



# THE SPIRE

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by being God's Love in Action."*

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## CINDY'S CHALKBOARD

Recently, I watched a video clip on YouTube about someone who was hiking in Yosemite National Park and witnessed an amazing site – a double rainbow! Apparently, this phenomenon lasted over an hour – and the person videoing it was simply beside himself! The film clip went viral. Not just because of the rarity of double rainbows; mostly it was because of Bear's reaction.

While the only thing you see in the video clip is the camera scanning back and forth across the sky... you can't help be amused by his response. He was in absolute awe! Over and over again, you could hear Bear shout, "It's a double rainbow! Look at this! It's so intense! Look at that! What does it mean?"

This video, made on January 8, 2010, captured people's hearts, and eventually was in even recorded as a song. Some found a great deal of humor in watching the clip; others were much more

moments on film for everyone to see, but we know these moments are given to us to highlight our day, to remember God's presence and to give thanks for God's works.

***Out of the north comes golden splendor;  
around God is awesome majesty. - Job 37:23***

enthralled to see the amazing display of God's hands.

Sometimes, I think we miss out on God's presence. Life gets really busy, and many things need our attention. In those times, I am thankful for the tap on our shoulder when God wants OUR attention! All of us can point to times when we notice something of God's beautiful creation that leaves us at a loss for words. We might not capture these

I believe God understands our busy times; but He also knows that there are times when we need to stop what we are doing, and allow His creation to sink in. What is the most beautiful thing you have seen lately? God is so creative and so magnificent, that we will never be able to capture His wonder in one video clip. Take time to notice God's presence around you this week. Blessings.—Pastor Cindy

DOUBLE



RAINBOW

Let us build a **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD** for Restore Hope during these next few weeks. To participate in the Mountain of Food, please take the price times the number of a flat or flats you choose below and fill in the total price on the bottom of the list. **Make checks out to NEW HAVEN UMC.** If you wish to make a cash donation and would like for us to select the items, feel free to do so. **Be sure to write "Mountain of Food" in the memo line of your check.** We will purchase the flats of food and bring them to the church each week. On Sunday, November 2nd, we will begin building the Mountain of Food in the Sanctuary. On the afternoon of November 16th, volunteers will load up the food and take it to Restore Hope Ministries. **We would appreciate it if you could turn in your checks and orders as soon as possible so that we can begin to order the food.** You may place your checks and order forms in the offering plate, mail them in, or leave them at the table in the Narthex. Last year our mountain of food grew to 7,700 pounds! Let us make this a great year in building the **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD.** Restore Hope really appreciates your support!

<u># of flats</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price per Flat</u>	<u>Totals</u>
_____	Macaroni & Cheese.....	\$10.00	_____
_____	Soups.....	\$15.00	_____
_____	Peanut butter.....	\$20.00	_____
_____	Tuna.....	\$33.00	_____
_____	Pork & Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peas.....	\$8.00	_____
_____	Green Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Corn.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Sweet Potatoes.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Peaches.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Fruit Cocktail.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Apple Sauce. . . . .	\$16.68	_____
_____	Pineapple Chunks.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Pasta.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Cornbread Mix.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Cereal.....	\$22.00	_____
_____	Canned Chicken . . . . .	\$22.00	_____
_____	Spaghetti Sauce.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Canned Luncheon Meat.....	\$18.00	_____

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Total price of all flats \_\_\_\_\_

**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 which we are doing instead of the Christmas Boxes which we had done for several years. This year we decided to bless some children right here in our home town instead of shipping gifts overseas. The shipping cost has gone up every year and now nearly doubles the cost of the boxes we send.

Remington is a community school which serves 300 students and their families.

- Most of its 300 students go home to the Cherry Hill trailer park and Section 8-funded Parkview apartments.
- 80-95% of the students use the bus.
- Almost all 300 students are on a free or reduced-lunch program.
- Remington is located at the end of a dead-end street, which forces a sense of community because its community partners aren’t in the immediate vicinity. The school’s small student population also strengthens this community sense. Says Community School Coordinator Heather Palmer, “We’re all like one big family here.” An array of programs, services, and opportunities at the school are designed to promote this feeling.

