



THE SPIRE

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by being God's Love in Action."*

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Pastor Cindy's Chalkboard

The first in-service Sunday of this year is right around the corner! This is a time during the end of the worship services that you, the congregation, is involved in "doing worship" through various hands-on mission projects.

We will be packing boxes on Sunday, March 1 to benefit Big Creek Mission in eastern Kentucky. Our youth will be delivering these boxes during Spring Break when they go to Big Creek for their Mission trip.

Big Creek Mission is located near Bear Branch, Kentucky. Their mission is designed to serve the needs of the people in Appalachia (one of the neediest areas of the country).

Opportunities for ministry may be in one of these three areas:

construction, community, or children. Construction normally involves assisting in renovation of homes of those in need. Community mission work

these groups will contain between 8 and 15 students. There will also be evening worship services and devotion time for participants.

In-Service Sunday March 1st!

involves assisting in community outreaches, working with local agencies and ministries to spread the gospel. Mission work in the children's area can involve leading camps or local children's programs. Our youth have unanimously chosen to help in the children's area for the week!

Youth and adult sponsors will stay at Big Creek Mission center, a 24,000 square foot "retired" school building. Workgroups are led by one of the staff members. Normally

The In-service Sunday team is asking that **each of us bring either one roll of paper towels or one roll of toilet paper** on Sunday, March 1 to be included in the packing boxes.

Remember, on March 1st we will end both services a bit early so that we can "do worship" by participating in this project. Our In-Service Sunday team will have everything prepared for us to make a difference in the lives of those served by Big Creek Missions!

Come and Experience it!

Hand Bell Rehearsals Resume on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm.

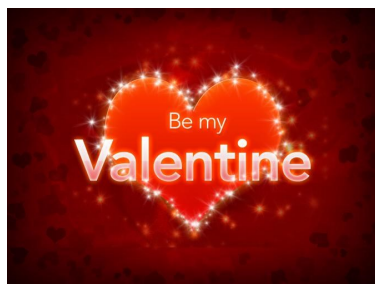
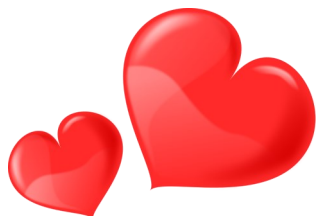
On Wednesday, February 25th, hand bell rehearsals will begin. Each Wednesday our hand bell players will rehearse together from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

If you have played hand bells in the past, please put this on your calendar! If you have never played the bells, but are interested in learning how, you are invited to come and

become a regular player or substitute as needed. We are excited to have our hand bell players back in worship services with us!

Our awesome Director of Music Ministries, Stephen Merrick, will lead this wonderful ministry! Come join us in this time of musical fun and fellowship!





**RESPIRE
CARE**



PARTY

Did You Know . . .

...New Haven invites children with special needs and their siblings to come monthly for some fun time away from home

...There is time for games both group and individual; creative artwork; music including singing, playing instruments, and movement; delicious snacks; and having a meal that each child brings with them

...Respite Care is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. the second Saturday of each month in the gymnasium

...We currently serve six families and normally have eight children in attendance

...There is a participant's application process to make sure that New Haven has enough caregivers per special needs child

...Our volunteers normally come in shifts (this can be scheduled in hour increments up to the total four hours)

...No special skill set is required of the volunteers – just love on the children

...Total volunteer time each year is approximately 288 hours for this ministry (normally six volunteers per month)

... An estimated \$300 is spent on snacks and supplies that is not part of the operating budget

...if you are interested in volunteering or coming and observing, please contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net

Come and Experience it!



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. Children start coming around 6:50 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? It doesn't take much time but provides a world of blessing.

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Christene O'Toole; Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Audrey Quinalty;

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson, Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Tracy Pape's mother, Jodie; Greg Pape's mother; Donita Gray's mother; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

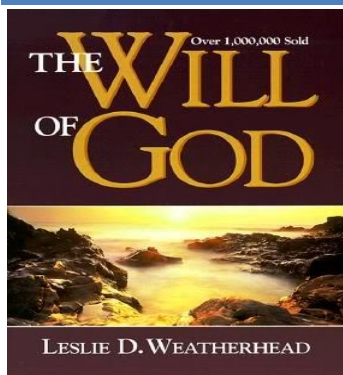
Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

New Bible Study Classes Begin Soon! (Sign up in hallway or call the office 918-743-6491 by Feb. 9th)



The Will of God

Life doesn't always turn out as we had planned. The unimaginable happens and we are left asking why? Why did God let this happen? Does everything happen for a reason? We will be discussing Weatherhead's book "The Will of God" and other materials as we think about the will of God. How do we discern it in our lives today?

