



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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In 2 Corinthians 9, the Apostle Paul says it's up to us. Basically,

he's telling the church: "Look, it's really up to you... it's up to you how much you give and how well you will respond!

church; we are giving it to God. This church just happens to be the way Peter and I believe we are called to show our thankfulness for our blessings.

God reminds me every day that

they are called share the Gospel with as many as we can.

Our giving is an act of worship; an expression of thankfulness for God's faithfulness. I pray that as we approach **Commit-**

Cindy's Chalkboard

"You will be enriched in every way through your great generosity."

2 Corinthians 9:11

This coming Sunday is **Commitment Sunday**. You should have received a stewardship packet this week in the mail asking for both your financial commitments and commitments of your time and efforts to God. When you consider your giving... consider what you are going to give to God, not what you are going to give to the church.

Peter and I know our weekly giving goes to the church, but in our heart and minds, we are not giving our money to this

it isn't about what we want. It's about living into God's plan for this church, and the potential impact we have in this community.

God has blessed us with His Spirit in this church. And it is at work within you, as you live out this our mission statement of *"Changing lives for Christ by being God's love in action..."*

I can't think of a better way to spend my money, than to give it to a church who really believes in Jesus Christ, and feels

ment Sunday on October 16th, you will prayerfully consider this...

When we choose to live for others and return to God what has been given to us, we will have the opportunity to experience the abundant blessings that come from living for God!

To God be all the honor and glory! - Pastor Cindy

Electronic Giving Through Our Website!

If you are looking for a way to keep your offerings on a consistent schedule, and also know that doing so helps the church and it's daily operations, go to our church website at www.newhavenumc.org.

Click on the purple button that says: **"Online Giving"**. Once you do that, it will walk you through the process. It's easy to do, it's safe and it's secure! If you need any help with this, just call the church office!



Fall Break: Due to Fall Break - Celebration Choir and W.E.B. will not meet on October 16, 23, or 30. We are excited that the new flooring upstairs in the Children's Wing will be installed beginning Monday, October 17. The process will take about 3 weeks. While the project is taking place - - -

Sunday School Class will meet downstairs in the Children's Church Room – 161.

UMPTENAGERS ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

October 18th the Umpteenagers will be traveling to Claremore to enjoy lunch together at the Hammett House followed by a tour of the Will Rogers Museum. The Museum admission is \$5.00 and will include a guided tour, there must be at least 10 people for the guided tour. Please mark your calendars and join us. **Everyone is invited!** Be at the reception area at church by 10:30 AM and we should return by mid afternoon. If you have any questions or if you are planning to join us please call Alon J. Soderfelt at 918-622-7006 or email at alon.sodefelt@cox.net.

ALL- IN TEAM MEETING OCTOBER 18TH, 6:00 PM

As a follow up to our Administrative Council meeting this past Sunday, we are holding our next "All-In" Team gathering Tuesday evening, October 18th at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. Come join us as we give further consideration to the various suggestions and projects approved by the council to enhance efforts in drawing people to New Haven UMC!!

U.M.W. NEWS!

The Susanna UMW ladies will meet at New Haven on Thursday, October 13 and leave at 10am for shopping to support Macie (currently deployed) and our college students! Donations are also welcome! We will have lunch afterwards.

Hope to see all our members there!

BEAUTIFUL TALIHINA DRIVE FOLLIAGE TRIP ON NOVEMBER 19TH

We are planning a bus trip to see the glorious autumn colors of the Tahihina foliage on Saturday, November 19th. We are taking the church bus and will have 15 seats available, so if you would love to ooh and aah and take lots of pictures of God's beautiful Fall paint job, please sign up at the hallway table or call the church office. The cost will be appx. \$20/pp and will include lunch.



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 30th
4:00 – 6:00 pm**

This event is an awesome opportunity to bring our entire church and Day School together so families can have a fun and safe community activity.

How can you help? I am glad you asked!

- ◆ Our very own Youth Group will be selling hotdogs, chips, and drinks.
- ◆ Place a yard sign in your front yard. (Available in the church office).
- ◆ Get busy and decorate your car trunks and provide treats as the children wow you with their costumes as they *Trunk-Or-Treat*.
- ◆ We need people to staff the games and hand out prizes.
- ◆ Supervise the Jupiter Jump.
- ◆ Help with set up and clean up

The community always enjoys participating in this event and I know you will be blessed for taking part in it.

Sharing the joy, Ms. Paula





Dear Missy,

Please tell me about the “Mountain of Food” mission project and how I can help. From what I’ve heard, it sounds like a very worthwhile outreach event that NHUMC offers each year.

Signed, Mountain not Molehills

Dear MNM,

The “Mountain of Food” mission-sponsored event that benefits Restore Hope Ministries began at New Haven UMC in 2002. Since that time, this congregation has contributed over 100,000 pounds of food. Last year the New Haven congregation collected 9,612 pounds of food that translates to 12,408 cans or boxes – what an impact you have made on the lives of people in the Tulsa area!

