



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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Now that summer is upon us (and oh boy, is it!) sometimes

it's easy to take these "dog days of summer" for granted. Not only is it unbelievably hot... but the heat makes us want to stay inside and go about our daily routine. That's not a bad thing, but some days we live on "auto pilot" and one day seems to run into the next. When that happens, we could tend to forget the value of each day.

Recent tragic events in the news and in our own lives remind us how precious life is and we should live our lives to the fullest. Today is the most important day of your life!

Why do I say that? The Bible teaches us that each day is a gift. Each day is a gift from God and tomorrow is not promised to any of us. God gave us this very day. **THIS** one. Now, most of us have things we

need to get done, and often they must be done on a very tight schedule. Here's the thing: We don't know how the day will unfold, but we do know that God will be with us as it unfolds.

Every day is special. Sometimes we get so focused on the busyness of our lives that we tend to forget that each day is a special gift from God. Other days, we've fallen into a routine and we might put aside seeking new ways to make a difference in the world for Christ.

Remember, today is a day like no other, and when it is over, we will never have it again. So, let's make it count!

Live your life as a reflection of Christ. Let the love of Jesus

flow through you to everyone you meet. The interesting thing is, others will wonder what is different about you. They will see that you have something they want! That something is a relationship

with Jesus Christ!

Show God's love throughout the day in all that you do. Make today, not just another day, but the special day God made it to be! After all, at the end of the day, it's the only day that you are guaranteed. It's the most important day of your life!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. – Psalm 118:24

- Pastor Cindy

Cindy's Chalkboard

Dog Days of Summer

Last "Safe Sanctuary" Training of the Year—August 30th at 12:15 pm!!

Make plans NOW to attend our last Safe Sanctuary training of 2015. This **SHORT** training (30 minutes) is August 30th in the parlor right after the 11:00 service. As many of you know, this is **REQUIRED** training at

New Haven UMC for anyone who works with our children and youth, including our Bus Stop Ministry, Respite Care Ministry, Youth and Children's Sunday School & Children's Church.

The safety of our children and youth is important to us – as well as the safety of our church! If you have not already done so, please make it a priority to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Pat Thomas



Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Greg Pape's mother, Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Patrick Grafton's mom, Colleen; Betty Hodge's friend, Becca; Paula Fox's friend, Richard; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

Christmas in Branson! November 3-5, 2015

Sounds exciting!!! Spend a few days, take in some shows, fine dining and shopping. Plans are being made now to take a group on our bus to Branson November 3-5, 2015. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Nelson ASAP. The more that sign up, the less expensive the trip!

Shirley Nelson
(918-728-8342)



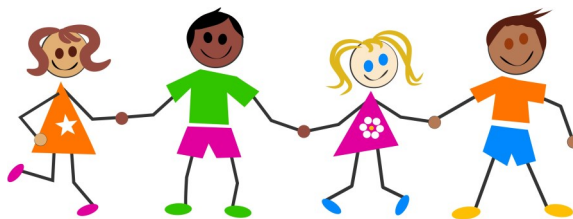
TIPS ON "ENJOYING LIFE" (part two)

- ~ A word to the wise is unnecessary!
- ~ Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.
- ~ Don't just believe in miracles. . .rely on them.
- ~ When in doubt, smile!
- ~ A mother can touch a whole generation just by loving her child well.
- ~ A physician once said "The best medicine for humans is love". When asked "What if it doesn't work?", he smiled and replied, "Increase the dose!"
- ~ Stand up for your principles, even if you have to stand alone.

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

In September, the children's area will start new curriculum in each area – Sunday School, Children's Church, and Bible Experience. I'm excited about the changes that are coming, and really believe the kids will enjoy the new things as well!

There will also be some changes in regards to activity times for Sunday nights. Stay tuned for more information!



Marion Wilkerson celebrated her 95th BD with her church family!



**SALT
CREEK
BAND**

**SALT CREEK BLESSED US WITH THEIR
AWESOME MUSIC ON AUGUST 2ND!!!**

UMPTENAGERS TO MEET ON AUGUST 20TH ~ 11:00 a.m.

Bring your appetite and your ideas to the church parlor on Thursday, Aug. 20th. We will have lunch, then plan our activity schedule for the coming year. Pastor Cindy is available on August 20th to meet with us!

Hope everyone can be there!

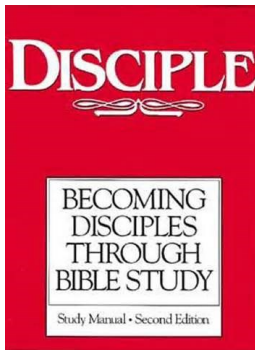


WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BROCHURES!
WE WILL SHARE EACH CLASS PICTURE WITH YOU IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE DISCOVERY CLASS AND BELOW IS THE INTERLUDE CLASS.



