



# THE SPIRE

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*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
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I cannot tell you how excited I am to be planning for our upcoming mission trip this September! As Patrick has mentioned in the announcements during worship, if you haven't been on a mission trip before and you are considering going—now is the time!

What I've learned over the years is that we can make all these plans to go and serve other people and pray that we are a blessing to them in all that we do... and what ends up happening is... we also are the ones who are blessed! Every trip is unique, every trip is different. The experiences you will have last a lifetime!

be work days. Wednesday we will plan something fun to do in this scenic area! **The total trip cost is around \$210 per person.** That includes everything except traveling meals on Sunday and Saturday.

La Puente Home is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers—everything from a food pantry, to the transitional

## Cindy's Chalkboard

home, a clothing store, gardening, and even a field gleaning project! Food that remains in the fields is gathered (gleaned) by volunteers and brought to the food bank and given to those in need! How Biblical is that?!

Please let me know asap if you would like to go. The deadline to register for the trip is just around the corner, and seats are filling up fast!

### Adult Mission Trip Deadline March 6th!!

**The first deposit of \$100 is due on March 6th.** It may seem early, but September will be here before you know it! I'll look forward to hearing from you! - Pastor Cindy

### Youth Sunday “Star Wars” Theme a Rousing Success!!

Wow!! Did our Youth do an awesome job on Sunday morning in blessing us in worship?! For those of you who were not able to attend, I hope you will consider ordering a CD of the service so you can listen to it at home!

Let me just say, our youth are incredibly talented, and a wonderful witness to our faith! They worked long and hard to

prepare for this service, and it showed. The praise band music they presented, the children's moment (who would have thought of glow sticks—awesome!), the messages brought to us by Wyatt Schifferdecker, Bailey Sartain and Kyler Smith and everything in between was a blessing to all who came.

Won't you please take time to

join me in thanking our youth for their memorable interpretation of Star Wars through Scripture, and for our awesome Youth Director, **Patrick Grafton**, for all the efforts that went on behind the scenes to offer God's Word in such a meaningful and creative way?

Indeed, we were blessed. Thank you, youth! May the Force (God's love) be with us!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

**Members:** Vincent Duiveman; Kay Garwood; Karen Gibbs; Laurel Duncan; Mitzi Blanchard; Lewis Capparelli; Mark Williams; Camille Stevenson; Tracy Walker

### **Friends & Family of New Haven UMC**

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Easter Moore; Karen Gibbs brother-in-law, Dick Hart; Jim Vaughn; Tammye Johnson's great aunt; Alon J. Soderfelt's friend, Karen Ridderman; Dodie Wood's daughter, Claudine; 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

## UMPTENAGERS

On Tuesday, March 15th, we are going to the historic Boston Avenue Methodist Church for a tour starting at 1:30 pm and lasting approximately 45 minutes.

We'll leave our church at 11:30 am, have lunch, then on to Boston Avenue. We should be back by 3:00 pm. Hope everyone can go!!!

## ACTIVITIES DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

March 20th	8:45 am & 11:00 am	Palm Sunday Services Blessing of Crosses of Love Youth/Adult Church Orchestra
March 24th	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Drama "The Table is Ready" and Communion
March 25th	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service
March 27th	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:45 am	Easter Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am	Easter Traditional Service Special Music



The Susanna Circle will visit and tour the Wesley Foundation at TU on Thursday, March 10th. Please meet at New Haven and plan to leave at 10:00 am.

## Paula's Perspectives . . .

What a lovely day to worship God! Our awesome Youth held two powerful worship services and it made a huge impact on our children and me personally. Thank you! During Children's Church we discovered the importance of using our Bibles. The children teach me far more than I will ever teach them!

Miss Kelly continued teaching our unit on prayer and we sang our new prayer song! Next month Miss Tonya and Miss Kelly will continue our prayer unit using Prayer stations.

Miss Deena had a great group for Footprints dance. If you are 3rd grade or older (even adults) you are invited to join Deena each Sunday from 3:30- 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Celebration Singers led by Lindsay Morgan and Jocelyn Schifferdecker sang some interactive and lively worship songs! Please join the fun from 4:30 - 5:00 each Sunday!

