



# THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

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by being God's Love in Action."*

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Join me in welcoming our newest staff member, **Jennifer Payton** to the office staff of New Haven UMC! Jennifer will be our new Church Business Manager, and we are excited to have her on board!

Jennifer comes to us with a wealth of experience in the business arena of non-profit organizations, and I know you will enjoy getting to know her enthusiastic spirit, her engaging personality and her heart for the church!

Stop in and visit with Jennifer and get to know her. She begins her tenure with us this week! Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, generally from 12:00 - 4:30 pm.

Jennifer has a diverse professional background in non-profit management and economic development, most recently directing grants and sponsored programs at OSUIT in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

## Cindy's Chalkboard

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from American University in Washington, D.C. and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Pas-

A lifelong Methodist, Jennifer attends Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, where she is involved with the Congregational Care Ministry and United Methodist Women. In her spare time, she enjoys reading,

## Welcome to Jennifer Payton!

sionate about helping organizations efficiently manage resources while maximizing programmatic impact, Jennifer has devoted her career to serving organizations that seek to serve others.

gardening and volunteering at her daughters' elementary school.

We are indeed, blessed. Welcome Jennifer! - Pastor Cindy

Originally from New Jersey, Jennifer is happy to now call Tulsa home! She and her husband, Josh, moved to Tulsa just over two years ago, with their two daughters, Natalie and Nora. As a family, they enjoy catching a Drillers game, family game nights and cheering on the Union Redskins!



## Advent Festival Sunday, November 29th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm!



Join us for an Advent Festival on **Sunday, November 29th at 4:00 pm!**

This is the same day as our ONE worship service for the "Hanging of the Greens", so there's plenty of time for fun!

Activity stations include making **Advent Wreaths, Advent Paper Chains, Chrismons, Cookie Decorating**, and taking part in a **mission opportunity** to package rice and beans for Restore Hope Ministries. Everyone is invited!

Bring along your friends and neighbors and let's welcome the start of the season of Advent together. What a glorious and fun way to prepare our heart and minds for the birth of Christ!

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE ~ NOVEMBER 22nd AT 6:00 pm

Have you had a good year? Are you drinking from the saucer 'cause your cup has overflowed? Are you going along your journey reaping better than you've sowed? Well then my goodness, let's stop and thank God for the blessings that His mercy has bestowed in true Thanksgiving to the Lord.

Please come and be with us for our annual Thanksgiving Laity Service on Nov 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you would like to be on the program with the scheduled speakers and share your blessings, or if you want to share a song with us, please email me [iamdanny@cox.net](mailto:iamdanny@cox.net).

There will be an opportunity for those in the congregation to give thanks for God's blessings also. Please don't miss this blessed and meaningful service.

Danny Hall



## Mission

### Corner



**Dear Missy,**

What is coming up on the Missions calendar?

Signed, Just Curious

**Dear Curious,**

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 November 15. We will be packing 365 gift bags for the students at Rosa Parks Early Childhood Center. The school is located in Tulsa and is in the Union school district. The preschool provides a full-day 3-year old program funded by Community Action Project (CAP Tulsa). There will be snacks, books and small toys for the children. Come join us as we worship together.



On Sun-

day,

November 8, you will hear during the Ministry Moment about an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for children of families in need through participating in the Angel Tree. Names of children from ChildShare, Project Elf, and the Day School will be available beginning Sunday, November 15. We ask you limit your purchase to \$50 with no more than two gifts per child. Join us in blessing another by participating in the Angel Tree mission project.

Blessing of the Mountain of Food to benefit Restore Hope Ministries is on Sunday, November 15. You still have time to write your check to the church so that food items can be purchased. Our "Mountain" is growing right in the front of the sanctuary. Please consider helping after the second service on that Sunday to load the containers of food into vans for delivery.

Blessings,  
Missy

**Come and**

**Experience It!**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . .



### OUR MEMBERS:

Marion Wilkerson; Rose Unterschuetz; Greg Gotcher, Sartain Family; Paula Fox; Vincent Duiveman

### 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; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Jessica Nicholson; Jim Vaughn; Mary Anne Tyler's uncle, Dick Deibert; Pastor Suzanne's brother; Mark Keifer; 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

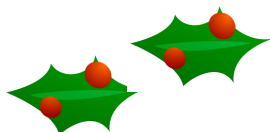
## Notes from Patrick's Desk. . .

Hi church, and Happy Fall! I hope that you are all enjoying the nice fall weather. Remember that Ol' Man Winter will be here before you know it, and we'll be wishing for these cool fall days. I wanted to remind everyone that the youth are doing a fundraiser for a new worship service area. We are selling the same wreath's and winter greenery that we did last year. We had such a great response that we saw it as a chance to help us reach a new goal.

