



# THE SPIRE

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Let me just say, as wonderful as our vacation time away was, it is

also good to be home. We’ve missed you! It was quite a trip, and we are just beginning the process of adjusting to Tulsa time. Jet lag has set in!

It was intriguing to visit countries we have never seen, and marvel at the wealth and beauty of the rich history there. We learned so much!

In Amsterdam, Peter and I stood in awe as we strolled through acre upon acre of tulips at Keukenjof Gardens. 7.1 million (yes, million!) blanketed the grounds in every shape and form you can imagine. “You know, there’s a sermon in that,” I’d say. “There’s not a single person on this earth that could out-do God’s hand with that kind of beauty!”

## Cindy's Chalkboard

Listening to the concert at the Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna was spectacular. Witnessing the incredible talent of the orchestra players and watching the conductor flawlessly lead them through the overtures, arias and duets made us grateful for sharing their God-given

From the beginning of our trip, the most significant (and even insignificant) sights were followed by someone saying, “There’s a sermon in that!”

If we are listening for them, God speaks to us in “sermons” every day. This morning I filled

### *“There’s a Sermon in That!”*

talents to all who were there. So much passion for what they do! A lifetime of commitment to hard work and effort. I would sit back and think, “There’s a sermon in that!”

Walking through the Prague Castle courtyards, and taking in the majesty of the historic monuments in almost every corner of this spectacular city in the Czech Republic—yes, you guessed it—“There’s a sermon in that!”

my coffee cup and headed out to the church just as the sun came up over the horizon. The sky changed from a hazy gray to incredible strips of reds, purples, oranges and yellows. It was God’s magnificent work of art. His masterpiece.

God is so amazing. So faithful. So spectacular. So far beyond anything I can comprehend. Yes, there is a sermon in that.

- Pastor Cindy

### *Senior Sunday—May 29th!*

If you or a family member are graduating this spring from high school, college, technical school, or any other school of higher learning, please send a picture of the graduate and a short bio of where you are graduating, your major, and your future plans.

Please email this information as soon as possible to [pat.bates@newhavenumc.org](mailto:pat.bates@newhavenumc.org) so that we can share your accomplishment in our Spire article and in our weekly worship bulletin insert. We will recognize you in church services on May 29th and have a reception

and cake to honor and congratulate you between the 8:45 and 11:00 services in the hallway. Please feel free to wear your cap and gown if you like!!!

Congratulations, Graduates!  
We are proud of you!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**Members:** Vincent Duiveman; Karen Gibbs; Lewis Capparelli; Bob Schwartz; Jack Cearing; David Toalson; Ovella Followell

**Friends & Family of New Haven UMC**

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Alon J. Soderfelt's friend, Karen Ridderman; Liz DeWitt's sister, Sharon; Dillon Glascock; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

**Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)**

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

**UMPTENAGERS!**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 17th. We are leaving the church at 11:15 am to have lunch at Ti Amo's Restaurant, then on to KOTV, Channel 6, for a tour of the studio at 1:00 pm. Should be interesting!

**NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBERS!**



Matt & Sarah Maxey joined New Haven UMC by transfer of membership at the 8:45 service on May 15th. They have two children, Tiffany and Timothy, who are 15 yrs. old. We welcome this wonderful family and know you will do everything possible to help them find their special places in this church!

**SILENT AUCTION AND LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT PROJECT TRANSFORMATION!!!**



**MAY 22ND AT 12:15 pm**

The Project Transformation luncheon is coming up this Sunday! The program will include bluegrass music, our Children's Choir singing, our Youth reading selections and more! Phil Roberts is the Master of Ceremonies! The luncheon menu includes bar-b-q sandwiches, hot dogs, cole slaw, chips and cookies. Please don't forget that there will be a silent auction with a ton of good items to bid on! There will be baskets of many "themes" loaded with baked goods, movie night goodies, spa basket, tea sets, car wash and around the house basket, children's books, coffee, "starter home" things, and even some Rustic Cuffs. We would still love to have more baskets in this silent auction. Please contact Tiffany Sherwin at [zenbear2205@yahoo.com](mailto:zenbear2205@yahoo.com) for more information or if you have a basket you'd like for her to pick up.

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**Please sign up** at the hallway table to **volunteer to read with a child** on July 25-27 from 10am-noon at Southern Hills UMC. Thank you for supporting Project Transformation!!!



SIX YOUNG PEOPLE WERE CONFIRMED AT NEW HAVEN UMC ON SUNDAY, MAY 15TH



Shown above from left to right:  
Samantha Hensley,  
Hannah Henson,  
J.J. Sartain, Billy Carthel,  
Mycroft LaGrone, Max LaGrone

Shown at left:  
Samantha, J.J., Billy and Hannah  
were all confirmed at the 11:00  
service.

J.J. and Hannah were also  
baptized.

Shown at right:

Brothers Mycroft and Max  
LaGrone were both baptized  
and confirmed at the 8:45 a.m.  
service.

Congratulations to all  
these young people!!!



## Paula's Perspective. . . . .

Another school year is drawing to a close. With that comes promotions and other exciting times for our children. Jude Smith is our only 5<sup>th</sup> grader who will move into the youth program. I have known Jude since he was born and had the pleasure of watching him grow up. It's with great sadness we say so long when he leaves the children's area. However, I know he will be a great addition to the youth program!!! All of the Sunday school teachers wish Jude much success as he continues to grow in Christ.

