



# THE SPIRE

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*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
by being God’s Love in Action.”*

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Just what is “Safe Sanctuaries” exactly? Have you heard people talk

about this, but weren’t quite sure what it means? If so, I’m glad you asked! First, let me say that it is not a signal that our beautiful Sanctuary is safely secured and locked.... It is so much more important than that!

The 1996 General Conference of the United Methodist Church adopted an important resolution aimed at reducing the risk of abuse against children, youth and vulnerable adults in the church. From 1996 forward, the Oklahoma Annual Conference has encouraged local churches to adopt these guidelines for their own safety policy and procedures.

This important covenant includes 11 guidelines for the local church; the first four of these include:

1. Following reasonable safety measures, including background checks, in the

2. Implementing operational procedures in all programs to reduce risks of harm, injury or abuse.

youth and vulnerable adults. We have adopted this policy in covenant with all United Methodist Congregations in the Oklahoma Conference.

## Cindy’s Chalkboard

### “Safe Sanctuaries” - What Does it Mean?

3. Providing supervision and support for workers with children, youth and vulnerable adults.
4. Educating all workers regarding the use of all appropriate policies and procedures.

And, this is where YOU come in. New Haven UMC has adopted a “Safe Sanctuary” Policy that requires training for anyone who works or volunteers with children, youth or vulnerable adults.

Our congregation’s purpose for establishing this policy is to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the safety of all of our children,

For those who work or volunteer with these named groups, the next training date will take place on **Sunday, May 17th at 12:15 pm in the parlor**. If you have not previously attended training this year, and you work or volunteer with children, youth or vulnerable adults, please let Allyson Cauthon know so that we can register you for the May 17th session.

“Safe Sanctuaries” is a visible part of proclaiming who we are as Christians; those who care for and value the safety of all. Please call the church office and speak with Allyson Cauthon to register.

Pastor Cindy

## Mother’s Day May 10th! Join us to Celebrate the Gift of Mothers in Our Lives!

Join us in worship on Sunday, May 10th, as we honor our mothers, or those who have been like mothers to us, and have had a positive influence in our lives! We will have gifts

for all adult women who attend worship that morning!

As an added gift, Sarah Morice Brubaker will be preaching during both services and sharing

God’s Word in an amazing way. *Thank you, Sarah!* Come, be blessed in worship on this special Sunday.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



### OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Audrey Quinalty; Lana Gotcher; Kathryn Stevenson; Karen Gibbs; John Stutsman; Charlotte Erwin; Ovella Followell

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Carla Hefley's dad, Gerald Blissit; Kelly Sartain's father, John; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Lewis Cappellari; Greg Pape's mother; Sharon Hewitt, friend of Betty Hodge; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Ann Martin; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Dorothy Thacker; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Easter Egg Hunt is over, so that can only mean one thing in my life... VBS!! I am taking donations of the following items (as of right now):

TP / paper towel rolls  
Plastic gallon milk jugs (please rinse them out!)  
Baby food jars  
Cash Donations

Thank you!

## Day Center for the Homeless Meal Sign Up

The next meal to be served at the Day Center for the Homeless is this Saturday, April 25. Please sign up to prepare food and/or serve food for that day. The menu consists of: chili, slaw, cornbread, and cookies. Food needs to be brought to the church by 4:00 p.m. Servers will leave church at 5:00 p.m. Look for sign-up sheets in the hallway!



## UNDIE SUNDAY!

Collections for children's underwear (new, dark colors) through April 26th. Please place items in the basket in the church hallway.

This mission is to benefit Skyline Urban Ministries.



## THE BUS STOP BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!

The Bus Stop Ministry winds down Friday, May 22. If you would like to train to be a team member for this awesome ministry, I would LOVE to share with you the nuts and bolts of how this program operates! If you want to be trained, you may stop by the gym Monday-Friday at 6:40 am-8:30am. We have 35-50 children every morning. Some of our friends are church members; others attend church elsewhere or not at all. This is our opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to these kids. Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me; don't try to stop them". We have a golden opportunity to minister to these children (mid-high and high school, with a few elementary kiddos sprinkled in). The short amount of time they spend with us each morning can be the difference between a great start to their day or them having a bad day. My goal each day is to send them out the door knowing that New Haven Church cares about each of them!

With that being said, **we are in danger of losing this vital ministry!!!** I need your help! I need a commitment from more in our congregation to become involved in this program. The schedule is flexible. If you need to change the day you signed up for, just call a sub for that day. I hope to have a sub list soon to share with our ministry team. I know you will prayerfully consider joining our team.

Sharing the joy,

Paula Fox, Lindsay Morgan, Don & Linda Gregory

NOTE: The May calendar is on the sign-up table and you may choose a day or more to help. Paula Fox's phone # is also there if you'd like to speak with her for additional information.



**MISSION TEAM MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED AT THE TULSA FOOD BANK IN APRIL**



**SOME PICTURES FROM THE APRIL RESPITE CARE AFTERNOON AT NEW HAVEN UMC**



## Opportunities of the Week April 26 ~ May 3

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship and Children's Church**  
 9:45 am **Sunday School**  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship and Children's Church**  
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Planning Event/Gym  
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
 4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children  
 5:00 pm Disciple II  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 6:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:00 pm "The Book of Revelation"/Parlor  
 6:00 pm Praise Band  
 7:15 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

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## April Birthdays

Doris Foster	8
Lindsay Morgan	13
Syble Aumiller	15
Jessie Myers	15
Denny Beebe	16
David Jaeger	16
Louise Boyd	17
Rafael Baez	19
Adriaan Duiveman	21
Patrick Grafton	22
Eileen Walker	25
Terry Tyler	25
Kaelen Terry	26
Bailey Sartain	26
Betty Barton	28
Becky Puryear	28



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## ATTENDANCE

### APRIL 19, 2015

**8:45 am– 88**  
**11:00 am– 110**  
**TOTAL– 198**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**TOTAL: 62**

### 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**  
"How Jesus Became God"

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"The Will of God" by Leslie Weatherhead.

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith"

**THE UMW STILL HAS  
PECANS FOR SALE  
\$12/BAG**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
NEW HAVEN MISSIONS!**

**Stop by the office to  
purchase your pecans!**

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

### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth 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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