Materials: Provided

Classes: Tuesday Mornings

Leader: Rev. Suzanne Davis

Length: 4 weeks

Dates: First session starts March 3rd 10:00 - 11:00 am.



The Book of Revelation

Come join us in this thought-provoking study of one of the most challenging books of the Bible. This book contains a wide range of symbolism as it relates to the Old Testament and future thoughts. The Book of Revelation tells us that the future is in God's hands and the best is yet to come!

Materials: Provided

Classes: Thursday Evenings

Leader: Nancy Gunter

Length: 8 weeks

Dates: First session starts February 12th 6:00 -7:00 pm.

A Mighty Fortress
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Martin Luther, 1529

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Meeting God in Hymns

Hymns are historical artifacts, works of art, essential practices in worship, lessons for children, and sources of comfort in times of trial. In each session we will explore three hymns organized around a common theme. Come join us as we learn about the hymns' authors, consider what the lyrics say about God, and what the lyrics can teach us about following the way of Jesus.

Materials: Provided

Classes: Thursday Evenings

Leader: Sarah Morice Brubaker

Length: 6 weeks

Dates: First session starts February 19th 6:00 -7:00 pm.

Corner



Dear Missy,

Tell me more about "In-Service" Sunday – how are projects picked, what's the purpose, etc? Also wanted to know what we plan to do for the Day Center for the Homeless, aren't we serving meals anymore?

Signed,
Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring,

You've come to the right place to get your questions answered on both these mission-focused projects.

1) **In-Service Sunday:** Periodically, the entire congregation is involved in "doing worship" through hands-on projects right at the end of each worship service. A sub-team of the Mission Committee led by Jennifer Lawrence and Nicole Grafton, determines the needs of various entities or groups. This sub-team determines which ones they feel the church can meet, then an in-service date is set and the sub-team members get to work purchasing items and organizing for the Sunday event. There is a lot of behind the scenes work to make the packaging run smoothly. The team sets up and prepares items before the event and then cleans up and delivers the items after the event has occurred. Some of the past projects benefited Bunche School (snacks during Spring Break); Annual Conference Flood Bucket Collection (items needed during disaster); Carnegie Elementary (teacher appreciation gifts); and Bryce House (coats and toiletries with dopp kit). Each year different missions are selected.

The next in-service Sunday is set for March 1 to benefit Big Creek Mission in Kentucky. Yes, this is where our youth are going on Spring Break. You can help by bringing a roll of toilet paper or a roll of paper towels on that day to add to items being packed. Come and join in on doing worship!

2) **Housewarming Boxes:** In past years, New Haven has provided meals at the Day Center for the Homeless as an outreach mission to the homeless community in Tulsa. A sign up sheet is in the hallway to determine interest in continuing to provide meals. Also, the Day Center has expressed a need for material items for those transitioning to permanent housing. Monthly, they have approximately ten people move to permanent housing. They provide them with a housewarming box. The box is filled with items, such as dishtowels, potholders, a twin sheet set, blanket, kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies, pots and pans. Total cost is approximately \$85 - \$95 to fill a box (if items are mainly purchased from the "Dollar" stores).

If you, a Sunday school class, or other group / organization would like to become involved and make a difference in people's lives, then sign up to fill a box. Empty cardboard boxes will be given to those signing up. Boxes can be returned to the church for delivery. We will add a note of blessing and well wishes from New Haven United Methodist Church before delivering the box back to the Day Center.

Blessings,
Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Praise His Name in Dance!

Interested in leading in worship through dance? If so, please join Footprints at 3:30 in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. Those in 2nd grade and up, including youth and adults, are welcome to come! The next time we dance is March 29, Palm Sunday. For more information, call Deena at 918-693-4828.



HAVE A HEART!!!

