



# THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
by being God's Love in Action"*

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## It's a New Year!

It is a new year and a time for new beginnings! As we move into 2020 we will be focusing on vision. We have a leadership team working hard to provide guidance to the church, and

during the coming months we will be expanding participation in our group so that we, as a church, can begin to dream about our future. Vision is a key part of that future. Without a clear vision the organization dies. Rebekah Simon-Peter in her book ***Dream Like Jesus*** says Vision is about more than just adopting a mission statement. It is about dreaming about a world that is not yet a reality. It is about imagination and hope. In the next few months, we are going to be asking you to dream big. We are asking you to dream about a vision that is feisty, spirited and bold. We are asking you to dream about something that is so big that there's no way to do it by yourself (or without God!). To dream a dream that kind of scares you! A dream that calls for the flourishing of our community not just the mere survival of the institution. I am looking for a dream that inspires and unifies people.

Are you ready to Dream Like Jesus??? I am going to be offering our Sunday School classes the opportunity to study Rebekah Simon-Peter's book, ***Dream Like Jesus***, with me as we journey through Lent. I am hoping you will come along on this journey with me as we explore a bold new vision for New Haven United Methodist Church. I believe God has an exciting new future ahead for us!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James



## Footprints Liturgical Dancers



Footprints is starting to learn a new musical-theater-style dance for an upcoming worship service, and school-aged children through adults are welcome. **We meet on Sundays in the sanctuary from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm**, and we'd love to have you join us!

Please contact Deena Smith at 918-693-4828 for more information.

## UMPTENAGERS

**WHO? Umpteenagers and YOU**

**WHAT? Field trip to the Elsing Museum**

**WHEN? Wednesday, February 19 at 10:40 a.m.**  
**Then lunch at Zios Italian Kitchen**  
**across the street on Lewis**  
**(Note the change to Wednesday)**

**WHERE? On the campus of ORU Museum**

**WHY? Fellowship and lots of fun**



Visiting the Elsing Museum is a unique experience for exploring fascinating specimens that provide a glimpse into the past and information about the foundations of this world we inhabit. The Elsing Museum comprises an extensively rare collection of some of the world's most amazing gems, minerals, natural art, Indian artifacts, oriental artifacts, and much more. A visitor's first glimpse of the museum makes it clear that many years of dedication and careful selection by Mr. Willard Elsing has resulted in an irreplacably unique exhibit.

# Missions

All of you have participated in New Haven's 2019 Mission programs. Although, the 2019 mission reports have not been completed yet, it is safe to say New Haven has made a difference in the lives of approximately **7,000 individuals** in 2019 through our mission programs. To say "**Thank You**" doesn't seem like it quite covers it. BUT...Thank You! I am looking forward to working with you again this year in our efforts to improve the lives we touch through our mission programs.

Please contact me if you would be willing to accept the responsibility for coordinating one or more of our mission programs. We would like to set up a primary contact person for each of these programs.

## **Our current mission programs include:**

### **\*Crosses of Love**

**\*Day Center for the Homeless - Phil Roberts (Phil would welcome 1 coordinator for each of our four dates to work with him)**

### **\*Project Transformation**

Bus Stop Ministry - Paula Fox

In-Service Sunday -Danny Hall

Happy Children's Home -Stacy Schifferdecker

Restore Hope/Mountain of Food - Susan Harris

Exodus House - Jerry and Kathryn Fisher are currently supporting our latest resident

Community Food Bank - Dee Kemp

Undie Sunday - Radical Disciples

Angel Tree - Stacey Schifferdecker

Murdock Villa - Lou Lindsey

Operation School Bell - Dee Kemp

Memorial Tree - Adriaan

Partners in Education (Carnegie Elementary)-Tonya Ford

Mission Trip - David and Carolyn Toalson

**\*The top three missions still need a coordinator or co-coordinator, if you would like to volunteer or know more about one of our missions, please email Dee Kemp @ [thomas.kemp2@cox.net](mailto:thomas.kemp2@cox.net).**



## **Fit Families 2020**

### **Fit Families has rescheduled their program.**

The Food Thinkery presents: Fit Families 2020,  
a **free program** starting **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Space is limited to 30. Bring your family (age 6 and up), or just you and your spouse, and join us for **4 weeks in February** on **Wednesday nights starting at 6:30 pm**.

Food demonstrations, activities and free of charge!

Classes start **February 19<sup>th</sup>** and are taught by a registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator, Suzanne Forsberg and a food service specialist Rebecca. Registration required and space is limited.

**Sign up on is on the hall table or call the church office at 918-743-6491.**



**Save  
the  
Date!**

**VBS  
July 13 - 17  
2020**

**It's time to start making plans  
for this summer!**

**Your family won't want to  
miss the fun and excitement of VBS!  
So put these dates on your calendar  
July 13 - 17, 2020**



**Join the Fun in the Sun on Mystery Island**  
**Who is God? . . . Is there only one God?**  
**Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?**



Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At **Mystery Island**, prepare to be thrilled as we explore an intriguing tropical paradise while tracking down the one true God. For more information or to help with VBS contact Brittany Fox [brit8519@yahoo.com](mailto:brit8519@yahoo.com).



Mark your calendar and join us

February 26, 2020

6:00 pm

For Special Ash Wednesday Service

## SPIRE Newsletter

Starting in Next Month the **SPIRE** newsletter will be sent out **once a month**. Please plan ahead so your articles, activities, events, etc. are included.

The next issue of the **SPIRE** newsletter will be sent out during the first week of February, if you would like an article included, please email it **by 6:00 pm Sunday, February 2 to:** [carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org](mailto:carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org).



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## Opportunities of the Week

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

6:00 pm Day School Council - 161  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal  
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

1:00 pm Women's Grief Group - Parlor  
6:00 pm Praise Team  
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

10:00 am Pinewood Derby

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal  
4:30 pm Disciple 3  
5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

6:00 pm Writers' Group

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal  
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

6:00 pm Praise Team  
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal  
4:30 pm Disciple 3  
5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

6:00 pm Writers' Group

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

## January Birthdays

- 19 Stephen Merrick
- 20 Derek Lamkin
- 21 Dwayne Boyd
- 23 Pastor James Graham
- 28 Bryce Percival  
Julian Smith
- 29 Mike Riggin

## February Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Coleman
- 2 Majorie Depoe
- 3 JJ Sartain
- 4 William Carthel
- 6 Jack Giffin



## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

**January 12, 2020**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 52  
11:00 am ~ 82  
Livestream ~ 17

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 52  
Children ~ 13  
Youth ~ 17

**January 26, 2020**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 46  
11:00 am ~ 87  
Livestream ~ 15

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 45

## PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Jan Boyd  
Jack Giffin  
Betty Fine  
Kelly Sartain  
Lynn Roach  
Joe Sanders  
Don Gregory  
Dodie Wood  
Quitman McCrory  
Our Military & First Responders



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