Finally, our Bible study, W. E. B. Is going very well. The children share their faith knowledge and discover new ways to show God's love in our world. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to all of our activities!

Sharing the joy,  
Miss Paula

## QUESTIONS FROM JESUS

If you never felt pain, then how would you know that I am a healer?  
If you never had to pray, how would you know that I am a deliverer?  
If you never had a trial, how could you call yourself an overcomer?  
If you never felt sadness, how would you know that I am a comforter?  
If you never made a mistake, how would you know that I am a forgiver?

If you never were broken, then how would you know that I can make you whole?  
If you never had any suffering, then how would you know what I went through?  
If you never went through the fire, then how would you become pure?  
If I never corrected you, how would you know that I love you?  
If you had all power, then how would you learn to depend on me?  
If your life was perfect, then what would you need me for?

Love,  
Jesus

# Corner

## Mission



Dear Missy,

I was out driving around Tenkiller Lake the other day and saw a sign for Cookson Hills Center. Can you tell me a little more about this United Methodist mission? Also, I'd be interested in how our congregation is involved.

Signed,  
Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind,

The Cookson Hills Center is located in a rural community that consists mainly of impoverished people. In fact, it has three of the four poorest counties in the State of Oklahoma. The Center started in 1948 and is supported by the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The purpose is to help meet the needs of the people by creating jobs, serving and teaching the children, as well as, building and developing other programs for the community.

Reverend Meri Whitaker is the director of the Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission. She works to develop programs that will help the people of this very poor area find ways to live within their means. She oversees the cottage industries that include a recycling project making doormats out of vehicle tires, silk screening, an embroidery shop, ceramic chalice making, and jewelry repair. In addition, she has responsibilities with the Health Resource Center, thrift shop, craft shop, and many other programs that serve the low-income people of this region.

This year, NHUMC is reaching out to the Cookson Hills Center in two distinct ways:

In-Service Sunday – on Sunday, March 13, our congregation will be packing 140 snack bags for the children at the Center immediately following each of the morning worship services.

Adopt-a-Chick program – a table will be set up for the next two Sundays (March 6 and 13) for members to have an opportunity to purchase “chicks” at \$1.50 per chick. This is an “egg-cellent” way to help those people needing assistance.

Let me explain a little more about the “Adopt-a-Chick” program. Once funds are raised, Cookson Hills Center will purchase chicks. They are given to families in need (12 chicks plus some chicken feed to get them started). The chickens will start laying eggs in about six months. These chickens provide a source of income (through surplus eggs sold at farmer’s market) and a source of food for families in need.

I hope you’ll be “egg-cited” about this “eggs-traordinary” way to help serve our friends and neighbors in the Cookson Hills area. Stop by and purchase a dozen chicks for only \$18 and help those less fortunate.

Blessings,

Missy

**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## Opportunities of the Week March 6 ~ 13

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church  
 12:15 pm "All-In" Meeting/Parlor  
 3:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 67/270  
 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00 am HCH Crafts/185  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 6:00 pm Gospel of John Study/Parlor  
 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor  
 7:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor  
 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church  
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
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## March Birthdays

3. Max LaGrone
4. Claretha Gotcher  
Todd Morgan
6. Yuka Daughters
10. Marleigh Blanchard
11. Karen Gibbs
12. Will Roberts
16. Steve Amos  
Alon Soderfelt
17. Pat Smith
21. Karen Jones
22. Kyler Smith
23. Craig Hannon
24. Janice Hannon
25. Steve Smith
26. Peter Havlik
28. Laurel Duncan
30. Hannah Fields



## Happy Children's Home

Tickets for the April benefit for the Happy Children's Home of China will be sold at the table in the hallway this Sunday!

## ATTENDANCE

### February 28, 2016

8:45— 92  
 11:00—124  
 Total: 216

### SUNDAY SCHOOL: 87

Adults: 58  
 Youth: 12  
 Children: 8

## 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 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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