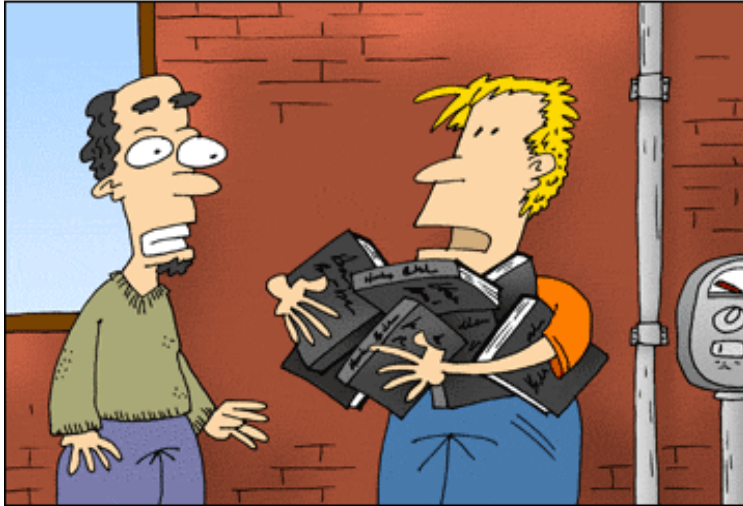
We still have hearts for you to pick up in the narthex with the names of our New Haven children listed on them. We are asking for you to take one or more hearts and pray for the children listed on that heart from now through the Lenten season. They will be blessed and so will you!!!



The Acolyte Training has been rescheduled for February 22nd after the 2nd service. We will have a quick lunch beforehand. We are asking that you attend with your children so you will be aware of the importance of your child serving as an acolyte, as well as the expectations that we have for them. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Allyson Cauthon

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GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS

HAVE YOU HEARD THE HYMNS FOR THE OVER-60 CROWD?

1. Precious Lord, Take My Hand. . .and Help Me Up
2. It Is Well With My Soul. . But My Knees Hurt
3. Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
4. Just a Slower Walk With Thee
5. Count Your Many Birthdays, Name Them One by One
6. Go Tell It On the Mountain. . but Speak Up
7. Give Me the Old Timer's Religion
8. Blessed Insurance
- and the all time favorite.
9. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah. . .I've Forgotten Where I Parked!

TWO DISTRICT CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

1: To Dissolve the Tulsa District Corporation

The first will be the last District Conference of the Tulsa District. It will be held Sunday February 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Boston Avenue UMC. This District Conference will conclude the business of Tulsa District and give the Trustees permission to dissolve the Tulsa District Corporation.

#2: First District Conference of the Council Oak District

The second will be a joint Pre Conference Meeting and the first District Conference of the new Council Oak District. It will be held Sunday afternoon May 3, 2015 in Thomas Hall at Tulsa First UMC. In this Conference we will celebrate the beginning of a new District, elect officers, and establish a budget. We are still working on the timing of the afternoon events.

Members of the District Conference include: all clergy (elders, deacons, provisional members, associate members, retired, supernumerary, and local pastors); deaconesses and home missionaries; diaconal ministers, the lay leaders from each local church; the presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men from each church; the district trustees; The District Lay Leader and any associate District Lay Leaders; the lay members of the Annual Conference from each charge; the district president of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and Youth Ministries Council; the district representatives to the Conference Council on Youth Ministries; the district representative to the Conference Department of Congregational Development; and the chairperson of the district Finance Committee.

Opportunities of the Week February 22 ~ March 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
12:15 pm Acolyte Training/Gym
2:00 pm District Conference/Boston Ave
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children
5:00 pm Disciple II
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 6:00 pm Cadet Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Sanctuary
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
6:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 6:00 pm "Meeting God in Hymns"/Chapel
6:00 pm "The Book of Revelation"/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 5:00 pm Blue & Gold Scout Dinner/Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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
12:15 pm Big Creek Mission Meeting
2:00 pm Girl Scout Planning Event/Gym
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Will Scruggs	2
J.J. Sartaín	3
Regina LaGrone	6
Linda Jaeger	9
Caitlin Riffin	9
Vetus Vanderwiele	9
Shirley Nelson	10
Marianne Duiveman	15
Jocelyn Schifferdecker	16
Kegan Schifferdecker	17
Dot Haynes	23
Ginny Lamkin	23
Stella Schwartz	23
Mary Anne Tyler	23
Jean Smith	24
Michael Sherwin	26



**THE UMW STILL HAS
PECANS TO SELL!
THEY ARE IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE
AND SELL FOR \$12
A BAG. ALL THE
SALES WILL GO
TOWARDS
MISSIONS AT
NEW HAVEN UMC!**

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

8:45 am— 78

11:00 am—108

TOTAL—186

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:

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
"Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith
Questions"

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

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Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
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Teresa Roberts	Organist
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