



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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As one of my last Spire articles, would you allow "Pastor's

Privilege" as I spend some time reflecting on the past?

Cindy's Chalkboard

As you know, you are the first church I served as Senior Pastor. Because of that, you will always hold a special place in my heart. You took me into

heaven to them. You invite, you bring, you welcome... you get them in place... and God does what God does best. God loves them into the kingdom

***I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy for all of you. - Philippians 1:3***

For many years, my one wish... my heart's desire... has been to serve God's church. The good news is, my wish and prayer has been answered. I've been blessed to serve as your pastor for 7 years and 11 months and 22 days. The not-so-good news is, for me, I now have to stand up this coming Sunday (**May 28th**) and preach my last sermon to you who mean the world to me.

I have struggled for weeks trying to decide what to say. It's funny what happens to you as a preacher when you realize that you only have one more chance to say what you've been trying to say for almost eight years! All of a sudden, I find myself going in a thousand different directions... "oh, I need to say this, can't forget to tell them that... oh... I want them to know this..." And God has been speaking to my spirit and said, *"Tell them what's on your heart."* So I will!

your arms and opened your hearts and allowed me the holy privilege of serving as your pastor. You allowed me to be me. You, saints of New Haven UMC, helped me grow in my faith, and allowed me the holy privilege of serving alongside you.

There are so many last things I want to say, but one keeps coming to the forefront of my mind. And that is, to remember that Jesus is counting on you... counting on you, not only to share the Good News with others; but counting on you to change the world! Jesus is counting on you (and me!) to make Disciples for Christ by being God's love in action.

There are hundreds of ways that you are making a difference in the world... and in people's lives. I hope you realize and remember that every time you invite someone to New Haven, you are personally responsible for opening the window of

through you.

As we come to the close of our season together, let's commit ourselves once again to live for God's work in this world and to build God's kingdom here on earth, and to live like we can make a difference!

And that, brothers and sisters in Christ, is why we gather each and every week. It is why we work hard to provide a church. It is why we strive to do what is right and just with every breath we take.

I want you to know what a wonderful congregation you are and how you have touched my life. I will always... always thank our God upon every remembrance of you!

With deep love and thankfulness for each of you,

- Pastor Cindy

IN-SERVICE SUNDAY ~ 100 BIRTHING KITS PACKED FOR UMCOR



PROJECT TRANSFORMATION BENEFIT LUNCHEON ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH AT NOON

It was great to hear from the Associate Director last Sunday that 3 more sites will be added statewide! The literacy camp for underserved elementary children runs for 8 weeks during the summer. Each small group of children will read to an adult for 30 minutes during the morning between 10 am and noon. Then they rotate into other activities, such a computer lab. During the afternoon, they have field trips!

Our New Haven family has been involved from the start 16 years ago. This year we will share responsibilities with Christ UMC. Our dates to volunteer with the reading are [Monday, June 26 ~ Thursday, June 29th](#). We'll have sign up sheets soon at the table in the hallway. We will need 8 volunteers each day.

The Luncheon will be a sit down or take out lunch. Our youth band and Jocelyn Schifferdecker have been invited to perform and our children will make placemats for the tables! Of course, we are having the awesome silent auction for gift baskets, goods, and services. If you wish to make a donation for the silent auction, call Tiffany Sherwin at 918-457-6871 or email zenbear2205@yahoo.com.

The Project Transformation Committee is looking forward to celebrating this much needed ministry with you by sharing lunch & fellowship!

"OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE!!!!"

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR THE GRAHAMS

Sunday, June 11th in Fellowship Hall

During the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45)

Please join us in welcoming our new pastor, Rev. James Graham and his wife, Nancy! This will be a come and go reception, so your Sunday School can still meet if you like. We would appreciate your help in one or both of the following ways:

Provide food for the reception (muffins, coffee cake, fruit, etc)

Provide something for their "Welcome Basket" (ideas: gift card to a restaurant or home improvement store, homemade goodies, invitation to a meal with your Sunday School class/group, etc.)

Please let Tonya Ford know how you can help! 918-688-8180 or tonyacford@hotmail.com



Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!

Monday through Thursday, July 10-13 5:30-8:00 PM

Sunday, July 16 8:45 & 11:00 AM

REGISTRATION BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 4

For children 4 years-old through fifth-grade

Get ready for an action-packed 4-day super hero training camp where kids discover their strength in God! Hero Central prepares kids to DO GOOD! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 31:14B (CEB). Grab your cape and get ready to fly with epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories.

