



# 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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## Cindy's Chalkboard

Just a week and a half ago, some made annual New Year's resolutions. Did you know that research shows that about 40 to 45 percent of Americans make a New Year's resolution, and those who do so, are 10 times more likely to meet their goal?

The federal website usa.gov says Americans tend to make the same resolutions year after year, even though we have a hard time sticking to them.

So, what are the top 10 resolutions Americans make from one year to the next?

- Lose Weight
- Volunteer to Help Others
- Quit Smoking
- Get a Better Education
- Get a Better Job
- Save Money
- Get Fit
- Eat Healthy Food
- Manage Stress
- Manage Debt
- Take a Trip
- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Drink Less Alcohol

Most of these don't surprise us, do they? Of all the resolutions on that list, the top 3 New Year's resolutions, by far, are: weight loss, start an

exercise program and stop smoking. The next question is... how many of these resolutions are

*God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

### ***New Year's Resolution: Loving God With All Our Heart, Soul and Mind!***

kept as time goes on?

- past the first week: 75%
- past 2 weeks: 71%
- after one month: 64%
- after 6 months: 46%

In other words: half of the people who make resolutions at New Years have given up on them by the end of June... but when you look at it from the other side... half of the people succeed!

Research shows that a positive attitude is helpful. People who make resolutions are 10 times more likely to reach their goals than people who don't make resolutions.\* Now, that's good news!

As Christians, we continually strive to reach our New Year's resolution when we hear Jesus' words in Matthew 22:37-38  
*"You shall love the Lord your*

Let's strive to be all that God has called us to be. Let's be a statistic, but in a BETTER WAY! Let's be in the 100th percentile in our journey of faith, knowing that God will not stop encouraging us to meet our goal!

Blessings as together we seek to bring God glory and honor in all that we do. - Pastor Cindy

\*Auld Lang Syne: Success predictors, change processes, and self-reported outcomes of New Year's resolvers and nonresolvers, by John C. Norcross, Marci S. Mrykalo,



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## "DESERT ROSE DISHES"

Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift? Or needing something new for your table to entertain over the holidays?

The New Haven United Methodist Women are offering our congregation the chance to purchase place settings of the Desert Rose China, purchased by the UMW decades ago, and no longer in use at the Church. Many remember when the UMW and Church used these dishes for so many big and special events!!

We have numerous place settings, some with cups and some without. We are asking \$100 for an 8 piece place setting with the cups and \$50 for those without.

All of the funds raised from the sale of these dishes will directly benefit the New Haven Youth fund for their mission trip in Spring 2015.

Please contact the church office or Susan Lamkin if you are interested. We are hoping to have a display soon.

Thank you for your support of our missions!

Congratulations to brand new grandparents, Bill & Tonya Ford on the birth of their granddaughter, Autumn Ford, born to Jason & Angie Ford on Sunday, Jan. 11th, at 11:00 pm. (7lbs., 11 oz.)

## **BOY SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

If you want to take part during the worship service in recognizing the Boy Scouts, please call the church!

918-743-6491

## **NOTICE!**

The book club, "New Haven Reads", is taking a break until further notice. (Lots of long winter evenings ahead to just enjoy reading your favorite books!)

## **UMPTENAGERS**

"Oh the weather outside might be frightful, but our Church Parlor is so delightful," so come join us on Tuesday, January 20, at 11:30 am for lunch (Chili and more, \$5/person).

Then hear Chief Meteorologist Brett Anthony of KJRH, Channel 2, talk to us about predicting the weather and other weather-related subjects.

## **ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Below are the happenings in the children's area. If there is an area you'd like more information about, or a place you'd like to help, please let me know!

This month in Sunday School, we are learning about "The Parable of the Sower" and what it means to be a follower of Christ. We will be looking at different types of seeds, as well as different types of ground cover, to discover what it means to be planted in the rich soil of Jesus. We will be learning a song called "Sow the Word" that you may just get to hear in church!

I am looking for two people to help with Children's Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> service. This commitment is for one Sunday, every other month, and the lesson is provided! It's a great time to get to know our kids!

Make plans **NOW** for your child to attend Acolyte training **January 25<sup>th</sup>**, after second service. There will be a light lunch in the gym. We will then proceed to the sanctuary where Pastor Cindy will talk about what it means to be an acolyte; we will also assign robes at this time. This is open to all children and youth, 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Please make plans to attend, as the schedule for the year will be made based on who attends the training. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Have an awesome week!



**PHOTO SESSION SIGN-UPS  
HAVE BEGUN!!!**  
**Photo Sessions: February 4th-7th**

**All New Haven members and current visitors** are encouraged to sign up to be photographed for our next Church Pictorial Directory. You can go to our website to choose your date & time to be photographed. ([www.newhavenumc.org](http://www.newhavenumc.org)) Just click on the **Life Touch** graphic and follow the directions! It's really easy! Just enter the number of people who will be in your group, then choose one of the 4 days to be photographed, and the time slot you would like to have. If you also give your email address to Lifetouch, they will send you a reminder! (They never give your email to anyone else!!!) If you don't use the internet, please call the church office and let one of us help you secure a spot! We'll also have sign up sheets in the hallway from January 11-25. Photography dates are Feb. 4-7th.

**PLEASE  
PRAY FOR...**



**Our Members:**

Bob Durkee  
Bobbie Scott

Christene O'Toole

Linda Parmele  
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; Melba Turner's sister; Delores Mabrey; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; David Johnson's dad, Doyle Johnson; Tracy Pape's mother, Jodie; Jennifer Lawrence's dad, Terry Lawrence; Susan Harris' dad, John Elliott; the homeless; our world, our country, city, public servants & leaders.

**Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)**

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



**HELP WANTED**

*Looking for a volunteer(s) to lead the Day Center for the Homeless Mission sub-team for 2015. Responsibilities include scheduling and organizing each event, gathering people to prepare food and serve meals, and staying within budget.*

*If interested, call David Toalson at 918-260-1705*



A feast for the soul



## Opportunities of the Week January 18 ~ 25

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 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  
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, JANUARY 19

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 11:30 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, JANUARY 21

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym  
11:00 pm Boy Scout Lock-In

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 11:30 am Boy Scout Pinewood Derby/  
Gym

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 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 Acolyte Training/Gym and  
Sanctuary  
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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dale Edmond	3
Bob Walker	4
Tiffany Sherwin	4
Sammye Hardgraves	7
Kay Garwood	10
Ron Unterschuetz	11
Helen Russell	12
Rose Unterschuetz	12
David Tolson	13
Rachel Pape	13
Joan Beebe	16
Sarah Duiveman	16
Derek Lamkin	20
Dwayne Boyd	21
Adele Gruber	24
Jude Smith	28
Mike Riffin	29
Bayleigh Boles	30



## ATTENDANCE

### JANUARY 11, 2015

8:45 am— 77  
11:00 am— 103  
TOTAL— 180

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL:  
55

**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**  
Beginning a new study next week!

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

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### 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
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Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
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