



THE SPIRE

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by being God’s Love in Action.”*

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Stewardship packets were mailed this past week—and I am

hopeful you have received yours by now! This year’s theme is **“Earn. Save. Give.”** based on the book of the same title from James A. Harnish. Copies of this book are available in the Guest Services area! I hope you enjoy having them.

I also hope you enjoy our video clips shown during worship over these next three weeks. Isn’t it wonderful to see and hear from those we know and love about their journey of faith and giving?

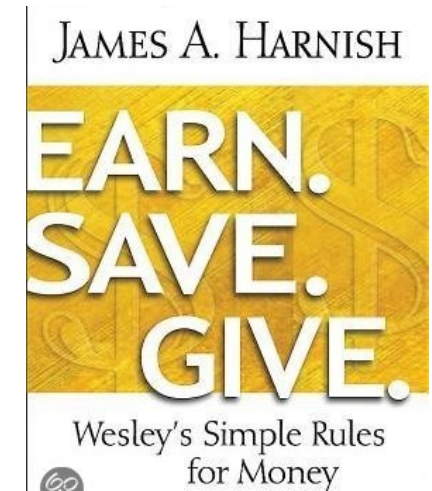
So many at New Haven UMC have consistently supported Christ’s work through our church. It is a gift of great joy to know that our giving is help-

ing change lives for Christ. Together, we are able to assist those in need and offer hope to those who are hurting in this world.

It goes without saying, that stewardship isn’t something that comes upon us in the fall of each year. It’s a year-round calling on our life; a day-in and day out kind of living. And the truth is, stewardship isn’t just about money. Stewardship is about giving of ourselves; our time, our efforts, our gifts and graces that help build God’s kingdom here on earth!

You need to know that your church needs you, and God needs you! Remember that everything you have is God’s gift to you. Remember that God has a vision for us, and gives us the opportunity to participate in the building the kingdom here on earth.

Your packet included response cards for financial giving as well as in your time and talents toward ministry and mission opportunities.



I invite you to join me in deep, earnest prayer as we contemplate what it is that God is leading us to do.

Join me in a celebration of our giving on **Sunday, October 11th** during worship!
- Pastor Cindy

Congratulations, Susan Harris! 2015 Vision in Education Leadership Award

Our own **Susan Harris** is the Tulsa Community College Foundation 2015 Vision in Education Leadership Award recipient!

Susan received the award this past Thursday evening at the Cox Business Center in downtown Tulsa. She was honored for her exemplary service to

Tulsa’s progress in education in her role as Senior Vice President of Education and Workforce Development at the Tulsa Regional Chamber.

The Vision Award is presented annually to an individual dedicated to education excellence and community leadership. Funds raised by the Vision Din-

ner support student scholarships, academic conferences for students, presentations by noted scholars and enhancements in classrooms at TCC.

We couldn’t be more proud of you, Susan! Congratulations on all of your efforts to make a significant difference in people’s lives through education!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Marion Wilkerson;
Rick Davis; 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, Michael Taylor's mother; Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Greg Pape's mother; Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Ron Cunningham's dad.; 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

Six New Haven Members Spent an Evening at the Community Food Bank on Sept. 22nd



ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

I recently came across an article in "Children's Ministry Magazine" about apps that are great for kids. I've looked at all of these and plan to download them onto a tablet for our house. Most of them are free, which is great! For more information, you can use the provided links.

Bible App for Kids (<https://www.bible.com/kids>) – This is the kid version of the incredibly popular YouVersion app. It's just as useful—and just as free—as the grown-up version.

Buddy Quest (<http://buddyquest.com/>) – It help kids "learn and practice biblical virtues in the real world." There's a free parent app that helps parents and kids connect on the things kids are learning. Sign up for an email to alert you when it's available.

ChoreMonster (<https://www.choremonster.com/>) – This helps parents and kids track chores. Each chore is worth a certain number of points, and kids can turn in points to buy items such as money, TV time, a video game, and other things.

Hunger Crunch (<http://www.hungercrunch.com/>) – It has in-app purchases, but every penny goes toward feeding hungry kids. The app just won Facebook's Social App of the Year award.

