

Hello Church –

Hello there, my name is Kyler. Most of you know me, I've gone to this church since before I was born. Otherwise you might recognize me as the guy with the round glasses who helps out with the sound board during second service. I'm 16, and I'm a Junior at Booker T. Washington High School. Today I'm going to share with you a little bit about myself.

I'm active in Boy Scouts Troop 26, I'm currently a Life Scout, and this summer I'll be attending my second National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. I've camped in Hawaii, South Dakota, Colorado, and all over Oklahoma. My twelve days at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico back in 2015 led to some of the best memories of my life. If I'm not at church on a Sunday morning, I'm probably camping.



KYLER SMITH

I'm also a member of the robotics team at Booker T. (FRC), and it inspired me to start my own robotics team through Troop 26 which eventually became Explorer Post 26 (FTC). (If those don't mean anything to you, don't worry. All the acronyms are hard to keep track of but they're not very important.) The Explorer Post robotics team will most likely be attending the FTC South Super Regionals in March for a chance to make it to the robotics world championships.

In the future I want to be an architect. I will probably attend either OU or OSU as they both have really good architecture programs.

If you see me around, feel free to start up a conversation. I promise, teenagers aren't as scary as you may think. I have lots of stories from scouts and robotics that I'd be happy to share, and I love hearing other people's stories and learning new things. New Haven is all about connections and ideas and I really enjoy all different perspectives.

From Patrick –

I can only add that Kyler is a quiet leader – that when he speaks – ALL of the other youth tend to listen. He's very loyal, thoughtful in his opinions and responses to both the easier, and more challenging discussions or questions, and loves his family deeply (even his little brother). He's super intelligent, crazy talented as you all have heard, stepping in to play the drums for example, on short notice for youth Sunday! As he mentioned his leadership extends to the Boy Scouts along with our Council Oak District Youth Council where he serves as co-missions chair. Kyler is one of the most intelligent people you'll come across, and I have no doubt he'll do some incredible things for the world! I rely on him to help “guide” our Junior High boys which takes our whole village of Senior High for sure! :) I look forward to seeing where he set's his sights for college, and beyond knowing that his faith will lead him in his journey.

Thanks, and make it a blessed week,

Kyler and Patrick

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!!!

We're looking for men and women to help with mowing the church yard this summer.

Our goal is to have 4 teams with 3 people on each team available to mow once every four weeks.

Call or text Roland Friesen at 918 671-9318 or email at rolandfriesen@gmail.com



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 1ST at 7:00 PM

Ever wonder how we actually make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service? Come join us **Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm**, and find out!

Our service will begin outside in the church yard as we each bring forward the dried palm branches from Easter of last year, burn them and prepare the resulting ashes for use that evening

As we commemorate the beginning of the season of Lent, watch, learn, listen and take part in this deeply symbolic act of the preparing and the imposition of the ashes.

***"From dust you came,
to dust you shall return"***

Paula's Perspective . . .

This past weekend Deena Smith, Dwayne Boyd, and I went to Boston Avenue UMC and attended the Vacation Bible School Workshop for **Hero Central**. We spent the morning attending classes to help us plan for VBS 2017!

Vacation Bible School will take place **Monday, June 5 – Thursday, June 8** and the time is 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. We will have a snack supper 5:30 – 5:55, after we'll proceed to the Sanctuary for the gathering time. On the next part of our journey the children and their leaders will go to different activity centers to further explore our theme, "**Hero Central**."

Children will participate in science, recreation, storytelling, music, crafts, and missions. This year our mission project will be to collect and assemble care bags for our homeless brothers and sisters.

By this time I know you are asking yourselves, "How can I help?" First and foremost you can pray for our children and their leaders. In addition, you can volunteer. We need leaders for each of the activity areas as well as the snack supper. We need people to help us decorate the different activity areas and Sanctuary. Finally, we're accepting financial donations to offset the cost of VBS. Please write on the memo line of your check VBS.

We can decorate the **classrooms and gym** on Saturday, June 3. We will decorate the **Sanctuary** on Sunday, June 4 **after 2nd service**. I already have the items we need to do most of the decorating. However, if you have boxes of any size I will appreciate if you will donate them to us. We'll need 3-4 large appliance boxes.

I look forward to hearing from you. The children will be blessed and you will be blessed while taking part in the awesome opportunity to reach out to the children in our community.

Sharing the joy,

Ms. Paula



Corner



Dear Missy,

Tell me more about the mission called "Respite Care". I have heard that term but not sure what it is and what is required to volunteer.

Signed,
Curious to Know More

Dear Curious,

New Haven invites children with special needs and their siblings to come monthly for some fun time away from home. This gives the caregivers a reprieve from caregiving, as well as a time to run errands.

There is a time for games, both group and individual; creative artwork, music including singing, playing instruments, and movement; delicious snacks; and having a meal that each child brings with them.

Respite Care is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the New Haven gymnasium. Currently, we are taking applications for new participants. If you know of a family that has a child with special needs, please contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or at tulsa-rose@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers normally come in shifts (this can be scheduled in hour increments up to a total of four hours). All that is required for volunteers is to have the Safe Sanctuary training and a current background check on file with the church.

Our next Respite Care is Saturday, March 11. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway table if you are interested in this mission. You must have "Safe Sanctuary" training to participate in Respite Care events.

Blessings,
Missy



DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

This awesome group of New Havenites prepared and served a yummy dinner at the Day Center on Friday evening, February 24th.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
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, MARCH 6

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
7:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary
7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 pm Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor
3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

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
5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
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6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
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New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
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Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

March Birthdays

3. Max LaGrone
4. Claretha Gotcher
Todd Morgan
6. Yuka Daughters
9. Harold Stockstill
10. Marleigh Blanchard
11. Karen Gibbs
12. Will Roberts
16. Steve Amos
Alon Soderfelt
17. Pat Smith
21. Karen Jones
22. Kyler Smith
23. Craig Hannon
24. Janice Hannon
25. Steve Smith
26. Peter Havlik
28. Laurel Duncan
30. Hannah Fields



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Kelly Sartain
Dodie Wood
Mary Ann Cunningham
Max Nightingale
Carol Morgan
Ovella Followell

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; Roland Freisen's mother; Pam Rowley; 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

ATTENDANCE

February 26, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 51
11:00 am: 103
Total: 154

Sunday School

Adults- 60
Youth-10
Children-6
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
"Redemption of Scrooge"

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

Room 161: Roundtable "Hand Me
Downs: Leaving a Legacy"

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. 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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