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Cindy's Chalkboard

It seems entirely too early to be thinking this... but it's true. *The end of the year is almost upon us!* And before it arrives, I want to share some important thoughts from your United Methodist Foundation.

This coming Sunday we are placing a brochure in our worship bulletin about the Foundation and the opportunities that are available to you. I want you to know the tremendous gift we have on staff at our UM Foundation office in Oklahoma City. Their services are at no cost to us. They can help provide information we need about estate planning, and they are simply the most knowledgeable, dedicated, and easy-to-talk to people I know. More than half of all adults in our country today do not have a will. If you die without a will, the state will determine how your estate is executed. The Foundation can help guide you in making sure this doesn't happen to you.

I want to encourage each of you to seriously consider the many ways you can make a gift before the end of the year that will provide you benefits and support your church. Reading through the Foundation brochure, you will learn that there are several options to consider:

1. Gifts of cash made to the church
2. Gifts of securities made to the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation that benefit the charities you designate.
3. Gifts of real estate to the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation that benefit your chosen charities.
4. Charitable Gift Annuities

If this all sounds “Greek” to you - read through the brochure - and give the Foundation a call. If you would like some additional help, I would be glad to connect you to individuals at the Foundation who can help with your questions.

Gifts, large or small, are important to the church and to the opportunities for ministry. Please read through the information you will receive and give the Foundation a call about how you can ensure a legacy for mission and ministry that continues well beyond your lifetime.

Celebrating all the ways we can make a difference for Christ *with* you,

Pastor Cindy



LAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE November 20, 7:00 pm

Our annual Laity Thanksgiving Service is a blessing year after year as we gather to hear testimonies of lives changed for Christ. We will sing traditional Thanksgiving songs and there will be an opportunity for others in the congregation to share how God is at work in our lives. Come, be blessed!

Suzanne Sez. . .

Children can change your life. Oh how we have learned that with our own children. The special children in our Respite ministry also change our lives. The love they share with each of us makes a difference. They are so full of joy as they come each month. We have the opportunity to play with them, love them and learn more about their special needs. This also gives their parents a little time away. It is a wonderful ministry for all of us involved as we have grown to love these children and their siblings.

We have Respite the second Saturday of every month from 3 to 7 pm. We have a special Christmas party planned next month with their parents and families. We will share a meal, have a great story, and enjoy a visit from Santa. If you would like to know more about this ministry or would like to join us on a Saturday for a few hours please contact Adriaan Duiveman, Rose Unterschultz or Suzanne Davis. You would be welcomed and also see your life changed by these children.



ANGEL TREE UPDATE

Dear New Haven Family,

Thank you so much for the 24 Angels you have selected from the Angel Tree so that these Angels will have presents to celebrate their Christmas. We do have 24 more Angels left, so if you were not able to select an Angel on Sunday, we invite you to visit the Outreach table this Sunday so you can be part of this much-needed ministry.

Outreach Committee

JOPLIN MISSION TRIP MEETING

Thursday, 6:30pm!!

Our contact at Royal Heights UMC in Joplin, who was providing lodging and a work site for our mission trip, has told me that, "Royal Heights has been temporarily shut down from our volunteer efforts." Consequently, we are now working with AmeriCorps for our mission trip next weekend. There could be big changes in our plans, such as everyone leaving on Saturday. BJ Danner is ironing out the details and will notify everyone who has signed up ASAP about big changes. Otherwise, it places even more importance on YOU making it to the Thursday meeting to get up-to-date details.

BJ's BANTER

Last week I tried a social experiment with our future leaders of society, government, and the church — leaders of tomorrow. I asked them to shout insults at someone for 30-45 seconds. They ragged, burned, scorched, dissed and p0wnd (insulted and offended) more effectively than either political party talking about their opponent. They showed just how much they have been watching our current culture in America, because they could sling insults effortlessly. Then I had them shout encouragement, affirmations, and praise, and they had an incredibly hard time! We spent 15-20 minutes discussing ways to build each other up and how to give a genuine compliment. It was like discussing a foreign language! It made me second-guess the culture our youth live in and renewed my belief that this world is starving for the love of Christ. Brothers and Sisters, will you join me in building a culture in our church that goes against our world's culture and that teaches love and praise before insults and criticism?



Advent Bible Study: *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton

Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is coming soon. Following Thanksgiving we enter Advent, a time of preparation. You are invited to gather for a study on what this amazing moment in history means. We will journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Hamilton approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. Hamilton asks some of the questions we have thought but have never asked. There is a book *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* along with a devotional book that goes with the study. It is not necessary to read ahead but will be very helpful.

Suzanne Davis will lead this study, which will gather on Thursday mornings starting December 1 at 10:00 for the four weeks of Advent, and our finale will be the Christmas Morning worship service. Come and join us. You may sign up now by calling the church office.



