



# THE SPIRE

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*"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
by being God's Love in Action."*

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## *Pastor Cindy's Chalkboard*

Prayer matters! We've begun a sermon series based on a new book written by Max Lucado called "Before Amen."

In his new and widely acclaimed book, Max Lucado talks about the power of a simple prayer, and helps us look at our own prayer life. We want to pray... but when? We want to pray... but why?

Lucado shares with us the idea of using a simple prayer. It's really more like a simple tool for prayer. Now, if you get prayer, you probably don't need this... but if you struggle with prayer... this is something that might help.

This past Sunday we've given out small laminated cards with this simple prayer on it:

***"God, you are good.  
I need help.  
They need help.  
Thank you.  
In Jesus' name, Amen."***

- Max Lucado

Try it out! Spend four minutes praying every day for four weeks. The challenge is simple, and it will change your life forever.

### **Sermon Series: "Before Amen"**

I hope you've begun to try it. See what happens when you pray!

And here's another challenge Lucado offers. Visit his website: <http://beforeamen.com/prayer-challenge/>

Sign-up to take his "Prayer Challenge". You'll get a daily prayer from him for four weeks. And, as he says, that's:

**4 MINUTES + 4 WEEKS  
= FOREVER CHANGED**

You can begin your challenge whenever you want. And if you don't know what to pray... start with Max Lucado's Pocket Prayer and see how it goes. Some of you may be interested to know there is also a prayer assessment tool and a prayer wall available on that same website.

Discover the power of a simple prayer that can change your life forever!

Praying for and with you,  
Pastor Cindy

## **Special Called Charge Conference—February 8th**

Join your church family for a brief, but *very important*, Charge Conference on Sunday, February 8th at 12:15 pm in the church Parlor.

Patrick Grafton, our awesome Youth Director, will be seeking approval for "Declared Candidate" status as he begins his journey into ordained ministry!

Please come and listen to his call to ministry and support this exciting time in his life! You will have an opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the process of candidacy into ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Dan Peil, our Tulsa District Superintendent, will be here to lead us in this sacred time.

New Haven UMC has had the blessing of sending numerous individuals into the candidacy process for ordination to serve as pastors in a wide variety of settings. Come, join your church family as together we witness and support Patrick and this sacred calling. You will be blessed!

**PLEASE  
PRAY FOR...**



Christene O'Toole; Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson, Danny Hall's sister, Lillie; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Lana Gotcher's cousin, Kathy; Tracy Pape's mother, Jodie; Greg Pape's mother; Don Carpenter; Family of Jerry Smith; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

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

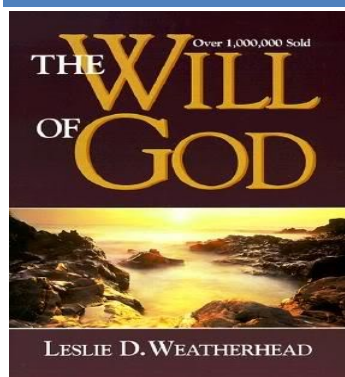
### ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Acolyte Training has been rescheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. We will have a quick lunch beforehand. We are asking that you attend with your children so you will be aware of the importance of your child serving as an acolyte, as well as the expectations that we have for them. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Do you have a passion for working with children? If so, I have a job for you! New Haven has received a donation that may help us provide childcare for handbell and choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. This is for ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact me at the office (918.743.6491) or through email ([allyson.cauthon@newhavenumc.org](mailto:allyson.cauthon@newhavenumc.org))

**New Bible Study Classes Begin Soon!** (Sign up in hallway or call the office 918-743-6491 by Feb. 9th)



### The Will of God

Life doesn't always turn out as we had planned. The unimaginable happens and we are left asking why? Why did God let this happen? Does everything happen for a reason? We will be discussing Weatherhead's book "The Will of God" and other materials as we think about the will of God. How do we discern it in our lives today?

**Materials:** Provided

**Classes:** Tuesday Mornings

**Leader:** Rev. Suzanne Davis

**Length:** 4 weeks

**Dates:** First session starts March 3rd 10:00 - 11:00 am.



### The Book of Revelation

Come join us in this thought-provoking study of one of the most challenging books of the Bible. This book contains a wide range of symbolism as it relates to the Old Testament and future thoughts. The Book of Revelation tells us that the future is in God's hands and the best is yet to come!

