



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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Let there be no doubt, our Mission Committee has been hard at work

this past year! Just take a look at the statistical report enclosed in today’s Spire. If your reaction is anything like mine, you are totally taken back by the number of mission events, volunteers, volunteer hours and monetary gifts offered!

For instance, who would have thought New Haven UMC would serve over 12,000 people in various settings? And, spending \$25,000 through materials or monetary gifts to the mission areas? What about in our operating budget alone, offering over \$6,500 so we can reach out to those in need? How incredible is that?!

Congregation, I am so proud of you. I don’t believe anything

Cindy’s Chalkboard

speaks louder than DOING something that touches lives for Christ. Whether you were able to physically serve others by going to mission sites, or donating funds, or participating by praying for others... your efforts are outstanding!

And if you think you can’t possibly make a difference in another person’s life, consider this. Because of you, children were given the chance to enhance their reading skills, served breakfast every weekday morning before school,

Way to Go, Church!

And if that isn’t enough to think about, consider this: These statistics don’t include volunteer hours that several NHUMC members donate regularly as part of their own personal giving to various charitable organizations.

You, my dear congregation, are amazing! You understand the call on our lives not to just talk about who Jesus is to you, but to SHOW others who Jesus is through your actions.

cared for and mentored in a special needs program, and offered opportunities to be loved and cared for as they journeyed through the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

That, my friends, only touches the surface of the missions we offer to God’s children, let alone all the other ways we serve persons of all ages!

You are a blessing to God, and to me! - Pastor Cindy

Ash Wednesday Service, February 10th 7:00 PM

Ever wondered how we actually make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service? Come join us THIS Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm, and find out!

Our service will begin outside in the church yard as we each bring forward the dried palm branches from Easter of last

year, burn them and prepare the resulting ashes for use that evening

As we commemorate the beginning of the season of Lent, watch, learn, listen and take part in this deeply symbolic act of the preparing and the imposition of the ashes.

“From dust you came, to dust you shall return.”



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Members: Vincent Duiveman; Kay Garwood; Doyle Boyd; Karen Gibbs; Kerry Beebe; Laurel Duncan; Mitzi Blanchard; Lewis Caparelli; Mark Williams

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Easter Moore; Pastor Suzanne's brother, Powers; Karen Gibbs brother-in-law, Dick Hart; Jim Vaughn; Kacie Kendrick; Tammye Johnson's parents; Alon J. Soderfelt's friend, Karen Ridderman; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

Sweetheart Dance on February 13th!

Sponsored by New Haven Men's Fellowship

February 13th - 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

New Haven UMC Gym – Couples & Single (age 14 and up)

Tickets \$5 per couple if paid by 02/07

Sign up and pay at New Haven office

\$10 per couple at the door –
\$10 bills only please!

All money collected will go to Restore Hope Ministry

**DANCE MUSIC PROVIDED BY
THE STEVE MERRICK QUARTET**

Light refreshments will be provided.



SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

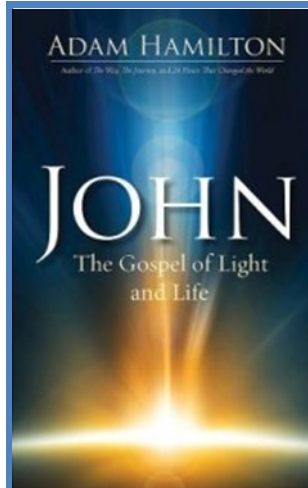
- ~ Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?
- ~ Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
- ~ Why do STAND-up comedians star in SITcoms?
- ~ Why do they report power outages on TV?

BASIC LAY SERVANT CLASS OPPORTUNITY

The Council Oak District will offer a new Lay Servant class on March 4th & 5th, at St. Mark's UMC, Tulsa.

What is a Lay Servant? Well, they are volunteers who serve the church and community in a wide variety of ministries. Lay Servants offer their gifts in the areas of Caring, Leading, and Communicating through worship leadership, visitation, teaching, volunteering, in prison, nursing homes or home ministry, clothing and food banks. There are virtually no limits to the possibilities in ministry available to Lay Servants.

The Friday class is from 6-9 pm and Saturday's class is from 9am-5pm. The \$10. cost includes lunch, snacks, and miscellaneous items. You may contact Pastor Cindy or Danny Hall for more information.



**John:
The Gospel
of Light
and Life**

**Adam Hamilton's
Newest Study!**

**Led by
Rev. Cindy Havlik**

Materials: \$18.00

Length: 5 weeks, Wednesday nights

Dates: 6:00 pm Feb. 17th- March 16th

Meeting place: The Parlor

During the season of Lent, join us as we participate in the newest Bible Study offered by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Come and experience a season of spiritual growth and renewal while exploring the major themes of the Gospel of John. Please let us know by **February 8th** if you would like to attend so that we may have enough materials on hand.



UMPTENAGERS

Would you like to see some stars?

Not in Hollywood, but at the fantastic Jenks High School Planetarium. We are going there on Tuesday, February 16th.

We will leave the church (in our mini-bus) at 11:30 am, have lunch in Jenks, then tour the planetarium at 1:00 pm.

Mark your calendars!



Paula's Perspective . . .

We had our first official meeting of Children's Council! Our attendance was small but the fellowship was energetic as we began to making plans for the children in 2016. Many thanks to Deena Smith, Lindsay Morgan, and Dwayne Boyd for sharing their insight, vision and enthusiasm. We came up with activities we feel our children, parents and leaders will enjoy sharing together

Deena will continue to offer Liturgical Dance. Deena will continue to offer Liturgical Dance. We hope your children will participate in Celebration Singers Children's Choir. On **February 21st** we will begin our Sunday afternoon fellowship called, W.E.B., We're Experiencing the Bible. The proposed schedule for these activities is Sunday afternoons:

Dance 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Celebration Singers 4:30 – 5:00 pm

W.E.B. 5:00 – 6:00 pm

It is our hope as a council we offer meaningful and fun activities your children will want to be in community with one another. If you have suggestions or are interested in becoming more involved please call or stop by the office. Next week you will discover other programs we want to offer.

Please know, everyone is invited to help. We cannot do this alone! We want to know you just as well as we know your children. If you have not taken the Safe Sanctuary class please let me know. Safe Sanctuary training will be offered as you feel led to become involved in working with our children.

Next Sunday we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a special party during Sunday school. If your child isn't involved in Sunday school, this will be a fun day to get started. We want to invite and welcome every child to worship with us.

Sharing the joy,

Miss Paula

Opportunities of the Week February 14 ~ 21

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Gym
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, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
6:00 pm Disciple 1 (Fast Trak)/Parsonage

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers Day Trip
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Gospel of John Study/Parlor
6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
6:30 pm Trustees/185
7:00 pm One Spirit Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 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
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Celebration "Singers (Children)
5:00 pm WEB (We're Experiencing the Bible) Children's program
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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2. Will Scruggs
3. J.J. Sartain
6. Regina LaGrone
9. Linda Jaeger
Caitlin Riggan
10. Shirley Nelson
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Jocelyn Schifferdecker
Donita Gray
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
23. Dot Haynes
Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz
Mary Anne Tyler
24. Jean Smith
26. Michael Sherwin
27. Mary Ann Cunningham



ATTENDANCE

February 7, 2016

8:45—58

11:00— 110

Total: 168

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

65

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Gospel of John

Room 210: New Friendship Class
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem
and Northern Kingdom

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"The Call: The Life and Message of
the Apostle, Paul".

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.

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate 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

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