



# THE SPIRE

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*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Stay tuned—the specific “how-to” list we’ve been talking about discussing new ways to reach people for Christ through New Haven United Methodist Church is about to be put into print!

In the worship bulletins this coming Sunday, you will find a card that details the many focus areas (nine of them!) that we, as a church, will embark on in the months ahead. As you remember you recently received a letter in the mail describing where we will be focusing our attention on in the next few months.

So, how can you, specifically, help in these areas? I’m glad you asked!! Please read carefully through the opportunity list in the bulletin this Sunday

## Cindy's Chalkboard

for ideas on how you can help. We will list each of the areas and ask that you choose as many as you are able by placing a check mark to the left of the request. You’ll notice a “goal date” for each area as well. We want to accomplish

help! Every one of these focus areas depends on someone taking the lead.

I need you, the church needs you, and most importantly, God needs you to help make these things happen!

## Exciting Opportunities Ahead at New Haven UMC!

as many of these as quickly as possible!

This is an exciting time in the life of New Haven UMC! Thank you in advance for volunteering in this way as we continue to seek new ways of reaching more people for Christ. What we do makes a difference for eternity! I’m counting on your

May God bless our efforts as together we touch lives for Christ!

- Pastor Cindy

## New Haven UMC Garage Sale a Resounding Success!!

Wow!!! Do you have any idea how much our gym can hold of garage sale “treasures”? If you stopped by on Friday or Saturday of this past week you would have gotten a glimpse!

It’s safe to say that we had everything AND the kitchen sink for sale (actually it was a bathroom sink!). The biggest crowd came on Friday morning. Many were waiting in line until the doors opened at 8:00 am.

It was exciting to see people’s faces when they saw the items that had been donated to the sale. Wonderful conversations were had with those who came in, and those that offered their time and effort to help in the sale benefited by getting to know each other better.

While the final numbers are not all in, the garage sale brought in somewhere around \$2,000!! How exciting is that?!

Special thanks go to **Jennifer Payton**—our awesome Business Manager—and her ENTIRE family for directing every aspect of the sale, and helping out from start to finish! Thank you to the church staff and volunteers for working tirelessly in the weeks before to gather our treasures and organize them in one place. We are grateful to each of you! These funds will make a difference in ministry through New Haven UMC!

## Paula's Perspective . . .

### Blessing of the Backpacks

We are hosting our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Backpacks** on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> during both church services. Between services, during Sunday school; we'll host a "Back to School Bash" with a continental breakfast, a craft and games for children, youth, and adults.

Our congregation is invited to donate a new backpack, valued at \$20.00, and place them in the bin located in the hallway! No drawstring style backpacks, please.

Every child and youth will receive a memento to attach to their backpack to remind them that New Haven UMC is praying for them as they begin a new school year.

If you want to assist during the breakfast please contact me at [paula.fox@newhavenumc](mailto:paula.fox@newhavenumc) or by phone, 918-808-8492.

Sharing the joy,  
Miss Paula



### THANK YOU FROM DANNY HALL AND RYDER, TOO

Psalm 34: 18 The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. While this is certainly true of the Lord, it is also true of my awesome church family. This has been the hardest thing I have ever had to face but you have made the first steps of a painful journey without my sister a little more bearable. Ryder and I appreciate every card, email, phone call and hug.

And speaking of Ryder, he totally loves coming to Church and Sunday School. He has found a safe place of love and acceptance from both his church family and the New Haven Day School Summer Camp program. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

### UMPTENAGERS

Mark your calendar.....we will meet on Tuesday, August 30th at 11:00 am instead of our regular third Tuesday of the month. August 30th is when Pastor Cindy can meet with us. We will have lunch in the church parlor, then plan our schedule for the coming year. Bring your ideas of places to visit!

### HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD IS LOOKING TO EXPAND

The Board of the Happy Children's Home of China will be meeting in New Haven UMC's Parlor on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:00. Please put it on your calendar and come to meet us and learn about how you can help promote this unique, grassroots mission of our council! The Board is looking for new members, and perhaps it would suit YOU to a T! Come meet us and see what we do. Also, if you might consider being on the team to visit the home in China next year, we'd like to bring you in on the plans soon!

The current NHUMC members on the HCH Board are Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman and Lou Lindsey. You can also contact us about serving on the board or about dreaming of a team visit to the home in 2017!

### RESPITE CARE

If you know of any family with a child who has developmental disabilities, encourage them to learn about the New Haven's Respite Care program. This is a monthly care program for children with special needs and their siblings to come for some fun time away from home. Please have them contact Rose Unterschuetz our team leader at 918-688-7128 to find out more about this mission.