This objective came about when I asked the youth what they would like to add to our program, and having a worship service was top on their list. We are working towards a goal of a projector and laptop/computer which will serve us during this new worship service, during movie nights, and even allow us an additional devotion and lesson resource. So as your thinking about your Christmas shopping this year consider a wreath or other greenery for your friends and family. We can even ship some of them with the wreath hangar and a note from you! Those receiving them will love them, and you'll be helping the youth along the way!

I also want to thank each of you for making our youth a priority within this church family. It truly takes a village to raise a young one, and I know this church is doing some great things in their lives!

God bless,  
Patrick and the Youth



## UMW UPDATE

The Susanna Circle will meet on Thursday, November 12 at 10am in the Parlor. Please bring your Thank Bank donations! Shirley will host and Kelly will provide a devotional.

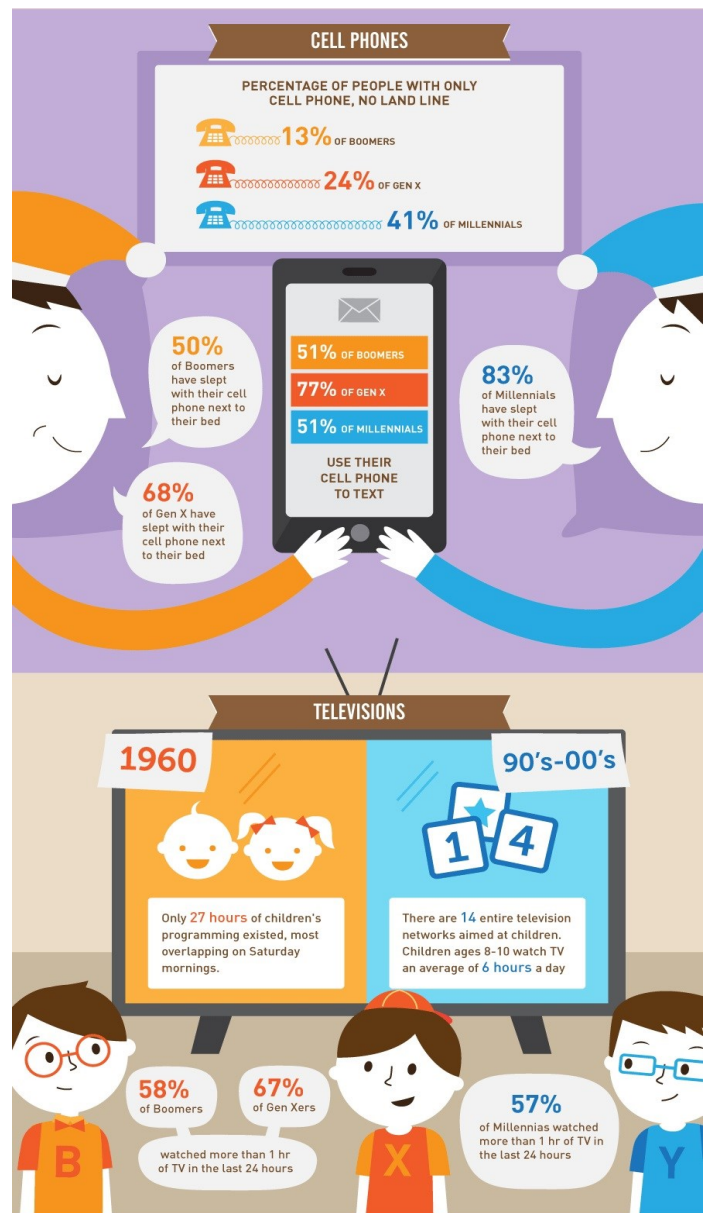
Save the date for December 10 – we will plan to visit Child Share and help prepare for their Christmas Party!

**PECANS** for missions coming soon, too!



## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Continued from last week... As a reminder, the "Past" in this graphic refers to Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) and Generation X (born mid-60s to early 80s). The "Internet Generation" refers to Generation Y/Millennials (born 1980-late 1990s) and Generation Z/name undecided (born early 2000s on).



## MOUNTAIN OF FOOD ORDER FORM

### NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS!!!

Let us build a **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD** for Restore Hope during these next five weeks. To participate in the Mountain of Food, please take the price times the number of a flat or flats you choose below and fill in the total price on the bottom of the list. **Make checks out to NEW HAVEN UMC.** If you wish to make a cash donation and would like for us to select the items, feel free to do so. **Be sure to write "Mountain of Food" in the memo line of your check.** We will purchase the flats of food and bring them to the church each week. On Sunday, November 1st, we will begin building the Mountain of Food in the Sanctuary. On the afternoon of November 15th, volunteers will load up the food and take it to Restore Hope Ministries. **We would appreciate it if you could turn in your checks and orders as soon as possible so that we can begin to order the food.** You may place your checks and order forms in the offering plate, mail them in, or leave them at the table in the Narthex. Last year our mountain of food grew to 7,000 pounds! Let us make this a great year in building the **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD.** The Outreach Committee appreciates your support.