For more information, contact Pastor Robin

robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org

PASTOR CINDY'S "GOING AWAY" DINNER ~ MAY 21ST



PRECIOUS FRIENDS. . . .
GREAT FOOD!!!





MISSION CORNER. . . .COME AND EXPERIENCE IT!!!



Dear Missy,

I know New Haven UMC collected underwear for Project Elf the last couple weeks. What are the results?

Signed,
Wanna Undie-Stand

Dear Undie-Stand,

The results are in! Drum roll please...

We collected 357 pieces of underwear for Project Elf this year. That means we helped approximately 119 children and young adults if you assume each would get a 3-pack of underwear. This exceeded our collection from last year. A heartfelt thanks to those that contributed to this outreach project and for Jocelyn and Hannah for heading up this effort.

Upcoming Events:

Murdock Villa – birthday party for the residents on Thursday, **May 25** at noon. Contact Lou Lindsey if you are interested in helping at 918-906-7364 or louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu. We are having Sloppy Joes and the Okie Ukies will be the entertainment.

Respite Care – Children with special needs and their siblings come for a fun time away from home. Next event is Saturday, **June 10**, 3 pm to 7 pm. Contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsa-rose@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to serve.

Day Center for the Homeless – Our next meal to serve is on Friday, June 23. Contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or phil.roberts@cox.net to help prepare or serve the meal. Sign-up sheets will be coming.

Project Transformation – Fundraiser luncheon is Sunday, **June 25** at noon. If you or your Sunday School Class are interested in donating a basket or item for our silent auction, please contact Tiffany Sherwin at 918-457-6871 or zenbear2205@yahoo.com.

Our next mission meeting is Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

Come and experience the joy of giving to others!

Blessings,
Missy

Murdock Villa Birthday Party This Week!!!

The birthday party for Murdock Villa (residence for disabled adults) is fast approaching! Please contact Lou Lindsey at 918-906-7364 or louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu to help with the birthday party on Thursday, May 25 at noon.

Murdock Villa is a six-story apartment building at 828 S Wheeling (around 11th and Utica) in Tulsa. We need helpers to make food, serve the residents, and clean up afterwards. This is always a fun time for the residents. You will be blessed!



BSA Engineering Explorer Post 26 Invitation

STEAM Explorer Post 26 invites all New Haven UMC members to join them at their open house this Thursday, May 25th. The event will be in the Great Hall of the Alan Chapman Student Union (440 S. Gary) on the campus of the University of Tulsa from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The STEAM post is a BSA unit with several very active members from New Haven. You may have been following the robotics team that made it all the way to the World Championship in June (placed 4th out of 64 teams in the Franklin division). Maybe you even helped sponsor the team. Come out and learn more about what this awesome group of youth are up to!

UMPTENAGERS VISIT THE AQUARIUM IN JENKS!

On Tuesday, May 16th, the Umpteenagers had lunch at the Waterfront Grill, then spent time at our awesome Aquarium in Jenks! Here are a few pictures of their fun day!





**MEET
DAN & SALLYANNE
WALLACE!**

Dan & Sallyanne joined New Haven UMC in membership on Sunday, May 21st at the 11:00 service. Please welcome and get to know them!

NEW MEMBERS. . . MIKE AND KAY BRUMMAL!

Mike and Kay also joined with us in membership on May 21st at the 11:00 service. They are transferring their membership from Watonga UMC. Please give them a warm welcome!



Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MAY 28

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEGINS IN OKLAHOMA CITY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

**MONDAY, MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC**

TUESDAY, MAY 30

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC

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

THURSDAY, June 1

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OKC

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

FRIDAY, June 2

7:30 pm AA/Gym or 210

SATURDAY, June 3

SUNDAY, June 4

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



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	Office Clerical Asst.
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

May Birthdays

- Sarah Roberts
- Lucas Lamkin
- Dodie Wood
- Chuck Berry
Marissa Degner
- Joleen Taylor
- Kim Wofford
- Bryant Lamkin
Michael Smith
- David Duncan
- Laura Degner
Sandy Nicholson
- Carol Cox
- Linda Stockstill
- Rick Davis
- Michael Taylor
- Debbie Love
Kelcey Newberry



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Betty Barton
Kelly Sartain
Max Nightingale
Carol Morgan
Claretha Gotcher
Sheila Ernissee
Dodie Wood
Donna Edmondson, in the loss of Larry Edmondson.

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
Carson & Helen Russell

ATTENDANCE

May 21, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 56
11:00 am: 104
Total: 160

Sunday School

Adults-52
Youth-5
Children-9

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. 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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