



THE SPIRE

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*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God’s Love in Action.”*

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This past Sunday at the 11:00 service, we read an “Affirmation

of Faith” that we don’t use very often. This particular one is based on Romans 8:35-39, and asks the question, “*Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?*” That’s an important question to consider. What we really want to know is, does God love us forever?

Sometimes we fall short of the mark we know God wants for us. How does God really feel about me when I’m not all that kind to my family or friends? When I snap at someone because I’m tired or impatient? How does he feel about me then? Have you ever wondered if we can drift too far

Cindy's Chalkboard

from God? Wait too long? Can anything separate us from the love of God?

God answered our question before we asked it with one of the most important words God has to offer: “grace”. That undeserved, unearned gift that reminds us that we are loved simply because we are God’s child. Every one of us.

But that doesn’t get us off the hook. Max Lucado, a dynamic Christian author, tells us, “*God doesn’t condone our sin, nor does he compromise his standard. He doesn’t ignore our rebellion, nor does he relax his demands. Rather than dismiss our sin, he assumes our sin...*

and we are redeemed.”

Grace is nothing new. God’s mercy predates the Apostle Paul, King David and even Abraham. It even predates creation. It certainly predates any sin we’ve committed. God’s grace is older than our sin and greater than our sin. Too good to be true? Better yet... so true.... it is good!

Share that word “grace” with someone you know. Remind them that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.

Walking in grace with you.
- Pastor Cindy

Important Meetings Coming Up!!

As the time gets closer to our upcoming **Administrative Council “Pre-Charge Conference” on Sunday, October 11th at 4:00 pm**, and our **“Cluster Charge Conference” on Sunday, November 1st**, we are busy preparing for these very important events!

Our first meeting will take place under the direction of our own Administrative Council

leadership here at NHUMC. **Rev. Dan Peil** will preside over our second meeting at Christ UMC along with 5 other churches in our “cluster”.

This is an exciting time for the church - a new way of doing ministry and remembering all that God has done in leading this congregation and other churches in this community! When all is said and done, we

will join together in a resounding “Halleluiah!”!

An added bonus? Our own **Praise and Worship Band** under the leadership of Stephen Merrick will be offering the music at our “Cluster” Charge Conference event! How wonderful is that?

We look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Marion Wilkerson;
Rick Davis



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

MEN'S BRUNCH BUNCH

1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us, "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." That's a pretty good definition of the mission of the New Haven Men's Fellowship. All the men of New Haven are welcome. Men have a tendency to "go it alone" until they mature enough to understand that nobody does it all by himself. A wise man learns from the experiences of other men. We sharpen each other like steel on steel and get stronger with friendship.

Join us for an hour of Fellowship and a Great Brunch at our next meeting 09/26 at 10am in the Parlor. May God Bless!

John W. Manuel

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

ACOLYTE TRAINING ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Are you a 1st through 12th grader that is interested in becoming an Acolyte? If so, training is coming! Join us September 27th, after 2nd service (around 12:15), for a light lunch and training. This is an important job in our church and we'd love for you to be a part! If you have any questions, please talk to our Children's Director, Allyson Cauthon.

Christmas in Branson!

November 3-5, 2015

Reservations are being accepted for our trip to Branson on November 3,4,5. We will see shows at Welk Theater, Branson Belle, and Moon River Theater plus shopping and dining! The cost for double occupancy is \$260.00 and single occupancy is \$344.00. Our driver will be the ever capable and talented Greg Gotcher! Please call Shirley Nelson to make your reservation.

New Haven United Methodist Church is Seeking:

CHURCH BUSINESS MANAGER (Part time)

Job Title: Church Business Manager

Reports To: Senior Pastor, New Haven United Methodist Church

Job Brief: Detail oriented individual responsible for business activities of the church including oversight for operations, general office, finance, properties and administrative records. Works closely with Senior Pastor and layperson Chairs of Finance and Trustee committees. Establishes and has oversight for personnel policies. Does not oversee staff performance.