Little Johnny wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he confided in his teacher:

"I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades, somebody is going to get a spanking."

# Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

I saw a sign-up sheet for a mission event at the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Tell me more.

Signed,  
Inquiring Minds



Dear Colleague,

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma (Food Bank) is the largest private hunger-relief organization in eastern Oklahoma. They have two locations – one in Tulsa and the other in McAlester. The Food Bank provides food and other donated goods to 450 Partner Programs in 24 counties of eastern Oklahoma. These programs include emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs and senior citizen centers. They provide more than 346,000 meals each week to people struggling with hunger. During fiscal year 2015, the Food Bank distributed more than 21.6 million pounds of food.

The **mission** of the Food Bank is to feed the hungry of eastern Oklahoma through a network of Partner Programs and to engage communities in ending hunger. Their **vision** is food security, with dignity, for all eastern Oklahomans.

On Tuesday, August 16, you will have an opportunity to work at the Tulsa Food Bank facility located in Tulsa (1304 N. Kenosha Avenue). The Tulsa warehouse is a 78,000 sq. ft. facility that can store up to three million pounds of food at any one time. This warehouse has state-of-the-art coolers and freezers with 288 freezer and 288 refrigerator pallet spaces. It is also equipped with a 2,200 sq. ft. culinary center where thousands of pounds of perishable food are processed into frozen meals for later distribution.

Plan to meet at the church parking lot and leave by 5:20 pm. We will load up the mini-bus and go to the Food Bank facility and work from 6 pm to 8 pm. then return by 8:30 pm. Youth age 11 and older are welcome to come and join in.

Please sign up and be a part of this fun mission experience! A sign up sheet is at the hallway table or contact Dee Kemp at 918-340-5223 or [Thomas.kemp2@cox.net](mailto:Thomas.kemp2@cox.net).

Blessings,  
Missy

**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## PROJECT ELF BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEEDS

With Tulsa and Union schools beginning the school year in almost two weeks we have served over 450 students since the first of July! Thanks to all the donations, we have been able to complete most of the requests quickly and generously. Here is a list of things still needed or you may make donations to the website: [help@projectelf.org](mailto:help@projectelf.org)

### BACKPACKS

Wide-ruled notebook paper

Men's deodorant

Boy's and girl's socks for shoes sizes 3 - 9

Boy's underwear size 6/8

Women's panties size 8

Springdale ES: 2 boys need size 5 shoes,

1 boy needs size 1 shoe

Memorial HS: 40DDD bra

Anderson ES: boy size 6 shoes

Clinton MS: boy needs men's regular tops size 3XL

Salk ES: boy size 1 shoes

Owen ES: boy shoes sizes little 13, 3, and men's size 8

Edison HS: women's size 11 shoes, 36D bra

Central HS: 44DD bra

Elliott ES: boy's regular home clothes sizes 10 and 12,  
and men's size 8 shoes

## Opportunities of the Week August 14~ 21

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church  
 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, AUGUST 15

- 6:00 pm Writers' Group/185

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 5:20 pm Bus leaves for Food Bank  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery/Parlor  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
 7:00 pm ACOA/185

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 6:00 pm Praise Band/Sanctuary  
 7:15 pm Yoga

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church  
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

## August Birthdays

1. Suzanne Davis
2. Dick Garwood  
Marion Wilkerson
4. Ken Fox
5. Tom Kemp
6. Ray Prange  
Wyatt Schifferdecker
7. Jeanette Boyd
8. Tracy Pape  
Joshua Blanchard  
Shelley Worrell
10. Alex Hensley
14. Louise Lindsey
20. Susan Harris
21. Laura Sahli
22. Lana Gotcher
23. Stacy Newberry  
Robert Hefley
25. Tom Black
26. Louise McCrory
27. Christopher Smith  
Ashley Boyd

### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

**Members:** Vincent Duiveman; Marianne Duiveman; Jean Roberts; Pat Thomas

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Pepa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Bob & Eileen Walker's daughter, Margaret Allen; Linda Parmele's daughter, Angela; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

### Covenant Care

(prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart  
 Ovella Followell  
 Rosemary Tarr  
 Dot and Kelly Haynes

## ATTENDANCE

### August 7, 2016

8:45 am— 66

11:00 am-96

Total: 162

### Sunday School

Adults-58

Youth-9

Children- 7

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
 Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
 "Reason for God" by T. Keller

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
 Different Views of St. Paul

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
 Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 103 Interlude Class**  
 "Revival" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
 "The Will of God"

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to [pat.bates@newhavenumc.org](mailto:pat.bates@newhavenumc.org). Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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