



Excitement is in the air! We have begun our downstairs Children’s

Wing flooring project—how wonderful for the church and for the Day School!

It seems just a short time ago that we had our “March Forth!” capital campaign to raise funds to provide for much needed renovations and repair around this stunning church. You may recall



that we raised over \$300,000 over a three year period of time. Many projects have been completed in these past few years including church-wide lighting work, ceiling replacements, Chancel area renova-

## Cindy’s Chalkboard

tions, Church Spire repair, etc. A complete list of everything

most likely end up in the range of \$97,000 —money well

### Children’s Wing Flooring Project Nearing Completion!

that has been done is available in the church office! You’ll be amazed!

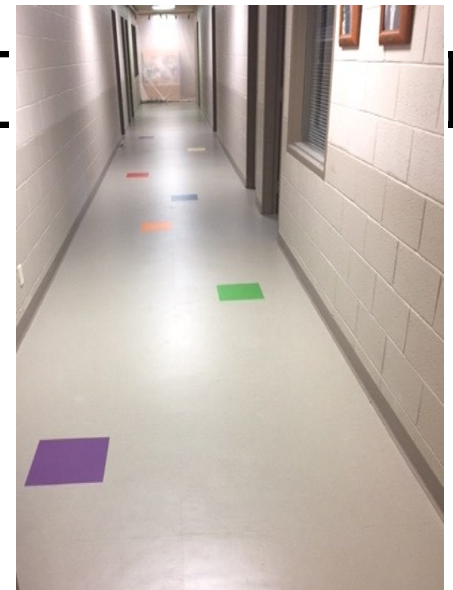


spent to care for the gift of God’s church for ministry. Thank you for your faithful giving that made this all possible.

A HUGE thank you to **Ron Cunningham** for spearheading this project from start to finish. His expertise and guidance have been invaluable. Thank you, Ron! We also give thanks to our awesome Trustees Committee who’s steadfast work and support for the project has led us thus far. Thank you for caring so deeply for our church properties that God has entrusted to us!

A few months ago, we completed the new flooring replacement on the second floor of the Children’s Wing—and it is simply wonderful. Once construction is completed downstairs (best estimate is end of May), please take time to tour both areas. You will LOVE the updates with new tiling and carpeting.

*All of this simply would not happen without your giving. This project alone will*



MEET AMANDA RUSSELL, our new resident in Exodus House. Please take a moment when you see her in worship services to give her a warm "New Haven" welcome!!!



## **NEW HAVEN UMC STAFF OPENING** **CHURCH BUSINESS MANAGER**

**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, Excel, Publisher, Outlook  
Excellent oral, written and inter-personal communication skills  
Flexibility in working with schedules and multiple demands  
Gain proficiency in Power Church and Quick Books software

30 hours per week. Salary commensurate with experience. For more information, or if you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to Pastor Cindy at: [cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org](mailto:cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org)

**Happy birthday to Rosemary Tarr who turns 98 years old on April 27th!!!**

## **UMPTENAGERS TO VISIT THE AQUARIUM ON MAY 16TH!**

One of the "neatest" places to visit in our wonderful state is in Jenks, America. . .the Oklahoma Aquarium!

Learn about aquatic life through interactive exhibits, daily animal feedings, and on an immersive tunnel experience where you can view the world's largest collection of bull sharks. Sounds exciting!

Plan to leave the church at 11:30 a.m. have lunch at the Waterfront Grill in Jenks, America, then visit the Aquarium at 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. There are benches throughout the museum where you may rest your feet during the visit!

The cost is \$9.00 a person. Plan to attend and invite a friend! Please call Shirley Nelson to sign up for this fun day! (918-615-6247)



## **Roundtable Connection Group**

**New study beginning April 30th.**

### **"Christianity's Family Tree"**

We will examine the unique & valuable perspectives of several Christian denominations & faith traditions.

If you aren't connected with a group on Sunday morning, join us from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. In the gym.