Please welcome
Richard Foster into
our church family!
Richard joined New
Haven on November
13, 2011.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Doris Fox
Ron Hay
Tim & Vicky Hensley
Mary Ileen Hicks
Dorothy Koons
Elizabeth Lindsey

Polly Miller
Bob Schwartz
Shirley Stillwell
Laurie VanDyke
Mahcoe VanDyke
Ralen White
Ann Wilkerson

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

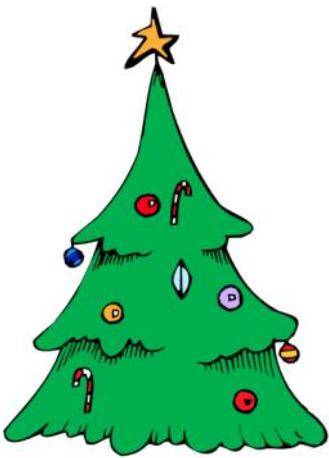
Scott Nicholson, son of Nick and Sandy Nicholson; Rev. J.C. Morgan, father of Mark Morgan; Wendy Reeder; parents of Becky and Barry Puryear; Pat Bates; Judy Bradford's granddaughter and son-in-law; Mark Baggetto; Duane McKellips; BJ Danner's uncle, George Oberle; Kyle Sago, Christopher Smith's brother; Meridee Lindsey; Scooter Lassiter; Jesus Salcido; Traci Johnson

Our country, city, & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Fran Andrew, Lois Bailey; Maxine Loyd, Duane Lunger, Polly Miller, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele.

Nathan Wofford Memorial Tree



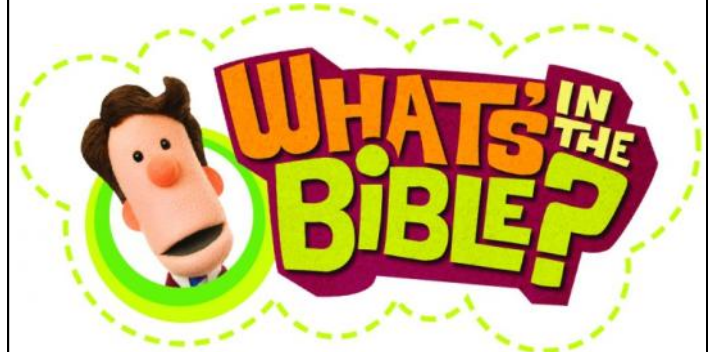
I would like to thank everyone at New Haven for continuing to remember Nathan by putting up a Christmas tree every year. It is my sincere wish that this tradition, which started after Nathan died, will continue, but with a shift in focus. I would like for it to be a memorial tree for all of those who have lost someone. I hope than anyone who would like to will bring an ornament in memory of their loved one. Christmas is

an excellent time to be reminded of our child-like faith as we remember that first Christmas morning when Jesus was born. I hope you will all share with me on December 4th after the first service and pay tribute to all of our beloved friends and family.

Blessings,

Kim Wofford

What's in the Bible is taking a break for the holidays!
We will resume in January.



NEW HAVEN MEMORIAL GARDEN FOUNDATION

The beautiful memorial garden that you see surrounding the church building was started in the fall of 1998. A partial sidewalk was removed on the east side of the front entrance to allow for this spacious garden area. Several old and dying shrubs were taken out, new soil added, and new shrubs planted.

The New Haven church family is invited to add plants or other mementos in memory or in honor of their loved ones. Currently, we have two park benches, a water fountain and a garden statuary along with approximately 180 plants that have been donated in memory of deceased family members.

The Memorial Garden Foundation fund was created several years ago to ensure the future upkeep of the garden. You may make donations to this fund by indicating "Memorial Garden Foundation" on your check. Our memorial garden is a beautiful enhancement to the church grounds and we are blessed to gaze upon God's creation and remember loved ones who have touched our lives.

Opportunities of the Week November 20 ~ 27

SUNDAY, November 20

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
Deliver Mountain of Food
2:30 pm Finance Meeting
3:00 pm Deliver Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
5:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Lay Thanksgiving service

MONDAY, November 21

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, November 22

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
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 23

7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

THURSDAY, November 24

THANKSGIVING
Church office closed



FRIDAY, November 25

Church office closed
7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, November 26

SUNDAY, November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Youth band
5:00 pm Disciple II /Parlor
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:00 pm Middle School UMY
6:00 pm High School UMY



November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
15. Pat Graf
16. Doris Brown
17. Elizabeth Amos
Kerry Beebe
Pat Bates
19. Hunter Standlee
Susan Thomas
20. Jude Blanchard
Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
22. Rachel Gotcher
23. Shirley Stillwell
Jim Myers
24. Curtis Johnson
25. Mary Allen
Christine Riggan
27. Mitzi
Blanchard
28. Dorothy
Koons



November 13

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

8:45 am – 106
11:00 am – 146
Total– 252

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Christian Living Class—9
Discovery Class—9
Interlude Class—18
Fellowship Class—13
New Friendship Class—12
Journey Class—14
Youth—11
Children-16

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
"Matthew" 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

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	Minister of Music
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Deacon
BJ Danner	Youth Director
Stacey Schifferdecker	Children's Director
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Colleen Walling	Nursery Dir.
Kaelen Terry	After School Care
Pat Bates	Church Secretary
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Marcia Ferguson	Treasurer
Kate Scruggs	Financial Secretary
Jane Johnson	Weddings
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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