

# 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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Have you ever dreamed about the possibilities and potential here at New Haven UMC? What if... what if... your passion to make a difference in other lives for Christ in new ways could become a reality? Well, I have exciting news to share with you! It's called the "New People, New Places" initiative. We, along with every other church in the Oklahoma Conference, have an incredible opportunity to apply for a grant to fund our ideas!

The purpose of the grant is "to reach more new, younger, and more diverse people to become world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ."

Projects that reflect this purpose must show a <u>specific</u> <u>plan</u>. We will need to identify:

- Which new people we are planning to reach
- How these new people will become disciples
- Have buy-in from a large percentage of the congregation
- Demonstrate how this ministry will be financially sustainable after a maximum of 3 years.

Ultimately, the goal is to increase worship attendance, whatever that "attendance" might look like; it is to make

Disciples of Christ in a real way!

We are having a kick-off meeting on **Tuesday**, **August 5th at 6:00 pm** to share our thoughts and go over the application process. Come join us! I would love to tell you more about how New Haven UMC can take part in changing the world for Christ!

Blessings. - Pastor Cindy

For more information, go to: www.okumc.org/npnp

# People, New Places

#### New Haven's NEW Mission Statement!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Per Administrative Council vote, we are revising our New Haven UMC Mission Statement effective immediately! What does that mean? One... we can quote it in just one sentence. Two... we can add it to any correspondence that comes out from New Haven United Methodist Church!

Why do we want to do this? We want to know and remember what our mission is as a church. We want to remember WHY we are here!

So, what is the new mission statement? I'm glad you asked!

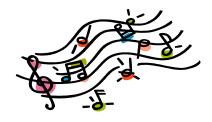
"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the World, by being God's Love in Action" This is the "why" in what we do as a church! We are going to include this new mission statement on the bulletin, newsletter, website, etc. Watch for these changes!

Let's learn it together.

Everything we do as New
Haven church should be based
on our mission statement!

#### A NOTE FROM PAUL. . .

Music and singing play an important part in the worship of God. On the other hand, we are surrounded with music on a daily basis. Music comes at us on the radio, as background music of television and video games, the muzak of grocery stores and shopping malls, not to mention on our personal listening devices. Much of this music functions as "background" rather than as an opportunity for serious listening, much less participation. Our contemporary American culture and modern technology bring new possibilities and new challenges to music and therefore to the music ministry of the church. Outside our worship in church there are few opportunities or occasions for people to sing together. Even much of the popular contemporary Christian music composed today is for audiences and performance rather than for participation and corporate worship. When we come together for worship, we should remember the Psalmist, "let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!"



# Ronald Mc Donald House is still in need of guest chef volunteers.

New Haven has been involved for the last 4 months cooking either Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner. Currently we have about 6 to 8 of us providing 6 or so meals a month.

Some of our New Haven team cook by them self, some bring a friend or two, and some of us take turns by helping each other out, and fix a meal together. We are asked to cook a meal for 20-25 guests; they have two kitchens with all the equipment you need. Food of course is important, but the fellowship with the Guests through a smile, prayer and by listening to their brave, heart wrenching conversations is life changing. Every month has lots of openings on the calendar. Did you know some parent(s) stay at the house for 4 months and up?

If you like to be part of this ministry call Adriaan Duiveman at 918-250-5966 Please keep these families in your prayers. Thank you.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Members:Greg GotcherLois BaileyNick NicholsonRon CunninghamBob Schwartz

#### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Don & Linda Gregory's family; Syble Gale Aumiller; Elizabeth Havlik; Regina LaGrone's mom; Cheryl Boyd; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Mary Stutsman's daughter; 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;

#### IT'S A BOY!

**Baby Shower for Baby Boy Duncan** 

Proud Parents to Be: David Duncan & Lori Dey

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd
2:00 PM
IN OUR PARLOR
EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND!!!
Registered at Babies 'R Us

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN SUSAN HARRIS!!!

Way to go Susan! Susan was one of a hundred women honored this week by the YWCA as"Women of Moxie". These 100 women were honored for their role in working to promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all in the community. The committee looked for extraordinary women with a mix of exceptional qualities---

women with a mix of exceptional qualities—plus that "special something. So what is moxie? The word moxie means being action-oriented and "doing things regardless of whether they are easy to do or not". Congratulations Susan!! Indeed, those who know Susan are not surprised that she was selected to receive this honor. To see the complete list check out:

www.100womenoftulsa.org.

#### DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

This doesn't happen very often! Our Day School has the following positions open:

**Co-teacher for 2-year-olds;** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 8:30am-3:00pm Work with an experienced teacher to help plan and carry out activities.

**Spanish teacher for 3- & 4-year olds**; one day per week (needs to be a Monday, Wednesday or Friday); 10:00am-12:00pm; curriculum provided; responsible for planning and teaching three 20 minute classes

Teachers for after school program (K-5<sup>th</sup> graders); Monday-Friday (choose all 5 days or 2-3 days/wk); 2:30-6:00pm; work with experienced teachers to help supervise children.