For more information contact Jone Friesen at [jone.w.friesen@gmail.com](mailto:jone.w.friesen@gmail.com)

## **Interim Director of Children's Ministry**

In the midst of our busy lives where there can be much uncertainty, the only constant in life is change. That holds true in the church, as well. Our gratitude and thanks extend to Paula Fox for leading our Children's Director position for this past year. Please join us in giving thanks as we celebrate Paula's service with us as our wonderful Children's Director, and for her heart and passion for Children's Ministry and her love for children. We also want to keep Paula in our prayers as she prepares for her upcoming back surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she prepares for surgery and her recovery in this time ahead.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has prayerfully considered options for the days and months ahead. The Committee has therefore announced an "extended" Interim Director of Children's Ministry. Rev. Robin Stevens will be leading our Children's Ministry area as a "long-term" interim – a position that will extend to one year.

The SPRC Committee has prayerfully discerned that this longer term interim commitment is meaningful for a variety of reasons. One is that would offer continuity within our children's ministry. Another benefit is that this position will draw from Robin's background and wealth of experience in Children's ministry.

Many of you know that Robin is a retired Ordained Deacon from the Central Texas Conference. Her experience includes teaching both Kindergarten and Preschool. She has both initiated and founded two church Day School ministries and served as Director. In her career, Robin has over 20 years' experience in Children's Ministries, including serving as Director of Children's Ministry in two churches.

Please welcome Robin on board as she begins the Interim position of Director of Children's Ministries!

### **PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISING AUCTION COMING UP ON JUNE 25th!**

The Project Transformation committee is already accepting gift baskets/goods/services for their annual fundraiser. Please contact Tiffany Sherwin at 918-457-6871 or email her at [zenbear2205@yahoo.com](mailto:zenbear2205@yahoo.com) if you wish make a donation for the silent auction.



## New Executive Director of New Haven UMC Day School

After a thorough search and the interview of several very qualified candidates, the New Haven Day School Council would like to announce the hiring of its new Executive Director. Please give a warm welcome to Cindy Taylor, who will begin her tenure with us on July 1<sup>st</sup>! Cindy comes to us with over thirty years' experience in education in Tulsa Public Schools. Cindy is a certified educator in Special Education, K-8 Elementary Education and K-8 Elementary Principal. Her experience ranges from teacher, School Based Counselor, Special Education teacher, Principal and Human Resources Director. Cindy has also had connections a few years ago right here in our own neighborhood as the Counselor and Principal Intern at Carnegie Elementary. As we draw closer to July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be sending you Cindy's biography so that you can know a bit more about who she is and the gifts and graces she brings to this position.

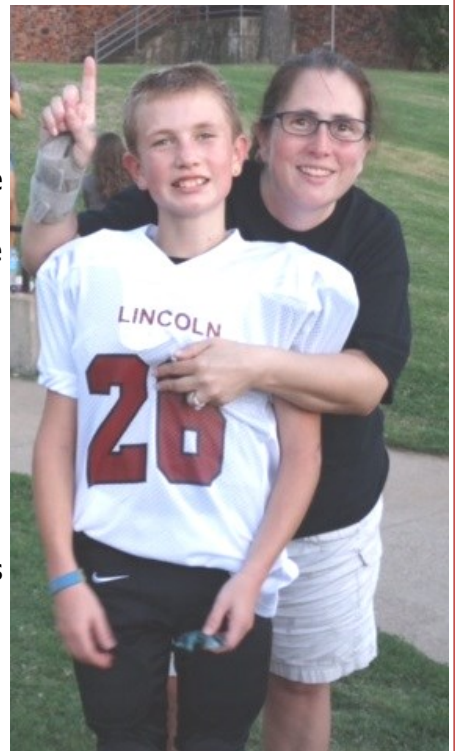
We continue to offer our thanks to Tonya Ford, who has been stepping in as our interim Executive Day School Director these past many weeks, and will remain in that position until July 1<sup>st</sup>. You may remember that Tonya was our previous Director for over six years – thank you so much for your leadership, Tonya! We also give thanks to Tracy Pape, who is giving additional time during this transition to help staff the Day School office and wherever else she may be needed.

