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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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(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 Rev. Suzanne Davis brings you this message. Enjoy!)

God calls us into community, we were not created to live isolated lives. We know that Jesus showed us how to reach out to others, to develop relationships that strengthen our faith and guide us to help each other. He showed us how to do that in many different ways. *"For where two or more are gathered in my name. I am there among them"* Matthew 18:19



Do you remember the colorful mosaic cross we had in the front of the church during the Easter season. Some of you will remember creating that cross several years ago as part of our Good Friday worship. We each placed a tile on the cross as a reminder of our life, our mistakes, and the forgiveness that we received and continue to receive from God.

Henri Nouwen shared some thoughts about the mosaic that shows us the face of God as he said "A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in community is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." Community is where humility and glory touch."

I believe that is what New Haven is all about. We are a community of faith caring about one another. We are not alone in this walk of life we can share the good times and are comforted in the difficult times. We reach out to one another and we know that God walks each step with us.

We know *"The most important commandment, answered Jesus, is this: . . . Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself."* Mark 12:29-31

Let us continue to be a church caring about one another as we also reach out to the community in so many ways through all of our in-service projects and all the ways our Mission committee directs and invites all of us to be a part.

Suzanne

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



OUR MEMBERS:

Bob Schwartz; Bobbie Scott; Lana Gotcher; Karen Gibbs; Charlotte Erwin; Ovella Followell; Vetus Vanderwiele; Rick Davis; Carla Hefley

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; Peter Havlik's father, Vladislav Havlik; 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

Reading Partners--Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy reading with children? Have you perhaps been involved with our summer reading week at Project Transformation/Southern Hills UMC? Have you ever wished you could work more often, or in more depth, with that one special child?

This year, Project Transformation has a special opportunity for dedicated reading volunteers. PT has teamed up with Reading Partners, a non-profit literacy organization, to provide an enhanced experience for our children. Through the Reading Partners component of our program, children will work on reading lessons twice a week --with personal mentors. If you'd like to be one of these mentors and have the chance to work with the same child throughout the eight weeks of camp, please contact Jill Hoffman, our site coordinator, at jill.hoffman62@gmail.com. You must commit to at least one hour per week (although vacation substitutions can be arranged), but you may choose to offer even more time. Reading Partners training will be held Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m. at McClure Elementary School. Please reserve your spot with Jill prior to May 11.

Project Transformation runs June 1-July 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday-Thursday at Southern Hills United Methodist Church, 6160 S. Lewis. Whether you sign up to read or not, we hope you'll come by to enjoy the children, soak up some laughter, and see what a wonderful blessing this camp is--both to them, and to us!

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Did you ever wish that you could serve God through visitation and/or transportation to those in our church area who may not have a church home? We here at New Haven UMC hope to give you that opportunity!!

At 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 14th we will have a meeting in the church parlor to see what interest there might be. We now have a church mini-bus so we could pick up people in our area that might need a ride to church! If you are interested, come to our organizational meeting as we continue to serve God. **Wayne Love** has offered to lead us in this effort!!

From Patrick's Desk. . .

Wow! What a special message we had this week from Rev. Moorner, and what an incredible reminder for us to "do not be afraid". It was a powerful reminder too that we each WILL see Christ in our lives throughout our day, and it will be up to us to do something. His message for what we're to do when we see him it's clear we've been instructed what to do. Be in prayer for our youth as we approach the end of the school year, and the stress of finals and closing out another year. We also have some special seniors that will be going on to the next stage of their lives, and while we'll miss seeing them as often we want them to know that their New Haven family is always here for them and looks forward to seeing what God has in store for them

Be blessed,
Patrick



Proud Parents to be:
Nicole & Patrick Grafton

Date: Saturday, May 16

Place: Church Parlor

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Registered:
Amazon.com
Buy Buy Baby



Mission Corner



Dear Missy,
I've heard lots of talk on in-service Sundays. What is In-Service Sunday and when is the next one?
Signed,
Ready for Service

Dear Ready,

Periodically, the entire New Haven congregation is involved in "doing worship" through hands-on projects. Pastor Cindy will end our regular worship services a few minutes early and then everyone has the opportunity to get up out of the pews and "do" worship by participating in the service project.

The next in-service Sunday is set for May 17. We will be packing health kits after the 8:45 a.m. service and school kits after the 11:00 a.m. service. These kits will be delivered to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which is non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe.

Come join us as we worship together.

Blessings,

Missy

Upcoming Events:

- [Mission Meeting – Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor](#)
- [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 to help serve meal or fix a portion of the meal](#)
- [Project Transformation – save the dates: Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16; reading partners needed, contact Becky Puryear at 918-747-3949 or rapuryear@yahoo.com](#)

Tulsa District Officially Becomes the Council Oak District

The Oklahoma United Methodist Church Conference has created new districts that officially began this month. This Oak tree represents the COUNCIL OAK DISTRICT, which includes Tulsa and several surrounding towns. Those attending the dedication of the new district wrote prayers/visions for the council on Oak leaves and attached them to this tree.



Come and

Experience It!

Calling all Vacation Bible School Music Helpers!

Children, Youth and Adults who are interested in helping lead music at VBS this year should come to the sanctuary on Sundays May 17th, 24th and 31st at 3:30 PM. We will meet until 4:30 to learn the choreography to all of the songs, so that we will be ready to stand up in front of everyone during the opening and closing each day. VBS will be held June 1st through 5th, during the day. If you have questions, you may call or text Deena Smith at 918-693-4828.

Also we will not have Footprints/ Dance practice on May 10th, and we will have VBS Music Helpers Practice instead of Footprints the following three weeks (see above). Footprints will take a break over the summer and start back up in the fall.

Opportunities of the Week May 10 ~ 17



SUNDAY, MAY 10 MOTHER'S DAY

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

10:00 am Grief Recovery Group
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:30 pm Girl Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen

TUESDAY, MAY 12

12:00 pm Murdock Villa Birthday Party
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group
6:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/206

THURSDAY, MAY 14

10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
6:30 pm Visitation Committee/Parlor
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, MAY 15

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor
1:00 pm Baby Boy Shower for Nicole and
Patrick Grafton

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:45 am Contemporary Worship and
Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and
Children's Church
12:15pm Safe Sanctuary Class/Parlor
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
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

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

MAY 3, 2015

8:45 am—75
11:00 am—104
TOTAL—179

SUNDAY SCHOOL
TOTAL: 59

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

SUSANNA CIRCLE

Thursday, May 14th the
Susanna Circle will celebrate
its annual Birthday Potluck
Salad luncheon. Join us at
10am in the parlor for our
circle meeting and lunch-
bring a salad to share!

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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