



THE SPIRE

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by being God's Love in Action."*

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Cindy's Chalkboard

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." - Hebrews 12:1

I love "All Saints Sunday" when we celebrate the saints among us who have gone on to heavenly glory. In worship this past Sunday we read the names of loved ones who have passed away during the previous year.

We have wonderful memories of the many persons whose names were read, don't we? Memories of stories and experiences and prayers we have shared — holy moments. These people are examples of lives well lived, and so loved.

God was so present with us as we honored the memory of those who have contributed so richly to who we are.

We are surrounded by the great "cloud of witnesses! What could be more meaningful and comforting to know that those whom we

All Saints Sunday

All Saint's Sunday is the Christian church's way of announcing to the world that there is a glorious heaven and that Jesus promises us that there is more beyond this life. We are promised eternal life with the One Who created us.

I especially love this Sunday because we have the privilege of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. This is when we are especially aware of that phrase we said in the Apostles' Creed on Sunday morning: "I believe in the communion of saints."

have loved, are being held in the loving and capable arms of Christ, healed and whole? Praise be to God for His constant care and love for us. Today, tomorrow and forever! - Pastor Cindy



HANGING OF THE GREENS—NOVEMBER 30TH—ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving is coming soon and just following our gathering and celebrations with thanks we move on into the Advent season. Sunday, November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent and we will be "Hanging the Greens" in our sanctuary on that day.

There will be one worship service as we all together decorate our sanctuary for the Advent Season in preparation

for Christmas.

The service will be at 10:00 and everyone can participate in hanging of the greens around the sanctuary, as we share by singing some of our favorite hymns. We want you to be aware of this change of worship time so all Sunday School classes can make decisions about when to meet either before or after the service.

This is a wonderful time to pause and remember Jesus the Christ coming into the world and bringing His love to all of us. Let us gather together and prepare our hearts as we also prepare our beautiful sanctuary.

Suzanne Davis

Let us build a **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD** for Restore Hope during these next few weeks. To participate in the Mountain of Food, please take the price times the number of a flat or flats you choose below and fill in the total price on the bottom of the list. **Make checks out to NEW HAVEN UMC.** If you wish to make a cash donation and would like for us to select the items, feel free to do so. **Be sure to write "Mountain of Food" in the memo line of your check.** We will purchase the flats of food and bring them to the church each week. On Sunday, November 2nd, we will begin building the Mountain of Food in the Sanctuary. On the afternoon of November 16th, volunteers will load up the food and take it to Restore Hope Ministries. **We would appreciate it if you could turn in your checks and orders as soon as possible so that we can begin to order the food.** You may place your checks and order forms in the offering plate, mail them in, or leave them at the table in the Narthex. Last year our mountain of food grew to 7,700 pounds! Let us make this a great year in building the **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD**. Restore Hope really appreciates your support!

<u># of flats</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price per Flat</u>	<u>Totals</u>
_____	Macaroni & Cheese.....	\$10.00	_____
_____	Soups.....	\$15.00	_____
_____	Peanut butter.....	\$20.00	_____
_____	Tuna.....	\$33.00	_____
_____	Pork & Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peas.....	\$8.00	_____
_____	Green Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Corn.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Sweet Potatoes.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Peaches.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Fruit Cocktail.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Apple Sauce.	\$16.68	_____
_____	Pineapple Chunks.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Pasta.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Cornbread Mix.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Cereal.....	\$22.00	_____
_____	Canned Chicken	\$22.00	_____
_____	Spaghetti Sauce.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Canned Luncheon Meat.....	\$18.00	_____

Signed _____ Total price of all flats _____

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR THE STUDENTS AT REMINGTON SCHOOL.

We are committed to making a "Christmas Bag" for the 300 students who attend Remington School here in Tulsa. This is the Children's area Christmas project which we are doing instead of the Christmas Boxes which we had done for several years. This year we decided to bless some children right here in our home town instead of shipping gifts overseas. The shipping cost has gone up every year and now nearly doubles the cost of the boxes we send.

Remington is a community school which serves 300 students and their families.

- Most of its 300 students go home to the Cherry Hill trailer park and Section 8-funded Parkview apartments.
- 80-95% of the students use the bus.
- Almost all 300 students are on a free or reduced-lunch program.
- Remington is located at the end of a dead-end street, which forces a sense of community because its community partners aren't in the immediate vicinity. The school's small student population also strengthens this community sense. Says Community School Coordinator Heather Palmer, "We're all like one big family here." An array of programs, services, and opportunities at the school are designed to promote this feeling.

