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Cindy's Chalkboard

Well, let me just say.... “DON’T tell this church it CANNOT be done!” You have risen to the cause on so many different occasions; I don’t know why it continues to surprise me! Let me give you just *one* example.

Remember the twenty six pew chairs we needed to fund before we could even move ahead with our “Chapel Chair Challenge”? Well, in just a few weeks, that goal was met – and then some. People funded all twenty six chairs! So, we were able to ask for all forty chairs that would fill the Chapel. And guess what? YOU DID THAT, TOO!! We received enough funds to purchase all forty chairs....

Now, you’re not going to believe this – but we went BEYOND that. We received more funds for the Chapel revision than we needed for chairs! So, with their funds left over, we went back to a couple of the donors and asked if part of their money could be used toward replacing the Chapel carpet (since it will have holes in it from the pews.) Their response was, “Of course!” And so we went ahead with that... and guess what God did? Sent a family our way that wants to purchase the entire carpet. Has God been at work, or what?

I think you know where I’m headed with this. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:13 that *“I can do all things through Him, who strengthens me.”* Indeed we can – through Christ. Our chairs are funded. The full set of pew chairs are funded. The carpet is funded. One blessing after another!

My prayer for our stewardship time is the same. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to completely fund the needs for ministry this next year? Wouldn’t it simply be mind boggling to know that people have stepped out in faith, and offered their commitments to change lives through this church in miraculous ways?

I look back at these past few weeks of Stewardship, I remember the personal video testimonies in worship and during our Ministry Moments, and I don’t know about you, but I can hardly wait to see what God has in store for us next. We want to touch the hearts of others for Christ – we want to change lives and make a difference in this world. So, let’s do this *together*, church. I’m counting on you – and you’re counting on me. And God is counting on us.

What’s next? God only knows. In the meantime, let’s praise our God from Whom all blessings flow.

Singing God’s praises with you,

Pastor Cindy

Suzanne Sez.

There is something special about breaking bread together. Have you ever thought about how many social activities revolve around food? There is a reason for that I believe! When we gather and share a meal barriers seem to fall away. Perhaps we become more real! I remember reading in the *Velveteen Rabbit* that "real isn't how you are made; it's a thing that happens to you when you are loved and once you become real you can never become unreal again."

Dinners for eight sets the stage for just such possibility. As we gather around the table to share in a meal that we all had a part in preparing there is a camaraderie. It is a little different than gathering around the table for a finance meeting or even a Church Life committee meeting! We have no set agenda, no defined leader, just an atmosphere of being together, sensing the oneness of our communion. We are a family of faith and possibly have worshiped together for years but there is much about each other that we do not know. These dinners open the door to know one another in a different way. They are designed to be dinners for eight but sometimes there has been as many as twelve or as few as five. It has always been a time of open conversation with lots of laughter and fun as well as spiritual insight as we share in the journey of life together. Such a great way to get to know one another. . . .A great way to get to know more of our New Haven family. Many thanks to Susan Lamkin, chair of our Church Life committee, for organizing the dinners.

Come and join us. Our next dinner is November 18.

A Funny for You!

An elderly rabbi, having just retired from his duties in the temple, finally decides to fulfill his lifelong fantasy to taste pork.

He goes to a hotel in the Catskills in the off-season (not his usual one, mind you), enters the empty dining hall and sits down at a table far in the corner. The waiter arrives, and the rabbi orders roast suckling pig.

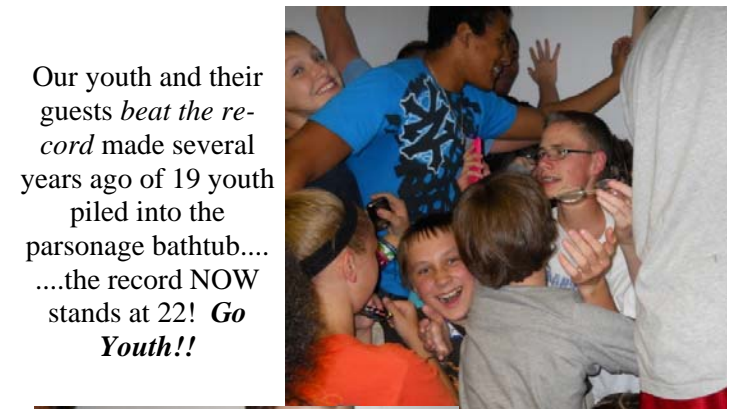
As the rabbi is waiting, struggling with his conscience, a family from his congregation walks in! They immediately see the rabbi and, since no one should eat alone, they join him. Shocked, the rabbi begins to sweat.

At last, the waiter arrives with a huge domed platter. He lifts the lid to reveal nothing else but roast suckling pig with a big apple in its mouth.