4 GREAT NEW CLASSES BEGINNING SOON! SIGN UP FOR ONE NOW!

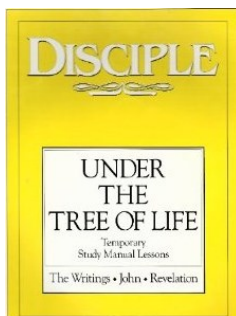


Disciple Bible Study I: Fast Track

This study is the foundation of the Disciple Bible Study program. This “Fast Track” version is accomplished in almost a third less time than the original Disciple I study. It is the prerequisite for all other Disciple Studies designed for those on every level in their faith journey. The study starts with Genesis, and continues to Revelation.

Materials: \$35.00

Classes: Monday Evenings

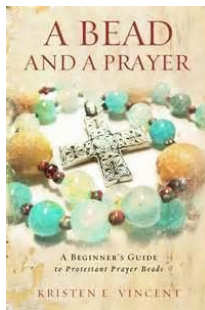


Disciple Bible Study IV: Under the Tree of Life

This the final study in the DISCIPLE program for those who have completed at least Disciple Bible Study I. The study concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation.

Materials: \$35.00

Classes: Sunday Afternoons

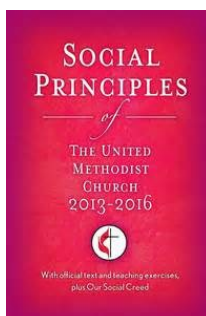


A Bead and a Prayer

This 5 week Bible Study introduces Protestant Prayer Beads as a tool for connecting with God. This intriguing study teaches those who may have no experience with this form of prayer to create prayer beads, use them in guided prayer, and learn more about their history.

Materials: \$12.00

Classes: Wednesday Evenings



Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

The Social Principles of the UMC are prayerful efforts to speak to complex and controversial issues in the church and in the world. This study will explore legislative decisions made by both lay and clergy efforts through the General Conference of the UMC.

Materials: \$4.00

Classes: Sunday Afternoons

Sign up in the hallway or call the church office 918.743.6491 by September 2nd to register. Nursery is available.



Ministry

Come and join us for some fun each morning that Tulsa Public Schools are in session by attending New Haven's Bus Stop Ministry. School begins Monday, August 20. Children start coming around 6:45 a.m. and the last group leaves the gym by 8:00 a.m. Approximately 45 to 50 children from elementary age through high school come through our doors. New Haven provides a safe place for children waiting for their school bus. Breakfast snacks are provided. Many read, visit, and play games in the gym. Won't you come and try it out? Sign up on the monthly calendar located in the church hallway.



You can select the days of the week you'd like to come. Contact Paula Fox at paulafox@cox.net or 918-808-8492 and get started today!

Come and

Experience It!

Dear Pastor Havlik:

My family and I have lived in the New Haven Methodist neighborhood for nearly 30 years. Your church is such a lovely building filled with really nice people, too. Although we are Roman Catholic, we love having NHMC as an anchor to the neighborhood. We especially look forward to the big garage sale held in the gym each year.

I must tell you a story. Two years ago we attended the sale and I bought a box of fabric. I didn't pay much attention to it until last fall. I decided it was time to get the fabric out, wash and iron it and find ways to put it to use. In the bottom of the box I spied a 1 gallon zip lock bag of little fabric squares, rectangles and long strips. It was all color coordinated and beautiful! Someone had cut this up to make a quilt, but never assembled it. I thought of my Mom who lives in OKC in a Methodist retirement center that has been wonderful to my parents over the years. I decided to make Mom a lap quilt with the pieces. I had only to buy cream colored fabric for the edges and backing and some quilt batting.

As you can see from the pictures it turned out pretty well. My Mom, who was a professional seamstress, loved the beautiful fabric. She told me it was very high quality and someone really knew how to blend colors. We especially like the green cross in the center.

Thanks again for being a service to our neighborhood in so many ways. If anyone recognizes the fabric I would love to hear from them.

Sincerely,

Susan Gray-Melaugh



Opportunities of the Week August 16 ~ 23

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am "Backpack, Blessings & Breakfast Event/Gym
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 6:00 pm Young Gen Meeting
7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



August Birthdays

1. Suzanne Davis
2. Dick Garwood
Marion Wilkerson
4. Ken Fox
5. Tom Kemp
6. Ray Prange
Velma Fast
Wyatt Schifferdecker
7. Jeanette Boyd
8. Tracy Pape
Joshua Blanchard
Shelley Worrell
Floyd Sessions
10. Alex Hensley
13. Laurie VanDyke
14. Louise Lindsey
20. Susan Harris
21. Laura Sahli
22. Lana Gotcher
23. Stacy Newberry
Robert Hefley
24. Allyson Cauthon
25. Tom Black
27. Yuta Daughters
Christopher Smith
Ashley Boyd



**THERE WILL NOT BE
A SPIRE DURING THE
WEEK OF MONDAY,
AUGUST 17-21st.**

**Please plan
accordingly when
sending
your articles!**

ATTENDANCE

August 9, 2015

8:45 am-67

11:00 am-108

TOTAL-175

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 70

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Proverbs, Prophets, & Parables

Room 210: New Friendship Class
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem
and Northern Kingdom

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
A Study of the Apostles.

Room 205: Journeys Class
"Stressed Out" by Serendipity
Focus Group

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

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