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Cindy's Chalkboard



We're off to a running start! Thank you to ALL who attended "Pizza With the Pastor" and shared your heartfelt questions, comments, thoughts, hopes and dreams after worship on Sunday. We even ordered more pizza to keep up with the crowd!

Reaching out to others and sharing our own faith story is foundational to the life of the church. Most likely, you and I are in the church today because SOMEONE invited us! And because we love the church.... and we know God's love through the church.... it just seems natural that we would want to share what we have found, with others.

Remember, there's an opportunity for us to learn how to do this. It's a chance to learn how to "Just Walk Across the Room" and tell others how God is at work in our life. Want to make a difference in someone else's life, and in the life of *this* very church? Of course you do. You're invited. Sunday, July 31st at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. Learn how taking just a few steps can have a life-changing impact on someone standing just a few feet away from you.

Reaching out to others for Christ is important. Just ask our youth. They have just returned from spending a week in mission during their trip to Indiana. They took part in workshops that taught THEM different ways to reach out to others for Christ. Not only did they learn about it, but they put their learning into action! I cannot wait to hear their stories of lives changed for Christ!

And, lives are being changed for Christ *throughout* this world! I have an opportunity to experience that first-hand as I journey to the "World Methodist Conference" in just a few weeks. A team of 15 are going to Durban, Africa to be delegates to this world-wide event - I fell so blessed to among them. And, one of the most exciting parts for me is that our Bishop will be traveling along with us. Imagine the stories we will hear from all corners of this world as we proclaim that "God's work is still being done!" You and I know that the churches in Africa are ON FIRE for Christ; their numbers are increasing exponentially. It's another opportunity to learn how Christians all over this world are reaching out to others in the name of Christ. I cannot wait to share those stories with you when I return!

Yes. God is at work, and will continue to be at work in and through us. Let us give thanks for the blessing, the challenge and the call to "Make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world!"

Walking Across the Room WITH YOU,

Pastor Cindy

Shake it Up!

This is it! By this time next week, Vacation Bible School will be under way. Please pray for all our leaders and all the children attending, that we will have a great week of worship, learning, and fun! If you have not yet signed your children up for VBS, please do so this week. It makes the first night a lot easier when children are pre-registered. Registration forms are on the table in the coffee area, or I can mail, e-mail, or fax you a copy.

We will begin decorating for VBS on Thursday, July 21 at 10:00 – come and help! We will do some more decorating Saturday afternoon at 1:00 and Sunday afternoon at 2:00.

We will also be shaking it up at GymJam this week! GymJam is our Thursday afternoon summer program for kids of all ages. We will meet in the Community Hall at 1:00 Thursday afternoon for some cookin' fun. Please note that GymJam will not meet on Thursday, July 28.

Christmas in July

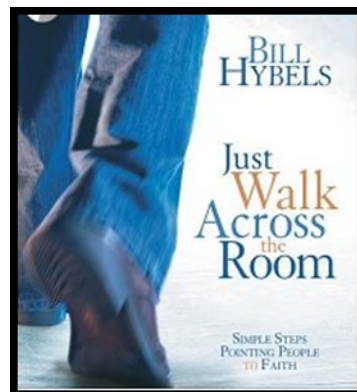
Did you see all the back-to-school ads in yesterday's paper? That means this is a great time to purchase supplies for New Haven's annual collection for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Items we can use include small notebooks (ones that will fit in a shoebox), pencils, pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and markers. You can bring your gifts to Stacey's office in the church office area. Monetary gifts also very useful!

RESTORE HOPE MINISTRIES LOOKING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, TOO!

When you pick up school supplies for the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, it would be wonderful if you could double your purchase and bless Restore Hope with the same supplies. They have set a goal to give 2,500 Tulsa students school supplies. In addition to the items listed for the Christmas boxes above, you can give 1 1/2" 3-ring binders, 12" rulers, notebook paper, ink pens (blue, black & red), compass (safety point), glue sticks, graph paper, large zipper pencil bags, 3 x 5 ruled index cards, protractors, set of 12 colored pencils, set of 8 watercolors, pocket folders with brads, primary pencils with erasers, 4 oz. bottle of white glue, broadline washable markers, 5" blunt and pointed scissors, and Ziploc Bags, (quart and gallon.) These items can be brought to the church and placed in Restore Hope boxes. They will also accept children and youth clothing and shoes. No other clothing will be accepted until the rebuilding from the storm damage last February is completed.

Also, a donation of \$25 will supply one child with a full set of school supplies. Make you check to New Haven UMC and write "Project School Supplies" in the memo line. The church will send your donations to Restore Hope.

Thank you in advance for giving to both programs to help needy children all around the world and in Tulsa, too.



Just Walk Across the Room

Evangelism Ideas! July 31st 4:00-5:30 pm
Presented by Rev. Erma Pregler

Here's where we put what we've been talking about in worship – in action! If taking ten steps across a room could point someone toward faith, it might just change the way you walk.

Meet us in the Parlor for a practical discussion on basic steps to evangelism. Come join us, and make a difference in your life, and in the life of your church!

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE A MERRY STRIPPER???
IF SO, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

We need volunteers to help strip and wax our floors during the evenings in late July and early August.

Our church saves thousands of dollars by doing this ourselves. It's a good way to burn calories (if you don't drink the root beer and eat the popcorn provided!), and a great way to get to find out why our strippers at New Haven are so merry. The job is manageable if we get enough good folks to help. So.....

