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(Editor's Note: As Pastor Cindy enjoys a well deserved vacation, we will hear from other staff members on this front page of the Spire. Today Patrick Grafton, our youth pastor, brings you this message. Enjoy!)

Just like nature – Let the seasons of life transition again.

Someone more famous than I said that and it couldn't be more true that the only certainty in life is change. As we journey into another spring it's another reminder of our witness to God's splendor all around us. Everywhere you see the array of beautiful colors on plants, trees, and yards that just weeks ago were barren and brown. Have you ever considered that in much the same way we take for granted the change in the seasons, and the beauty contained within each of them, that we also take for granted God's presence in our lives?

Just as we watch all of the change to spring, and even marvel at it in conversations with friends and family God is constantly there for us as the seasons of our lives change. The challenge though is to ensure that through each season of our lives we do as Moses did, and always seek God. Whether the season we're experiencing feels as beautiful as the colors of spring or the coldest, darkest days of winter God is present if we just call on Him. At every stop on Moses ministry and leadership when Moses felt he couldn't go one step further, one sermon more God was there to remind him that Moses had Him at his side.

So as Moses, and many others before us how will we make sure that at every mountaintop, every valley, and every moment of our lives that our personal and present God is a part of our plan? Has God done something in your life and the plans you've made that might warrant Him getting time with you every day? And would anyone argue that when God has a place at the table in the planning for your life, your family's life that those plans are even more blessed and rewarding?

So as you spend time working in your yard this spring, and driving by all of God's beautiful work remember to stop and thank Him for being a part of your life. Ask Him to walk with you through the plans and life of every season!

Make it a blessed week,

Patrick



Spring



PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Lana Gotcher; Karen Gibbs; Charlotte Erwin; Ovella Followell; Vetus Vanderwiele; Jack Cearing (loss of his son)

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Carla Hefley's dad, Gerald Blissit; Kelly Sartain's father, John; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Lewis Cappellari; Greg Pape's mother; Sharon Hewitt, friend of Betty Hodge; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Ann Martin; the homeless; our world, city, country, 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

Volunteer Opportunities for Project Transformation and Reading Partners

1. Project Transformation Work Day will be on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Southern Hills United Methodist Church, 6161 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa. Volunteers are needed for cleaning, painting and planting.
2. Reading Partners needs reading volunteers for one or two hours on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon for 8 weeks at Southern Hills United Methodist Church, 6161 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, from June 1-July 23. Reading Partners is a non-profit in-school literacy organization which will be teaming with Project Transformation this summer. Training for Reading Partners will be held on Friday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m. at McClure Elementary School, 1770 E. 61st St. Please contact Becky Puryear, rapuryear@yahoo.com or 918-749-3949 if you are interested in volunteering.

ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

I am taking donations of the following items for VBS:

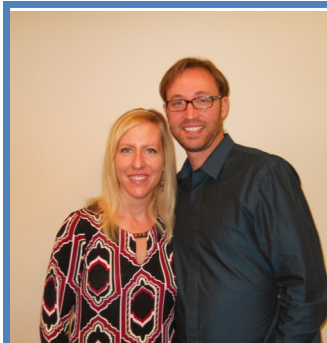
TP / paper towel rolls

Plastic gallon milk jugs (please rinse them out!)

Baby food jars

Monetary donations

I am also in need of three group leaders. If you can help, please let me know. You will not regret being a part; VBS is a blast!



WELCOME, STEPHEN!

Our director of music ministries, Stephen Merrick, pictured here with his bride, Deborah, officially joined New Haven UMC in membership at the 8:45 worship service on Sunday, April 26th.

We have already witnessed his talent in directing our choirs and welcome him as our newest member!

THE BUS STOP BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!

We still need several more volunteers to help staff the Bus Stop Ministry for the remaining three weeks of school. If you're an "early morning person", I'm inviting you to come at 6:30-8:00 just ONCE to see if you would like to be a helper.....I need YOU and you might be surprised at how much you may enjoy being around these youngsters!

Paula Fox

NOTE: The May calendar is on the sign-up table and you may choose a day or more to help if you can!



Last Sunday, some of our children had the opportunity to visit Child SHARE and deliver the pillowcase bags they decorated. While there, they got to meet a foster mom who has adopted NINE of her foster children! They also had the opportunity to tour the campus and see the different rooms the families can "shop" in for their foster child. It was a great learning experience! Thanks to the adults that came as sponsors: Paula Fox and Lindsey and Kasey Perry; also, a BIG thanks to Mary Ann Cunningham for sewing the rope into the bags!!

Corner



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 I desire to see others transformed by God's love.

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. The next event is May 5.

Blessings,
Missy

Reminders:

Bus Stop Ministry – every day that TPS is open, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., gym; contact Paula Fox at 918-808-8492 or paulafox@cox.net or sign-up for a day of the week on sheets in church hallway.

Upcoming Events:

Respite Care – Saturday, May 9, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net

Murdock Villa – Tuesday, May 12, birthday party for the residents at noon, contact Lou Lindsey at 918-906-7364 or louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu

In-Service Sunday – Sunday, May 17, immediately after both services we will be packing school kits and health kits to benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Come and

Experience It!



Proud Parents to be:
Nicole & Patrick Grafton

Date: Saturday, May 16

Place: Church Parlor

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Registered: Amazon.com



The Umpteenagers went to Yukon, Ok. on April 21st to see the famous Clydesdale Horses and the stables where they are kept. The grounds were lovely and of course, the horses were fantastic!!!

Opportunities of the Week May 3 ~ 10

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
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, MAY 4

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30 pm Missions Committee/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

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May Birthdays

2. Paula Manuel
4. Sarah Roberts
5. Lucas Lamkin
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry
Henry Cauthon
Marissa Degner
9. Joleen Taylor
10. Kim Wofford
12. Bryant Lamkin
Sarah Durkee
Camille Stevenson
15. Dawson Watson
17. David Duncan
18. Charlotte Erwin
20. Laura Degner
Sandy Nicholson
22. Bob Thacker
23. Shane Mote
27. Rick Davis
Rosemary Tarr
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love
Kelcey Newberry



ATTENDANCE

APRIL 26, 2015

8:45 am—93
11:00 am—114
TOTAL— 207

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 64

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
"How Jesus Became God"

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
"The Will of God" by Leslie Weatherhead.

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

**THE UMW STILL HAS
PECANS FOR SALE
\$12/BAG**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
NEW HAVEN MISSIONS!**

**Stop by the office to
purchase your pecans!**

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. 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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