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it (June 5 – 9 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.) There are still **numerous** opportunities for our congregation to get involved. Each area is important and I appreciate everyone for signing up early to help guide our children. I am still looking for someone to head up the Snack Supper (4:30 – 7:30 pm.) With the return of VBS being held in the evening it's important to serve a light meal to all who attend and those who help. If you love cooking for a crowd then I have just the job for you! It's nice to have at least 6 people head up this area. The meals will be simple and are already planned out. I will do all of the shopping. Your role is to cook, clean up and prepare the tables for the next evening. We also serve the band after the opening program. I hope you will prayerfully consider stepping in to this fun aspect of VBS! A nursery is provided to volunteers who have children younger than 3 years old.

We're having a VBS organizational meeting on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the kitchen located upstairs in the children's wing and dessert will be served! It's important to have this gathering time to meet everyone who will help make our VBS a success. You may pick up your age level or activity area Leader's Guide from my office any time (Monday – Wednesday 12:00 – 4:30 pm) or I'll hand them out at our meeting. I have all of the craft supplies and decorations. Other leaders will need to get their supply list to me by Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

I would like everyone to gather on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to decorate the rooms and common areas for VBS.

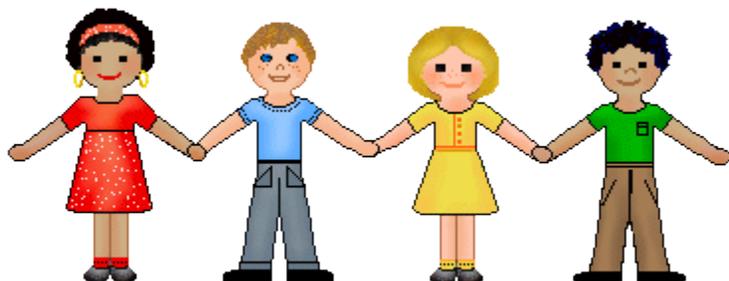
Our first Kid's Night Out is Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. You must RSVP to me by the 18<sup>th</sup>, otherwise we will cancel this activity.

Acolyte training will take place on Sunday, May 22 between services in the Sanctuary. Children **entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through youth** are invited to attend. Pastor Cindy will explain the importance of your role in our worship services and go over the training. Even if you've had training in the past you are invited to this meeting.

Adults helping with VBS or other areas who have not had training in Safe Sanctuaries please call me, **918-808-8492**, to arrange training. It's vital that each person have the training in order to work with our children and youth. I will be available at your convenience, so please call soon!

Sharing the joy,

Miss Paula



## Corner



**Dear Missy,**

I've heard lots of talk on In-Service Sundays. What is In-Service Sunday and when is the next one?

Signed,  
Ready for Service

**Dear Ready,**

Periodically, the entire New Haven congregation is involved in "doing worship" through hands-on projects. Pastor Cindy will end our regular worship services a few minutes early and then everyone has the opportunity to get up out of the pews and "do" worship by participating in the service project.

Our last In-Service Sunday benefited the children at Cookson Hills Center. The next In-Service Sunday is set for May 22. We will be packing eighty school kits. School kits are one of the six types of relief-supply kits requested by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Relief-supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. Kits are for global distribution and cleaning buckets are for US distribution after storms.

As you may recall, New Haven completed 50 flood buckets in 2014 and 160 health kits in 2015. The school kits we are completing this year will go to various areas around the globe. In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources.

Items included in the school kit are: 1 pair blunt scissors; 3 pads of paper; 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 1 30-centimeter ruler; 6 unsharpened pencils; 1 2-inch size eraser; 1-24-count box of crayons; and 1 14x16 inch cloth bag. Each school kit is valued at approximately \$11.

For each school kit that we complete and take to UMCOR, they ask for a \$1 processing and shipping cost donation. So we are requesting donations by placing an offering basket at the table. **We suggest a \$1 donation.** The kits will be delivered to UMCOR during the Annual Conference held in Oklahoma City later this month.

Come join us as we worship together.

Blessings,

Missy

**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## Opportunities of the Week May 15 ~ 22

### SUNDAY, MAY 22

#### In-Service Sunday

#### Communion Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church  
 10:00 am Acolyte Training/Sanctuary  
 12:15 pm Project Transformation Lunch/Fellowship Hall  
 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 Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study  
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### MONDAY, MAY 23

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

### TUESDAY, MAY 24

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, MAY 26

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

#### Senior Sunday

#### Communion Sunday

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

### MONDAY, MAY 30TH

**MEMORIAL DAY/OFFICES CLOSED  
(NO SPIRE THIS WEEK)**

### 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

## May Birthdays

- Sarah Roberts
- Lucas Lamkin
- Dodie Wood
- Chuck Berry  
Marissa Degner
- Joleen Taylor
- Kim Percival
- Bryant Lamkin  
Michael Smith  
Camille Stevenson
- Dawson Watson
- David Duncan
- Laura Degner  
Sandy Nicholson
- Shane Mote
- Rick Davis  
Rosemary Tarr
- Michael Taylor
- Debbie Love  
Kelcey Newberry



## PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCHEON & BASKET AUCTION

**SUNDAY, MAY 22ND  
12:15 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**EVERYONE INVITED!!!**

## ATTENDANCE

**May 15, 2016**

**8:45 am—52**

**11:00 am—119**

**Total: 171**

**Sunday School**

**Adults— 43**

**Youth— 7**

**Children-9**

### Adult Sunday School

***Come join us at 9:45 am!***

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Revelation Study

**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.

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