



# 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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This past Sunday we began Holy Week - the journey to the cross.

As our children came down the aisle waving their palm branches during worship, we were reminded of Jesus’ joyful entry into Jerusalem. The streets

## Cindy's Chalkboard

been in the dark places, until you’ve seen what seems to be the triumph of evil, the triumph of sin and brokenness, and finally the triumph and tragedy of death that wasn’t deserved. The crucifixion was simply the end of the beginning.

**Good Friday** is a religious holiday that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. We observe this day during Holy Week on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. You may also have heard the name Good

### Holy Week Explanation

were lined with people excited to see Jesus! This event is mentioned in all four Gospels.

We know, however, that there were hard events ahead. It would be easy to just skip over them and go straight to the celebration of Easter... But I don’t believe you can really understand and appreciate Easter until you’ve been to the cross. You can’t appreciate the power of the resurrection until you’ve

Before we celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to witness what transpired between Palm Sunday and Easter morning.

**Maundy Thursday**, also known as “Holy Thursday,” commemorates the sharing of the Last Supper with Jesus and the Apostles. We will re-enact this meal on **Thursday April 13th, at 6:30 pm** with the service of Holy Communion.

Friday by the names of “Holy Friday”, “Great Friday”, “Black Friday”, or “Easter Friday.” Our Good Friday service will take place at **6:30 pm on April 14th** in the Sanctuary. Directly after that service, we will walk the cross to the outside church yard.

Our journey has begun. Let us make our way to cross together. - Pastor Cindy

### Bright Sunday (Holy Humor) Sunday April 23rd!!

If you haven’t experienced it yet, you will have another chance to witness our annual “Holy Humor Sunday”! It’s called “Bright Sunday,” and it’s coming to you in worship on **April 23rd** (the Sunday after Easter!).

Bright Sunday comes from the

Eastern Orthodox tradition of continuing to spread the JOY of Easter in the ongoing celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.

For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed as the “days of joy and laughter” with parties and pic-

nicns to celebrate Jesus’ victory over death.

On this Holy Humor Sunday”, we will have a special “shared” message and a worship bulletin that will make you smile. Join us for lots of laughter and fun. Celebrate the Risen Christ with us!

**UNITED METHODIST CAMPGROUND  
PRESENTS**

**GOSPEL FEST IV  
AND SILENT AUCTION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD  
4:00 PM SILENT AUCTION  
5:00 PM SHOWTIME!**



*Featuring -*



- ◆ **ETERNITY**
- ◆ **SOUND DECISION**
- ◆ **TULSA FOUNDERS CHORUS**
- ◆ **TULSA METRO SOUND**

**Memorial Drive UMC  
7903 E. 15th St. Tulsa, OK**

**The Annual Friends of Children  
Banquet and Centennial Celebration**

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

1700 Northeast 63rd Street

Oklahoma City, OK

Attire: Semi-Formal

Keynote Speaker: [Jackie Joyner-Kersee](#), Renowned Olympic gold medalist and Youth Advocate

Tickets and Tables may be purchased online at [circleofcare.org](http://circleofcare.org) or by calling 405-530-2078.

**NEW STUDY**

**“CHRISTIANITY’S FAMILY TREE”**

**BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**9:45 AM IN THE GYM**

**ROUNDTABLE CONNECTION**

Using Adam Hamilton’s book “Christianity’s Family Tree,” we will explore the major beliefs of other denominations to see what we can learn that will strengthen our own Christian faith. Tapping in on the diversity of our group, weekly class discussion will be lead by different class members as they share their own religious upbringing experiences. If you are not already connected to a small group on Sunday mornings, please join us on April 23rd for brunch and an introduction to our new study. For more information, contact Robin Stevens at [rltstevens@mac.com](mailto:rltstevens@mac.com).

