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Cindy's Chalkboard



Have you ever had one of those times when God just showed up in one of the most surprising ways? Love it when God does that! He certainly did this past Sunday. What a glorious day to celebrate all that is happening at New Haven church.

I found it simply amazing that our new District Superintendent's devotion at our Church Conference that afternoon, focused on the same message we had just offered that very morning. We both talked about the importance of listening to God's call on our lives; we both shared our own call to ministry. And no, we didn't have any idea either of us was going to offer that same message that day. Knowing that God had a hand in this just makes me smile.

And so do you. I am so very proud of you, church, for attending the Church Conference in great numbers. But I am most proud of who you are, and what you do to serve your Lord. Report after report lets us know how God has been working through you at New Haven UMC. Have you seen the list of Outreach opportunities? Have you looked at the size of our Sunday school classes lately? And, what about all of the meaningful moving moments in worship offered by our praise band and Chancel Choir, not to mention the gifted soloists that give of themselves for the glory of God. And there is so much more!

I love Rev. Dan Peil's reflection on the gifts and graces God gives to each of us.... WE may not think they are much... but God does! When we offer the best of who we are, to be used by God, amazing ministry happens!

And that's a testimony we all can share. Look back at this year and think of all that has happened in and through this church. And then, look ahead to the future. Because when we realize all that God has already done in the past, there's no telling the plans he has waiting for us ahead!

May God continue to bless us as the family of New Haven UMC. And in doing so, may we be a blessing to our Lord.

With gratitude and joy in serving with you,

Pastor Cindy

Update on the Chapel Chair Challenge!!

We now have 35 chairs funded for our Chapel Chair Challenge! Original seating for the chapel accommodates 40 chairs. The more we are able to fund, the more seating we will have. Please see Pastor Cindy if you are interested in helping fill the chapel! Chairs will be ordered this week!

A chair may be purchased for \$135. and a memorial book will be on display in the chapel for those who may want to donate in honor or memory of a loved one.



Chapel Chairs have been given by:

Linda Blackford
Shirley Nelson, in memory of Bob Nelson
Peter & Rev. Cindy Havlik, in honor of our church family
Nick and Sandy Nicholson, in memory of Phyllis Prange and Fredna Wince
Ray Prange
Rick & Rev. Suzanne Davis
Steve & Cathy Amos
John & Georgia Klabzuba, in memory of Bill & Maxine Garms
Rev. Ron & Sue Hay
Jim & Susan Harris
The Walker Family in honor of Bob & Eileen Walker
Milton & Patricia Vanderwiele in honor of Vetus Vanderwiele
Interlude Sunday School Class
Fellowship Sunday School Class
Dick & Kay Garwood

New Haven UMC is so grateful for...

...the new lighting fixtures in the Parlor! Wow! The room is so radiant and inviting – thank you Steve Lassiter!

...Oscar Sturgeon, Custodian Extraordinaire, for keeping up with finishing touches on floor waxing, tending to garage sale cleanup... and in the midst of all this... keeping up with room set ups and take downs for numerous meetings. You're awesome!

...our lawn care group that takes such great care of our lawn needs in time of great draught, and times of great rain!

...Dick Garwood for his time and effort in preparing a scenic spot for another memorial bench in our beautiful memorial gardens.

...Steve Lassiter for his expertise and guidance in helping to discover and oversee repair for water pipe breakages at both the parsonage and church grounds. We are grateful!

THANK YOU!!!

Outreach Opportunities Calendar

Monday, Oct. 3-Exodus House apartment clean up 8:30am-12:00pm

Monday, Oct. 31-Chili Dinner for our brothers and sisters who are homeless. 5:00-7:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 6—20-Mountain of Food

Sunday, Nov. 20-Delivery of food to Restore Hope

Sunday, Nov. 13-20-Sign up for Angel Tree for: Children of incarcerated parents, U.M. Boy's Home in Gore, OK. ChildShare Project Elf

Sunday, Nov. 27-Stocking Tree-for our brothers and sisters at New Haven who are unable to attend church.

Saturday, Dec. 3-Angel Tree Christmas Celebration: pick up presents for prison fellowship. 4:00-5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 4-Nathan Wofford's Memorial Christmas tree celebration during Sunday School

December 31- New Year's Eve Pot Roast Dinner for our homeless brothers and sisters.

If you have any questions about any of these mission opportunities, call Adriaan at 918-250-5966

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

Christmas Shoeboxes

With the beginning of school, everyone is stocked heavily for school supplies, so 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.

ps. Monetary gifts work very well, too!



Suzanne sez. . .

In Ephesians we read the “there is one body, and one Spirit . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. This week I had the privilege of going to Cindy and Peter’s cabin on the lake with the Umpteenagers. It was truly a glorious day and how we have learned to appreciate beautiful days with the summer we have just endured. The lake was beautiful and for me just being by a body of water refreshes my soul. But I am aware of how special it is to be with others to share stories, to enjoy the moment to laugh, to wonder, to absorb life. Indeed we are all one and we need each other. These kinds of times allow us to be together and to enjoy each other’s company. Barbara Brown Taylor says “We live in covenant with every living creature of all flesh, and our survival depends on our responsiveness to that fact”. We indeed need others along the way and we give thanks for these times. We are one body, one spirit connected to each other and to God. Thank you Cindy and Peter for sharing your cabin with us.

BJs Banter (Youth News)

Last Wednesday the youth went to our first service project since I have been here, which as one awesome young person said was long over due. We went to the Tulsa Food Bank which distributes millions of pounds of food and household items to 100s of partner organizations all over eastern Oklahoma. The best part of the trip for me was the attitudes of our youth group. They were a prime example of having a servant’s mind set. Even from the very beginning when they cheered after they found out we were going to go on a service project. Cheered! This is the most over programmed, over scheduled generation who sleep less and do more than any other group of young people who want to make time to help the less fortunate! And boy did they help! We only worked a 2 hour shift, but in that time no one complained or snuck off to go play with a friend, and when it was time to go, I had to physically stop some kids from working so we could leave.



SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 25

8:45 am – 77

11:00 am – 107

Total– 184

Adult Sunday School Attendance *September 25*

Christian Living Class—9

Discovery Class —10

Interlude Class—19

Fellowship Class— 13

New Friendship Class—9

Journey Class— 12



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
“Proverbs” Adult Bible Study Curriculum

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

Room 205: Journeys Class
The Book of Job



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Our Day School participates in the Box Tops for Education program. Please save those box tops and tell your friends and relatives to save them, too. You may drop your box tops into the collection box located by the Day School office or put them in Tonya Ford’s mailbox in the church office area.

FALL PLANT SALE. . .ORDER NOW!!!

Order forms for pansies, mums, & other Fall plants in many lovely colors are in the reception and Day School areas. Please return your order form and check **by October 1**. They may be left in the box by the Day School office or in Tonya Ford’s mailbox in the church office area. Thank you for helping our school by ordering flowers from us! Delivery is on Sunday, Oct. 16th from 10am-12pm at New Haven UMC.