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As Commitment Sunday draws close this next week-end on

October 11th, I am reminded of the videos from some of our members that we've seen in worship these past two weeks. Didn't they do a great job?!

Isn't it wonderful to hear all of their reflections on the church, and the many ways that God's work through New Haven UMC has made a difference in their lives?

As you know, New Haven church hasn't just made a difference in your life; in so many ways, you have made a significant difference in the lives of others!! What you offer to the work of the church in the giving of your time and your resources has touched lives for Christ!

As you've heard from various voices over the past few weeks, here is what our slate of members have shared with us:

Why do you give your time and financial resources to your church?

"... because we believe in the church and its mission."

"... because we see a church that lives beyond the walls of this building."

"... because we know children are a vital part of God's plan, and we are passionate about God's precious children in our children's ministry..."

"... because this church has become a church home for us, and we have this sense of family and belonging, and it feels like home every time we walk in these doors, and we'll never feel lost in a crowd because it's a little bit like that old "Cheers" show where eventually, "everybody knows your name!"

"... to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need, and truthfully, it does a whole world more good to us than to them; it humbles us and teaches us to love others that are different than we are, and helps us in our own understanding of faith."

How have lives been changed for Christ because of the support of this church?

"...For people both inside and outside the church, our lives are changed by the work that we do."

"... we don't have to be an expert. We just have to be willing to try. And that's just letting God work through you!"

"...the truth is, we need the church just as much as the church needs us."

THIS Sunday, October 11th, is Commitment Sunday. I'm looking forward to seeing you here in worship as we celebrate the gift of this church, and the many ways God has blessed our lives!

Praying for God's blessings on this time. - Pastor Cindy

JAMES A. HARNISH

**EARN.
SAVE.
GIVE.**

Wesley's Simple Rules
for Money

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Marion Wilkerson;
Rick Davis; Bobbie Scott



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, Michael Taylor's mother; Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Greg Pape's mother; Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Ron Cunningham's dad; Mary Anne Tyler's uncle, Dick Deibert; 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



NEW MEMBERS

Sheila Ernissee and her husband, Dick (not pictured) joined in membership with us at the 11:00 am service on Sunday, Oct. 4th.

You have most likely already met them, but if not, please look for them and give them a big "New Haven Welcome"!



Anderson Cole Grafton was baptized on Sunday, October 4th by his grandmother, Rev. Cindy Havlik. Parents are Patrick and Nicole Grafton. Cohen Grafton, 3 yrs. old, is Anderson's big brother.



Christmas in Branson! November 3-5, 2015

Reservations are being accepted for our trip to Branson on November 3,4,5. We will see shows at Welk Theater, Branson Belle, and Moon River Theater plus shopping and dining! The cost for double occupancy is \$260.00 and single occupancy is \$344.00. Our driver will be the ever capable and talented Greg Gotcher! Please call Shirley Nelson to make your reservation.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO OR THREE?

Our beautiful flower beds at New Haven are in dire need of some love! Weeds and grass have grown up into the shrubbery and flowers and we do not have a service that takes care of this problem. So, we have set aside the morning of **October 10th from 9am to noon** for a time for anyone who wants to be of service to your church in this way to come, enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded people and do a little weeding! Please bring your own spade, garden gloves, snacks and drinks and join us as we "pretty up" our garden! Please contact David Johnson if you can help! djohnson@tulsacc.edu or 918-744-7055.

Corner



Dear Missy,

I heard we are having a party for one of our own – Markwen Johnson! Let me know the details. I'm ready to celebrate his graduation with him.

Signed,
Party on

Dear Party on,

Markwen Johnson, our current resident at the Exodus House in Tulsa, is graduating this Tuesday, October 6 with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St Luke's Redemption Church (1839 N. Boston Ave.). You are invited to attend!

Exodus House is a transitional living program supported by the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries. These are small apartment complexes where people newly released from prison can live while they re-enter life successfully outside prison walls. There are two Exodus Houses in Oklahoma – OKC and Tulsa. Each house has staff members, a case manager and a facility manager.

The Exodus House in Tulsa is located at 2624 E Newton Street. New Haven furnishes a one-bedroom apartment at the Exodus House in Tulsa – complete with linens, cooking and eating utensils, decorations and furniture. These apartments are provided free of charge, except for the cost of electricity. Upon completion of the program, the resident may take all the furnishings and contents when they move. Once the resident moves, New Haven will paint, repair and replace items for the next resident. New Haven will be asking for donations of furniture and furnishing soon!

The program on Tuesday includes dinner. New Haven UMC will provide the entrée. Come and enjoy this time of celebration with us. If you have further questions, contact Jan Boyd at 918-691-1622 or revmumz99@cox.net.

Blessings,
Missy



Come and
Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week October 11 ~ 18

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Commitment Sunday!

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
- 4:00 pm Pre-Charge Conference/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Bible Experience/Music
- 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Social Principles of the UMC/185
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group
- 6:00 pm Disciple I Fast Track/Off Site
- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group
- 6:00 pm Jubilation Bells/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm "A Bead and A Prayer"/Chapel
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 7:00 pm One Spirit Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Laity 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
- 5:00 pm Disciple IV/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Social Principles of the UMC/185
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
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October Birthdays

2. Richard Jaeger
- Betty Hodge
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
- George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
- Kate Scruggs
9. Nancy Gunter
10. Mark Morgan
14. Janet Hopkins
20. Kent Toalson
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Quentin VanDyke
26. Greg Gotcher
- Sam Puryear
- Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
- Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter
31. Virginia Kingsolver



It's Autumn!

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 4, 2015

8:45 am—68

11:00 am—111

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
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem and Northern Kingdom

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. 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

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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