



# Christian Education News & Notes

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July/August 2010

## Mission Team Update

At this writing we are less than three weeks away from our departure date to go to New Orleans! We've nearly concluded our extremely successful fundraising...due in large part to our faith family at NHCC!. We've made all of our arrangements for travel and lodging along the way to/from New



Orleans; we've planned our "play day" at the end of the work we'll be doing in New Orleans; and are now engaged in rounding up school supplies for students, and books and other supplies for "Kids Club" -- both of which are on the list of venues we'll be working with/at while in New Orleans. There's not much time left, but if you'd like to make a donation to support the students in the programs mentioned above, there is detailed information located on the bulletin board just outside the church office. What we ask most of all, right now -- and throughout our trip (July 9th-18th) -- is that you keep everyone one of us, and those we serve, in your prayers. If you'd like to come see us off and join in a blessing and prayer for us with our Senior Pastor, we'll be leaving from the NHCC parking lot at 5:00 am on Friday, July 9th and would indeed welcome your prayers and/or your presence! Your support has made this life-changing opportunity available to 10 senior high students! God bless you for your faithful support of our mission program! To wrap things up, our Mission Team will be sharing their New Orleans experience with our congregation during the 9:30 am Worship Service on Sunday, July 25th. We hope you'll be able to join us at that time.

## Christian Education for Students of All Ages



At NHCC we've got something to offer young people of all ages! Come explore the possibilities and opportunities at RALLY DAY! Please make a note on your calendar

as a reminder that NHCC will be kicking off another exciting year of Church School on Sunday, September 12th -- Rally Day!!! Plan now to attend to register your child(ren) for Church School classes and/or Nursery/Toddler Care and/or Junior or Senior High Youth Group...AND...join us for our complimentary...and VERY tasty -- RALLY DAY PICNIC immediately after our 9:30 am Worship Service. Church School classes are offered for young people from Pre-K through 8th Grade. Students in Senior High or college are encouraged to volunteer as Church School teacher assistants or Nursery/Toddler Care attendants -- as well as participating in the opportunity to serve as Lay Readers, Greeters, Ushers and/or Bell Ringers for our Sunday Worship Services. Come grow with us in the faith! Register at RALLY DAY, Sunday, September 12th.

## Adult Ed Update

If you've got an idea about an Adult Education program or class that you'd like to see offered at NHCC, please let your voice be heard! Call, or contact Rev. Care at the church office or email her at [revcare@northhavenucc.org](mailto:revcare@northhavenucc.org) to let her know what YOU'D like to see offered to enhance YOUR faith and spiritual development through our Adult Education program. Summer is our time of planning for the program year that lies ahead, so don't delay -- let us know what you'd like to see offered! Thank you.

## Next CE Board Meeting and CE Board contacts

The Christian Education Board will meet on Tuesday, July 6th. We value your input! If you have ideas, comments or concerns to share with the CE Board, please make your voice heard by contacting any of the following CE Board members and/or Rev. Care. Christian Education Board: Co-Chairs: Steve Peterson and Kim Coughlin; Members: Lori Murphy, Jeanne Mecca, Mary Pallatto, and Heather Studley.



# Youth News

## Youth Group Info Start Up Date

Our Junior Youth Group (JYG) meetings and Senior Youth Group (SYG) meetings will begin on Sunday, September 26th. These active groups meet at NHCC from 4:30 to 6:15 pm every-other Sunday evening. Meetings typically include a time of gathering, a planned event, a time of prayer, and a common meal. All young people in grades 6 through 12 are invited and are encouraged to attend. Friends are always welcome to join us. Many of our meetings involve lively games, projects to benefit community service organizations, in-service work to NHCC, creative fundraising events, and other creative, fun and interesting opportunities. We schedule a variety of trips throughout the program year, including an MLK day ski trip in January; an outing to CT Sportsplex; ice skating; and a number of other opportunities to help our young people discover more of who they are in the faith and fellowship of Christ.

NHCC is delighted to have a wonderful team of dedicated Youth Advisors to guide and serve our young people. If you'd like more information about the youth programs offered at NHCC, please contact Rev. Care at the church office or email her at [revcare@northhavenucc.org](mailto:revcare@northhavenucc.org). Whatever you do, don't miss out on the fun! Come join us!

### Vacation Bible School

*Does your child like energy - packed games?*

*Does your child enjoy rockin' music?*

*Does your child like amazing Bible stories?*

*Come and discover with us!*

*Calling everyone from east to west*

**BAOBAB BLAST**

*is the Get-Together of the summer!*



### WOW! What is this?

**What:** Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School

**Where:** North Haven Congregational Church and St. John's Episcopal Church (combined)

**When:** Monday, August 9 - Friday, August 13th, 9:00 to 12:30. The day begins at St John's and ends at NHCC. **Why:** Summer's here and it's time to get together. Check out the action in Grassland Games, Kalahari crafts, Savannah Storytelling, and Madagascar Music!

**Who:** You and your friends!

This program is available to children 4 years old through 6th grade for a cost of \$30 per child with a family maximum of \$60.

Complete the registration form below and stop by the church office to drop it off. Applications must be received by August 1st. Additional forms are available at the office, also.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us out...adults and teens, alike. Sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office right away...planning has started and we need many hands.

If you have any questions, you can contact Rev. Care at the church office or Barbara Massey at 203-234-0861.