**\*\*\*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!!!**



**HISTORY OF MOUNTAIN OF FOOD  
CONTINUES THIS YEAR!!!**

**by Dick Garwood**

The first order form for Mountain of Food was in our bulletins this past Sunday. We will continue with the forms through Sunday, November 9th. On that day we will place our last order for this year. We hope you will think about it and pray about it and make your donation.

It makes me proud when I look back through my records and see where we started with about 3,000 pounds of food which has grown to over 100,000 pounds given in the 11 years since.

Our Mountain of Food has caused two other churches to start similar food drives! It’s wonderful to be instigators of such a great project and mission!

Let’s build it high this year!!!

**PATRICK + YOUTH=AWESOME TEAM!!!**

The youth have had a great fall thus far, and are getting excited for our upcoming Advent study. We are currently in a great video series of the 10 Commandments. It has been a very interesting take on discovering what God planned for these great and mighty rules of life for each of us and how they impact us every day.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, we had the opportunity to join with 85 members of youth from around our district at the Fall Event which this year was a progressive dinner. I find myself inspired, and impressed watching God work through even just the NHUMC youth daily – then God goes and shows off by placing me in the presence of 85 youth that gathered to fellowship and worship. WOW is all I can say. Listening to that many young soul’s singing out God’s praises makes you see that bigger things are at work not only in my life as a witness to this, but in ALL of our youth. And that each of them is on their own journey with Christ. It reminded me of my own youth, and the questions, doubts, beliefs, challenges, victory’s, failures that I had and was a great reassurance that I as the Youth Director, and we as a church have an amazing and awesome God that is here to help us as we shepherd today’s youth through these times in their lives.

## HALLOWEEN CHILI DINNER FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS WHO ARE HOMELESS

On Friday, Oct. 31st, we have another opportunity to serve and share a meal with our extended family. Our menu will be chili pies with all the trimmings and for dessert we'll have cupcakes. If you plan to make chili, please have your warmed chili in the main kitchen of the church by 4:00 pm. If you plan to help serve, please meet us in the kitchen by 4:45 pm.

Music will be offered by John and Paula Manuel. We also will have goodie bags filled with lots of treats for our sisters and brothers. Please stop by the Outreach table to sign up.

God's Speed,  
Adriaan

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...



### Members:

Bob Durkee  
Jim Followell  
Paula Fox

Peter Havlik  
Paul Mabrey  
Bob Schwartz

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

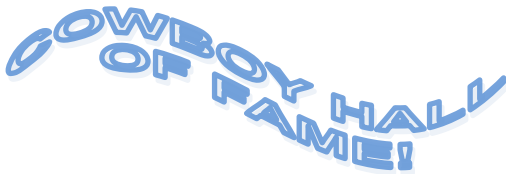
Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Mark Nicholson, Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Elizabeth Havlik; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; Bill Mote; Regina LaGrone's grandmother, Lonie Evans; Melba Turner's sister; Tammy Johnson's 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

## UMPTENAGERS NEWS

Dust off your 10 gallon hat and shine your cowboy boots! We're going to the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, October 21st. We will leave the church (transportation provided) at 10:00 am and should return by 5:00 pm. We'll have lunch there, then take a guided tour. The cost of the tour is \$9.25 per person. If you plan to go, please call Sue Duncan (918-491-6126) so that she can let the museum know how many will be there for the restaurant and the tour. Hope you can go!!!



## PAINTING OF THE EAVES

This past summer as we were looking for projects for Mission Sunday, Life Sr. Services asked if we could paint the eaves of the home of a Senior Citizen. This project was one that they had tried to have someone pick up during Day of Caring in Tulsa, but no one was able to do it. On our Mission Sunday we had so many amazing projects and accomplished so much, but we also were not able to get the eaves painted. Now, we would like to help and will be partnering with some YMCA staff to get these eaves painted before winter. The date that this will happen is Saturday, November 1 from 10:30am until it is finished (hopefully 2:30 or 3:00pm). **Please let Nancy Gunter know if you can assist with this project:** phone: 405-585-8828 or email: [nancy.gunter@rocketmail.com](mailto:nancy.gunter@rocketmail.com)

## ELECTION WEEK HOSPITALITY

New Haven UMC will once again be a polling site for a big election on Tuesday, November 4. Our church decided years ago to practice radical hospitality and one way we do this is by providing snacks and beverages to all the voters who vote here!!! It has been hugely appreciated by all who come here to vote and this November 4th will most likely bring out many voters once again! PLEASE help by bringing mini-muffins, cookies, brownies, etc. to offer to our voters. They may be left in the parlor kitchen on Sunday, November 2nd or brought to the church on Nov. 3rd or 4th. We also need people to sign up in the hallway to be "greeters" at the refreshment table. You may sign up for any amount of time you can spare that day. We really APPRECIATE all of you who have so generously helped in the past!



