cindy's daughter) for the great looking cakes! Thanks to Todd Morgan for taking care of class participation.

Outreach Committee, thanks for the brownies and also for setting up and cleaning up with other New Haven family members.

Danny Hall, thanks for sharing your devotion and leading the program. Didn't the tables look great? (Thanks to Linda Jaeger for that!)

We still need help with reading to a child in the week of Monday, June 27th through Thursday, June 30. Please come by and sign up at the Outreach table.

God's speed, Adriaan

Thank you to...

...**Mike Riggin** and **Dallas Quinalty** (and **Dallas' father!**) for repairing the broken guttering over the Day School entrance, and for trimming a VERY large tree limb that was hanging over the church roof! You all are amazing!

...**Danny Hall**, once again, for the wonderful Golden Anniversary luncheon last Sunday. It was a blessing for all.

...our **weekend mowing team**, who is out in full force taking care of our beautiful church yard every week.

...**Steve Lassiter** for hauling off more of the remnants from our recent renovation of the playground area.

...the **Outreach Committee** for hosting a successful fundraiser luncheon for Project Transformation!

HELP NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP EGAN!

I am serving as dean at Camp Egan again this summer for Growin' in Grace camp and have an URGENT need for MALE leaders who are at least 16 years old.

This camp is for children entering grades 3-5 and it will be held July 11-15. There are two sessions of camp (Mon. afternoon-Wed. morning and Wed. afternoon-Friday morning) Leader training is held at Camp Egan the weekend right before camp starts (July 9-10).

So the time commitment is July 9-15. We prefer to have our leaders stay for both sessions, but if you are unable, I will certainly work with you on that. Everything you need is provided—training, curriculum, activity ideas, supplies, etc. Please, please, please consider this opportunity to serve.

Contact me for more information. Thanks!

Tonya Ford 252-4571

BERRIES!

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You can put your order in now for the summer berry crop from Bithell Farms. Be ready to make your cool, refreshing smoothies this summer! Order forms are in the reception area. Deadline: June 24th.

The UMW thanks you in advance for your order!



Adult Sunday School Classes

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of Matthew

Room 209: Fellowship Class

"We Worship God" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class

"The Lost Gods"—a film series study of ancient religions

Parlor: Christian Living Class

"I Timothy" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class

"When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class

"Christianity and Science"



VBS NEWS

It's time to sign up for VBS! Sign up posters for youth and adult volunteers are in the entry hall across from the coffee area. Spots are available in the crafts, games, and science exploration areas, as well as helping with decorations and the snack supper. And of course, we need lots of shepherds to move around with groups of kids.

Sign-up forms for kids are on the same table. VBS this year is July 24-28 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.



IF YOU LOVE GARAGE SALES

Our VBS theme this year is Shake It Up, which is a cooking theme. **We want to decorate with lots of cooking utensils like spatulas and big spoons.** If you are at any garage or estate sales and see kitchen items we can use as decorations, please consider buying the items and donating them to VBS.

4th of July Celebration Dinner On June 30th for Our Brothers & Sisters Who Are Homeless

New Haven has once again been given the opportunity to serve our extended family a dinner and to share in fellowship on Thursday, June 30. The menu will be BBQ sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, cake and ice-cream or pie. We would like your help with either cooking beef (sliced or chopped), baking a cake or pie, or serving the meal. You can sign up at the Outreach table in the hallway if you are able to help. Looking forward to sharing in ministry with you at this celebration dinner!

Outreach Committee

WATCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE LIVE ONLINE!

During May 29-June 1, you can access Internet LIVE STREAMING of the Oklahoma United Methodist gathering.

Utilizing your computer or mobile device, you can watch the inspiring worship and dedicated work of churches' representatives from across the state as they meet in OKC.

- See the sacred rituals welcoming new clergywomen and men.
- Observe the election of General/Jurisdictional Conference delegates.
- Learn the personal stories of people transformed by God

The LIVE STREAMING link will be posted at www.okumc.org.

A high-speed internet connection works best.

Opportunities of the Week May 29 ~ June 5, 2011

SUNDAY, May 29 Disciple Bible Recognition Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 3:30 pm **Annual Conference Begins in OKC**
- 5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, May 30 **MEMORIAL DAY** Office Closed

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, May 31 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC

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

WEDNESDAY, June 1 LAST DAY OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC

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

THURSDAY, June 2

- 10:00 am Esther Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, June 3

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, June 4

SUNDAY, June 5 Senior Recognition Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
- 5:30 pm UMY

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 22

8:45 am— 66
11:00 am—98
Total—164

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