



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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Cindy's Chalkboard

I love our Advent Devotional booklets this year—have you been able to read them in your daily journey through Advent? They’re called *“Wait for the Lord”*; we still have more copies available in the hallway if you would like one!

Today’s devotional message seemed incredibly appropriate for what I needed to hear on this second Sunday of Advent. Henri Nouwen reflects on the passage from John 4:14. *“Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.”*

Nouwen reminds us that all God asks of us is that we simply answer *“yes”*. Yes, God, I will trust in you so that your choices for me can bear fruit in my life. Help us God. Help us to not to be so busy that we

don't even notice that you are with us. Help us not to be blind to those things that come from your loving hands, nor unaware of the words that come from your mouth.

and loves us so much that he sent his Son for you and for me.

There is no greater gift than the One for whom we wait. As

Advent Waiting

“I want to see you as you walk with me and hear you as you speak to me.”

Such powerful words, especially at this time of year, aren’t they? When we get wrapped up, literally, in the *“doing”* of the season, let’s decide together to agree to step back and take in God’s presence among us.

Advent is about waiting... waiting for the Promised One who fills us with living water so that we will never be thirsty,

we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, whether it be in worship, at home or in our devotional reading, be reminded that God’s heart is full of desire to love and to be with us. And that, my friends, makes waiting all the worthwhile.

Blessed to wait with you.—
Pastor Cindy

“Come and see, come and stay with me. When you are thirsty come to me.. you who pour your trust in me, come and drink.”

Administrative Council Meeting: December 14th at 2:30 pm

You are invited to join us at our end-of-the-year Administrative Council meeting this Sunday at 2:30 pm! We especially encourage all of our ministry area leaders to attend and share with us the amazing things that God has done in and through New Haven church to make a difference in people’s lives!

At our meeting, we will be presenting the proposed 2015 budget for vote as we look toward the beginning of a New Year in service to our Lord.

What will that include? Come and see! Please mark your calendars for this important time together as the family of New Haven UMC.



"DESERT ROSE DISHES"

Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift? Or needing something new for your table to entertain over the holidays?

The New Haven United Methodist Women are offering our congregation the chance to purchase place settings of the Desert Rose China, purchased by the UMW decades ago, and no longer in use at the Church. Many remember when the UMW and Church used these dishes for so many big and special events!!

We have numerous place settings, some with cups and some without. We are asking \$100 for an 8 piece place setting with the cups and \$50 for those without.

All of the funds raised from the sale of these dishes will directly benefit the New Haven Youth fund for their mission trip in Spring 2015.

Please contact the church office or Susan Lamkin if you are interested. We are hoping to have a display soon.

Thank you for your support of our missions!
Susan Lamkin, New Haven UMW President
918-557-9148



A "FUNNY" FOR YOU!

A lady who was speeding was pulled over to the side of the road by an officer.

She didn't have her seat belt on so as soon as she stopped, she quickly slipped it on before the officer got to her window.

After talking to her about speeding, the officer said, "I see you are wearing your seat belt. Do you believe in wearing it at all times?"

"Oh, yes I do, officer," she replied.

"Well," asked the officer, "do you always loop it through your steering wheel?"

UMW News

The ladies of the New Haven United Methodist Women are selling pecans! We have one-pound bags of Sooner pecans. They are local and fresh! This is our annual fundraiser, supporting our missions. This year we plan to sponsor families for Christmas gifts and support youth for the mission trip expenses.

One pound for \$12. Available on Sundays or by calling the church office.

The Susanna Circle will meet at 11am on Thursday, December 11 to go to lunch at Gilcrease Museum. Hope Circle will resume in January. Mark your calendars!

SAVE THE DATE!!! FEBRUARY 4-7, 2015

It's time once again to have a new pictorial church directory made! We will be working with Life Touch photographers during the week of February 4-7, 2015 and we want you to be part of our directory! Life Touch is encouraging "Generation Pictures" to be made along with your church family pics. You may want to bring together several generations of your family or simply your more immediate family for a new portrait. What an opportunity! So, please, begin talking to your family members now if you'd like to take advantage of this and choose a day for your family portrait. You will once again have the choice to sign up online and choose your date and time for your pictures or call the church office to make your appointment. (It's only two months away!)





