



# THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

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by being God's Love in Action"*

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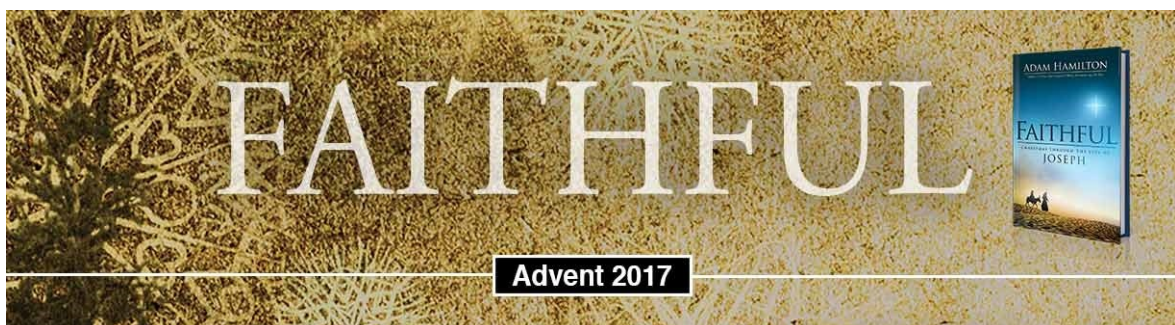
## *Greetings in the name of the Christ Child!*

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent! I am excited to be celebrating my first advent season with all of my new church family here at New Haven! *"But what is advent?"* you ask.

In the Christian church, we celebrate advent as a season of expectant waiting and celebration of the coming of the Christ child. It is traditionally celebrated the 4 Sundays before Christmas day, and begins on December 1st. It is also a time when we prepare ourselves to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Since the early 1100's, Christians have celebrated the advent of Christ in three ways, in the flesh in Bethlehem, daily in our hearts, and in anticipation of His coming at the end of time.

As Christians we are encouraged, then to remember that as a baby, Christ brought us a new hope and joy that was to "be for all people!" As we live our lives in that daily hope of new life in Christ, we are encouraged then to live each day as people inspired by that new hope, showing God's love and mercy to all. Finally, as people inspired by that hope, we share the love of Christ with others in the hope that when that day comes when Jesus comes again, all people of the world will have heard the good news and have the opportunity to respond to the gospel message.

May you be blessed by the expected coming of the Christ child this season!



## UMW NEWS!

UMW Susanna Circle will shop for gifts for Cookson Hills Christmas Store on December 7th. We will meet at 10 am at New Haven.

Jean Roberts will host a Christmas Brunch for UMW ladies at 10am on December 14th at her home. All ladies are welcome to learn about UMW!! Please RSVP to Susan Lamkin by December 8th. (susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-557-9148)

**We now have Sooner Pecans for \$12 a pound!**



**It is wreath time again! Christmas is 35 days until that big, wonderful day! The New Haven Youth Group has you covered on a great gift to give to someone or even gift yourself. The table in the hallway has the poster (see below) of what the wreaths are and the cost. The sales of the wreaths will not go on much longer, so we can get the wreaths in the first week of December. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Sartain at [roosmom1@cox.net](mailto:roosmom1@cox.net). Also, if you see what you like, just email your name/ phone number and what you would like. You can prepay or pay on delivery. If paying by check please fill out to New Haven and in the memo put wreath fundraiser. Thank you for helping the youth!**

## DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

We are looking for cooks and servers to help with the last meal of the year. It's a Monday night, but stew and brownies made on Sunday taste great on Monday!

For the cooks, please bring beef stew and/or brownies or rice crispy treats to the gym by 4:30 pm. For the servers, please arrive at gym at 4:45 pm to help load up. We will leave church at 5:15 PM and be back by 7:00 PM.

## FOXY ARM CANDY

### BENEFITTING THE NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL

1 Bracelet	\$15.00
2 Bracelets	\$25.00
3 Bracelets	\$35.00

Gift Certificates are Available!

You may shop the school fundraiser and pick up some fun Christmas/Holiday gifts for friends, family, and teachers!!!

**80% of sales will be donated to our school!**

The jewelry fundraiser will be open  
from 2:00 - 2:45 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays  
and Sunday (after Connection Groups)  
in the gym until Christmas Break!!!



# HANGING OF THE GREENS







# MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE



## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts & Troop 67 Scouts
- 4:00 pm Footprints
- 4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
- 5:00 pm Advent Study/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm ACOA
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:00 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor
- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym
- 3:00 pm Youth Cookout with Pastor James

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Footprints
- 5:00 pm Advent Study/Parlor
- 6:00 pm All Church Christmas Dinner/Gym



### New Haven Staff Members

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Teresa Roberts	Organist
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Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

## December Birthdays

7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos  
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson  
Jennifer Lawrence  
Michael Foster  
Emmalena Russell
16. Linda Blackford  
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson  
Dee Kemp
20. Matthew Maxey
21. Cathy Amos  
Kelly Sartain
22. Tiffany Maxey  
Timothy Maxey
24. Mark Williams  
Linda Joyce
25. JESUS
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Jim Harris  
Claretha Gotcher  
Jan Boyd  
Louise McCrory  
Ovella Followell  
Liz Dewitt

### Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Betty Hodge's son, Brian; Pam Rowley; Joe Sanders; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers and visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell  
Dot and Kelly Haynes  
Dorothy Koons

## ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 26, 2017 HANGING OF THE GREENS

### WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 COMBINED SERVICE: 117



### ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*Come join us at 9:45 am!*

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Bible Study

**Gym: Fellowship Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 209: New Friendship Class**  
"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

**Room 103 Interlude Class**  
"Journey" Advent Series videos

**Room 206: New Haven 206**  
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

**Room 161: Roundtable** "The First Christmas" by M.J. Borg & J.D. Crossan

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 availability.

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