**Materials:** Provided

**Classes:** Thursday Evenings

**Leader:** Nancy Gunter

**Length:** 8 weeks

**Dates:** First session starts February 12th 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

**A Mighty Fortress**  
EIN FESTE BURG  
Martin Luther, 1529

Public Domain

### Meeting God in Hymns

Hymns are historical artifacts, works of art, essential practices in worship, lessons for children, and sources of comfort in times of trial. In each session we will explore three hymns organized around a common theme. Come join us as we learn about the hymns' authors, consider what the lyrics say about God, and what the lyrics can teach us about following the way of Jesus.

**Materials:** Provided

**Classes:** Thursday Evenings

**Leader:** Sarah Morice Brubaker

**Length:** 6 weeks

**Dates:** First session starts February 19th 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

## Corner



Hi, my name is Missy. That's me in the photo. I've got my appointment set for the church pictorial directory and hope that you have too.

If you enjoy doing mission work; want to know what's coming up next in the Missions area; or like reading advice then look no further. I have a heart for Missions and desire to see others transformed by God's love.

**Dear Missy,**

I enjoy working with children and would like to volunteer some of my time to helping. Where would you recommend I go?

Signed,  
Kids are the Best

**Dear KATB,**

We have two Mission groups here at New Haven that work with children.

1) **Bus Stop Ministry:** Children from elementary age to high school come to the church on school day mornings to enjoy a snack, play games, do homework, visit, and get out of the weather. The first group arrives around 6:50 a.m. and the last group leaves before 8:00 a.m. The school buses come to the parking lot and load up the kids. The church gymnasium provides a safe place for these children waiting for the school bus. Volunteers are needed to help with the students (from 45 – 50) each day. Call Paula Fox at 918-808-8492 or email at [paulafox@cox.net](mailto:paulafox@cox.net). Go try it. It's lots of fun!

2) **Respite Care:** Monthly, normally the second Saturday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., children with special needs and their siblings come to the church to enjoy snacks, crafts, music, group games, free play, and supper. This gives the parents a reprieve from caregiving, as well as a time to run errands. You can come play for an hour or four! Give Rose Unterschuetz a call at 918-688-7128 or email at [tulsa-rose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rose@sbcglobal.net). Next event is February 14.

**Dear Missy,**

I'm new to New Haven and wondered where do all the cool people hang out?

Signed,  
Just Wandering

**Dear JW,**

Try the church parlor on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. I'm sure you'll find them there. Next event February 3.

Blessings,  
Missy

Experience It!

**Come and**

## Murdock Villa Celebrates!

Our own Lou Lindsey has been heading up monthly birthday parties at Murdock Villa, home to disabled adults, for six years. Friday we celebrated the six-year anniversary with the residents and several of the sponsoring groups, including New Haven United Methodist Church. If you are interested in participating in planning the birthday luncheon for the residents this coming May, please contact Lou at [louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu](mailto:louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu) or 918-906-7364. She is currently forming her committee and would enjoy your input and help.





## Opportunities of the Week February 8 ~ 15

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and  
Children's Church  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship and  
Children's Church  
12:15 pm Special Called Charge  
Conference/Parlor  
3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Bible Experience for Children  
5:00 pm Disciple II  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group  
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185  
6:00 pm Hope Circle/Parlor

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Sanctuary  
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor  
6:00 pm "The Book of Revelation"/Parlor  
6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 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 for Children  
5:00 pm Disciple II  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Will Scruggs	2
J.J. Sartaín	3
Regina LaGrone	6
Linda Jaeger	9
Caitlin Riggín	9
Vetus Vanderwiele	9
Shirley Nelson	10
Marianne Duiveman	15
Jocelyn Schifferdecker	16
Kegan Schifferdecker	17
Dot Haynes	23
Ginny Lamkin	23
Stella Schwartz	23
Mary Anne Tyler	23
Jean Smith	24
Michael Sherwin	26



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The Susanna Circle UMW welcomes District UMW Officer Anne Marie Boyce at our upcoming meeting. Anne will speak on the Mission Today goals and Mission Studies. Please plan to join us on Thursday, February 12 at 10am in the Parlor. Stella Schwartz will host.

## ATTENDANCE

### FEBRUARY 1, 2015

8:45 am—80  
11:00 am—92  
TOTAL— 172

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:  
60

**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**  
"Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith  
Questions"

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

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Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
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Teresa Roberts	Organist
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