

# THE SPIRE

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by being God's Love in Action."*

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## THE BLESSING OF NEW HAVEN'S WONDERFUL NEW BUS!



**"THE HANGING OF THE GREENS" WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY!  
ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH @10:00 a.m.**

**Come together in one exciting worship service to sing beautiful Christmas hymns and decorate our lovely Sanctuary for Advent Season! Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in decorating or you may just choose to relax and enjoy the worship service of scripture, song, and anticipation of the birth of our Lord, Jesus. This is truly a beautiful beginning to Advent season!**

## MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

On Sunday, Dec. 7th, we invite you to meet us on the front lawn to decorate our Memorial Christmas tree. If you come out right after the 8:45 service, you'll still have time to attend Sunday School. The Memorial Christmas Tree began after our dear Nathan Wofford passed away and we continue decorating one each year in memory of all our loved ones. Pastor Cindy will share a prayer with us and we'll sing a song. When the tree is taken down after Christmas, we will save your ornaments for you. We hope you'll join us to pay tribute to all our beloved family and friends. If you need more information, please call Adriaan at 918-250-5966.

**ANGEL TREE COMING GIFTS ARE  
DUE BACK THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 30TH.**

**PLEASE LEAVE THEM IN  
THE BRIDE'S ROOM  
(INSIDE THE PARLOR).**



## HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT A SUCCESS!

A big thanks to New Haven UMC for your support of the The Happy Children's Home of China! We filled three tables of New Haven members at the Oct. 24th benefit "It's All About the Children!" Thanks to so many of you who came to the dinner and entertainment and fine arts! Thanks especially to the two New Haven members who were featured on the program, Pamela Prescott and Gracelyn Logsdon. The New Haven youth served the meal like pros, along with Circle of Care youth and the Chinese Christian Church. A New Haven member was highest bidder on the silent auction painting of the home by Adriaan Duiveman's uncle in Maine! All in all, over \$11,000 was raised at the event! The October 24th benefit was ten years to the day of the first benefit that helped raise the money to build the home! Former New Haven pastor, Rev. Shannon Davis, was chairman of the board of directors then, and he returned to be master of ceremonies. Adriaan was chair of that decade ago fundraiser and chair of this year's benefit as well! Paul Mabrey was honored beautifully by his former student, Kingsley Leggs, who dedicated a song to him. The benefit was the inspiration of New Haven's Outreach Committee Chair, Adriaan Duiveman, who led a subcommittee for nine months in planning for this heartwarming evening that was, indeed, "All About the Children!" Contact Adriaan if you would like to purchase a matted print of the watercolor of the home by his uncle, Tony van Hasselt. The profits of the sale of prints go to the Happy Children's Home thanks to the generosity of the artist.

## UMW News

The ladies of the New Haven United Methodist Women are selling pecans! We have one-pound bags of Sooner pecans. They are local and fresh! This is our annual fundraiser, supporting our missions. This year we plan to sponsor families for Christmas gifts and support youth for the mission trip expenses.

One pound for \$12. Available on Sundays or by calling the church office.

The Susanna Circle will meet at 11am on Thursday, December 11 to go to lunch at Gilcrease Museum. Hope Circle will resume in January. Mark your calendars!

**Come and enjoy a light lunch and help  
pack the Christmas Backpacks!  
December 14th at Noon  
in the gym.**



Allyson has spend countless hours shopping for the perfect items to put in the backpacks for the children at Remington School. On Sunday, December 14th right after the 11:00 worship service, everyone who would like to help put these backpacks together is invited to come to the gym for a light lunch and quickly assemble the packs. It will be laid out just like our In-Service Sundays, so it will go really fast! The principal and some of the teachers from Remington will join us for this project, so please come and greet them and show our love and support to these wonderful educators!!!

## HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT DINNER





## LAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE A BLESSING TO ALL!

Those who attended the Thanksgiving Lay service last night left with a special closeness to the seven New Haven folks who shared their stories of personal triumphs and affirmations of faith.

Tender (and sometimes humorous) words of God's peace and assurances were presented by heartfelt testimonies as Kyler Smith, Jocelyn Schifferdecker, Linda Joyce, Nancy Gunter, Lou Lindsey, Carolyn Toalson and Ron Cunningham shared with us parts of their life's journey. We also were moved when Pamela Prescott gave thanks to God for her blessings and to our beloved Paul Mabrey for bringing her and her family to New Haven.

We were also blessed by Bailey Sartain's solo and Tim and Pamela Prescott's music on piano and violin.

In addition to appreciating the speakers and musicians in the program, we thank Pamela Prescott, Teresa Roberts, Greg and Tracy Pape for coming back to make this service special and thank you, Pastor Suzanne for the sending forth.

In this uncertain world there are some things that never change and that is the perfect love our Heavenly Father has for each one of us and that God is still in command. Praise God!

We all give thanks with grateful hearts.

Happy Thanksgiving. Danny Hall, Lay Leader

## FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . .

We are blessed indeed!

What an amazing God I serve alongside each of you! No matter where our journey is – whether in a valley or on a mountain top – He gives us the spiritual manna that we each need at JUST the time we need it. I know that this week's message was meant for us all, and was personally a great reminder for me and my walk with Christ. While it may seem like just part of the pastor's sermon I've asked each of the youth, and would encourage each of us to take a few minutes out of our days this week to write down the 5 things for which you are thankful. Don't let the hectic nature of our holiday lives, and the world around you keep you from a real appreciation of what Thanksgiving, and the coming advent season mean in your life.

One of the things I'm grateful for is our youth group. They took me in as their teacher and confidant when they could have made it very challenging given the change they've experienced. Instead they have loved me as their own from the beginning, and have been a blessing to my life ever since.

I'm thankful for everyone that shares in worship in our church home here in whatever form they worship, and hope that each of you has an incredible week full of reminders of God's blessings in your life.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .



### Our Members:

Bob Durkee

Linda Parmele

Bob Schwartz

### In Remembrance: Jim Followell

passed away on Saturday, November 22nd. His memorial service will take place at New Haven UMC on Tuesday, November 25th at 2:00 p.m.

### 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 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



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

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 30 ~ December 7

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:00am **HANGING OF THE GREENS  
COMBINED WORSHIP**

3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)  
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 pm Outreach/Parlor  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 pm Praise Band  
6:00 pm "Under Wraps" Class/Parlor

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:45 am **Contemporary Worship and  
Children's Church**  
9:45 am Decorate Memorial Tree/Front  
lawn  
9:45 am **Sunday School**  
11:00 am **Traditional Worship and  
Children's Church**  
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
4:00 pm New Haven Reads  
4:30 pm Bible Experience (Children)  
5:15 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Annual Christmas Dinner and  
Talent Show



## December Birthdays

1. Shirley Wolfrom
3. Natalie Coulombe
7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos  
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson  
Jennifer Lawrence  
Tracy Walker
14. Kevin Scruggs
16. Linda Blackford  
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson  
Dee Kemp
21. Cathy Amos  
Kelly Sartain  
Bob Schwartz
23. Johnnie Green
24. Mark Williams
25. JESUS  
Christene O'Toole
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



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 23, 2014**

**8:45 am— 79**

**11:00 am—97**

**TOTAL—176**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—61**

**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

**THE UMW HAS  
PECANS FOR  
SALE ON  
SUNDAYS!!!  
\$12./BAG**

### 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
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Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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