



# 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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## Bus Stop Ministry

Hello friends and supporters of our growing Bus Stop Ministry! Since the inception of our ministry the number of middle and high school students has grown. Many of you know we opened our hearts and doors to these children on a freezing winter morning 5 years ago.

We began with about 3 kids entering our door. After, I approached each car in our parking lot to introduce myself and let parents know their children had a warm and welcome place inside our community hall. We have grown from 3 children to more than 50+. One fact that I find amazing is many of these kids came to preschool here as little ones. They love the fact they can come in each school day to eat breakfast, play games and fellowship.

In addition, at the beginning of each school year I step onto the school buses to introduce myself and take food and a cup of coffee to each bus driver. The schools we serve are Carver Middle School, Washington High School, Edison Middle and High School and Tulsa M.E.T. We have a few Carnegie friends that come in as well. Our bus drivers love the fact the children have a safe place to wait, as sometimes the bus schedules run late. Another bonus is the kids are much calmer on the ride to school. The kids have had an opportunity to eat, burn off energy and visit...so there is no shouting on the bus which makes for a much safer ride to school

Our volunteer base has grown as well. We’ve grown from 1 volunteer to 6 volunteers. The volunteers help on a rotating basis and we all have a great rapport with the kids that we interact with each day. The kids especially love it when they see one or more of their former preschool teachers from our Day School!

Listed below are the statistics for the first semester August – December 2016:

# Days Open	78
# Volunteers	6
Volunteers Hours	375
Actual Breakfasts Served	2,447

As you can see, we have a lot of kids coming through our doors! Furthermore, they are middle and high school kids...so they have big appetites! Our congregation does an awesome job supporting this mission both prayerfully and financially; and we have \$600.00 per year designated to fund the food and other supplies needed to keep us going. We are half way through the school year and we’ve spent ½ of our designated budget. **I understand several of you donate specifically toward our Bus Stop Ministry and I thank you for doing so!**



Last night I shared on our Facebook page the need for additional support from the families whose kids attend the Bus Stop Ministry and some of them sent the kiddos in this morning with donations of food!!! Other families offered to give financial support. I hope you will prayerfully consider making an additional financial or food donation. The kids truly appreciate the privilege of having our church opened to them each morning for a nurturing, safe, and warm atmosphere to begin their school day!

Sharing the joy,  
Ms. Paula

## DONATION REQUEST

If anyone is interested in donating a:

- ◆ Loveseat or
- ◆ Small dining table

Please contact the church office.  
We have a member in  
need of these items.



## BAKE SALE COMING THIS SUNDAY!

**February 12th**

**8:30-12:30 in the  
gym!**



Come support the Day School Parent Association as they offer all sorts of delectable baked goods for sale this Sunday!

They are raising funds to make some needed playground improvements! Buy something delicious for yourself, your family, or your favorite Valentine! They will be in the gym before and after both services!

## UMPTENAGERS DAY TRIP!

On Tuesday, February 21st, the Umpteenagers will travel downtown to visit the Central Tulsa City-County Library. There have been many new improvements and updates made since it was last renovated. We will congregate at New Haven UMC at 10:45 am, board the bus to have lunch at the "Chalkboard" restaurant, then proceed to our 1:00 pm tour of the library for 45 minutes. We should arrive back at the church by 2:30 pm. Your only expense will be for lunch. All seniors are invited and we hope to fill our bus for this trip! It's a wonderful time for fellowship and learning more about our community!



We will visit the Tulsa Space and Air Museum on March 21st (a change from our original plans, so mark your calendars for the new date and destination!)

## UMC Project Transformation Camp Director Position

Project Transformation is a literacy & exploration summer camp for inner city, elementary children in Tulsa. PT is currently looking for a new camp director. This job would be a paid staff position. As most of you know, New Haven has been involved in this life changing ministry for years. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Pastor Tom McElroy at [tommcelroy@usa.net](mailto:tommcelroy@usa.net) or Michael Skaistis

The efficiency expert concluded his lecture with a note of caution: "You do not want to try these techniques at home!"

"Why not?" asked a man from the audience.

"After years of not paying attention, I suddenly noticed my wife's routine at breakfast," the expert explained. "She made lots of trips to the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets; often she carried just a single item at a time. So I asked her, 'Hon, why don't you try carrying several things at once? It'd be much more efficient.'"

