



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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We’ve been talking about the importance of prayer these past

two weeks in our time of worship. As I’ve been thinking about that theme, it struck me that there is a wonderful illustration that might also help! I’d like to encourage you to watch the movie “War Room”. It’s been around for over a year now. I haven’t forgotten it’s powerful story line since that time: “Prayer is a Powerful Weapon!”

Isn’t it *wonderful* that we have inspirational and faith-based movies to go to? It’s encouraging to know that the big studios recognize that many people will attend and support films that reflect Christian values at the box office!

“War Room” isn’t your action packed, high adrenaline movie

Cindy's Chalkboard

as the title might suggest. Instead, it promotes a “non-man made” weapon used by millions of people of faith throughout history. Prayer.

lievable prayer warrior! I can still remember the “Amens” and “Hallelujahs” that echoed throughout the movie theater!

Prayer is a Powerful Weapon!

We’ve been talking about our prayer lives, and, as the movie makes clear, sometimes we think we’re too busy to pray.

I don’t want to spoil the movie for you, so suffice it to say the storyline focuses on a couple who is struggling in their marriage. Somewhere along the way, they ended up getting busy... being busy.

By what can only be described as divine intervention, a woman named Miss Clara comes on the scene. She’s a devout woman of faith and an unbe-

The interesting thing about the movie is that we all probably know a “Miss Clara” who can play such a pivotal role in our own lives.

“War Room” is uplifting and encouraging. When it was released last August, it topped the Labor Day box office weekend as the #1 movie in America—no small feat for a faith-based, Christian film!

I encourage you to take an opportunity to see it. I believe it will be time well spent.

Praying with you, Pastor Cindy

In-Service Sunday—This Sunday, September 11th!!

Our next “In-Service” Sunday is coming right up this very weekend! This is our third event of the year where we have the opportunity to “do” worship in a hands-on way. Our faithful Team has organized donations for the upcoming mission trip to the La Puente Home in Alamosa, Colorado. They are ask-

ing for our help in bringing children’s DVD movies in good (or new) condition.

Worship will end 10 minutes early at each service to allow time for us to “do” worship as we leave the Sanctuary! Thank you for your time, effort and giving which allows us to touch

other lives for Christ in a very real way!

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- New Haven United Methodist Church Mission Statement

Paula's Perspective . . .

Our children are off to a great start with school. Each child has wonderful stories to share during our gathering time during Sunday school. The joy and delight in their voices help renew my spirit as we spend time together learning Sharable Parables. Thank you for sharing your children with me each week!

September 25th will be our "official" beginning of the new children's ministry activities. The Celebration Singers Choir begins the 25th from 4:30 – 5:00 pm with Lindsay Morgan. We encourage and invite all children 3 years old through 5th grade to join us in the Sanctuary to praise God through movement and songs.



W.E.B. (We're Experiencing the Bible) will also begin on September 25th. Again, this is for children 3 years old through 5th grade. We meet right after choir from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. We experience God's love through stories, art and play. Typically, we go to the playground or gym after choir then head upstairs to the Sunday school room to round out our time together.



Finally, we will begin a new Sunday school curriculum called "**Bible Black Belts**". Children will move through nine belt levels and each level contains different passages of scripture and Bible skills. There are five focus areas in each lesson: **Words of Celebration**, **Words of Comfort**, **Words of Inspiration**, **Words of Wisdom**, and **Words of Jesus**. I am excited to develop our faith together as we explore this new curriculum!

Sharing the joy,
Ms. Paula

UMPTENAGERS

The Umpteenagers met last week and planned their events for the next 12 months. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and if you'd like to join this fun & active group, just call the church and we'll put you in touch with them!

SEPTEMBER: Amish Meal in Chouteau, OK.

OCTOBER: Will Rogers Memorial, Claremore, OK.

NOVEMBER: Branson Trip, Branson, MO.

DECEMBER: Christmas Light Tour, Tulsa Area

JANUARY: Jewish Museum, Tulsa, OK.