The preschool or Spanish teacher position can be combined with the after school program teaching positions if a person would like to work more hours each week. We always prefer experience with children in a group setting as well as coursework in the area of education. However, we have certainly trained many teachers in the past. Please spread the word to those you think may be interested. We much prefer hiring people who have a link to our New Haven people. Contact Tonya Ford for more information; (918-742-6781) or <a href="mailto:tonyacford@hotmail.com">tonyacford@hotmail.com</a>

#### **AUGUST 3RD IS IN-SERVICE SUNDAY!**

For our In-Service project this Sunday, we will be packing boxes of supplies for Carnegie Elementary, a school which we have partnered with for years. In addition to the school supplies which we have purchased for this project, we invite YOU to bring a little gift for a teacher to be included with his/her supplies. Some ideas include a coffee mug or travel mug, water bottle, tote bag, picture frame, plaque, book, keychain, stickers, etc. We hope each teacher will feel our love and know how special they are!

#### **NEW HAVEN READS!**

We just finished an interesting discussion of the autobiography of Julie Andrew's early life entitled "Home". On August 3, we will discuss <u>Brain on Fire</u> by Susannah Cahalan. On September 14, we will discuss <u>The Giver</u> by Lois Lowry. We are hoping the movie will be out so we can add the cinema to our list! Last, but not least, we will discuss <u>The Old Buzzard Had it Coming</u> by Donis Casey. Looking forward to some fun reading!! We meet in the gathering area at 3:30 on discussion days and Book Club is open to everyone!!!

If you have any questions, please call Cathy Amos at 918-496-3682 or email her at amos.cathy1@gmail.com.



#### Dear Church Family,

I am so grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve as director of our Day School these past six years. Thank you for all of the support you have provided and I know will continue to provide the school and staff. I would like to say a special thank you to those who have chosen to serve on the Day School Council. I greatly appreciate your unwavering encouragement and your insight and wisdom when important decisions had to be made. Last, but certainly not least, thank you so much for the lovely reception, thoughtful cards and sweet gifts. I look forward to the next adventures in my life-- spending more time with my mom, traveling some, volunteering (not sure where yet!) and welcoming our first grandchild in January. Of course, continued involvement in the church we have loved for over 26 years will be a big part of the journey, too!

Love in Christ, Tonya







RECEPTION HONORING TONYA FORD, RETIRING EXECUTIVE DAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

## Opportunities of the Week August 3 ~ 10

#### SUNDAY, August 3 In-Service Sunday

8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and

Children's Church 9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship and

Children's Church

2:00 pm Baby Shower for Lori Dey and

David Duncan/Parlor

3:30 pm New Haven Reads/Coffee Area

4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary

5:00 pm Children's Choir

5:00 pm Disciple Reunion/Parlor

5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

#### MONDAY, August 4

10:00 am Grief Recovery Group

6:00 pm Writer's Group

TUESDAY, August 5

6:00 pm New People/New Places/Parlor

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

WEDNESDAY, August 6

6:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm ACOA/206

#### THURSDAY, August 7

6:00 pm Praise Band

7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, August 8 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, August 9

3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

#### SUNDAY, August 10 UMW Sunday

8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and

Children's Church

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship and

Children's Church

4:30 pm Outreach/Duiveman's Home

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#### August Birthdays

- 1. Suzanne Davis
- 2. Dick Garwood Marion Wilkerson
- 4. Ken Fox
- 5. Tom Kemp
- Ray Prange Velma Fast

Wyatt Schifferdecker

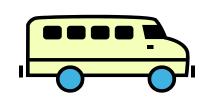
- 7. Jeanette Boyd
- 8. Tracy Pape
  Joshua Blanchard
  Shelley Worrell
  Floyd Sessions
- 10. Alex Hensley
- 13. Laurie VanDyke
- 14. Louise Lindsey
- 20. Susan Harris
- 21. Laura Sahli
- 22. Lana Gotcher
- 23. Stacy Newberry Robert Hefley
- 24. Allyson Cauthon
- 25. Tom Black
- 27. Yuta Daughters Christopher Smith

#### **MINI-BUS FUNDS UPDATE**

Donations Prior Match
Donations Post Match
Day School Match
Total Donations
Cost of Mini-Bus

\$17,785.
\$1,070.
\$1,070.
\$19,925.
\$60,000.

Remaining Funds Needed \$40,075



#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

July 27, 2014

8:45 am—73 11:00 am—102 Total:175

Sunday School Attendance 65

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class** Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class** 

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship Class** 

"Revival: Faith As Wesley Lived It" By Adam Hamilton

**Parlor: Christian Living Class** 

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class** 

"Making Sense of the Bible" 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. 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

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