

# THE SPIRE

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## Cindy's Chalkboard

It won't be long, and we will see small silhouettes in the sky – the butterfly.

After a lifetime of hard work, they spin a cocoon. And then they wait, and wait, and wait. Encased in the cocoon, life seems to have ended. Then one day the cocoon starts to change. It turns translucent and slowly begins to open. It gradually expands, spreading its wings, and silently lifts up into the air .

For Christians, the butterfly is a symbol of resurrection. From apparent lifelessness the butterfly bursts forth alive.

That's what we remembered on Easter weekend. We are reminded that death is not the end; there is something

beyond this life. Death is swallowed up in victory!

Jesus' resurrection is God's answer to death. God's answer is everlasting life! God brings life out of death through Jesus' resurrection!

means hope. We can go forward in the sure and certain hope that just as God raised Jesus from the dead, God will give new life to us.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord

## The Message of the Butterfly; New Life!

Just like the butterfly coming out of its cocoon – we can see it as a symbol of resurrection. God's sign of resurrection

Jesus Christ. Let us shout together this joyous season;

***"Christ is Risen. He is Risen, indeed!!" Hallelujah!!***

*Praise Be to God!*

*Blessings on our journey through the Easter Season and all the days ahead!*

—Pastor Cindy



## Bright Sunday (Holy Humor Sunday!) March 27th

Hold on to your hat, because you are about to experience something you may never have experienced before! It's called "Bright Sunday" - coming to you in worship on March 27th (the Sunday after Easter!).

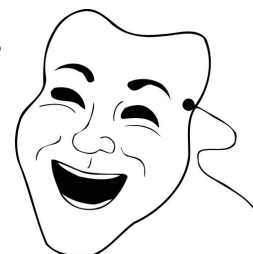
Bright Sunday comes from the Eastern Orthodox tradition of continuing to spread the JOY of Easter in the ongoing

celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' victory over death.

For "Holy Humor Sunday", we will have a special "shared" message that morning, and a worship bulletin that will make you smile.

Join us for lots of laughter and fun. Celebrate the Risen Christ with us!



### ***Our Next "In-Service Sunday" May 18<sup>th</sup>!***

Here we go again! Our next "In-Service Sunday" is coming up in just a few weeks. Our Committee has been hard at work preparing for yet another opportunity to serve – *during worship!!* We once again will have a chance to integrate coming to worship and participating in worship in a meaningful way. It's a wonderful way to take worship out into the world. On this particular Sunday, we will end both worship services 6-8 minutes EARLY. Yes, I promise!! As you leave the Sanctuary, you will walk out into the hallway and find long tables set-up with a hands-on project waiting for your help. It will be fast and easy - altogether, it won't take any longer to complete than the few minutes we saved from our worship time! Help us take worship out into the world by serving in this way. I am excited to continue this hands-on ministry that gives everyone a chance to help. Thank you, "In-Service Sunday" committee for making this possible! **Donations toward this exciting and meaningful ministry of New Haven church are gratefully accepted!** Please mark your gift as "In-Service Sunday" donation. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!! - Pastor Cindy

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .**

### **Members:**

Ron Cunningham  
Charlotte Erwin  
Greg Gotcher  
Debbie Green  
Dorothy Koons

Nick Nicholson  
Laura Sahli & Baby Emma  
Carolyn Toalson  
Michael Taylor Family  
in the loss of Michael's  
father, Kenneth Taylor

### **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



### **Day School Executive Director**

Do you have a heart and passion for children? New Haven United Methodist Day School Council and New Haven United Methodist Church are seeking a caring, loving and mature individual who is able to relate well to children, parents, co-workers and church staff for the position of Executive Director. This position holds the following job requirements:

- Degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education
- Bookkeeping experience preferred
- Demonstrate Christian values
- Familiar with DHS guidelines and procedures
- Passion for well-being of children and encouragement of their faith development
- Exhibit effective management supervision skills and techniques
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills

Salary is commensurate with experience. New Haven Day School is a vital ministry of New Haven United Methodist Church. The Executive Director works in conjunction with the church in shared ministry to touch lives for Christ. For more information, or to apply for this position, please contact Rev. Cindy Havlik in the church office: 918-743-6491 or [cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org](mailto:cindy.havlik@newhavenumc.org).



## **"Undie Sundie" This Sunday!**

Just a reminder that April 27th is the day we are collecting underwear for the street school students. Many of these students are in need of new undies, size M, L, and XL. There are laundry baskets in several locations of the church for your donations. Thanks so much for your participation in this project!

## **GUEST CHEFS AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Thank you, New Haven Chefs, for cooking and serving three meals last week to the families at Ronald McDonald House. You are so appreciated! Those participating were Mary Stutsman, Phil Roberts, Chuck Berry, Dee Kemp, Peter Havlik, Tammy Johnson, Jude Blanchard and Paula Fox. You allowed families of children who are in the hospital for a lengthy time and far from home to have a relaxed and delicious meal without the stress of finding a restaurant.

The May calendar has been given to Adriaan, so if you would like to help again or be a part of this team, give him a call at 918-250-5966.

## **"In-Service Sunday" to benefit Annual Conference Flood Bucket Collections**

Our efforts for "In-Service Sunday" will go toward packing supplies for "Flood Buckets" for disaster preparedness. These much needed supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane or other natural disaster. The items we will help to pack in 5 gallon size buckets will make a significant difference in clean-up efforts. Our "In-Service Sunday" team is already shopping for items to put in the buckets, and will have everything ready for us to assemble on May 18<sup>th</sup>! It will be quick, it will be easy, but most importantly, our efforts will help others in need during times of disaster. Let us take joy in knowing we are touching lives for Christ!! Stay tuned for other quarterly projects to come.



## **CROSSES OF LOVE**

Dear New Haven Family,

The Outreach Committee thanks you for sharing the Crosses of Love this year with the students and staff at the Street School. Some of the students asked for a second cross to take home to their parents, a friend, or to a neighbor. We had about 20-25 crosses that were not taken because some students and staff were of different faiths, but as we were packing those crosses up the security guard (who had also received a cross) asked us if we would like to share our crosses with the Margaret Hudson School for pregnant teenagers and teenage mothers. The school was just across the parking lot, so we took them over there and they were well received by all! Many of you helped with this ministry and we thank you!





## Opportunities of the Week April 27 ~ May 4

### SUNDAY, April 27 "Bright Sunday!"

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church  
 12:00 pm Mission Sunday Committee/ Parlor  
 2:00 pm District Youth Council/Youth room  
 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 28

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

### TUESDAY, April 29

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210  
 7:30 pm Alanon/206

### WEDNESDAY, April 30

- 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, May 1

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

### FRIDAY, May 2

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, May 3

### SUNDAY, May 4

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church  
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
 3:30 pm New Haven Reads  
 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



## 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

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2014

**Good Friday Service-62**

**Sunrise Service-22**

**8:45 am- 83**

**11:00 am- 169**

**Total: 274**

**Sunday School Attendance:**  
**57**

## Adult Sunday School

**Come join us at 9:45 am!**

### Room 185: Discovery Class

The Book of I John

### Room 209: Fellowship Class

Jesus's Fulfillment of Scripture

### 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

## New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
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
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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