



THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

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

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It’s here!
Our second
annual
“Backpack,
Blessings
and Break-

fast” Event!! Invite your
friends, neighbors and anyone
you know - and don’t know - to



Cindy's Chalkboard

activities for children and
youth!

Everyone who attends will re-
ceive a memento to attach to
their backpack. This will be

in this event - and YOU are in-
vited to come and give them all
a “High Five!” as we encourage
each of them in this new
school year ahead!

Second Annual Backpack, Blessings & Breakfast Event August 21st!!

come on Sunday, August 21st
and be a part of this wonderful
event that kicks off the new
school year in a meaningful
way! It will all take place THIS
Sunday!

We will have a blessing of the
backpacks at both the 8:45
and 11:00 services during wor-
ship, and then, in between ser-
vices at 9:45 am, a “Back to
School Bash” in the gym that
includes a light breakfast and

the second in a series of keep-
sakes to be given as a gift from
the congregation at New Haven
UMC. With these mementos,
we want to remind students
and teachers that we are think-
ing of them and praying for
them in the year ahead. We
are hoping they will become
collector’s items as each new
school year begins!

Students through the 12th
grade are invited to take part

Congregation, let’s pray togeth-
er for God to guide our children
and youth in this new adven-
ture. Pray for the teachers who
will instill the love of learning in
each child, and give thanks to
God for their hearts for teach-
ing and mentoring children and
youth in their days ahead.

**Students, don’t forget your
backpack!!** We look forward to
seeing you then!
- Pastor Cindy

Opportunity Card Enclosed!!

Enclosed in your Spire today is
an “Opportunity Card” detailing
the many focus area that we
will embark on in the months
ahead.

Please read through the list,
and prayerfully discern how it
is that you can use your gifts
and graces to help accomplish
our goals! Choose as many
projects as you wish by placing

a check mark in the corre-
sponding box. You’ll notice a
“goal date” for each area as
well. We want to accomplish
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 help!
Every one of these focus areas
depends on someone taking
the lead.

We need you, the church
needs you, and most im-
portantly, God needs you to
help make these happen!

Paula's Perspective

Bus Stop Ministry

The final days of summer break are winding down. With that in mind it's time to turn our thoughts to our Bus Stop Ministry! School begins Monday, August 22 so that is when we'll open our doors to our middle and high school friends. School bell times are later this year, therefore we will open our community hall at 7:00 am.

I will not be available to open our doors for the first two weeks of school due to foot surgery. If you are interested in becoming involved or returning to serve our kids your help will be most welcome! There will be a calendar available for you to indicate your interest in helping. A blank slot means our doors will not open on those days, so I hope you will prayerfully consider becoming part of this ministry.

Sharing the joy,
Miss Paula



 Save the Date!
United Methodist
Boys Ranch Fall Rodeo
Saturday, October 22, 2016
2:00 p.m.

*Please note the event is on the 4th Saturday of October rather than the 3rd Saturday as in years past.
97332 Highway 10A, Gore, OK CircleofCare.org

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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!

TWO NEW CONNECTION GROUPS BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th 9:45 AM



ROUNDTABLE

GROUP 1: NEW CONNECTION GROUP FOR BABY BOOMERS FOR FOLKS IN THEIR 50's – 70's

Discussion Format
New Haven UMC Gym



GROUP 2: NEW CONNECTION GROUP FOR FOLKS IN THEIR 30's & 40's

Discussion Format
Upstairs in Room 206

Not already connected to a
Sunday Morning Small Group?
Join a new Connection Group on September 25
9:45 AM for Coffee & Donuts

For more information contact
Rev. Robin Stevens
riltstevens@mac.com

Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

School is just around the corner! I know that New Haven is a partner in education with Carnegie Elementary and is also providing backpacks to school age children. Are there other ways that NHUMC supports our children's education?

Signed,
School Parent

Dear School Parent,

The "Bus Stop Ministry" began five years ago when Paula Fox noticed a need to provide a safe place for children waiting for their school bus. Our church parking lot serves as a school bus stop for many students in the neighborhood. Every school day, children from several different schools would gather at the church to wait for their bus to school. One particularly cold morning, Paula was inspired to start an early morning hospitality program where children (elementary age through high school) can come and "hang out" in our gymnasium.

Each morning when Tulsa Public Schools are in session, New Haven UMC opens the gym doors to approximately 45 to 50 children. Breakfast snacks are provided. Many of the students read, visit and play games while waiting for their bus to arrive. Volunteers spend about an hour and a half with various children. Our volunteers report to the gym at 7:00 in the morning until 8:30 – time change this year due to new school start times.

During the Oklahoma Annual Conference held in May the Bus Stop Ministry was recognized with the "It Worked for Us" award. Please consider participating in this vital mission of the church. You may contact Paula Fox at paula.fox@newhavenumc.org or calling her at 918-808-8492. There will also be a monthly calendar located in the church hallway to sign up for days that you would like to volunteer. Each volunteer serving must complete the Safe Sanctuary training. It's easy and Paula can provide the training if you are interested in helping.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me...." Matthew 19:14

Blessings,
Missy



Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week August 14~ 21

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Backpack Event/Gym
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

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

6:00 pm Writers' Group/185

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm One Spirit Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/185

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 pm Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting/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; Pappa 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 14, 2016

8:45 am-48

11:00 am-99

Total: 147

Sunday School

Adults-50

Youth-10

Children-8

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. 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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