



# 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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What a great start to a brand new... New Year!! The slate is

clean—now, with God’s help, we get to fill in the pages of each new day!

Many of you have asked that I print the poem I read during worship services yesterday—so, here it is:

### A New Start

- (Author Unknown)

*I will start anew this morning  
with a higher, fairer creed;*

*I will cease to stand complain-  
ing of my ruthless neighbor’s  
greed;*

*I will cease to sit repining while  
my duty’s call is clear;*

*I will waste no moment whin-  
ing, and my heart shall know  
no fear.*

## Cindy’s Chalkboard

*I will look sometimes around  
me for the things that merit  
praise;*

*I will search for hidden beau-  
ties that elude the grumbler’s  
gaze;*

*I will cease to preach your  
duty, and be more concerned  
with mine.*

What great words of advice as we begin 2016 together! Here

## Happy New Year!

*I will try to find contentment in  
the paths that I must tread;*

*I will cease to have resentment  
when another moves ahead;*

*I will not be swayed by envy  
when my rival’s strength is  
shown;*

*I will not deny their merit, but  
I’ll strive to prove my own;*

*I will try to see the beauty  
spread before me, rain or  
shine;*

is something else to think about in the days ahead:

*“If you don’t know where you  
are going, then you probably  
won’t end up there.”*

Sound familiar? I just LOVE this—it’s from the movie “Forrest Gump”. Good words to hear for this first week of the New Year.

As we step out in the New Year of 2016, put God FIRST in all you do!! - Pastor Cindy

## Wesley Covenant Service this Sunday, January 10th

John Wesley, the founding father of our Methodist tradition, believed in the reaffirmation of a covenant between himself and God so completely that he came up with a “Covenant Renewal Service.” He would offer this service whenever he visited the Methodist Societies

around the country.

Each year, we have the blessing and opportunity to begin a New Year with a tradition left to us by this servant of God.

Come join us at either the 8:45 or 11:00 worship service. Let

us renew together our commitment to offer our lives to God in the year ahead. May it be a year full of God’s richest blessings from the One who gives us the strength, wisdom and power to live into the days ahead with hope and joy!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .**

**Members:** Vincent Duiveman; Greg Gotcher, Doyle Boyd; Karen Gibbs; Kerry Beebe; Laurel Duncan

**Friends & Family of New Haven UMC**

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Mary Anne Tyler's uncle, Dick Deibert; Pastor Suzanne's brother; Mark Keifer; Karen Gibbs brother-in-law, Dick Hart; Teresa Robert's brother-in-law, Mike Spitzmiller; Mark Morgan's brother-in-law, Steve Henderson; 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

**From Patrick's Desk. . .**

January eh? New starts, beginnings. Resolutions. Commitments. It comes and goes every year, and millions of Americans decide what they'll change in their lives for the next year. We find so many things "wrong" with our lives and the world around us, and we commit to changing them whether it is to be healthier, volunteer more, pray more, spend more time with family and friends. The lists go on and on. As we learned in part of today's reading from Genesis. As pastor Cindy so eloquently reminded us, and that I for one don't stop long enough to reflect on "In the beginning God". We all know the parts that follow, but have you truly ever stopped and just devoted some time to the first four words of His word to us? What follows that in scripture is the most incredible creation story known to mankind. So it stands to reason that if God was the beginning of that then if I can just remind myself to put God at the beginning of all I hope to do in 2016 and beyond then those accomplishments too shall be blessed by God. So in 2016 my prayer for all of us is that when we set out on this new year that at the beginning of each endeavor you seek to undertake this year whether it is to be healthier, volunteer more, pray more, spend more time with family and friends, allow the world around you to bother you less, or any number of other resolutions that you COMMIT to having God at the beginning. Believe it or not, He's actually trembling with excitement at the thought of what you and He will accomplish this year!!!

**EPIPHANY PARTY WITH BISHOP HAYES**

**Sunday January 17, 2016**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Thomas Hall, Tulsa First United Methodist Church Bishop Hayes will be visiting the Council Oak District on Sunday afternoon January 17 for a time of worship and celebration. Pastors and laity are invited to attend. In preparation for this event, we are asking each church in the District to send us as soon as possible a few digital pictures of your church (one of the building and two or three of your ministries) so that we can prepare a slide presentation of District churches. In addition, we are asking that each church bring a candle of some sort that can be placed on the altar and designate a person from your church to light that candle during the worship service. We would also like for each church to bring a thank you card or cards for Bishop Hayes and Dee. Have a few church members express their appreciation for the particular ways Bishop Hayes has blessed us over his time with us.

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Fellowship with Bishop Hayes and one another

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Worship with a Message from Bishop Hayes

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Brief District Conference and Business

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Continued Fellowship Time



**A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU**

Michael and I want to express deep appreciation to our church family for all the cards, calls, prayers, and support during the past year. Losing both our mothers so soon after losing Michael's father would have been impossible without God's help. Thank you all so much for loving us through this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Michael and Joleen Taylor



**A BIT OF HUMOR FOR ALL YOU STAR WARS FANS**

**TOP TEN SURPRISES IN NEW STAR WARS MOVIE**

10. Millennium Falcon shows up when alien calls for an Uber
9. Energy-saving light sabers
8. Han Solo appears in reverse mortgage commercials
7. New Death Star revealed to be giant emoji
6. Bad Yelp reviews of Luke's restaurant turns him (maybe)
5. Trump threatens to run as third party Force
4. Chaos ensues when Princess Leia unfriends the Empire
3. Storm troopers now equipped with selfie sticks
2. Chewbacca distracted by squirrels on tree planet
1. Gluten-Free Dark Side

# Mission Corner



**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
DINNER AT THE  
DAY  
CENTER FOR  
THE  
HOMELESS**



**OVER 40 OF OUR MEMBERS HELPED  
WITH THE DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER  
ON NEW YEAR'S EVE!**

We cooked, served the meal and participated in worship with our friends there, then about 20 of us went to the Spaghetti Warehouse for food, fun, and fellowship! What an awesome way to "ring in a new year"!!!



**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## Opportunities of the Week January 10 ~ 17

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Church
- 2-4:30 pm Council Oak District UMW Meeting/Parlor & Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 67/Upstairs Kitchen
- 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, JANUARY 11

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
- 6:00 pm Disciple 1 (Fast Trak)/Parsonage

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
- 6:00 pm SPRC/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Praise Band/Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Yoga

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Church
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 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

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Cindy Havlik   | Senior Pastor       |
| Rev. Suzanne Davis  | Associate Pastor    |
| Stephen Merrick     | Music Director      |
| Patrick Grafton     | Youth Director      |
| Pat Bates           | Adm. Assistant      |
| Ann Martin          | Financial Secretary |
| Jennifer Payton     | Business Manager    |
| 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           |



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3. Dale Edmond
4. Bob Walker  
Tiffany Sherwin
6. Lewis Cappellari
10. Kay Garwood
11. Ron Unterschuetz
12. Helen Russell  
Rose Unterschuetz
13. David Toalson  
Rachel Pape
16. Joan Beebe  
Sarah Duiveman
19. Stephen Merrick
20. Derek Lamkin
21. Dwayne Boyd
24. Adele Gruber
28. Jude Smith
29. Mike Riffin
30. Bayleigh Boles



### ATTENDANCE Christmas Eve: 215

#### December 27th

**8:45—56**  
**11:00—67**  
**Total: 123**

#### January 3rd

**8:45— 59**  
**11:00— 105**  
**Total: 164**

### 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](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

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