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Often times in a conversation, when someone is asked how

they are doing, they say, "I'm living the dream!" The typical response from the other person is either to laugh or ask, "What is the dream?"

This past weekend, we celebrated our country's 239<sup>th</sup> Independence Day; and my thoughts turn to that same question. And my answer is always the same. The "dream", for me, is living for God; which leads me to love God and therefore love others.

I'm sure you've heard people talk about "The American Dream." According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the "American Dream" is a social ideal that stresses egalitarianism and especially material prosperity; also, the prosperity or life that is the realization of this idea.

## Cindy's Chalkboard

But when we stop to think about it, by God's definition, "living the dream" has nothing to do with financial gain. Instead, it has everything to do with loving God and loving others.

Mark 12:30-31 says, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your

Yes, Jesus taught that following him would mean living lives differently than the culture in which we live. We respect and honor the freedoms that we have, and the personal rights and sacrifices made by others so that we might have these blessings today. But Jesus calls us to be a living sacrifice for him.

## "Living the Dream"

soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

These words impact all areas of our lives. Nothing in Scripture and in the life of Christ could be clearer: it is counter-cultural to seek your security in things that aren't man-made.

Remember what Jesus promised: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33).

Let us have the unshakable faith in God that King David had. Then together, we will truly be "living the dream."

Blessings,  
Pastor Cindy

## July 26th: Rice and Beans Luncheon and Packaging Event? Yes, Please!

On Sunday, July 26 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service, you are invited to the gym to **help package 600 pounds of rice and beans** to benefit Restore Hope. It will be a fun-filled assembly line of sorts!!

Restore Hope is a Mission that New Haven UMC has supported in various ways. This time with rice and beans!! Not only will you be helping others in need, but you will also get to **enjoy an authentic "Cajun"**

**flavored rice and bean lunch** prepared by our very own Jude Blanchard!

We are excited about this hands-on opportunity to help those in need. Come join us!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

### OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Donita Gray; Nicole Grafton

### 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; Peter Havlik's father, Ladislav Havlik; Tonya Ford's mom, Laney Higgins; Easter Moore; 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

## UMPTENAGERS

It's hot. so let's go somewhere COOL! How about touring the new Warren Theatre in Broken Arrow on Monday, July 20. Since the theatre is having a free movie for children on Tuesday (our regular meeting day) we will be there on Monday, leaving the church in our minibus at 10:00 a.m. We'll tour the theatre around 10:30, then have lunch in their café, The Warren Diner. We should be back at the church by early afternoon.

Be thinking about what you want to do and where you want to go next year. We plan our schedule for next year at our August meeting in the parlor.

## PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

Once again, Project Transformation is offering a "Lowe's Building Event" to our children. We need lots and lots of hammer-friendly volunteers to help the children assemble the balsa wood projects.

The dates will be Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15. We need volunteers from 12:45 to 2:45 each day.

Please rsvp to [jill.hoffman62@gmail.com](mailto:jill.hoffman62@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Jill Hoffman

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## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

We have three children that are attending Joy Camp this weekend: Joshua Blanchard, Mekenzie Blanchard, and Meghan Lamkin. They leave Friday afternoon and will return Sunday afternoon. Please be in prayer with me that they will have a fantastic time and learn something new about God!

If you are interested in teaching Children's Church, please let me know. I am looking for two more teachers for 2<sup>nd</sup> service. It's easy, and a lot of fun!

Some things to put on your calendars for the fall:

August 30th, 12:15 – The LAST Safe Sanctuaries training for 2015. This is REQUIRED for all who work with our children and youth in any capacity. This also applies to those who volunteer with Bus Stop and Respite Care. It is a 30-minute training.

September 27th, 12:15 – Acolyte training for those interested in helping in this capacity in worship. It is open for ages 1<sup>st</sup> grade through youth. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to me so we have a count.

## UMW Annual Birthday Party at Murdock Villa!!

We will meet and leave from New Haven at 1pm on Thursday, July 9. The party will begin at Murdock Villa by 2pm. The theme is Red, White and Blue and we hope to see you!

## Rice Cookers Needed



New Haven UMC is having a rice and beans luncheon and packaging event to benefit Restore Hope on Sunday, July 26 after the 11:00 a.m. service in the gymnasium. We need rice cookers!

If you have a rice cooker and are willing to let us borrow it, please let Jude or Mitzi Blanchard know at 918-764-8060 or by email

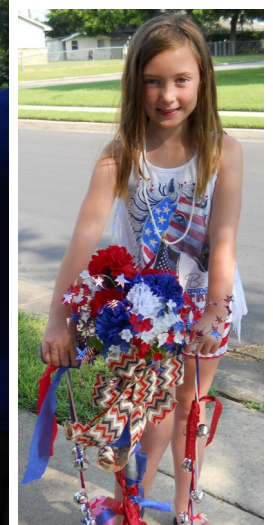
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## NEW HAVEN 4TH OF JULY PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!



**A COOL, WET ENDING TO A HOT JULY DAY!!!**





## Opportunities of the Week July 12 ~ 19

### SUNDAY, July 12

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, July 13

9:00 am Project Transformation  
10:00 am Grief Recovery Group  
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

### TUESDAY, July 14

9:00 am Project Transformation  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting/Parlor  
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9:00 am Project Transformation  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:00 am Project Transformation  
6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, JULY 17

7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:30 am Work Day at DVIS

### SUNDAY, JULY 19

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  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7. Mycroft LaGrone

14. Luke Stevenson

16. Greg Green

17. Gabriel VanDyke

Jeff Cauthon

David Schifferdecker

19. John Manuel

20. Betty Siegismund

21. Cindy Havlik

23. Jennifer Roberts

28. Marjorie Stewart



## SAFE SANCTUARY

**Make plans NOW to attend our last Safe Sanctuary training of 2015. This SHORT training (30 minutes) is August 30th in the parlor right after the 11:00 service. This is REQUIRED training for anyone who works with our children and youth, including Bus Stop, Respite Care, Sunday School & Children's Church.**

## ATTENDANCE

**July 5, 2015**

**8:45 am-66**

**11:00 am-90**

**TOTAL- 156**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**TOTAL: 53**

**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**  
"How Jesus Became God"

**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

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