



# 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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I’ve been listening to stories shared by our youth at camp this

summer. There have been no lack of amazing things that have touched their hearts in their time away! One of the most moving experiences to me is when they feel some sort of “calling” from God.

The question we all ask is “Is it for real?” The problem is that the word “calling” is ambiguous. Callings can be general or specific. But what I’ve learned in my years of ministry is that our call is simple: Use well the abilities that God has given to you!

Now, don’t you just wish God would stretch a long banner across the sky with your name on it and tell you exactly what he is calling you to do? Well. That would be way too easy! So... just how likely is it that you will get a direct instruction

## Cindy’s Chalkboard

from God? Scripture offers an answer to the question.... and the answer is....not very likely.

It’s easy to check this on your own. Pick any biblical figure and count the number of times God instructed them personally, and then compare that to how long the person lived.

water only once...but he was to walk with Jesus for his entire life!

Our call is simple: Use well the abilities that God has given you. The truth is, we won’t always know what to do; sometimes we’ll miss the mark. But the goal isn’t to avoid painful

***“The desire to please God does, in fact, please Him.” - Thomas Merton***

Even for someone like Abraham, they were relatively rare. So if God rarely gave directives to Abraham, Moses or Mary, maybe we need to rethink our expectations for ourselves.

Here’s what I know about our “calling”. We are expected to do something good with what we’ve been given, and that is why what we do with our lives matters. The call to do something good lasts a lifetime. Jesus called Peter to walk on

consequences. The goal isn’t to make perfect decisions all the time. The goal is to honor and please God.

If that’s your goal, you will use well the abilities that God has given you. If I sincerely desire to honor God, I cannot fail to please Him. And that is good news!

Blessings in your “calling”

- Pastor Cindy

## ***Our Final Camp Meeting Days in Worship This Sunday!***

Woo-hoo! Didn’t you LOVE having Salt Creek Band back with us this past Sunday in worship? It was so much fun singing and clapping our hands I along with the music—God is good! Thank you, Salt Creek

Band, for setting our toes to tapping and helping us remember some of that good old Gospel Blue Grass music.

We have just one more week to go in our Camp Meeting series.

This coming Sunday on August 9th, **Rev. Antonio Porter** will be our guest preacher to “bring it all home!” in a revival style worship experience! Come join us as we gather together to worship our Lord!!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

### OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Pat Thomas



### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Greg Pape's mother, Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Patrick Grafton's mom, Colleen; Betty Hodge's friend, Becca; Paula Fox's friend, Richard; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

## THE VISION IN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD GOES TO. . . . .TA-DA. . . . . OUR OWN **SUSAN HARRIS!!!**

This award honors exemplary leaders in the Tulsa area for their dedication to education and community betterment through education.

CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN! YOUR NEW HAVEN FAMILY IS VERY PROUD OF YOU!

## VISION IN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

### TIPS ON "ENJOYING LIFE" (part one)

- ~ Say something positive as early in the day as possible.
- ~ Believe in miracles, but don't depend on them.
- ~ Seek respect rather than popularity; quality rather than luxury.
- ~ If your mom says "you'll regret it" you probably will.
- ~ Be happy with what you have while working on what you want.
- ~ Celebrate even small victories.
- ~ When in doubt, smile.

## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

During the Sunday School hour on August 16th, New Haven will be hosting a "Backpacks and Blessings" event for those students (through 12th grade) in our congregation and neighborhood that will be starting school. We will have a light breakfast, as well as a time where we will pray over the students and their backpacks. Many of the students will come with a backpack, ready to start school; some will not, because the family cannot afford the cost. That's where New Haven comes in! We are asking for donations of new, gender-neutral, basic backpacks (no drawstring, please), in the range of \$20. Our goal is to collect at least 30. There will be a basket in the hallway to put your donations. If you have any questions, please let me know!



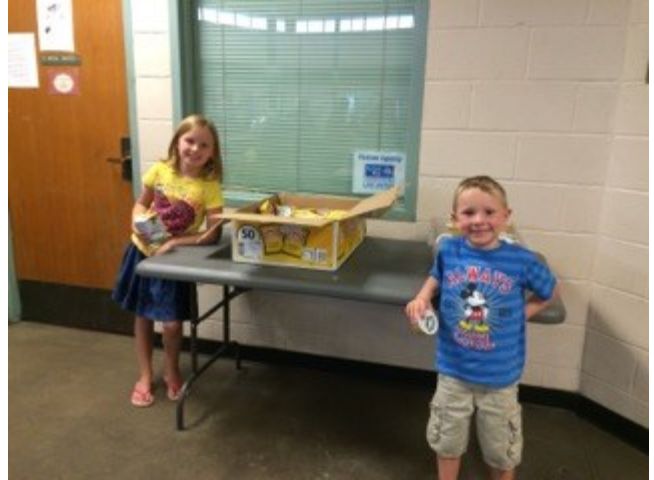
Congratulations to Jude Smith for earning his "God and Family" Scouting award!!! The Scouting program provides a wonderful opportunity for children in 4th-5th grades and their families to explore their faith together. Way to go, Jude!!!

### UMPTENAGERS TO MEET ON AUGUST 20TH

Bring your appetite and your ideas to the church parlor on Thursday, Aug. 20th. We will have lunch, then plan our activity schedule for the coming year. Pastor Cindy is available on August 20th to meet with us! Hope everyone can be there!

**Mission**

**Corner**



**DINNER AT THE  
DAY CENTER  
FOR THE  
HOMELESS.**

**Thursday, July 30**

**Menu: Sloppy Joe  
Sandwiches and all  
the trimmings!**



**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## Opportunities of the Week August 9 ~ 16

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 9:30 am Mission Group goes to the Day Center for the Homeless

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am "Backpack, Blessings & Breakfast Event/Gym
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

**Hallelujah!**

**Thine the Glory!!**

**REVIVE US AGAIN!!!**

## August Birthdays

1. Suzanne Davis
2. Dick Garwood  
Marion Wilkerson
4. Ken Fox
5. Tom Kemp
6. 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  
Ashley Boyd

**★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!**

**THERE WILL NOT BE  
A SPIRE DURING THE  
WEEK OF MONDAY,  
AUGUST 17-21st.**

**Please plan  
accordingly when  
sending  
your articles!**

## ATTENDANCE

**August 2, 2015**

**8:45 am— 92**

**11:00 am—121**

**TOTAL— 213**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TOTAL: 61**

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Proverbs, Prophets, & Parables

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem  
and Northern Kingdom

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
A Study of the Apostles.

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"Stressed Out" by Serendipity  
Focus Group

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
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Stephen Merrick	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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