The Tulsa area United Methodist congregations established Restore Hope Ministries in 1978. These churches recognized that the working poor families in the Tulsa area needed help. The mission is to restore families in financial crisis to economic and spiritual vitality. Restore Hope is an affiliate of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church and is located at 2960 Charles Page Boulevard, in addition, a new south Tulsa pantry location was opened at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6767 S. Mingo Road this past August.

Restore Hope Ministries recently earned the highest rating from Charity Navigator. The four-star rating is a result of Restore Hope’s sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency, according to a release from the independent charity evaluation firm. “Restore Hope’s coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities,” according to Michael Thatcher, president of Charity Navigator, which evaluates thousands of non-profits every year. Only seven Tulsa charities have earned four stars from this firm.

The “Mountain of Food” campaign is one of the ways that our congregation helps this ministry. Members are encouraged to contribute money that goes to purchase flats of boxed or canned food. These flats of food are then stacked in the front of the New Haven sanctuary.

Dick and Kay Garwood are New Haven’s Restore Hope representatives. Dick will be telling us more about this mission event on Sunday, October 16. Be looking for the order forms in The Spire and as a bulletin insert to make your selection and donation. We will begin seeing the food mountain starting on Sunday, October 30. On Sunday, November 13, the flats of food will be blessed during the morning worship service and then delivered immediately afterwards to Restore Hope Ministries.

Together we can build high a “Mountain of Food” that will provide Restore Hope Ministries with a means to reduce hunger in the Tulsa area as well as provide hope for many low-income working families.

Blessings, Missy

Come and



PATRICK WRITES.HOWDY, CHURCH!!!

Fall is finally here – weather wise it seems anyways, and that is such a busy time for the youth here at New Haven. With school getting heavy they also have all of the extra curricular activities now in full swing as well! Please be in prayer for each of them as they carry intense workloads at school, activities, friendships, and their ever important connection to God through all of those stresses. I find during the fall that youth is a reprieve for them; a place for them to come and relax

with friends they know they can be themselves around. A group that they can truly be comfortable with, and one that will appreciate a Jr. High, and High Schooler’s walk with Christ. And beyond our four walls we recently were able to spend some time with many other youth from around the district at the Council Oak District Youth Fall Event. It was called **Hotdogs, Hayrides, and Hallelujahs**. What a fitting title too. We drove out past Sand Springs to Fiery Trails and had a bonfire where we cooked hot dogs, and smores followed by a really moving worship service! There’s just something about being surrounded by so many youth, outside in God’s creation worshipping. It’s definitely one of my favorite parts of this ministry! ☺ Along with that the youth were able to take hay rides around the property, visit some friendly farm animals (the goats were quite popular), and visit with friends from summer camps this past summer. What a great time! Our prayer for you as we continue through this season is that you each are able to find peace, calm, and a closeness with Christ through all of the noise of the world around us. Thank you eternally for your continued support of the New Haven youth through your prayers, meals, and financial gifts. This place, and group means so much to them, and I can’t imagine my life without them either! ☺ *Patrick Grafton*

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
 Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
 2:00 pm Bishop Nunn @ Boston Ave UMC
 3:00 pm "A Disciple's Path"/185
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
 6:00 pm SPRC/Parlor
 6:30 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 10:30 am Umpteenagers Day Trip
 6:00 pm Invitation to Romans Study/Parsonage
 6:00 pm Praise Band/Sanctuary
 6:00 pm All-In Team Meeting/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Parlor
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
 Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 2:00 pm Bishop Nunn Installation Service @ Asbury UMC
 3:00 pm "A Disciple's Path"/185
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
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New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
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Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
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Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
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Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian



October Birthdays

2. Richard Jaeger
Betty Hodge
Carol Morgan
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
Kate Scruggs
9. Nancy Gunter
10. Mark Morgan
Jim Leach
14. Janet Hopkins
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Sue Hunnicutt
26. Greg Gotcher
Sam Puryear
Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Beverly Vincent
 Carolyn Toalson
 Robin Stevens
 Kelly Sartain

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith;
 Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law,
 Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's
 brother, Bob; the homeless; our
 world, city, country, public
 servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart
 Ovella Followell
 Rosemary Tarr
 Dot and Kelly Haynes
 Dorothy Koons

ATTENDANCE

October 9, 2016

8:45 am - 55
 11:00 am - 99
Total: 154

Sunday School

Adults - 63
Youth - 10
Children - 10

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

Room 185: Discovery Class

Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class

In the Footsteps of St. Peter

Parlor: Christian Living Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 103 Interlude Class

"Revival" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Beginnings

"In the Footsteps of St. Peter"

Gym: Roundtable "The Gospel According to Starbucks" by Leonard Sweet

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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