



Often on a Sunday morning, I hear these questions:

Why are there different colors in the Sanctuary; why do you change the color of the stole on your clergy robe?

The linens and cloth used on our altar, pulpit and lectern are called “paraments”. The colors of the paraments reflect the traditional colors of the seasons of the Christian year.

Don Gregory is our “Altar Master”, who makes sure the paraments are changed as the seasons of the Christian year change. Thank you, Don! Often the paraments are embellished with specific symbols appropriate to the Christian season.

The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas Cycle

Why Different Color Altar Cloths and Stoles?

(Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). In each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple (or blue) and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle there is an ordinary time of growth symbolized the color green. This makes a sequence of seasons using purple (or blue), white, and green (in that order) twice each year.

At New Haven UMC, blue is used during the Advent season to symbolize hope. Purple (representing royalty and penitence), is used during the season of Lent. White and gold are used at Christmas and Easter to symbolize joy. White is also displayed the first Sunday of every month to denote Communion Sunday.

Red (my favorite color for our Sanctuary) symbolizes the color of fire representing the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Red is also used for ordinations, church anniversaries and civil observances such as Memorial Day and Thanksgiving. Green represents growth and is used during Ordinary Time (the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.)

When you come to church this next Sunday, stop and look around. Can you tell which liturgical season is represented? If you need a little help with this...look for the name of the liturgical color in the upper right corner of the worship bulletin!

Praising God with you during All the seasons of the church!
- Pastor Cindy

Fourth of July Parade and Fun Activities!!

Invite your friends and neighbors to come to our Annual Neighborhood Parade and Festivities this Saturday, July 4th, from 10am-Noon! Every year, we have a crowd of people attend! Come and join us!

Bring your bikes, trikes, flags, wagons, strollers, skates, and

whatever else you might need to parade around the block!

We will have all kinds of things available to decorate your bikes, starting at 10:00 am. The parade begins around 10:30 with police escort. After the parade, we will have cookies, sno-cones, drinks and fun inflatables for the children

along with other great activities.

If you are able, bring cookies for this event... we will need a lot to share with this huge crowd!!

Come join us in this fun time of celebration!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Donita Gray; Nicole Grafton

In Memory of Fran Palm who went to be with her heavenly Father on June 24, 2015.

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Cynthia Mabrey's nephew, Gabe; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Peter Havlik's father, Ladislav Havlik; Tonya Ford's mom, Laney Higgins; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW HAVEN'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND FESTIVITIES!!!

Invite your friends and neighbors, old and young, to come to our Annual Neighborhood Parade & Festivities on Saturday, July 4th from 10am-Noon. Bring your bikes, trikes, flags, wagons, strollers, skates, and whatever else you need to join our parade around the block! We'll have things available to decorate your bikes with at 10:00 am and the parade begins around 10:30 with police escort. Afterwards, we have cookies, sno cones, drinks and fun inflatables along with other great activities. **A huge "thank you" to all who have signed up or verbally let me know that you will bring cookies for this event! We'll need them all!**

Welcome to the world, Anderson Cole Grafton!

This precious one arrived at 8:07 am on Saturday, June 27th, weighing in at 7 lbs, 6 oz, 20 1/2 inches long. Our new little grandson came into the world in a rush with an emergency c-section after a long and difficult labor. Baby is doing great! We are overjoyed at this amazing gift of life.

Thank you, Lord!

Pastor Cindy and Peter



THE FATHERHOOD CYCLE

4 years: "My Daddy can do anything."

7 years: "My Dad knows a lot, a whole lot."

12 years: "Oh, well - naturally - Father doesn't know that either."

14 years: "Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned."

21 years: "Oh, that man is so out-of-date. What did you expect?"

25 years: "He knows a little bit about it - but not much."

30 years: "Maybe we ought to find out what Dad thinks."

35 years: "Let's ask Dad what he would do before we make a decision."

40 years: "I wonder what Dad would have thought about that? He was pretty smart."

50 years: "My Dad knew absolutely everything."

60 years: "I'd give anything if Dad were here so I could talk this over with him. I really miss that man."



Dear Congregation,

I would like to know the number of members that are volunteering at various agencies around town. The report below shows only Mission Committee sponsored events. **However, I would like to hear from you on where you serve beyond what the Mission Committee is reporting.** Contact me at dcktoalson@cox.net or call at 918-906-8552 to help me get an accurate count.

Here are some statistics from the Mission-sponsored events at New Haven UMC:

DESCRIPTION—YTD June 30, 2015 Volunteers Volunteer Hours # Served

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Bus Stop Ministry	9	359	4,050*
In-Service Sunday	179	19	460
Respite Care	12	132	38
Exodus House	8	25	1
Day Center for the Homeless - boxes	11	35	14
Day Center for the Homeless - meals	14	76	122
Ronald McDonald House	6	72	330**
Crosses of Love	2	15	50
Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma	10	25	301
Murdock Villa	12	22	40
Skyline Urban Ministries - underwear	80	40	142
Project Transformation	33	57	54
Totals (Estimate)	430	877	5,602

* represents approximately 45 children per day

**represents approximately 30 people served meals each event

Upcoming Opportunities:

- ◆ **Project Transformation** – A summer literacy program for underserved children. New Haven provides readers one week during the summer. Our week is July 13 – 16. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway for various ways to support this mission.
- ◆ **Respite Care** – Children with special needs and their siblings come for a fun time away from home. Next respite care is Saturday, July 11 from 3 pm to 7 pm. Contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to serve. Respite Care Ministry Moment is July 12.
- ◆ **DVIS** - An agency that is helping to rebuild lives affected by domestic violence, sexual assault through counseling, advocacy, shelter and education. A group of people will be helping to organize the donation room on Saturday morning, July 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Sign-up for this event is in the hallway. Mini-bus will depart that day at 8:30 a.m. from church parking lot.
- ◆ **Restore Hope** – A mission with a focus to restore families in financial crisis and help the working poor in the Tulsa area. An event to package rice and beans will occur on Sunday, July 26. Contact Kay or Dick Garwood at 918-492-8628 or kgee_me@yahoo.com to volunteer for team support of this event. Lunch of rice and beans will follow the event in the gym.
- ◆ **Day Center for the Homeless** – meal to be served at the downtown center on Thursday, July 30. Contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or phil.roberts@cox.net to help with this meal.

Blessings,
Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week July 5 ~ 12

SUNDAY, July 5

- 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 SPRC Meeting/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, July 6

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, July 7

- 6:30 pm Missions Committee at Restore Hope/Transportation available from New Haven at 5:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 1:00 pm Susanna Circle goes to Murdock Villa
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 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



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



SAFE SANCTUARY

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. This is REQUIRED training for anyone who works with our children and youth, including Bus Stop, Respite Care, Sunday School & Children's Church.

ATTENDANCE

June 28 2015
8:45 am – 72
11:00 am – 121
TOTAL – 193

SUNDAY SCHOOL
TOTAL: 60

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. 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
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Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
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