



Our “Camp Meeting” days are almost upon us! For three weeks

(starting this Sunday) worship will be offered in a more casual atmosphere as we gather together in good ‘ole camp meet-in’ style!

For those who may not be familiar with this summertime celebration, I thought I would share a bit of it’s history.

The American camp meeting was born around 1800. Early camp meetings drew thousands of believers. Settlers would gather for meetings often characterized by ceaseless praying, fervent preaching, and wild scenes of extended response. These scenes were extremely lively. Hundreds and sometimes thousands of people would flood the encampments with canvas tents prepared for days of communion with God. Attendance could reach as high as 20,000!

In fact, in 1811, Bishop Francis Asbury, the first American Methodist bishop, declared: *“Camp-Meetings! Camp-Meetings! The Battle axe and weapon of war—it will break down the walls of wickedness,*

## Cindy's Chalkboard

*forts of hell”*. From its beginning, the camp meeting was designed to steel saints against the devil and convert sinners from their error.

words, the Holy Spirit is not to be hurried!!

Like their pioneer predecessors, many camp meeting at-

### Camp Meeting Days: Our Summertime Heritage

The typical day at camp began with prayer at daybreak followed by an 8:00 a.m. devotion and singing. Then, at 11 o’clock, the main morning service was held with a full-fledged sermon. Lunch was followed by private prayer meetings. After supper, worship began again in earnest.

The evening worship service often included raucous altar calls where penitents would gather at the mourner’s bench or in mourner’s tents; prayers of repentance could last until the early hours of the day.

Camp meetings were widely publicized and attended... It’s interesting to note that these announcements only listed the opening time and date! A July 1914 advertisement for a meeting in Seattle, Washington said: “Camp Meeting begins July 15th and continues one month or longer”. In other

tendees camped out in canvas tents and cooked meals over open fires. Freewill offerings were asked of participating churches to support the care of the people during this time.

A large dining tent was built and meals served to all who attended. Tents and cots were also free. No charge was made for supplies of any kind. All they asked was that people bring their own bedding and things for their own personal needs.

**Join us as we gather to remember our rich tradition of revivalism beginning July 26th.** Expect a few changes in the setting, but come prepared to meet the same God that visited the pioneer camps and brought together people in Jesus’ name for faith, unity and revival!

Let the fun and praising our Lord begin! - Pastor Cindy

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

### OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Jan Boyd; Bobbie Scott

### 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; Tonya Ford's mom, Laney Higgins; Easter Moore; Greg Pape's mother; Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie and other family members; Patrick Grafton's mom, Colleen; 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

## From Patrick's Desk. . .

Howdy church!

I hope that you're all doing your best to stay cool in this hot weather. We're promised another scorcher of a week at my last check. But at least the dog days of summer came much later than usual. I wanted to share a thank you with each and every one of you as our youth have returned from yet another incredible experience at District Camp. This was a special one as well since it was the last Tulsa District Camp. Next year will of course be the first year of the Council Oak District! With this week's sermon about money my thanks goes out to a church that provided scholarship money to each of our youth members making the financial obligation easier to handle for each of their families. Church camps have changed lives of many youth including ours. Some even came from these camps feeling a call to serve the Lord through ordained ministry. So thank you from the bottom of my heart! I would also encourage each of you to find a member of the group and have them share their camp experience with you. Thank you and God bless!

## New Haven Day School is looking for teachers and subs!

Monday-Friday and Monday/Wednesday/Friday available, the hours are 8:30-3:00.

These positions begin August 2015.

Please email your resume to Kacie at [kaciekendricknhds@gmail.com](mailto:kaciekendricknhds@gmail.com).

We will be conducting interviews through the month of July.

## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

During the Sunday School hour on August 16th, New Haven will be hosting a "Backpacks and Blessings" event for those students (through 12th grade) in our congregation and neighborhood that will be starting school. We will have a light breakfast, as well as a time where we will pray over the students and their backpacks. Many of the students will come with a backpack, ready to start school; some will not, because the family cannot afford the cost. That's where New Haven comes in! We are asking for donations of new, gender-neutral, basic backpacks (no drawstring, please), in the range of \$20. Our goal is to collect at least 30. There will be a basket in the hallway to put your donations. If you have any questions, please let me know!

## Project Transformation

Thank you for your generosity for Project Transformation!

Our volunteers had a busy week helping improve the reading skills of the 64 children attending Project Transformation at Southern Hills UMC this week.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that read individually with the children: Cathy Amos, Doyle and Jan Boyd, Melinda Carver, Suzanne Davis, Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman, Paula Fox, Dick and Kay Garwood, Susan Harris, Pastor Cindy Havlik, Lou Lindsey, Phil Roberts, David Schifferdecker, Deena Smith, John Stutsman, David Toalson, Mary Anne Tyler, Helen Weeks, and Dodie Wood.

We appreciate Cathy Amos, Sam Puryear, David Toalson, and David Schifferdecker for going on the field trip to the fire station on Thursday afternoon.

A special thank you goes to our volunteers providing snacks and drinks for the children at Project Transformation: Cathy Amos, Tonya Ford, Paula Fox, Phil Roberts, and Mary Stutsman.

We greatly appreciate Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman for providing a dinner for the interns on Sunday evening.

The Friendship Class donated their VISA gift card to Project Transformation after winning the most creative basket at the fundraiser. Thank you for providing a meal for the fifteen interns. The interns were very appreciative.

Becky Puryear  
Missions Committee

# Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

What's this "Rice and Beans" event that is happening on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> that I keep hearing about?

Signed,  
Just Wondering

Glad you asked. The rice and beans event is about re-packaging rice and beans from larger bags into one-pound bags that can then be used by Restore Hope Ministries to give to the working poor families in the Tulsa area. Through the first six months of the year, Restore Hope Ministries has given close to 1,600 pounds of rice and 800 pounds of beans to those in need.

Come to the church gymnasium on Sunday, July 26 after the 11:00 a.m. service to help us re-package 300 pounds of rice and 300 pounds of beans. This represents a five-week supply of rice and a ten-week supply of beans for Restore Hope Ministries.

We will have six stations set up in the gym with five people working per station. We plan to rotate people as we are also having a rice and beans meal prepared by our own Cajun Chef, Jude Blanchard. It won't take long and it is fun to do!

New Haven United Methodist Church is truly God's love in action!!!

Blessings,

Missy

**SEVERAL NEW HAVEN MEMBERS  
SPENT LAST SATURDAY MORNING  
WORKING AT DVIS**



**PROJECT  
TRANSFORMA-  
TION**

**DAY AT THE  
FIRE  
STATION**



**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## Opportunities of the Week July 26 ~ August 2

### SUNDAY, July 26

- 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 Rice & Bean Luncheon and Packaging for Restore Hope  
 5:00 pm Disciple Class Reunion/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, July 27

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, July 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 30

- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Day Center  
 6:00 pm Praise Band  
 7:15 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church  
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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7. Mycroft LaGrone  
 14. Luke Stevenson  
 16. Greg Green  
 17. Gabriel VanDyke  
 Jeff Cauthon  
 David Schifferdecker  
 19. John Manuel  
 20. Betty Siegismund  
 21. Cindy Havlik  
 23. Jennifer Roberts  
 28. Marjorie Stewart



## Birthday Party!

**You are invited to come to the Parlor right after the 11:00 am service on Sunday, August 2nd to celebrate Marion Wilkerson on her 95th birthday!!! We'll have cake and a "card shower" and the opportunity to tell our sweet Marion how much she means to each of us!  
 Hosted by Shelley Worrell and Friends.**

## ATTENDANCE

**July 19, 2015**  
**8:45 am – 87**  
**11:00 am – 96**  
**TOTAL – 183**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**TOTAL: 66**

## 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**  
"How Jesus Became God"

**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](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

## New Haven Staff Members

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