**DISCIPLE PATHWAY CONFERENCE**

**CLAREMORE FUMC**

**9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM**

**\$15. per person covers lunch and event**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Michelle Kirby, Associate Director of Discipleship at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas**

**Rev. Jeff Kirby, Minister of Discipleship at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas**

**Derrek Belase, Director for Discipleship for the Oklahoma Conference**

**Register online: <https://okumc.reg.brtapp.com/DiscipleshipPathwayConference>**

# Corner

## Finalizing & Blessing the "Crosses of Love"



65 BASKETS WERE DELIVERED TO RESTORE HOPE AND 10 BASKETS GIVEN TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

## Opportunities of the Week



### SUNDAY, APRIL 16 EASTER

6:30 am **Easter Sunrise Service**  
8:45 am **Contemporary Worship**  
9:45 am **Sunday School**  
9:45 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
11:00 am **Traditional Worship**

### MONDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185  
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm ACOA/210  
7:00 pm Bell Choir

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

### APRIL 23 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

8:45 am **Contemporary Worship**  
9:45 am **Sunday School**  
11:00 am **Traditional Worship**  
2-6 pm Council Oak District Youth  
Event at Keystone Lake  
4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB  
4:30 pm Disciple I  
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)  
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance

### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

## April Birthdays

8. Doris Foster  
13. Lindsay Morgan  
15. Jessie Myers  
16. Denny Beebe  
David Jaeger  
17. Louise Boyd  
21. Adriaan Duiveman  
Mel Remondet  
22. Patrick Grafton  
25. Eileen Walker  
Terry Tyler  
26. Kaelen Terry  
Bailey Sartain  
28. Betty Barton  
Becky Puryear



### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Kelly Sartain  
Dodie Wood  
Max Nightingale  
Carol Morgan  
Ovella Followell  
Claretha Gotcher

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Danny Hall's brother, Royce Boyd; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

### **Covenant Care** (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart  
Ovella Followell  
Rosemary Tarr  
Dot and Kelly Haynes  
Dorothy Koons  
Max Nightingale

## ATTENDANCE

**APRIL 9, 2017**

### Worship Services

8:45 am: 64  
11:00 am: 111  
Total: 175

### Sunday School

Adults-58  
Youth-8  
Children-8  
Day School Chapel-83

### ADULT CLASSES *Come join us at 9:45 am!*

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Parlor: Fellowship Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
"The Lives of Great Christians" by William Cook

**Room 103 Interlude Class**  
"Creed" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 206: New Haven 206 Connection Group** "The Wired Word"

**Room 161: Roundtable** "Christianity's Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

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 availability.

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# BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Enriched by our Diversity

Under God's control  
all the parts of the body fit  
together . . . so when each  
separate part works as it  
should, the whole body  
grows and builds itself up  
through love.  
Ephesians 4:16



Oklahoma Annual Conference  
May 30 - June 2, 2016

United in our Love

TULSA NEW HAVEN  
United Methodist Church

For 100% support of 2016 Conference Apportionments as a demonstration of the Church's commitment to fulfill Christ's mission through United Methodist Ministries, Institutions and Agencies.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James G. Nunn".

Dr. James G. Nunn, Bishop Oklahoma Area

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norma Quinn".

Dr. Norma Quinn, Conference Treasurer



JAMES G. NUNN  
BISHOP

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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE  
OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

February 21, 2017

When I came to Oklahoma I was immediately impressed with the scope of ministry that the churches in the conference had committed to support. As the year concluded I was equally struck by the number of churches fully participating in funding 100% of their apportionments in 2016. I believe every dollar is faithfully given to the church to make a difference somewhere in the world.

I write this note to express my gratitude to you for providing me a salary, a wonderful residence, and other benefits as well as sharing in costs for other bishops around the world who need our assistance.

I want to thank you for providing for our District Superintendents and for the staff of the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

And I wish to thank you on behalf of the thousands of people who may not be aware of your support. Some of those people have clean water, some have learned to produce crops for themselves, or have a place they call home because of you. Others are alive because you gave so that they can have needed medical care. Others have received higher education or training they might not otherwise attain. Still others are preparing their lives for Christian ministry and others have advocated for justice for the persecuted or oppressed.

Because of your generosity and our connection, United Methodists proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that share the good news and make a difference in the lives of people and entire communities.

With deep gratitude,

James G. Nunn  
Bishop, Oklahoma Area  
The United Methodist Church