FEBRUARY: Space Museum & Planetarium, Tulsa, OK

MARCH: Aquarium, Jenks, OK.

APRIL: Tall Grass Prairie, Osage County, OK.

MAY: Harbor Village, Grove, OK.

JUNE: Ponca City, OK.

JULY & AUGUST: BREAK

SEPTEMBER: Planning Session, New Haven UMC

Help Wanted!

Do you have a strong desire to help shape the spiritual growth of our children?

If so, I would love to visit with you!!!

I am looking for individuals who have a deep love for God and are willing to share time with our precious children during Sunday school, Children's Church, or during other special events. We offer on the job training, Safe Sanctuary Training, and all of the teacher support you need.

Contact, Paula Fox at 918-743-6491

or by email paula.fox@newhavenumc.org

I look forward to hearing from you!!!



Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

What is coming up in the way of Missions that I might be able to get involved in?

Signed,
Ready to Serve

Dear Ready to Serve,

Here are upcoming September events:

- ♦ **Respite Care** – Children with special needs and their siblings come for a fun time away from home. Next event is **Saturday, September 10**, 3 pm to 7 pm. You can sign up for the 3 pm to 5 pm shift or the 5 pm to 7 pm shift. There is time for both group and individual games; creative artwork and crafts; music including singing, playing instruments and movement; delicious snacks; and a meal together that each child brings with them. Contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to serve. You must have completed "Safe Sanctuary" training.
- ♦ **In-Service Sunday** – Our worship services will end a few minutes early next **Sunday, September 11** so that everyone will have an opportunity to "do worship" by participating in packing supply boxes for La Puente Home in Alamosa, Colorado (destination of the Adult Mission Trip). You can also help by donating children's DVD movies. A collection box is on the hallway table to receive your donation.
- ♦ **Day Center for the Homeless** – Our next meal to prepare and serve is on **Friday, September 23**. A Ministry Moment is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 to learn more about this important outreach. Sign up sheets will be on the hallway table soon. Contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or phil.roberts@cox.net to help prepare or serve the meal.
- ♦ **Mission Trip** – Our adult mission trip to La Puente Home in Alamosa, CO is from on **Sunday, September 25** through **Saturday, October 1**. A commissioning of participants will be held at both the 8:45 and 11:00 service on **Sunday, September 11**.
- ♦ **Mission Team Meeting** – Our quarterly team meeting will be **Tuesday, September 20** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Come and see where New Haven has been making an impact in people's lives.

Blessings,

Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Let Them Praise His Name with Dancing! (Psalm 149:3)



Footprints Dancers, New Haven's own liturgical dance ensemble, will start meeting again on Sunday, September 18th! The group is open to children in 3rd grade and up, youth and adults who are interested in praising God through dance. No previous dance experience is necessary. Please call or text Deena Smith at 918-693-4828 for more information.

DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

If you would like to attend, bring a dish, and/or serve this dinner, here is the scoop:

Menu:

Chili (for Frito Chili Pies) and Brownies
Please bring your food to the gym by 4:45 pm and we will leave on the bus by 5:15 pm, returning to the church by 7:00 pm.
(Sign up sheet in the hallway)

Opportunities of the Week September 11 ~ 18

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
3:00 pm Baby Shower for Baby Boy Duncan
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:30 pm Happy Children's Home Meeting/Parlor
6:45 pm Bluegrass Band Practice

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 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
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired 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

September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd
Susan Savage
4. Christopher Boyd
Rich Foster
6. Liz DeWitt
8. Don Gregory
9. Greg Pape
Dallas Quinalty
Ace Quinalty
Alexander Hensley
12. Sylvia Hensley
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
23. David Johnson
28. Wayne Love
Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Bob & Eileen Walker's daughter, Margaret Allen; Linda Parmele's daughter, Angela; 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

September 4, 2016

8:45 am - 56
11:00 am - 104
Total:160

Sunday School

Adults - 45
Youth - 8
Children - 4

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
Different Views of St. Paul

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 103 Interlude Class

"Revival" by Adam Hamilton

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.

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