



# THE SPIRE

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## **Cindy's Chalkboard**

"I never make New Year's Resolutions anymore," someone told me, "I never keep them, anyway." I can remember all too many times I've made resolutions, too, and then let them slip away. But I believe New Year's resolutions are worth making. Let me tell you why.

When we change our calendars to a New Year, it's a good time for reassessment. How did last year go? What do I want to do differently this year?

New Year's is a great time for stepping out of our comfort zone and trying something new. Sometimes we might fail in what we set out to do, but if we fail to plan... (you know what they say)... then we plan to fail. I love the Apostle Paul. Talk about failure!

Throughout his life he was opposed, persecuted, shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead, deserted by trusted co-workers, slandered, and scorned.

Sometimes it seemed that projects he devoted years to do, were turning to dust before his eyes.

this world. He stopped looking back, and looked forward instead. He didn't let the fear of failure keep him from trying again.

New Year's is a time to learn to rely more heavily on the grace of God. Trust in God's help. Remember, Paul said: "I can do everything through Him who gives

## **New Year's Resolutions**

But, we see from one of his many letters, his unwillingness to quit. "Forgetting what is behind," he wrote, "and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13-14, NIV)

No wonder he made a mark on

me strength," he said (Phil 4:13, NIV).

There is no time like the present to make a New Year's resolution. What do feel God is calling you to change in your life? May you be faithful in your resolutions, with God's help. Blessings in this New Year! - Pastor Cindy

## **Youth Sunday Coming Up - January 26th!!**

Yes, that's right. Our Youth will be leading us in worship on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss this!

As we await this blessing, I've been contemplating all of the activities they have taken part in under the direction of our awesome Youth Director, David Berns. They have grown together in their faith, and have been rock solid in their attendance and support of one another.

And guess what? It's our job to support them, too! To do whatever we can, as often as we

can, to strategically show them that they were created to be in community, that we need each other, and that life is about *all of us* together.

Have you ever heard a teenager say, *"Please stop being so encouraging; I just can't take any more of this!"* No. Why? Because many are under so much pressure, hoping they measure up to the real and perceived expectations put on them by friends, family, teachers, coaches, and other influencers in their lives.

Our affirmation and encouragement goes a long way with them, and our volunteers!

The truth is, the more we can surround ourselves, our families, our students, our ministry, and our community in prayer, the better!

Let's pray for our Youth and those that lead them. Not only for their upcoming worship service, but also that they will know God's love for them in a specific way, and be certain of our faithful support throughout their journey of faith!

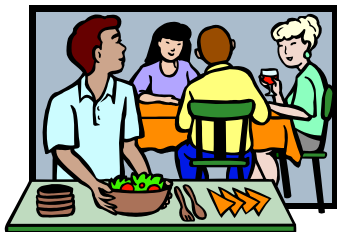
**DINNER & TALENT SHOW  
RESCHEDULED FOR THIS SUNDAY,  
JANUARY, 12TH AT 6:00 P.M.**

Good news! If you signed up for the dinner and talent show that was cancelled in December, you are still signed up for the January rescheduled program!

More good news! If you did not sign up for the talent show in December, you can sign to share your talent in the re-scheduled program! Please send Danny Hall an email at [iamdanny@cox.net](mailto:iamdanny@cox.net) or phone call 918-640-3861 to get on the new list.

If you were unable to sign up for the "Christmas Feast" last month, you can still do so, but we need you to let the church office know asap! We want to have plenty of food for everyone!

Thanks!  
Danny



New Haven's  
Newest  
Member!

We were so pleased to welcome Jennifer Lawrence into membership this past Sunday at the 8:45 worship service! Jennifer has been attending here regularly for several months and you may already know her, but if you don't, please take time to introduce yourself and give her a warm welcome!!!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

**Members:**

Lois Bailey  
Sue Beaver  
Joe Beaver  
Doyle Boyd  
Nina Dochterman  
Karen Gibbs  
Claretha Gotcher  
Debbie Green

Dot Haynes  
Dorothy Koons  
Nick Nicholson  
Jean Roberts  
Bob Schwartz  
Laurie VanDyke  
Mahcoe VanDyke  
Tracy Walker

**Friends & Family of New Haven UMC**

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto and friend, Diane; Kyle Ratliff; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Judy Bradford's granddaughter, Bailey; Susan Harris' father; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Kelly Sartain's Uncle Steve; Don Gregory's nephew; Gerald Blissit; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Adriaan Duiveman's sister, Els; Syble Gale; Lana Gotcher's mom; Greg Pape's mother; Kevin Hall; Casey Gregg; Syble Gayle Aumiller; the homeless; our country, city, & leaders.

**Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)**

Lois Bailey; Maxine Loyd, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Dorothy Koons; Bob Schwartz; Bob & Dorothy Thacker.

**TOP THAT PIZZA NIGHT!**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month**  
**(January 8th this month!)**  
**41<sup>st</sup> & Yale store**  
**(Southroads Village-5347 E 41 St.)**

Help us raise funds for a new church bus! Our current van is showing its age, so a new mode of transportation is in our future. The Day School has set up a way YOU can help!