Parent Cue (<http://theparentcue.org/app/>) – Costs \$1.99, and comes with constantly updated content that lets kids and parents connect about spiritual matters. There are videos, activities, and questions, divided into sections, such as Drive Time, Meal Time, and Parent Time.

YouTube Kids (Downloadable from iTunes or Google Play) – A free app that lets kids safely search for video appropriate for them. You can't upload, share, or comment on this version of YouTube. And the search function is beefed-up and ready to block anything inappropriate. Kids love videos, and this is a safe way for kids to watch them.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR THREE?

Our beautiful flower beds at New Haven are in dire need of some love! Weeds and grass have grown up into the shrubbery and flowers and we do not have a service that takes care of this problem. So, we have set aside the morning of **October 10th from 9am to noon** for a time for anyone who wants to be of service to your church in this way to come, enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded people and do a little weeding! Please bring your own spade, garden gloves, snacks and drinks and join us as we "pretty up" our garden! Please contact David Johnson if you can help! djohnson@tulsacc.edu or 918-744-7055.

Thank You . . . Thank You . . . Thank You!

Mission Corner



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.

Description – YTD Sept 30, 2015	Unique Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	# Served
Bus Stop Ministry	14	458	5,355*
In-Service Sunday	185	23	960
Respite Care	12	169	51
Restore Hope	80	26	363
Exodus House	8	25	1
Day Center for the Homeless - boxes	15	38	15
Day Center for the Homeless - meals	17	141	244
Domestic Violence Intervention Services	14	49	50
Ronald McDonald House	6	96	420**
Crosses of Love	2	15	50
Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma	14	40	551
Murdock Villa	12	22	40
Skyline Urban Ministries - underwear	80	40	142
Project Transformation	40	167	133
Totals (Estimate)	499	1,309	8,375

* represents approximately 45 children per day

**represents approximately 30 people served meals each event

Upcoming Opportunities:

- **Respite Care** – Children with special needs and their siblings come for a fun time away from home. Next respite care is Saturday, October 10 from 3 pm to 7 pm. Contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to serve.
- **Bus Stop Ministry** – Children from elementary age to high school come to the New Haven gymnasium on school day mornings to enjoy a snack, play games, do homework, visit, and get out of the weather. The first group arrives around 6:45 a.m. and the last group leaves before 8:00 a.m. Sign-up using the calendar on the table in the hallway or contact Paula Fox at 918-808-8492 or paulajfox@cox.net.
- **Restore Hope** – A mission with a focus to restore families in financial crisis and help the working poor in the Tulsa area. Mountain of Food is coming! Forms to purchase food will be handed out soon. Complete it and help us build a "Mountain" in our sanctuary. Contact Kay or Dick Garwood at 918-492-8628 or kgee_me@yahoo.com to volunteer for team support of this event.
- **Day Center for the Homeless** – meal to be served at the downtown center on Friday, October 23. Look for sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway or contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or phil.roberts@cox.net to help prepare or serve the meal.

Blessings,
Missy

Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week

October 4 ~ 11

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals/Front Lawn
4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
5:00 pm Social Principles of the UMC
5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 6:00 pm Disciple I Fast Track/Off Site
6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
6:00 pm "A Bead and A Prayer"/Chapel
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm One Spirit Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 am Volunteers Work in NHUMC Gardens
10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Commitment Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
4:00 pm Pre-Charge Conference/Parlor
4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
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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



October Birthdays

- Richard Jaeger
- Betty Hodge
- Brett Hensley
- Bill Ford
- George Stevenson
- Paula Fox
- Kate Scruggs
- Nancy Gunter
- Mark Morgan
- Janet Hopkins
- Kent Toalson
- Diane Kaufmann
- Quentin VanDyke
- Greg Gotcher
- Sam Puryear
- Teresa Roberts
- Sue Duncan
- Kala Morgan
- Emily Painter
- Virginia Kingsolver

DO YOU WANT YOUR PET TO RECEIVE A BLESSING?

BRING IT (ON A LEASH ON IN A CAGE) TO OUR FRONT LAWN NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 4 AT 3 PM!!! LET REV. JAN BOYD BLESS YOUR "BEST FRIEND" IN THE MANNER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

8:45 am—76

11:00 am—104

TOTAL—180

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 65

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
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

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