



# 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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THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ARE SUCH  
BUSY TIMES FOR EVERYONE! WE'D LIKE TO  
GIVE YOU A LIST OF ALL THAT WILL HAPPEN  
HERE AT NEW HAVEN UMC!

TODAY: Delivery of Coats & Care Packages to Bryce House  
(They LOVED them and were very grateful)

**NOVEMBER 16**-Blessing & Delivery of Mountain of Food;

**NOVEMBER 16-23**-Angel Tree

**NOVEMBER 23**-Lay Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 pm

**NOVEMBER 30**-ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 am:  
**"Hanging of the Greens"**

**DECEMBER 7**-Christmas Dinner & Talent Show

**DECEMBER 14**- Decorating of Memorial Tree @ 10am;  
Children's Christmas Pageant; Blessing of Angel Tree Gifts  
and Christmas Backpacks for Remington School

**DECEMBER 21**-Choir & Band Christmas Services

**DECEMBER 24**-5:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES

**A REMINDER ABOUT OUR  
CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR THE STUDENTS AT  
REMINGTON SCHOOL.**

We are committed to making a "Christmas Bag" for the 300 students who attend Remington School here in Tulsa. This is the Children's area Christmas project!

Please remember that because we hope to make the gifts for these children look very similar, we are requesting monetary funds this year instead of asking you to go out and purchase different items. Easier for you, too! Thank you so much for your donations!!!

Allyson thanks all who have so generously donated to make these "Christmas Bags" possible, but still needs funds for the snacks she wants to include in each bag.

**ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS BY NOV. 23rd!**



If you wish to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary during December, you may order yours now! They cost \$10 each. Please include who you'd like to honor or remember with your order. You may place your order during worship and drop in the offering plate or mail your check to the church office.

**ANGEL TREE COMING!  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16-23**

We are celebrating our 19th year in this ministry! This year we are adopting:

- ♦ 12 children from Carnegie and through the Elf Program.
- ♦ 10 children from Child Share, a United Methodist Foster Care program.
- ♦ 18 children & youth from the Methodist Boy's Ranch.
- ♦ 10 children in need from the community

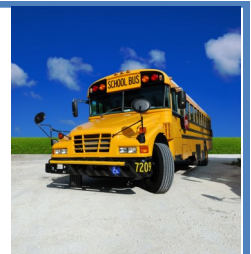
There is a \$50. gift limit per child and no more than two gifts....all put in the same bag please! We would like for you to bring your gifts by Wednesday, December 3rd to the Bride's room inside the Parlor.

Thank you for your faithful response in all the previous years as we share and celebrate our Savior's birth!



Outreach Committee

**BUS STOP MINISTRY  
HELP NEEDED!!!**



Last year Paula Fox started what has become known as our "Bus Stop Ministry". The students who waited for the school bus on our parking lot were often cold and hungry in the early morning hours. So, she bought breakfast snacks and drinks and opened the door to all those who wished to come in! And they DID come in. . .and kept coming in and coming in! Donations to help with the food and drinks began arriving, too, and the Bus Stop Ministry quickly became a big part of our ministry to others! It's open after Fall Break and closes after Spring Break. Right now Paula desperately needs volunteers to help her in the gym. We need to have 2 adults present every morning. You can sign up for one day a week (or more or less!) The kids are "great" and act very nicely, so it's fun for everyone! (Hours: 6:45-8:00am) Please call the church office if can help.

**From Patrick's Desk. . . .**

Have you stopped to recognize the many blessings in your life recently? No, I mean have you REALLY stopped to sift through even the ordinary things that happen that are God's blessings being sent your way. As we approach Thanksgiving this year I pray that each of us is able to not only find the blessing in the obvious things that happen in our lives now and then, but in those little things that we can't help but know God is with us every day. It's so easy to find the big blessings this time of year, but remember that every single day of our lives we have a multitude of things happening around us, people crossing our path's, and circumstances completely mundane that God is using to remind us of his love for us.

The youth will be celebrating the many blessings we've each experienced this year at our Thanksgiving Fellowship meal on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll share a meal, and reminisce about a year gone by full of challenges, accomplishments, joys, concerns, highs, and lows, but most importantly abundant blessings. Please join us by taking this time leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday to remember all of the blessings in each of your lives as well, and to remember both those blessing great and small.

## Demonstrate your thankfulness this season

Each holiday season, New Haven UMC anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [[www.newhavenumc.org](http://www.newhavenumc.org)] and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



### THANKSGIVING LAITY SERVICE SUNDAY, NOV 23 AT 6:00 P.M.

*His love has no limit, His grace has no measure;  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.*

How can we respond to such love? Giving thanks with a grateful heart is a good place to start. Sharing your story of thanksgiving is a powerful way to tell God thank you for all he has done in your life. Not to each other---but to give thanks to God! (No one else can share your story like you can. And if you don't tell it, who will)?

I want to invite you to our annual Thanksgiving Laity Service. Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. We will give thanks in testimony and song.

Come and join us in giving thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness. Come and experience the joy that comes from blessing counting. Danny Hall

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...



### Members:

Bob Durkee  
Jim Followell

Rachael Gotcher  
Peter Havlik  
Bob Schwartz

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Mark Nicholson, Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Bill Mote; Melba Turner's sister; Tammy Johnson's parents; The Mabrey family; the homeless; our world, our country, city, and leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

### UMPTEENAGERS

Come join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 11:30 am in the church parlor for lunch. After lunch we are pleased to have our own Bill Gotcher talk to us and show pictures about the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in the Korean war. We will also talk about our December Christmas Lights Tour and Dinner in Tulsa. See you there!

### ADVENT STUDY BEGINS IN DECEMBER! December 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:00-7:00 pm

The holidays are on our minds and it isn't even Thanksgiving yet!

How do we get so caught up in all the activities of Christmas? Advent is a time of waiting expectantly. In this advent study, "Under Wraps: The Gift we never Expected", we will focus on "God is Expectant" and "God is Faithful" as we prepare our hearts for the coming of this incredible gift given to all of us. There will be time to stop, to pause and prepare for the joy and gift of this little baby coming into our lives.

Come join us on three Thursday evenings starting December 4 at 6:00 for an hour of anticipation and rejoicing together.

*Rev. Suzanne Davis*



## Opportunities of the Week November 16 ~ 23

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

#### BLESSING OF MOUNTAIN OF FOOD

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
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 (Children)  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 10:00am Women's Grief Recovery Group  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University/Parlor  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor  
3:00 pm DSAT Potluck Dinner/Gym

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
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3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)  
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Lay Thanksgiving Service

## November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
- Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
15. Pat Graf
16. Doris Brown
17. Elizabeth Amos
- Kerry Beebe
19. Hunter Standlee
- Susan Thomas
20. Jude Blanchard
- Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
- Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
- Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riffin
27. Mitzi Blanchard
28. Dorothy Koons



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

## ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

8:45 am— 75

11:00 am— 99

TOTAL— 174

SUNDAY SCHOOL—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**  
"Ancient & Medieval Religions"

**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 Ortberg. A study on Revelation

## New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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HAVE PECANS  
FOR SALE ON  
SUNDAY, NOV. 23!  
\$12./BAG**