

# THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*"Gracious Acceptance. . . . Grateful Service"*

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## Cindy's Chalkboard



headed up this fundraising effort and we have already seen some wonderful results.

And, as David says, we could use more! Our Youth room upstairs has gone through some major

coffee area, some new chairs, and upgrades to the entertainment system.



***"Thank you, Youth!!"***

If you haven't noticed lately, stop and take a look at the grounds that surround the church. Our youth have been hard at work! Bags and bags of leaves have been raked. They've filled our dumpster to overflowing!

Some of you may remember Dick Garwood's challenge to us a couple of Sundays ago. He noted that if we were willing to donate funds to the youth furniture account, our youth would in turn, rake the church yard!

And that's exactly what they've been doing. David Berns, our awesome Youth Director, has

renovation. They've painted and cleaned, put up new signs and a wonderful coffee bar (thank you, Sam and the Puryear family!). All they need now is furniture for the



Won't you please help us reach the goal of completing this project started by our youth? We sure are proud of them, and thankful for all that they do.

If you would like to help fund the effort, please make your check out to New Haven UMC with the words "Youth Room Update" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity and for your support of our young people here at New Haven UMC.

May God bless them, and all of us, to be a blessing, - Pastor Cindy

## Holy Week Explanation

**What does Palm Sunday symbolize?**

Palm Sunday is a Christian holiday that falls on the Sunday before Easter that commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in all four Gospels. Palm Sunday often includes a procession of worshipers carrying

palms, representing the palm branches the crowd waved in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. *Palm Sunday worship is April 13th at 8:45 & 11:00 am.*

**What does Good Friday mean?**

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 Good Friday by the names of Holy Friday, Great Friday, Black Friday, or Easter Friday. *Our Good Friday service is at 6:30 pm on April 18th.*

## Spiritual Practices Class: Breath and Contemplative Prayers

Our final class in the spiritual practice class series will be Sunday, April 13 and will focus on the ancient practice of contemplative prayer. Last Sunday we learned about breath prayers as a harmonizing prayer with the rhythm of breathing – meeting God through the breath. This spiritual exercise was a way to invite the peace of Christ, as the living Word of God, to meet us during the many moments of our day. The intentional portion is slowing of your breath by inhaling and exhaling. The slow breathing helped to experience more peace especially when the pace of life begins to create anxiety or tension.

### Examples of breath prayers:

Trust – Romans 8:39

Nothing can separate me – slow inhale  
from the love of Jesus – slow exhale

Guidance – Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord – slow inhale  
and he will direct your paths – slow exhale

Come and join us for our final class at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium.

## CARNEGIE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Carnegie will host a PIZZA BINGO fundraiser on April 11th and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities between 5-9 pm that evening! Volunteers are also needed as "Lunch Buddies" where you go one-on-one during a student's lunchtime with a child selected by the school. Or you can volunteer for lunch duty by helping the children unpack or even locate their lunches or wipe down tables after lunch!

The teachers also appreciate volunteers to make copies for them or help work with the students individually or in groups.

If you love science, you can be trained to conduct lab sessions with the students.

If any of this sounds like something you'd like to do, please contact Paula Fox at 918-808-8492 or email her at paulajfox@cox.net

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

### Members:

Ron Cunningham  
Charlotte Erwin  
Greg Gotcher  
Debbie Green

Dorothy Koons  
Mabrey family, loss of  
Cynthia's father, Mert Fall  
Nick Nicholson  
Carolyn Toalson

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto and friend, Diane; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; David Toalson's mom, Mildred; Don & Linda Gregory's family; the homeless; our country, city, & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

## TOP THAT PIZZA NIGHT! 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 41<sup>st</sup> & Yale store

(Southroads Village-5347 E 41 St.)

Help us raise funds for a new church bus! Our current van is showing its age, so a new mode of transportation is in our future. The Day School has set up a way YOU can help!

**Support our New Haven night the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Top That Pizza.**

Just stop by and purchase their yummy pizza and drop your receipt in the box by the register. Spread the word to friends and family! THANKS!!