*****Please remember that because we hope to make the gifts for these children look very similar, we are requesting monetary funds this year instead of asking you to go out and purchase different items. Easier for you, too! Thank you so much for your donations!!!**



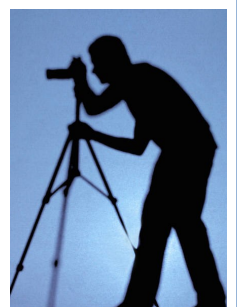
BUS STOP MINISTRY HELP NEEDED!!!

Last year Paula Fox started what has become known as our "Bus Stop Ministry". The students who waited for the school bus on our parking lot were often cold and hungry in the early morning hours. So, she bought breakfast snacks and drinks and opened the door to all those who wished to come in! And they DID come in. . .and kept coming in and coming in! Donations to help with the food and drinks began arriving, too, and the Bus Stop Ministry quickly became a big part of our ministry to others! It's open after Fall Break and closes after Spring Break. Right now Paula desperately needs volunteers to help her in the gym. We need to have 2 adults present every morning. The kids are "great" and act very nicely, so it's fun for everyone! (Hours: 6:45-8:00am) Please call the church office if you'd like to help.



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 extended 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. (It's only 3 months away!)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Led by Rev. Jan Boyd

PLEASE
PRAY FOR...



Members:

Bob Durkee
Jim Followell

Rachael Gotcher
Peter Havlik
Bob Schwartz

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 Mabrey family; 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



NOTES FROM PATRICK. . . .

Howdy church!

The clocks are all turned back, there's a chill in the air, and I'm comfortable to admit that as I write the article for the Spire this week I'm being serenaded by Burl Ives singing some of my favorite holiday songs! Yep, I'm THAT guy. The NHUMY have a busy fall/holiday season coming up, and look forward to sharing in the celebration of remembering the reason for the season. We'll be celebrating first though the abundant blessings that our Lord has provided each of us over a Thanksgiving Dinner on November, 19th. We also continue our Ten Commandment study, and then look forward to joining the entire faith community of New Haven in what is anticipated to be a personal and close encounter with the birth of our Christ.

We'd also like to thank you for continued support of our current Christmas Wreath fundraiser. It will be our great privilege to being the hands and feet of Jesus as we travel over Spring Break to the Appalachia region of Kentucky that just needs a little love!

A reminder to all as well – if you would be willing we'd love for individuals or groups to sign up for a youth meal. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the table just outside of the narthex. Your volunteering allows us to be even better stewards of our youth budget, and we can't thank you enough for making our fellowship meal possible. Finally, For those of us that are adults who have such fond memories of their own youth experience we always welcome your prayers for the journey that each of our young people are on in their lives.

IT'S EASY!

**Giving has just become easy
at New Haven UMC.**

- ♦ Go to our website
(www.newhavenumc.org)
- ♦ Click on the Giving Icon
- ♦ Enter your information...DONE!

It's new, sure. But it's not hard. We want you to have the ease of electronics at your fingertips. The choice to do whatever you want is available. Give once OR give every week, month or year. Use your checking account, savings account or any major credit card. AND for you more "tech savvy" Christians you can go to the play store on your smart phone and download the free VANCO APP. NOW you can Give-On-The-Go!

OR if you're still not sure...fill out the Application Form you received. Enter a little information and attach a voided check, sign and I will do the rest for you. Your information is stored in a secure and locked place. We are regulated by VANCO and they make sure we comply with that very important requirement.

Don't worry! We have more forms if you have misplaced yours. So don't be intimidated. The Oklahoma Conference is a proud supporter of VANCO services. AND this is a great way to give regularly. All of us forget or find ourselves out of town or just not able to be in church. What a wonderful opportunity to keep up our faithful promise to God.

And if you're still not sure, call me! I can help. I'm in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Very sincerely and yours in Christ,
Ann Martin,



**THE
ANGEL
TREE IS
COMING!**

**NOVEMBER
16TH
THROUGH
23RD**



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA NOW!!!

We are taking orders for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary on November 30th during the "Hanging of the Greens".

If you miss getting the order form from the Sunday bulletins, you may send \$10 per poinsettia to the church office and state who you would like to honor or remember with your plant. The list of donors will be in the November 30th bulletin, but we need to have your order by Sunday, November 23rd.



Opportunities of the Week November 9 ~ 16

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

IN-SERVICE SUNDAY

- 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
4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:15 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 10:00 pm Grief Recovery Group
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor
6:30 pm Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Financial Peace University/Parlor
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

BLESSING OF MOUNTAIN OF FOOD

- 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 Jr. High Bible Study
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:15 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
15. Pat Graf
16. Doris Brown
17. Elizabeth Amos
Kerry Beebe
19. Hunter Standlee
Susan Thomas
20. Jude Blanchard
Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riffin
27. Mitzi Blanchard
28. Dorothy Koons



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

ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

8:45 am— 70

11:00 am—87

TOTAL—157

SUNDAY SCHOOL— 57

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 Ortberg. A study on Revelation

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
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