### **PATRICK GRAFTON CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF HIS YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS!**

Hi church - Many of you guys know me, but for those that don't – I am **JJ Sartain** – my mom is Kelly and Bailey's my big sister. I love sports that is one of the things I love is because you can always get better. I play football, basketball, baseball, track, and tennis. During the summer I have a boat and I love to go to the lake. When my family is at the lake we are all relaxed. I love to water ski, kneeboard, and innertube. What most of you don't know is that I love animals and I always wanted to be a vet because I love animals and science. I just love to be outside- that is just the way I am. This is all about me, and I hope you'll take time to get to know me even better!

From Patrick –

What a year for JJ. In the past year he has become one of the leaders of the Jr. High young men that I have, and his maturity has truly shined and for me been a blessing. I know I can always count on him to set the best example for the younger dudes in our Jr. High crew! That helps me immensely as that group can be a real circus sometimes! JJ also is a quiet leader letting his actions speak louder than often his words will. He comes from "good stock" as my grandma always use to say having a great, and loving family that are the kind of people that you want your own kids to be around. On that note one of my favorite things about JJ is that my two son's – especially Cohen really gravitate to JJ.



This is one thing that some may not know about him is that JJ has a GIANT heart for kids. You always hope that your kids will find good people and role models to spend time around, and I know my two boys have chosen an especially great one in JJ! He's a real blessing to me as his youth director, but also to my family as well!

Blessings,  
JJ and Patrick

# Corner



**Dear Missy,**

In the past, New Haven UMC has collected underwear for such organizations as Child Share, Street Schools and Skyline Urban Ministries. Is that going to happen again this year?

Signed,  
Wanna Undie-Stand

**Dear Undie-Stand,**

Absolutely! New Haven UMC has a rich tradition of reaching out to those in need. Each year we try to partner with an agency that fosters compassion and respect for those living on the margins of life. This year we selected Project Elf to partner with and help.

Project Elf's mission is "to promote a positive learning experience and level the playing field for students in grade school through high school by ensuring basic needs are met, including but not limited to shoes, uniforms, outer garments, school supplies, backpacks, and person hygiene products." This agency is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, which today serves every Tulsa Public School, some private schools, and has over 800 volunteers, i.e., Elves. Elves are women and men who volunteer and/or donate essential items to Tulsa-area students in need.

Let's become elves by participating in the "Undie Sunday" drive that will begin on Sunday, April 30 and collection will continue until May 14. Collection containers will be located outside the sanctuary. All underwear should be brand new. All sizes are accepted.

Come and experience the joy of giving to others!

Blessings,  
Missy



**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## Opportunities of the Week

### APRIL 30

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, MAY 1

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym or 210

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
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### New Haven Staff Members

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

## Late April Birthdays

- 25. Eileen Walker  
Terry Tyler
- 26. Kaelen Terry  
Bailey Sartain
- 28. Betty Barton  
Becky Puryear

## May Birthdays

- 4. Sarah Roberts
- 5. Lucas Lamkin
- 7. Dodie Wood
- 8. Chuck Berry  
Marissa Degner
- 9. Joleen Taylor
- 10. Kim Wofford
- 12. Bryant Lamkin  
Michael Smith  
Camille Stevenson
- 17. David Duncan
- 20. Laura Degner  
Sandy Nicholson
- 22. Carol Cox
- 24. Linda Stockstill
- 27. Rick Davis  
Rosemary Tarr
- 28. Michael Taylor
- 29. Debbie Love  
Kelcey Newberry



## PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Betty Barton  
Kelly Sartain  
Max Nightingale  
Carol Morgan  
Ovella Followell  
Claretha Gotcher  
Pat Thomas  
Sheila Ernissee

## 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; Pam Rowley; family of Tom Dunham; 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 23, 2017

### Worship Services

8:45 am: 54  
11:00 am: 105  
Total: 159

### Sunday School

Adults- 40  
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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