## U.M.W. NEWS

The **Susanna Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 10th at 10:00 am and go to Living Water UMC, the new café church in Glenpool. They will have lunch and their monthly meeting at the café.

The **Hope Circle** will have "Bunco for Charity" on Monday, April 14th at 6:00 pm in the parlor. The money will go to DVIS. Let's all wear something **turquoise** to celebrate **DVIS Awareness Month**. Light finger foods will be served. Please RSVP to Paula Manuel by April 11th. (918-557-8069)

## UMPTENAGERS

Even though it doesn't feel like Spring yet, it's almost azalea blooming time. We are going to Honor Heights Park in Muskogee on Tuesday, April 15th. Lunch will be at Miss Addie's Restaurant at noon, then tour the Park. We plan to leave the Church at 10:30 am. Hope you can join us!

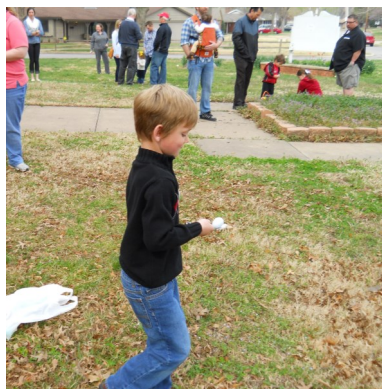
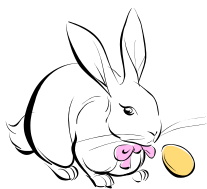


## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Yesterday's Easter Egg Hunt was a blast! The adults had a great time watching the kids find the eggs and play the games. Thank you to all who helped make it a success (and to God for holding off the rain!).

I am on the hunt for some group leaders for VBS. This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders" and will be held the week of June 9-13, 9am-12pm. If you have a desire to help lead a group (no prep work needed!), then please talk to me so I can get you in place. It was so much fun last year and this year will be even better; you won't want to miss it!





## UNDIE SUNDIE!

**Sunday, April 27th**  
**"What's that all About?!!!"**

Well, let me tell you! Some of you might remember that years ago we had an "Undie Sundie" where we collected underwear for Child Share. This time we would like to help the Street School students. Street School recently opened a clothing closet and food pantry. They are very much in need of underwear for gals and guys, size Medium, Large and some X-Large.

You can see samples of what to buy at the Outreach table this Sunday. (Some of our Outreach members were going to model them, but I talked them out of it! Aren't you glad?!)

There will be laundry baskets at several locations in the church for your donations beginning week after next.

Thanks for sharing in the fun for this need with us!



The Undie-Sundie  
Committee

## CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AT THE DAY CENTER

So many of our extended family thanked us over and over for the dinner that was served a week ago! Some told us that it had been a long time since they had eaten chicken and noodles and they loved it! Of course, the pies were also a hit!!!

Thanks to everyone for cooking and serving. I would like to mention a special server, Paul and Cynthia's grandson, Killian. He helped serve pie and also Fortune Cookies which Danny Hall had used in her message. To see Killian serving was awesome! We noticed more younger people this time as guests. Lots of them knew the songs that our band played and they sang along. Having music makes it even more a time of fellowship and sense of connection with our sisters and brothers. Thank you, Paul, and everyone in the band for your time and talents. Thank you, Outreach Committee, for always being so faithful to this ministry.

All Glory be to God,  
Adriaan

## KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS....TO GOD!

You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways. -Dean

I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying. -Elliott

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. -Nan

If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. -Mickey D.

I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible. -Love, Chris

We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea.-  
Sincerely, Donna

I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well, I just want you to know, but I am not just saying that because you are God. -Charles

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool. -Eugene

I don't ever feel alone since I found out about you. -Nora

March 24, 2014

## **AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL CONGREGATIONS OF THE OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECEIVING THE BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Greetings, grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

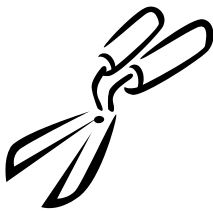
I am overwhelmed and humbled by the number of churches in the Oklahoma Annual Conference that demonstrate their discipleship and commitment to our "connectional" church with the sharing of gifts through Apportionment giving. The contributions secure the critical link that sustains important ministries in our own Conference and around the world.