"This place is amazing!" cries the rabbi. "You order a baked apple, and look what you get!"



Twenty-Nine Youth at The Parsonage!



Our youth and their guests beat the record made several years ago of 19 youth piled into the parsonage bathtub... ..the record NOW stands at 22! Go Youth!!



Thank you to...

...BJ Danner and the awesome Youth at New Haven and their guests for a spectacular weekend at the Lock In!

...Our new Youth Band for their first-rate offering at the 8:45 service, and then an encore at the 11:00. We love you!

...Kaelen Terry and David Duncan for their gifts of leading our Children's Choir and Youth Band!

...Our Hand Bells and Chancel Choir – how awesome you are!

...our Praise and Worship Band for leading worship each and every Sunday at the 8:45 service. Love you all!

...Steve Lassiter for chimney repairs and for being the point man for water pipe repairs at the parsonage.

...Dallas Quinalty and Peter Havlik for painting door-frames in the gym and large kitchen.

...Don Gregory for his weekly help in preparing the Sanctuary for worship!

...Steve Lassiter for rescuing the office staff from water leaks under the workroom sink.

New Haven UMC appreciates all that you do!

New Haven Church Fall Festival Basket!
Dinner for Six offered by
Peter and Pastor Cindy

Once again, a basket will be auctioned during our Fall Festival for a home-cooked meal by Peter and Pastor Cindy. Highest bidder will receive a *full course dinner for six*, at an agreed upon date, at the parsonage. Dinner will be cooked and served by master chef Pierre (Peter) and Pastor Cindy. It's a great time of fun and fellowship, and serves a wonderful cause. All funds received for the meal will be used to help fund our Guest Services Greeting Area and religious art for the hallway. The basket will be in the church reception area for preview in the next two weeks.

Bon Appétit!



Fall Festival Help Needed!

It takes a lot of volunteers to put on this successful event each year. Please consider spending 30 minutes to help out. Use this link to sign up:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/fall3187/1852712

It's easy...click on the above link; decide where you would like to volunteer and click on that "sign up" box; then click "I don't want an account. I'll just enter my name" and type in your name. You may also contact Susan Lamkin (918-744-9440) or Tonya Ford (918-742-6781) to volunteer. Thanks!



FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

Chili Cook-off & Silent Auction

Sunday, October 30

4:00-6:00

Admission: Canned food items



Our church and Day School are teaming up again this year for our annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat. Wear a **costume**, bring a **canned food** item and come join us! Just drop off your canned food at the welcome tent and pick up an event schedule. We'll kick things off with **Trunk or Treat**. Cars will gather in the church parking lot and open up their trunks (decorate them if you like!) from 4:00-4:30 for "trunk or treating". So please **bring goodies** to hand out...don't be late or you'll miss it! Following Trunk or Treat we'll have **carnival games, inflatables to play on, a cakewalk, hayride, concessions**, and our own **contemporary worship band** will on hand to provide musical entertainment. A **chili cook-off** will also be held during this fun-filled event. We know New Haven is full of wonderful cooks and invite you to enter your chili! The entry fee is \$10 and there will be a prize for the best tasting chili and the best chili name. You can also be a judge for a \$5 fee and taste all of the delicious chili dishes and vote on your favorite. *Please contact Tonya Ford (918-742-6781) if you would like to enter your chili &/or be a judge.* Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, there will also be a **silent auction** of themed baskets. Proceeds from the chili cook-off and silent auction will be used to make improvements to the church and Day School. This is a wonderful community event and a major fundraiser for our Day School. Please invite friends and family to come and Trunk or Treat, eat chili, play games, and bid on those fantastic baskets!

Mountain of Food

New Haven has done such a good job over the years with the Mountain of Food. I can't remember how many years we have been doing this, but we have increased the amount every year. Another church which has begun a similar food drive asked to bring their food in November a few years ago and they were told "No, November belongs to New Haven UMC!" I realize that these are tough times for many families, but please think hard and pray about your donations this year. The need is greater than ever and getting bigger every month.

God Bless Us All,
Dick Garwood, Member
Board of Directors,
Restore Hope Ministries

Prices for Flats of Food:	Quantity	Total:
Pork & Beans	\$6.00	
Macaroni & Cheese	\$9.00	
Tuna packed in water	\$29.00	
Canned Luncheon Meat	\$21.00	
Butter Beans	\$9.00	
Kidney Beans	\$7.00	
Chili w/beans	\$13.00	
Soups	\$17.00	
Peanut Butter	\$20.00	
Stews	\$23.00	
Chicken & Dumplings	\$24.00	
Peas	\$7.00	
Green Beans	\$7.00	
Corn	\$7.00	
Sweet Potatoes	\$16.00	
Peaches	\$18.00	
Pears	\$18.00	
Apricots	\$12.00	
Applesauce	\$16.00	
Pasta	\$12.00	
Spaghetti	\$20.00	
Pasta Sauce	\$15.00	
Salmon	\$28.00	
Bran Flakes	\$22.00	
Pancake Mix	\$18.00	
Syrup	\$19.00	
Cornbread Mix	\$10.00	
Canned Chicken	\$18.00	
Mashed Potatoes	\$15.00	

