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Just when you think things are going to slow down... God is always keeping us on our toes! I say that to let you know that there will, indeed, be another change in our church family.

David Berns, our Director of Youth, will be leaving us. As he announced to the SPRC committee, staff, youth and youth parents on Sunday, David has accepted a position at a start-up technology company in Austin, Texas. I want to share part of the letter he offered to our SPRC committee:

“I am writing to inform you that I will be stepping down as the Director of Youth for New Haven Methodist Church. I have been offered and accepted a position working with a start-up firm in the technology field located in Austin, Texas.

When I came to New Haven I was welcomed with such open arms and loving spirit that I felt like I was right at home. From the very first day I walked into the church I felt like I belonged here and knew I would always be welcome.

The kindness and fellowship of New Haven is what makes it such an amazing place to work and be in community and I feel blessed to have been a part of such a wonderful congregation...

While I have loved my time at New Haven and wouldn't change that for anything, I am fulfilling a desire I have had for many years. I have always wanted to move out of Oklahoma and explore what else is out there with an eventual goal to move to another country and really see the world and all of God's creation.

After much prayer, contemplation, and reflection I decided it was time for me to begin pursuing that dream once again. I will greatly miss New Haven but know that even as I move away I will always have a church family supporting me and loving me here in the heart of Tulsa.

I cannot express how grateful I am for the love and support everyone has given me these

past two years and leave knowing that that same love goes with me and will also be there to embrace the next wonderful person God calls to be in ministry with you.

I wish New Haven all the best for the future and know that it will continue to be a place of love, fun, family, silliness, understanding, compassion, and so much more.”

*With love and thanks,
David Berns*

While we are sad to see David leave, we know that God will continue to provide many blessings in his new venture ahead. The SPRC Committee and I have already begun the search for a new Director of Youth here at New Haven UMC. We know God to be faithful, and look forward to seeing who He will send our way to make a difference for Christ through our Youth Ministry program.

Prayers for David, our youth, youth parents and our church as we begin the journey together. Blessings, Pastor Cindy

Change, Change and More Change

QUAPAW TORNADO RELIEF

If you are interested in serving our neighbors in Quapaw, please contact Adriaan at opaomaduive@cox.net or call 918-250-5966. They might need us as soon as this Saturday, May 10th. I should know by this Tuesday or Wednesday. If you are not able to go this Saturday if they need us, contact me anyway so we can put you on our call list when other dates become available

God's Speed, Adriaan

UNDIE SUNDAY GREAT SUCCESS! Thanks so much, New Haven Family!

We collected 124 pair of women's and 117 pair of men's undies for the Street School and they are very much appreciated by the youth who attend there!

Outreach Committee

UMPTENAGERS

Find those treasures around your house that you don't want anymore and bring them to Umpteenagers on Tuesday, May 20th. We are having lunch and White Elephant Bingo in the parlor at 11:00 am, all for \$5/person. Hope you can be there!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Members:

Ron Cunningham
Charlotte Erwin
Greg Gotcher
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons
Nick Nicholson
Baby Emma Sahli
Betty Watson

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; David Toalson's mom, Mildred; Don & Linda Gregory's family; 19 month old Syprezz Bentley; Syble Gale 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; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke



Day School Executive Director

Do you have a heart and passion for children? New Haven United Methodist Day School Council and New Haven United Methodist Church are seeking a caring, loving and mature individual who is able to relate well to children, parents, co-workers and church staff for the position of Executive Director. This position holds the following job requirements:

- Degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education
- Bookkeeping experience preferred
- Demonstrate Christian values
- Familiar with DHS guidelines and procedures
- Passion for well-being of children and encouragement of their faith development
- Exhibit effective management supervision skills and techniques
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills

Salary is commensurate with experience. New Haven Day School is a vital ministry of New Haven United Methodist Church. The Executive Director works in conjunction with the church in shared ministry to touch lives for Christ. For more information, or to apply for this position, please contact Rev. Cindy Havlik in the church office: 918-743-6491 or cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org.

TOP THAT PIZZA NIGHT!
2nd Wednesday of each month
41st & 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 2nd 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 to friends and family! THANKS!!

