



# 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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## *Pastor Cindy's Chalkboard*

Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest who has written many books and been a guiding example of how to live our life following in the footsteps of Jesus. In one of his devotionals he shared the story of "The Mosaic That Shows Us the Face of God". *A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.*

*That is what our life in community is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: 'I make God visible.' But others who see us together can say: 'They make God visible.' Community is where humility and glory touch.*

For those of you who were in church Sunday and heard the incredible stories of our youth from their mission trip will understand what Nouwen is saying about community. The team went into one of the largest poverty stricken areas of our country, a place so very different from where any of us live. As they did, they found friends who said to them "You are my best friend and we love you". They connected so quickly as they were able to reach out and meet these people where they were and offer their love, as they danced with them, sang with them, played games with them. It did not take long before they realized we are all God's children. They helped in an elementary school and visited a home for disabled adults and were a part of giving food to those in need. In all these places they connected as Nouwen said: *Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world.*

Rev. Suzanne Davis



## PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



### OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Audrey Quinalty;  
Lana Gotcher; Kathryn Stevenson

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Carla Hefley's dad, Gerald Blissit; Kelly Sartain's father, John; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Lewis Cappellari; Mark Turner, Melba Turner's son; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Dorothy Thacker; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

## UMPTENAGERS TRIP CANCELLED

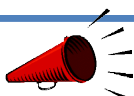
Due to several conflicts, Umpteenagers will not go to Yukon, OK this week, but have rescheduled the trip for Tuesday, April 21st. We'll leave the church at 9:00 am and return late that afternoon. More details in the Spire next month.

## NEW HAVEN'S NEWEST MEMBER!



We are thrilled to welcome Deborah Merrick into our membership! She joined at the 8:45 service on March 22nd. Deborah is the bride of our Director of Music Ministries, Stephen Merrick. Please give her a big welcome and get to know her!!!

## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. This year, we will have a **"Backwards Easter Egg Hunt"**.

The kids will find an empty egg and take it to the person that matches that color; there the child will hear part of the Easter story. If you can help with purchasing Easter eggs (or if you have some you won't be using!), then please bring them to the church and place them in the "Easter Egg" box found in the Guest Services area. Dollar Tree has them right now! Thanks!



Children's Moment during worship on March 8th

## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to order one or more lilies to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter morning, just fill out the form and bring it by the church office along with your payment. Be sure to write "Easter lily" in the memo line of your check. The lilies are **\$13.50 each**. **All orders must be turned in on or before Sunday, March 29th.**

(We also have order forms in your Sunday bulletins the next two weeks.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies I wish to order: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Corner****Dear Donor,****Dear Missy,**

I signed up to purchase items for a housewarming box for the Day Center a couple of weeks ago. I have the items ready but I am not sure what to do now. Can you help?

Signed,  
Day Center Donor

I'm pleased that you and so many others have agreed to complete housewarming boxes for the Day Center. Several boxes have already been delivered and will be used as homeless people transition into permanent housing. Here are some tips when completing your box:

Place all items listed on the checklist into the box.

Bring the box to the church office. If you do not have or want to pack the box, just bring the items in sacks to the church office and we will pack a box for you.

Do not tape the top of the box down – we want to add a note of welcome from New Haven United Methodist for the recipient.

Remove the checklist from the box as well.

You may need to take some items you purchased out of the original packaging in order for everything to fit in the box.

If you cannot fit all your purchases inside the box, bring them all to the church office anyway. We have our methods!

The Day Center staff is able to transition approximately ten people a month into permanent housing. These people are so appreciative. New Haven UMC is ensuring that they are welcomed into their new home by providing these housewarming boxes.

Blessings,

Missy

**Reminders:**

Bus Stop Ministry – every day that TPS is open, 6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., gym

Exodus House – need volunteers to provide transportation to and from church each Sunday; contact Adele Gruber at [adele.gruber@yahoo.com](mailto:adele.gruber@yahoo.com) or at 918-237-0267.

**Upcoming Events:**

Blessing of Crosses of Love – Sunday, March 29 during church services

Tulsa Food Bank – Tuesday, April 7, meet at 5:30 p.m. in church parking lot

Respite Care – Saturday, April 11, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., gym

Undie Sunday – collection begins April 12 - 26 (bring boys and girls underwear to place in boxes – no whites)

**Come and****Experience It!**



## Opportunities of the Week March 29 ~ April 5

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship and Children's Church**  
 9:45 am **Sunday School**  
 9:45 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt/ Front Lawn  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship and Children's Church**  
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
 4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children  
 5:00 pm Disciple II  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 5:00 pm Day School CPR Class/Parlor  
 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 6:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm ACOA/206  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 6:00 pm Praise Band  
 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service/ Sanctuary  
 7:15 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- 6:30 pm Good Friday Service/Sanctuary  
 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5 EASTER!

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship and Children's Church**  
 9:45 am **Sunday School**  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship and Children's Church**



### 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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Max LaGrone	3
Claretha Gotcher	4
Todd Morgan	4
Yuka Daughters	6
Marleigh Blanchard	10
Karen Gibbs	11
Will Roberts	12
Steve Amos	16
Rhonda Vardeman	19
Karen Jones	21
Kyler Smith	22
Craig Hannon	23
Janice Hannon	24
Steve Smith	25
Peter Havlik	26



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## ATTENDANCE

### MARCH 22, 2015

**8:45 am—104**

**11:00 am—108**

**TOTAL—212**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**TOTAL:**

**62**

**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**  
"How Jesus Became God"

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith Questions"

**THE UMW STILL HAS  
PECANS FOR SALE  
\$12/BAG**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
NEW HAVEN MISSIONS!**

**Stop by the office to  
purchase your pecans!**

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](mailto: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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