Demonstrate your thankfulness this season!

Each holiday season, New Haven UMC anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule or to make an end of the year contribution, visit us online at [\[www.newhavenumc.org\]](http://www.newhavenumc.org) and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

UMPTENAGERS



"O Come All Ye Faithful" to our next Umpteenagers event. We're going to celebrate Christmas with dinner at Charlie Mitchell's Restaurant, then a tour of the Christmas lights in Tulsa. All of this is happening on Monday, December 15. We will leave the Church at 4:30 pm.

Transportation will be provided.

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Events

December 14th: **Children's Christmas Pageant "The Miracle of the Christmas Café"**

Blessing of the Christmas boxes

December 21st: **Chancel Choir Christmas Program "The Christmas Story"**

Children caroling during Sunday School hour

December 24th: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services**

5:00 pm: "Impromptu" telling of Christmas Story by children

Instrumentalists

Live Nativity by children

7:00 pm: Felt Story Board for Children

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Members:

Bob Durkee

Bobbie Scott

Linda Parmele

Bob Schwartz

Marion Wilkerson

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Mark Nicholson, Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Bill Mote; Melba Turner's sister; Tammy Johnson's parents; the homeless; our world, our country, city, and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER!

We will once again sponsor a New Year's Eve dinner of pot roast & potatoes & carrots for our brothers & sisters at the Day Center for the Homeless.

You may sign up in the hallway on Dec. 14, 21, or 28 to help. If you plan to cook, please bring your warm food to the main kitchen by 4:00 pm on Dec. 31st. If you want to help serve, be here by 4:45 pm. Monetary donations are appreciated to buy a large festive cake and sparkling cider.

SOMETHING FUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The Sapulpa Community Theatre will present "Anne of Green Gables", a popular story about an orphan girl, Anne Shirley, from her first encounter with her austere guardian to her thrilling graduation from Queen's Academy. All the tragedies and triumphs that mark Anne's growth from adolescence to early adulthood are here! You can call 918-227-2169 to reserve your seats. Adults \$10, Students \$5 and just pay at the door when you attend. The theater is just about a 25 minute drive from New Haven and located at 124 S. Water Street, just a block south of Dewey Street (the main downtown street). Dec. 5,6,&12 @7:30pm and Dec. 7, 13,&14 at 2:00pm. For more information you may email sapulpacommtheatre@gmail.com

Opportunities of the Week December 14 ~ 21

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
 12:00 pm Backpack Assembly/Lunch
 2:30 pm Administrative Council/Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)
 5:00 pm Disciple II
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 4:30 pm Umpteenagers/Christmas Light Tour and Dinner
 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
 6:00 pm "Under Wraps" Class/Parlor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)
 5:00 pm Disciple II
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

December Birthdays

1. Shirley Wolfrom
3. Natalie Coulombe
7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson
Jennifer Lawrence
Tracy Walker
14. Kevin Scruggs
16. Linda Blackford
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson
Dee Kemp
21. Cathy Amos
Kelly Sartain
Bob Schwartz
23. Johnnie Green
24. Mark Williams
25. JESUS
Christene O'Toole
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 7, 2014

8:45 am-75

11:00 am-105

TOTAL—180

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—
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
"Ancient & Medieval Religions"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"Making Sense of the Bible" by
Adam Hamilton

Room 205: Journeys Class
"God is Closer Than You Think" by
John Ortburg. A study on Revelation

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

**THE UMW HAS
PECANS FOR
SALE ON
SUNDAYS!!!
\$12./BAG**

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Allyson Cauthon	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Youth Director
Ann Martin	Adm. Assistant
Mary Ann Cunningham	Financial Secretary
Teresa Roberts	Nursery Director
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Organist
Kacie Kendrick	Retired Deacon
Joan West	Day School Dir.
Oscar Sturgeon	After School Care Custodian

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