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE HALLWAY AND LET'S GET STRIPPING!!!

CHURCH GARAGE SALE IS COMING! SEPTEMBER 16-17

Please be saving items you wish to donate! If you want to help with the sale or have items that you need to have picked up, please call Susan Lamkin @ 918-557-9148 or email susanlamkin@cox.net.

EVERYONE INVITED!!!
MISSION & OUTREACH SUMMER!
CELEBRATING IN SERVING & SHARING
LIVES TOGETHER!!

Mission Summer began last month with Project Transformation. So many sisters and brothers were part of that ministry either by listening to a child read, taking part in the fund raising, or preparing lunch and/or dinner for the interns.

We also had another opportunity to share in fellowship with our sisters and brothers that are homeless by cooking and serving a meal. Our Praise Band shared in worship and song after Paul Mabrey shared God's message.

OUR NEXT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ARE:

"UNDIE SUNDAY"—this collection during worship begins on Sunday, July 31st. Candice Morton, the director of Child Share, the UM Foster Children Program, assured us there is a BIG need for under-wear and socks for boys and girls of all ages.

On Saturday, August 13th, we will be painting at **REST HAVEN NURSING HOME** from 8:00-3:30. Lunch will be provided for you. Sign up at the Outreach table.

During this Mission Summer we will also identify some of our New Haven family that might need help with yard work, painting, or small repairs. Our Boy Scouts are willing to be part of this ministry, too!

On August 28th, everyone is invited to New Haven for a lunch to benefit the **NEW DAY CAMP**, a camp for children whose parents are incarcerated. Guess who's cooking??? You're right! Our brothers (men's group) from the Indian U.M. Church will be serving their **AWESOME INDIAN TACOS!!!**

Please watch the SPIRE for more details. Looking forward to celebrating by serving and sharing our lives together as God leads us.

The Outreach Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Joe & Sue Beaver
 Doris Fox
 Mary Ileen Hicks
 Bob Schwartz
 Mark Williams

Shirley Stillwell
 Polly Miller
 Laurie VanDyke
 Mahcoe VanDyke
 Bob Walker
 Ann Wilkerson

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Judy Bradford's granddaughter, Bailey; Mark Baggetto; Duane McKellips; Kelly Sartain's aunt; Gail; Sean Hargin; Mary Adler; Dianne; Danny Hall's brother; Lois Bailey's daughter, Maridee; Mary Lee Adler-friend of Jan Boyd; Marilyn Leighton; Shawn Cantrell (married to Megan Riggan), deployed to Afganistan; Barbara; Kristi; Wilhe; Joyce; Wolanda Brown; Telia Watson's uncle, Elden; Followell's grandson, Scott; Carla Hefley's father (hip replacement)

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.



ur sympathy to the family of Darlene Towsley. Darlene passed away on Monday, July 18. Services are pending.

***A couple of corrections from last week's Spire:**
 Louise Boyd is the mother of Christopher Boyd, who was recently confirmed and **Zachary Boyd**, Christopher's younger brother.
 * The donation from the Christian Living Class was intended to go to the **Memorial Garden**.

A gift to the Memorial Fund was given by Patrick & Cornelia Marcrom in memory of Fredna Wince.

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION DINNER!
Sunday, July 24th @ Boston Ave. UMC
6:00 pm
POTLUCK!!!

This potluck dinner is a celebration for all the sisters and brothers who took part in Project Transformation this summer.
 (I'd like to personally thank our New Haven family for sharing your love & time in this awesome ministry)
 God's Speed,
 Adriaan


 We rejoice in the births of Luke Stevenson, born July 14, to Joseph & Kathryn Stevenson and Gunnar Mote, born July 15th, to Shane & Chanel (Smith) Mote. Both little guys and their moms and dads are doing great!!!


Opportunities of the Week
July 24 ~ July 31, 2011

SUNDAY, July 24

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 6:00 pm **VBS BEGINS!!!**

MONDAY, July 25

- 6:00 pm **VBS**
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, July 26

- 6:00 pm **VBS**
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, July 27

- 9:30 am Youth to \$ Movie
- 10:00 am Church Life/Parlor
- 6:00 pm **VBS**
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

THURSDAY, July 28

- 11:30 am Youth Service Work
- 6:00 pm **VBS**
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, July 29

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, July 30

SUNDAY, July 31

- 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 "Walk Across the Room" Presentation/Parlor
- 5:30 pm UMY

Adult Sunday School
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
 A Study of Ruth

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

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

Room 205: Journeys Class
 "Wrestling with Angels"



July

- 6. Sharon Myers
- 8. Mark Roberts
- 14. Lynette Thurman
- 16. Greg Green
Brad Thurman
Gabriel VanDyke
Telia Watson
- 18. Jean Epps
Wanda Saddoris
David Schifferdecker
- 19. John Manuel
- 20. Betty Siegismund
- 21. Cindy Havlik
- 23. Jennifer Roberts
- 25. Bobbi Neal
- 26. Duane Lunger
- 27. Laura Barnett
Orah Chaffin
- 28. Marjorie Stewart
- 31. Sue Hay



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 17
 8:45 am - 69
 11:00 am - 98
 Total - 167

Adult Sunday School Attendance

July 17

Christian Living Class— 10
 Discovery Class —6
 Interlude Class— 14
 Fellowship Class— 11
 New Friendship Class—16
 Journey Class—9

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