



# SPIRE

## News of New Haven United Methodist Church

**Our Mission:** *"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world, by being God's Love in Action"*  
**Our Vision:** *"to be a community of heart and soul"*

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Christ  
is  
Risen!

Alleluia



# Community of Heart & Soul



## Good morning Easter People!

We had a wonderful holy week and Easter Sunday! It was wonderful to see so many of you in worship on Easter Sunday! I have truly missed seeing each of you during this pandemic. As we continue to make adjustments, I want to be clear that we are still being very careful about possible Covid-19 transmission, but we do want you to know that if you are fully vaccinated and feel safe returning to worship, we would like for you to come back. At this time we are still working under a mask mandate while in the building

to ensure that extra level of protection for everyone involved. Our administrative council will meet soon to discuss how to transition back into more active church life. The CDC is beginning to loosen their restrictions, and as we see the infection rates drop and more people get vaccinated, we will begin to relax some of our restrictions as well.

All of our church staff have either been vaccinated or are in the process of seeking vaccination. We have a few of our teachers in the New Haven Day School that have not been vaccinated, but we have provided opportunities for them to receive the vaccine. While we can't require vaccination at this time, we are highly encouraging participation.

We are continuing to explore our vision of "being a community of heart and soul" and I would like to invite you to think about how we, as a part of our broader community, can express the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ to the members of our surrounding community. Just yesterday, I engaged with one of our neighbors to support and bring encouragement to a young girl who was robbed while working at Sonic. Through these efforts this young lady will be gifted with multiple cards of support and some financial gifts to help offset her loss and remind her that **LOVE WINS! Christ is Risen!** Let us bear witness to that good news!

Pastor James





**KIDS CORNER**

## Exciting things are happening with the children at New Haven United Methodist Church!

**Our community Easter egg hunt was a wonderful success!** We had a great turn out and fun was had by all. Thank you to all who helped to make it so!

We look forward to offering more community events this year as more folks are vaccinated and we can do so safely. **I will begin coordinating volunteers for our 2 big summer events soon: 4th of July parade, and in person Vacation Bible School!** If you would like to be involved, please

**contact me at [brit8519@yahoo.com](mailto:brit8519@yahoo.com).** It will be an exciting time as we bring our kids and community back together after a long year of isolation! As always, thank you for helping me to teach our kids and spread God's Love!

Love and blessings,

Brittany Fox  
Director of Children's Ministries



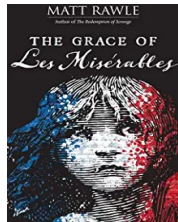
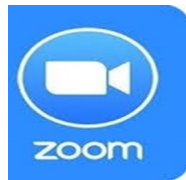


# 2 new opportunities

1. **Saturday, April 24th we will be gathering at Lafortune Park to participate in the Egan Challenge.** This is a 5k walk, run, bike ride, kite fly, whatever you want it to be, to benefit our own Camp Egan retreat center. The church has contributed money to be a church sponsor of this event. We will gather for the walk/run enjoy some fellowship in the park, and plan to break bread together in the form of hotdogs! Come join us! We have about a dozen people planning to attend currently. **If you are interested in joining us, please let Pastor James or Patrick know so we can have enough hot dogs for everyone!**

2. **Pastor James is starting a new online Zoom community called the Young Adult Connection (YAC).** Adults age 18-30 are invited to join us on Zoom for conversation, prayer, study, and fun. Our goal is to create a space and time for young adults to connect and grow in their faith even while pursuing an active life-style, working, attending college, etc. **Our first meeting will be Sunday, May 2nd at 6 p.m.** The Zoom link is: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88469067693?pwd=RFRHbjVBZkFscThPQUFGemxuR2pRZz09> Meeting ID: 884 6906 7693 Passcode: 369850. Please join us!

**Join our  
LIVE  
ZOOM Classes**



**10:00 am - The Grace of Les Misérables by Matt Rawle.** We are always asking God questions, for healing, for life decisions, for others in our lives, for jobs or better jobs, but what questions does God ask us? Join our lively class discussions as we seek to find the questions and answers. In the Grace of *Les Misérables*, Matt Rawle invites us to examine these themes through the lens of Christian faith. He does so via the characters, settings, and major plot elements of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. **Book is available to purchase on line at Amazon.com.** Call Stacey Schifferdecker for more information and ZOOM sign in

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**9:45 am - Fellowship Class** (visitors always welcome) will meet in Israel on We are visiting the homes of the four Gospel writers to see how they celebrated the coming of Jesus. Led by Danny Hall. Our first stop was Mark's basic and simple home. Clearly, Mark was not interested in Christmas decorations or even the miraculous birth of Jesus. Mark's focus was on the Good News and that Jesus came to change our lives forever--bringing hope for our despair. "Good Christian friends rejoice, Jesus Christ was born to save", was Mark's theme song.

If you would like to join us, call Danny at 918-640-3891 for log on information.



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**Tuesday Evenings 7:00 - 7:45 pm Roundtable Connection Class**  
**All are welcome!**

We are traveling through the book of Genesis looking at the familiar and sometimes unfamiliar stories through the lens of the ancient Jewish Rabbis.

We would love to have you join us as we explore the ins and outs of these stories.

For more information or to get the link to Zoom

**Call or text Jone Friesen at 918 445-1576 Email at [jone.w.friesen@gmail.com](mailto:jone.w.friesen@gmail.com)**





# BIRTHDAYS

## April

- 16 Denny Beebe
- 21 Adriaan Duiveman  
Mel Remondet
- 22 Patrick Grafton
- 25 Eileen Walker
- 26 Bailey Sartain

## May

- 5 Dana Henson
- 6 Luke Lamkin
- 7 Dodie Wood  
Chuck Berry
- 9 Joleen Taylor
- 10 Kim Percival
- 12 Bryant Lamkin

## May (continued)

- 15 Lynn Roach
- 17 David Duncan
- 20 Sandra Nicholson
- 24 Linda Stockstill
- 27 Mike Brummal
- 28 Michael Taylor
- 29 Debbie Love

## Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson  
Jan, Doyle & Dwayne Boyd  
Karyn Maio  
Ron Unterschut  
Carol Berry  
Kelly Sartain  
Dodie Wood

Tom Black  
Guy & Jan Duffield  
Greg Gotcher  
Mike Workman & Christene O'Toole  
Carol Morgan  
**SYMPATHY**  
Jerry & Kathryn & family



We thank our New Haven family for all the thoughts & prayers, calls, & cards we received on the sudden passing of our grandson.

Jerry & Kathryn Fisher

## Hear our prayers, O Lord



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