**Support our New Haven night the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Top That Pizza.**

Just stop by and purchase their yummy pizza and drop your receipt in the box by the register. Spread the word



**A THANK YOU NOTE FROM YOUR  
FINANCE SECRETARY,  
ANN MARTIN. . . . .**

Dear New Haven Family, I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Financial Secretary this past year. I have grown to know and love some of you! You are a caring and loving church and the past year has been a pleasure. Thank you so very much for your generous gift!

Blessings to you all this season!

Ann Martin

## PAPER CRANES ARE COMING TO HOPE CIRCLE IN JANUARY

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes is a [non-fiction children's book](#) published in [1977](#).

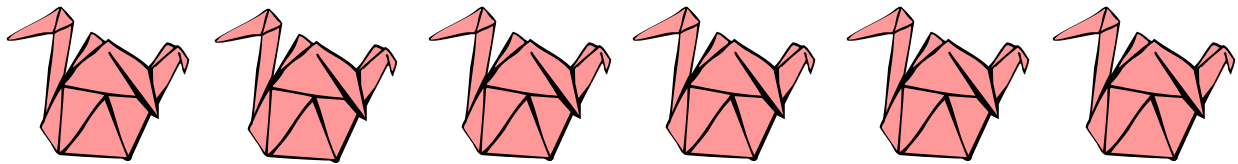
Do you know the story of Sadako and the 1000 paper cranes? Sadako was a real life girl from Japan. She died in 1955 when she was 12 years old. She was in Hiroshima when the US dropped an atom bomb. Ten years later she died as a result of radiation. Her courage made her a heroine to children in Japan.

Sadako began making origami cranes when she was living her last days in a nursing home. She had a goal of making 1000. In Japan--- paper cranes are a symbol of peace and happiness and prosperity (and the legend says 1000 paper cranes will give you 1000 years.)

For our January program on January 13, 2014, we will review the book and then our own Lou Lindsey will teach us how to make origami paper cranes. I hope we can each make two---one to give away and one to keep.

All women are welcome to attend the program and have a meal with us. Danny Hall

"This is our cry, this is our prayer, peace in the world". Sadako



## NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

Our extended family at the Day Center expressed their gratitude for the roast beef and trimmings dinner by saying "The best roast ever!" or "I haven't eaten like this in a long time"! There was even a line to thank us personally.

It was awesome to experience Christopher Smith's family, David Schifferdecker's family, Kelly Sartain with her children, and Adele Gruber with her 4 grandchildren serving the meal with a smile!

We also had many adults taking charge of the various areas and our own Danny Hall shared with all of us the meaning of the candy cane! To all our chefs, the food was amazing! We had 22 roasts with the trimmings, Kay Garwood's black-eyed peas, festive cupcakes, mandarin oranges, milk, and lemonade. Sparkling cider was served to toast in the new year! Thanks, New Haven Family, for your monetary donations and prayers. John & Paula Manuel were missed and we hope you are feeling better. Thanks to Bailey Sartain for sending us out in prayer and to John (Adele's grandson) for his sensitivity in sharing with a young lady just released from prison and 4 other guests who shared in prayer. God's timing is awesome!

God's Speed,  
Adriaan

## Opportunities of the Week January 12-19

### SUNDAY, January 12

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church  
 4:30 pm Bible Experience  
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor  
 5:15 pm Children's Choir  
 6:00 pm Christmas Dinner & Talent Show (Rescheduled)

### MONDAY, January 13

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group  
 6:00 pm Writers Group/185  
 6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor

### TUESDAY, January 14

- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 185, 205-210

### WEDNESDAY, January 15

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:00 pm ACOA/106  
 8:30 pm College Group

### THURSDAY, January 16

- 3:00 pm Daisy Scouts/2nd floor kitchen  
 6:00 pm Praise Band  
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, January 17

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, January 18

### SUNDAY, January 19

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church  
 12:30 pm Trustees/185  
 2:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor  
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
 4:30 pm Bible Experience  
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 5:15 pm Children's Choir  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Meal  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



## January Birthdays

Dale Edmond	3
Bob Walker	4
Sammye Hardgraves	7
Kay Garwood	10
Ron Unterschuetz	11
Helen Russell	12
Rose Unterschuetz	12
David Toalson	13
Joan Beebe	16
Sarah Duiveman	16
Derek Lamkin	20
Dwayne Boyd	21
Adele Gruber	24
Jude Smith	28
Mike Riggan	29
Bayleigh Boles	30



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**December 29, 2013**

**8:45 am- 47**

**11:00 am- 107**

**Total- 154**

**Sunday School:**

**50**

**January 5, 2014**

**8:45 am-42**

**11:00 am-51**

**Total: 93**

**Sunday School-37**

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
The Book of I John

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
"Science and Religion"

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

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"Christianity's Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"GOD is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg

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.

## New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
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Paul Mabrey	Music Director
David Berns	Youth Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
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