With the full sharing of your 2013 apportionments, your church has enhanced our participation in so many areas of service. What your church has accomplished is nothing less than remarkable! So, on behalf of the Treasurer, the Council on Finance and Administration, and all the people whose lives are touched through your gifts to the United Methodist Church and the Oklahoma Annual Conference, we all say thank you! Lives have been changed and disciples have been made because you stepped out in faith, sharing and giving your full measure.

Enclosed with this letter is my "Bishop's Certificate of Appreciation", a token of our gratitude for your generosity. Our conference is extremely blessed to have congregations such as yours that enable us to fulfill our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ!"

Again, thank you so much for all you do.

Your servant in Christ,  
Robert E. Hayes, Jr.  
Bishop, Oklahoma Area of the United Methodist Church

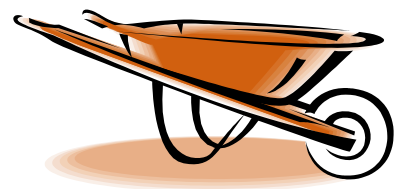


### **CHURCH FLOWERBED SPRUCE-UP DAY!**

Come join us on Saturday, April 12th, for a fun and festive "Flowerbed Spruce-Up Day"! Our awesome UMW group is hosting this event from 9am-3pm and will provide refreshments and a light lunch to all who attend! This is a come-and-go event, but we encourage you to stay and help as long as you can. We will have specific jobs to do, but no experience required!

We'll be raking leaves, pulling weeds, picking up sticks, and trimming shrubs. Please bring any broom rakes, trimmers, pruners, and trowels you may have to share.

Just come with a willing spirit and a desire to have a lot of fun with your church family. What a great time to prepare the church grounds for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please call Susan Lamkin with any questions you might have. (918-557-9148)



## Opportunities of the Week April 13 ~ 20

### SUNDAY, April 13 PALM SUNDAY

#### Children's Pageant

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and  
Children's Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Spiritual Practices Class/Gym  
11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and  
Children's Church  
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor  
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Bible Experience  
5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor  
5:00 pm Jr. High Youth  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Youth

### MONDAY, April 14

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group  
6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor  
6:00 pm Writers Group/185

### TUESDAY, April 15

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor  
6:00 pm Day School Council/Chapel  
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210  
7:30 pm Alanon/206

### WEDNESDAY, April 16

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA/206  
8:30 pm College Group

### THURSDAY, April 17

- 6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:30 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, April 18

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

### SATURDAY, April 19

- 8:00 am-12:00 pm Day School Plant  
Pick-Up

### SUNDAY, April 20 EASTER DAY!

- 6:30 am **Sunrise Easter Service**  
(Front lawn)  
8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and  
Children's Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and  
Children's Church



## April Birthdays

Andrew Davis	7
Doris Foster	8
Lindsay Morgan	13
Syble Aumiller	15
Jessie Myers	15
Denny Beebe	16
David Jaeger	16
Louise Boyd	17
Rafael Baez	19
Adriaan Duiveman	21
Patrick Grafton	22
Eric Coulombe	23
Eileen Walker	25
Terry Tyler	25
Amanda Cole	26
Kaelen Terry	26
Bailey Sartain	26
Betty Barton	28
Becky Puryear	28



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**April 6, 2014**

**8:45 am– 74**

**11:00 am– 105**

**Total: 179**

**Sunday School– 65**

## Adult Sunday School Come join us at 9:45 am!

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
The Book of I John

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Parables & Passion: Jesus' Stories  
for the Days of Lent

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
"How Will You Measure Your  
Life?" by Clayton Christensen

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

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"Christianity's Family Tree" by  
Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"God is Closer Than You Think" by  
John Ortburg

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.

## New Haven Staff Members

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Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	Music Director
David Berns	Youth Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
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Joan West	After School Care
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