Qualifications:

Associate or Bachelor in Business degree or related work experience

2-5 years experience in business management

Proficient in Microsoft Office, i.e. Word, Outlook, Excel, Publisher

Excellent oral, written and inter-personal communication skills

Flexibility in working with schedules and multiple demands

Gain proficiency in Power Church software

Work expectations:

15 hours per week

12:00 pm – 4:30 pm Tuesday-Thursday

Attend Trustees, Finance, Administrative Council meetings

Salary commensurate with experience. Complete job description available upon request. Please send resume to Rev. Cindy Havlik

cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org

Corner**Dear Missy,**

I heard we are having a party for one of our own – Markwen Johnson! Let me know the details. I'm ready to celebrate his graduation with him.

Signed,
Party on

Dear Party on,

Markwen Johnson, our current resident at the Exodus House in Tulsa, is graduating on Tuesday, October 6 with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St Luke's Redemption Church (1839 N. Boston Ave.). You are invited to attend!

Exodus House is a transitional living program of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries. These are small apartment complexes where people newly released from prison can live while they re-enter life successfully outside prison walls. There are two Exodus Houses in Oklahoma – OKC and Tulsa. Each house has staff members, a case manager and a facility manager.

The Exodus House in Tulsa is located at 2624 E Newton Street. New Haven furnishes a one-bedroom apartment at the Exodus House in Tulsa – complete with linens, cooking and eating utensils, decorations and furniture. These apartments are provided free of charge, except for the cost of electricity. Upon completion of the program, the resident may take all the furnishings and contents when they move. Once the resident moves, New Haven will paint, repair and replace items for the next resident. New Haven will be asking for donations of furniture and furnishing soon!

The program on Tuesday includes dinner. New Haven UMC will provide the entrée. Come and enjoy this time of celebration with us. If you have further questions, contact Jan Boyd at 918-691-1622 or revmumz99@cox.net.

Blessings,
Missy



Come and Experience It!

NOTES FROM PATRICK'S DESK.

YAY for fall!!!! My I've so enjoyed these days of cooler weather. I can't wait for snow. And yes I accept all of the comments that were just said in folks heads towards my liking of snow! ☺

In all seriousness as we approach the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas I hope that just as our sermon this week reminded us – begin taking stock of folks that we need to forgive – which may include ourselves.

Use this time to reflect on the Lord's prayer. He didn't teach it to us for show. It's the perfect prayer, and gives each of us the single condition of asking for forgiveness while also giving the forgiveness with the same Spirit that we ask God for it ourselves.

A special thanks to everyone who have made donations to the youth snack bucket on the signup table. I was able to go to Sam's and restock the youth room with an incredible number of snacks, water, and other goodies!

How great it is to serve a church that not only understands and supports the spiritual growth, but also knows the stomachs of youth are limitless in their consumption! ☺ The youth are very appreciative, and were very excited to stock the youth café!

Make it a blessed week!

Opportunities of the Week September 27 ~ October 4

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 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 & Pizza
- 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, SEPTEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 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 Cornerstone Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 9:00 am DSAT New Member Breakfast/Gym

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
- 4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
- 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
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Class/185
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Late September Birthdays

- 23. David Johnson
- 28. Wayne Love
Jan Sellers
- 29. Jack Cearing

October Birthdays

- 2. Richard Jaeger
Betty Hodge
- 5. Brett Hensley
- 6. Bill Ford
George Stevenson
- 7. Paula Fox
Kate Scruggs
- 9. Nancy Gunter
- 10. Mark Morgan
- 14. Janet Hopkins
- 20. Kent Toalson
- 22. Diane Kaufmann
- 25. Quentin VanDyke
- 26. Greg Gotcher
Sam Puryear
Teresa Roberts
- 27. Sue Duncan
Kala Morgan
- 29. Emily Painter
- 31. Virginia Kingsolver



ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

8:45 am— 64

11:00 am—99

TOTAL—163

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 56

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

New Haven Staff Members

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| 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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