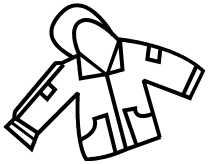


## Next In-Service Sunday - November 9<sup>th</sup>

The next in-service Sunday will benefit the veterans living at Bryce House at 12<sup>th</sup> and Baltimore in Tulsa. Bryce House is a specialized transitional living facility for homeless veterans who've undergone treatment for drug or alcohol addiction. Veterans can live at Bryce House for up to two years as they continue rehabilitation and progress toward independence.

On Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be packing items after both the 8:45 and 11 o'clock services for the thirty-one occupants at Bryce House. We will be released a few minutes early from Worship. This allows plenty of time to pack the designated items and provides an opportunity to "do worship". Please join us in worshipping God through this in-service ministry!

**In addition**, we are asking that if you have a gently used (or new) men's coat (any size) that you bring it to the church. The veterans can use a coat for the upcoming colder weather. The Committee will add hats and gloves to your coat donation. We will have clothes racks in the hallway to hang the men's coats. Everyone will be packing dopp kits with toiletries and various other items. Thank you for caring for others in need.



## SUZANNE SEZ. . . .

When we have faced a significant death in our life things change in so many ways, unexpected ways. It can be a long, lonely journey. There is no way to change that but there are ways of support if one is open to them. One significant way is to be with other people who understand a bit about loss. No one can fully understand what one is going through because each journey, each relationship has its own unique qualities. We have two grief support groups for these times. Burying the grief is not helpful, un healthy and can lead to physical, emotional and spiritual problems. If there has been a significant death in your life you are invited to seek support. Please contact the church office or Suzanne Davis.

## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



In case you haven't heard, **Fall Festival** is coming October 26<sup>th</sup>! There will be Trunk or Treat from 4:00-4:30, so you'll want to decorate your trunks and bring some goodies for the kids! Then, from 4:30-6:00, there will be inflatables, carnival games, and a silent auction. We'll also have a "Snack Walk" instead of a cake walk, so we need lots of individually packaged snacks (cookies, candy, chips, etc.) and I will be collecting them right up to the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Right now we only have ONE package!!! All of the proceeds will go to our Day School. It is such a blast every year! If you would like to help in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know!



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2014

If you have lost a loved one since October of 2012 And would like to have their name read during the services on November 2nd, please call the church office and let us know. Please provide the name and date of passing of your family member. They will be remembered during this special service.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS NOVEMBER 2, 2014

For all of you who have a beloved pet, we are holding a very special "service" for them on Nov. 2nd at 3:00 pm on the front lawn. Rev. Jan Boyd will take a moment to love and bless each and every pet on that day. Bring your pet on a leash and join the fun of "The Blessing of the Animals"!

## Opportunities of the Week October 26~November 2

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 LAITY SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 4-6 pm FALL FESTIVAL! (4:00-4:30pm is "Trunk or Treat")

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/18
- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Financial Peace University/ Parlor
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Day Center
- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT MIDNIGHT!!! TURN CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR!!!

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

#### ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals/Front lawn
- 3:30 pm New Haven Reads
- 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

## October Birthdays



2. Richard Jaeger
- Betty Hodge
3. Dorothy Thacker
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
- George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
- Kate Scruggs
9. Nancy Gunter
10. Mark Morgan
11. Teresa Hughes
13. Emily Hughes
14. Janet Hopkins
20. Kent Toalson
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Quentin VanDyke
26. Greg Gotcher
- Sam Puryear
- Teresa Roberts
27. Fran Palm
- Sue Duncan
- Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter
31. Virginia Kingsolver



Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 1st.  
(Time change begins Nov. 2nd)

## ATTENDANCE

**OCTOBER 19, 2014**

**8:45 am— 92**  
**11:00 am—92**  
**TOTAL—184**

**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 Ortburg. A study on Revelation begins October 19th.

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

## New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
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Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
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Teresa Roberts	Organist
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Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
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