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Cindy's Chalkboard



♪ We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God! ♪

As the time gets closer to our upcoming Church Conference set for **4:00 pm on Sunday, September 25th**, I'd like to change the well-known words to the song above to:

♪ **"We're marching to..... Church Conference....."**♪

The church, committees and I are busily preparing for our church conference that will take place under the direction of our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Peil. There are forms to complete, reports to write and approvals to be sought. When all is said and done, we will join together in a resounding "Halleluiah!" and applaud what God has done through New Haven UMC this year, and we will look toward where we believe God is leading this faithful congregation.

As I work on completing these reports, I give thanks to God for you. I feel like a proud parent, looking out over the congregation on Sunday mornings, and seeing all the events that we have in place at the church. You are busy doing what you do best. Being a welcoming, friendly, caring and deeply mission oriented congregation. You are a church that truly cares about one another, about your walk with God, and knows what it means to serve others in this world. I am so blessed to be a part of who we are as New Haven church. Thank you for taking seriously our call to make disciples for Christ. What you are doing makes an eternal difference.

Walking the journey together,

Pastor Cindy

P.S. As special thank you to our Youth this past Sunday for offering their own rendition of the 10 Commandments. I can promise you one thing - we will not soon forget your interpretation - and my guess is that most people will now be able to recall most of the commandments just by remembering their skits!

Update on the Chapel Chair Challenge!!

We are now up to donations that cover 22 of the 26 minimum needed chapel chairs that we want to purchase for our beautiful Chapel. We are offering **two more pews in the Chapel for sale for \$270 each.** (The remaining eight pews will be taken up to the balcony in the Sanctuary.) **Each chair is \$135 each.** There will be a **memorial book on display in the Chapel** to allow for those who may want to donate funds for chairs in honor or memory of a loved one. Please let Pastor Cindy know if you are interested in purchasing chairs!!



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DINNERS FOR EIGHT

We are currently taking names of those who wish to be a part of the Dinners for 8. You do not have to host a dinner and you don't necessarily have to attend all the dinners, but are encouraged to for the fellowship and getting to know each other! The Fall dates are: September 23rd
October 21st and November 18

UMPTENAGERS OUTING !! TO THE CABIN WE GO!

Lake Eufaula
September 20th

Meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am
for a day trip to
"Havlik's Haven"
(Pastor Cindy and Peter's cabin)
on beautiful Lake Eufaula!

Our driver extraordinaire, Greg Gotcher, will be transporting the group with the church van to enjoy a day of fun and fellowship together. We will be stopping by the Amish Country Store on Hwy 69 for lunch, and then travel to the cabin to spend time on the deck or sandy beach on the waterfront of one of Oklahoma's finest lakes.

Bring beach attire (swimsuit, towel, flip-flops) if you wish, sunscreen, and the desire to spend time enjoying the gift of God's creation together. Come join us and see what this group of senior adults is all about!



What's in the Bible? Children are invited to come and find out on Sunday evenings! Come for children's choir at 5:00 and then stay for our fun and funny What's in the Bible DVDs and learning activities! The fun ends at 6:30. For more information, call or email Stacey in the church office.

DO you remember when you got your first Bible? I received my first Bible for my 10th birthday. We were going to a Catholic church then, so it was a Catholic Bible – a little bit different than what I carry now. I don't remember people bringing Bibles to church and I don't remember why I wanted a Bible of my own – I just know I did, and that I cherished that gift for many years. What a blessing it was, then, to participate in a life milestone yesterday for Seth Bayless, Samantha Hensley, Billy Carthel, and J.J. Sartain as they received their third grade Bibles! I enjoyed watching them leaf through their Bibles, discovering the maps, reading guides, and even small stickers to mark what they have read. And I especially enjoyed seeing them clutch their Bibles possessively to their chests, treating this gift like the treasure it is. Congratulations Seth, Samantha, Bill, and J.J.! May yesterday be the beginning of many wonderful hours spent with your new Bibles.



All Church Garage Sale Fundraiser

The garage sale is **THIS WEEKEND!!** . Please bring your donations to the back gym door all this week from 8am-4pm. Plan to help if you can!!! Contact susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-744-9440 if you need us to pick up items or can help!

Copies of Sermons are now available on CD's on the back table in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

If you would like a copy of Sunday's sermon, please stop by the table in the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Please put your order form in the basket . Allow one week for processing. Your order will be ready for pickup at this table the following Sunday.

Suzanne sez. . .

A great way to be a part of the Fellowship of the church is in a Sunday School Class. You are invited visit the different classes and discover one that is a good fit your you!

We even have a Fellowship Class and they are into a wonderful study on the Bible.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths". Proverbs 3:5-6.

This quarter (Sept, Oct, Nov) the Fellowship Class will study selected scriptures in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Matthew. These Books are often referred to as Wisdom Literature. The excellent studies in the Adult Bible Studies (an official resource of the United Methodist Church) will guide us through some of the Bible's most practical advice for living.

Come join us upstairs in room 210 as we discuss how to apply this wisdom to our daily lives.

Paul's Music Musings

It's time for me to thank each of those members of New Haven who give so freely of their time and talent to enhance worship and our music ministry. The members of the Bell Choir, the praise band and the Chancel Choir meet weekly to prepare for worship.

Of course, we also have to thank the members of the children's' choir and Kaelen Terry for her leadership.

The youth group is rehearsing their band now and will soon be ready to lead in worship. We have several individuals who regularly sing solos during our services. New Haven is blessed with talent and people who are willing to share it.

There may be others of you in our congregation who have special talents. You may play an instrument or enjoy singing. There is a place for you in our music ministry. If you can't commit to weekly rehearsals, you can still find a way to share your God given talents.

Call me at the church office (918-743-6491) or send an e-mail to the church office and I will be glad to talk with you about how you can participate.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 11

8:45 am – 91
11:00 am – 131
Total 222

Adult Sunday School Attendance September 11

Christian Living Class—9
Discovery Class —8
Interlude Class—17
Fellowship Class— 13
New Friendship Class—17
Journey Class—18

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
"The Will of God"

Room 209: Fellowship Class
"We Worship God" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class

"Foundations of the Old Testament"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
"Judges, Ruth" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"When Christians Get It Wrong"
by Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class
A study of Job

Opportunities of the Week September 18-25, 2011

SUNDAY, September 18

8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Middle School UMY
6:00 pm High School UMY

MONDAY, September 19

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, September 20

10:30 am Umpteenagers Day at Cabin
6:00 pm Day School Council
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, September 21

11:00 am Tulsa District Youth Directors
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, September 22

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

FRIDAY, September 23

6:30 pm Dinners for Eight
7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, September 24

10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, September 25

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 Charge Conference/Parlor
5:00 pm Disciple II /Parlor
5:00 pm Middle School UMY
6:00 pm High School UMY

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift to the Endowment Fund was given by the Christian Living Class in memory of Mildred Crane.

A gift to the Memorial Fund was given by Randi Clark in memory of Mary Neal.