<i># of flats</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Price per Flat</i>	<i>Totals</i>
_____	Soups.....	\$17.00	_____
_____	Peanut butter.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Tuna.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Pork & Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peas.....	\$8.00	_____
_____	Green Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Corn.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peaches.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Apple Sauce.....	\$17.00	_____
_____	Pineapple Chunks.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Pasta.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Cornbread Mix.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Cereal.....	\$21.00	_____
_____	Canned Chicken . . . . .	\$21.00	_____
_____	Canned Luncheon Meat. . .	\$22.00	_____

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Total price of all flats \_\_\_\_\_





## ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA TO DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY DURING THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON!

The Poinsettias will cost \$15.00 and will be delivered by the florist before the first Sunday in Advent, November 29. Order will be accepted through Nov. 22nd.  
(Please write "Poinsettia" in the memo line of your check)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

### RESTORE HOPE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Restore Hope is currently in need of several new volunteers to fill openings in the schedule. Below is a description of each volunteer job, followed by a schedule of our current gaps.

Receptionist: Answer phone, greet, provide general information. (Monday-Thursday, 9-12, or 12-3:30)

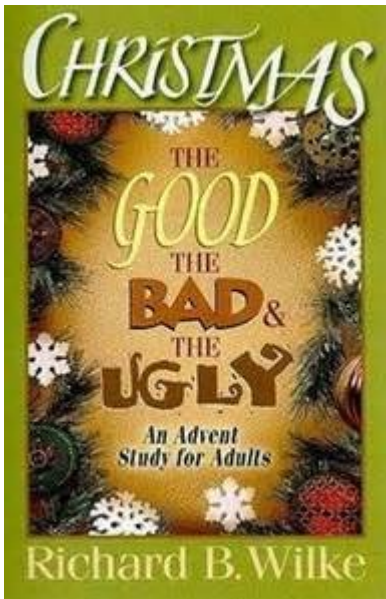
Volunteer Case Worker: Meet with clients to verify need, offer information, referrals and services. (Mon-Thurs. 12-3:30)

Food Pantry Worker: prepare and distribute food orders; (Monday-Thursday, 12:30-4)

Prayer Volunteer: listen to client concerns, offer word of hope (Monday-Thursday, 12:30-3:30)

#### Current Needs:

Monday AM--receptionist  
Monday PM--receptionist  
Monday PM--case worker  
Tuesday PM--case worker  
Wednesday AM--receptionist  
Wednesday PM--case worker  
Thursday PM--prayer worker  
Friday AM--receptionist



### Advent Study for Spire 2015

A new four week Advent study on several significant people in the story of Christ's birth, the wise men, the shepherds, Joseph and King Herod will begin on **Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 am** in the Parlor. They all had a significant but very different role in the Christmas story. Let us put Christ back into Christmas as we learn more and study and ponder these different roles. Rev. Suzanne Davis will be leading this study, using a book by United Methodist Bishop Richard Wilke, "Christmas: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly." Sign-up at the table in the hallway!

## Opportunities of the Week November 15 ~ 22

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

#### IN-SERVICE SUNDAY

- 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
- 3:00 pm Cub Scouts/Upstairs Kitchen
- 4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
- 5:00 pm Social Principles of the UMC/185
- 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group
- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
- 6:00 pm Disciple ! Fast Track/Off Site

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:00 pm China Meeting/Parlor
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 7:00 pm One Spirit Choir

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch/Parlor

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 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 Social Principles of the UMC/185
- 6:00 pm Lay Thanksgiving Service



### 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
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3. Carol Berry
- Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
8. Debbie Green
10. Mary Lou Black
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
- Markwen Johnson
15. Pat Graf
16. Doris Brown
17. Elizabeth Amos
- Kerry Beebe
19. Susan Thomas
20. Jude Blanchard
- Cynthia Mabrey
21. Dennis Jaeger
- Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
- Max Nightingale
25. Christine Riffin
27. Mitzi Blanchard
28. Dorothy Koons

### AUTUMN DAYS!



## ATTENDANCE

### NOVEMBER 8, 2015

8:45 am-75

11:00 am-112

TOTAL-187

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 68

### 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**  
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem and Northern Kingdom

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle, Paul".

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"The Will of God"

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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