"Well, did your suggestions save much time?" the attendee asked.

"Actually, yes," the efficiency expert responded. "It used to take her twenty minutes to get breakfast ready. Now I do it in seven."

## Hello church -

So your youth begin their series.....on themselves! In seriousness, as I mentioned in last week's Spire we're going to share each of our stories weekly so you can meet for the first time or get to know even a little better the stories of your next generation! Please feel free to find us and ask questions, share your thoughts, and definitely your own stories with us! We want to know the church that loves on, prays for, and supports us daily.

Hello church family - my name is Jocelyn Schifferdecker, one of your youth here, and I have been going to this church for almost 16 years now. Most of you know me and have been there with me through the years but for those who don't I'd like to share a bit about myself. I have always loved this church because I feel welcome, comfortable, and loved here. It's like a second home. In fact it was a home for a while back in 2007 when we had the ice storm and my houses power went out. This church I have grown in my faith. From being baptized to receiving my 3rd grade bible to being confirmed - I've taken so many steps here. You may not see me during service because I work in the nursery during early service, and do the slides in the balcony during 2nd service. However afterwards you can often find me in the lobby and I'd love to get to know you. I'm a sophomore at Edison high school, I love to sing, dance, and I play the harp. My 16th birthday is coming up and I'll be taking my driving test. My parents are David and Stacey, I have 2 older brothers (Kegan and Wyatt), a cat, and a dog who I've had since I was 4. There's a little about me, and now I can't wait to get to know you too.



From Patrick – as your youth director I know that many of you will know Jocelyn, as she has always been a member of this church since BEFORE she can remember even. While she shared a little bit about her life, her family, this church I also want to take a few lines (as I will with each of our youth as they introduce themselves) to share with you some of the “behind the scenes” with them. Jocelyn has one of the biggest hearts for people of anyone you’ll ever meet. She is incredibly loyal standing by family and friends through every season. She has a heart for this youth group having watch both of her older brothers move through, and without question is living into an incredible legacy of leadership, and faith which as a youth director I pray for



Jocelyn and her mom, Stacey

these young people every day. She's silly, stupendous, and as the solo Schifferdecker young person now in the youth has built even further on the foundation that was placed before her by her parents and brothers all the while doing so as ONLY Jocelyn can! God was really looking out for me in my initial call to youth ministry by placing Jocelyn with me – He knew I was going to need someone with her love of this entire church family to help ME make my own way in this role. Please take some time when you get a chance to stop her and visit – she warms to strangers almost instantly, and will make anyone glad that they stopped to visit.

Yours in Christ's hospitality,  
Jocelyn Schifferdecker and Patrick

## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:30-12:30 Day School Bake Sale/Gym  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
12:15pm DS Council Executive Meeting  
3:45 pm Cub Scouts Pack 67/270  
4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB  
4:30 pm Disciple I  
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)  
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor  
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185  
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Practice

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00 pm Day School Council  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA/210

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

#### YOUTH SUNDAY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor  
4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB  
4:30 pm Disciple I  
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)  
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance  
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
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2. Will Scruggs
3. J.J. Sartain
4. Billy Carthel
6. Regina LaGrone
9. Linda Jaeger  
Caitlin Riffin
10. Shirley Nelson
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Jocelyn Schifferdecker  
Donita Gray
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
23. Dot Haynes  
Ginny Lamkin  
Stella Schwartz  
Mary Anne Tyler
24. Jean Smith
26. Michael Sherwin
27. Mary Ann Cunningham



### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Kelly Sartain  
Dodie Wood  
Mary Ann Cunningham  
Kay Garwood

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Roland Freisen's mother; Rhonda Vardeman; Alon Soderfelt's mom, Ann; 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

February 5, 2017

### Worship Services

8:45 am :53

11:00 am:97

Total:150

### Sunday School

Adults- 57

Youth- 11

Children-10

Day School Chapel-83

## ADULT CLASSES

*Come join us at 9:45 am!*

**Room 161: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Room 185: Fellowship Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
"The Lives of Great Christians" by William Cook

**Room 103 Interlude Class**  
"Redemption of Scrooge"

**Room 206: New Haven 206 Connection Group** "The Wired Word"

**Parlor: Roundtable** "The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

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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