**ALLYSON'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The collections for Vacation Bible School have begun!!! Please see the list below for things we need to collect.

- Toilet paper tubes
- Coffee cans (rinsed out)
- Cardboard boxes
- Leis
- Colorful plastic tablecloths
- Clean paint cans
- String



You can place your donations on the table underneath the staff mailboxes in the hallway by Suzanne's office or give them to Allyson. Thanks so much!!!

"In-Service Sunday", May 18th, will benefit Annual Conference Flood Bucket Collections

Our efforts for "In-Service Sunday" will go toward packing supplies for "Flood Buckets" for disaster preparedness. These much needed supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane or other natural disaster. The items we will help to pack in 5 gallon size buckets will make a significant difference in clean-up efforts. Our "In-Service Sunday" team is already shopping for items to put in the buckets, and will have everything ready for us to assemble on May 18th! It will be quick, it will be easy, but most importantly, our efforts will help others in need during times of disaster. Let us take joy in knowing we are touching lives for Christ!! Stay tuned for other quarterly projects to come.

SUSANNA CIRCLE

The Susanna Circle will celebrate our annual Birthday Salad Potluck on Thursday, May 8th in the Parlor. We will meet at 11:00 am for lunch. Please bring a salad dish to share!

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on Monday, May 12th at 6:00 pm in the parlor. Each member is asked to bring a small plant that would fit in a 4" pot (which will be provided and you will decorate!) They will be given to friends. A light meal will be served. See you there!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION BENEFIT LUNCHEON. . .EVERYONE INVITED!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST AT NOON (SIT DOWN OR TAKE OUT)

Project Transformation is a summer literacy camp for underserved elementary children, grades 1-6. The camp runs for 6 weeks, Monday-Thursday. The children read to an adult in the mornings from 10 am until noon, so we need your help to be a "listener" and share your love and interest with a child. The week that we at New Haven UMC will be involved with this awesome program is July 14-17th at Southern Hills UMC at 61st and Lewis Avenue. Sign up sheets to attend the luncheon and/or to read with a child will be available in the hallway beginning May 11th. We will need 12-15 readers a day and you may volunteer for one or more days when you sign up. The interns who lead the camp are college students who are considering going into urban ministries or working in youth camps, etc. Our goal is to raise \$1,600. to support one intern and our share of the program during Project Transformation this summer. You are invited to eat at our "New Haven Bistro" on June 1st or ask for your meal "to-go". Watch your Spire for more details.

Our children are our future!!!
Outreach Committee

Opportunities of the Week May 11 ~ 18

SUNDAY, May 11th MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary

MONDAY, May 12th

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

TUESDAY, May 13th

- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
 7:30 pm Alanon/206

WEDNESDAY, May 14th

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/206
 8:30 pm College Group

THURSDAY, May 15th

- 6:00 pm Christianity & World Religion Class/Parlor
 6:00 pm Covenant Bible Study/Offsite
 6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, May 16th

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, May 17th

SUNDAY, May 18th

- 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 Mission Sunday Committee
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 2:30 pm "A Disciple's Path" Class/Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:00 pm District Youth Leadership
 4:30 pm Bible Experience
 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
 5:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth



May Birthdays

2. Paula Manuel
4. Sarah Roberts
5. Lucas Lamkin
6. Jennifer Beaver
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry
Henry Cauthon
Marissa Degner
9. Joleen Taylor
10. Kim Percival
12. Bryant Lamkin
Michael Smith
Camille Stevenson
15. Dawson Watson
17. David Duncan
18. Charlotte Erwin
20. Laura Degner
Sandy Nicholson
22. Bob Thacker
27. Rick Davis
Rosemary Tarr
Samuel Standlee
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love
Kelcey Hardy



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 4, 2014

8:45 am – 76
 11:00 am – 104
Total: 180

**Sunday School Attendance:
 55**

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
 The Book of I John

Room 209: Fellowship Class
 Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

Room 210: New Friendship Class
 "How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton Christensen

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 Ortburg

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

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
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
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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