Grand Total

Please make your check out to New Haven UMC. Write "Mountain of Food" in memo line. Checks may be deposited in the offering plate, mailed to church, or left at Outreach table. If you wish for us to choose the foods, just leave the donation with no list attached. If possible, please make your donations as soon as possible so that we may begin placing the orders and building the mountain! Thanks so much for your generosity!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE TULSA DISTRICT LUNCHEON CELEBRATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME IN CHINA!

Saturday, November 5th

Trinity UMC 3737 S. Peoria 11:30-1:30

RSVP to 918-742-7496 (but if you forget, come anyway as we will have extra food!)

Enjoy a silent auction and the most recent pictures from the home.

The Happy Children's Home, "Dream God's Dream" started about 10 years ago when Mr. & Mrs. Lee were called to help children without a home in the village of Tong Huong in Fujian Province, Mr. Lee's hometown. Land was donated to fulfill the dream, but sadly, Mr. Lee died in a tragic car accident and Mr. Lee moved to Tulsa with her children. As she shared the dream for a children's home, people from Boston Ave. UMC and First UMC wanted to be part of building an orphanage. God continued to send more interested people and the home was built. Twenty-three children live there at this time and are sponsored by church members and Sunday School classes of the Tulsa District. Thank you, New Haven family for all your support in the past. Please join us at the luncheon and help us celebrate!

Chili Dinner for the Homeless

On Halloween, Oct. 31st, we have been given another opportunity to serve and share a meal with our extended family who are homeless. Our menu will be chili (chili pie) and all the trimmings and cake for dessert. Please have your food in the main kitchen by 4:00 pm and have it warm. We would like your help with cooking, serving, and donations for the cake. Pastor Cindy will share communion with all who are present. You can sign up beginning this Sunday. We'll leave the church by 5:00 pm. Thank you for all your support.

God's Speed,
Adriaan

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift to the Chapel Renovation was given by Barbara Fadler in memory of Marjorie Fadler.

A gift to the Garden Endowment Fund was given by Charlotte Erwin.

Opportunities of the Week Oct. 30 ~ Nov. 2

SUNDAY, October 30 Laity Sunday and All Saints Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and
Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and
Children's Church
4:00 pm **Fall Festival (Trunk or
Treat is from 4:00-4:30 pm)**

MONDAY, October 31

- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Day Center
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, November 1

- Umpteenagers leave for Branson
this morning! Time TBA.
6:30 pm Financial Peace University/
Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, November 2

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

THURSDAY, November 3

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
6:30 pm Disciple III/161
7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, November 4

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, November 5

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, November 6

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and
Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and
Children's Church
4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
5:00 pm Disciple II /Parlor
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:00 pm Middle School UMY
5:30 pm "What's In The Bible?" for kids
6:00 pm High School UMY

Operation Christmas Child

It's time again for Operation Christmas Child! Operation Christmas Child is our annual outreach program in which our church and Day School children fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and toiletries for children around the world. We have already received many generous donations! If you would like to contribute to the shoeboxes, below is a list of items we still need:

✦ **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, stickers, picture books, travel games, silly putty, slinkies, mini puzzles, kaleidoscopes, etc.

✦ **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, markers, coloring books, writing pads, etc.

✦ **Hygiene items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, washcloths, combs, small Kleenex packages, band-aids, etc.

Other: hard candy, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, jewelry, decks of cards, hair accessories, lip balm, etc.



We do not need any crayons this year as we have already received all the crayons we need.

We will be filling the shoeboxes on November 6, 13, and 20 and will be delivering them to the warehouse on November 20. You may leave your donations in the Christmas box in the coffee area anytime before November 13. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, just mark your check or envelope Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your help!

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
"The Will of God"

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Jesus Teaches Wisdom: Living as
God's People

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

Parlor: Christian Living Class
"Songs of Solomon" Adult Bible
Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
9/11: What a Difference a Day
Makes" by James Moore

Room 205: Journeys Class
The Book of Job

OCTOBER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 23

8:45 am – 88

11:00 am – 141

Total – 229

Adult Sunday School Attendance October 23

Christian Living Class—9

Discovery Class—8

Interlude Class—16

Fellowship Class—13

New Friendship Class—13

Journey Class—14

New Haven Reads! is our official book club and meets on the first Sunday of the month at 4:00 in the parlor. For November, they are reading "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. You are invited to read this book, then join the discussion next month! All avid readers welcome!!!