



# THE SPIRE

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What joy we had this past Sunday as we were able to use our new Sanctuary TVs in worship! Many of you know that one of our TVs was damaged in a recent roof leak from the ice storm. In seeking extensive repair, and knowing a replacement set was not available, in the midst of discerning what to do, we were blessed to have someone step forward and offer to replace both TV sets for us. We are so very grateful to the donor for this generous offering for worship. Give God thanks and glory for working among us, and let us continue to worship our Lord in a mighty way!

In worship, the journey to the cross has begun. I don't know about you, but for me, it has been a difficult time emotionally. When we stop and think of all that happened in the last few hours of Jesus' life, it becomes that much more real... and it weighs heavy on our souls. Someone commented today that they wish we could move quickly through the hard "stuff" so we could arrive sooner to the joy of Easter. And yet, they also know by going through those hard times, we can better understand what God has done for us through Christ. Let us not get caught up so completely in the hard things of the last few hours of Jesus' life that we forget all the ministry that Jesus has done up to that time, and most importantly, what awaits us at the end. What joy it will be to arrive on that Easter Sunday morning and celebrate the Risen Christ!

And as we gather together for worship in this Holy time, I invite you to continue to reflect on your relationship with Christ. What do you long for this season of Lent to mean this year? This is a spiritual question... a question that arises from a deep longing within us for things to be right with our soul. When things are right with our soul, we find ourselves at peace, even in the midst of chaos. Jesus knew that, and we do too.

Walking the Lenten journey with you,  
Pastor Cindy

## UMPTENAGERS WILL MEET MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR GOOD FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND CONVERSATION.

Carson Russell will entertain and inspire us and we'll have a great time getting to know one another better. Please join us for all this plus all the wonderful food that will be brought by all those attending.

This is potluck, and I'm looking forward to new and interesting dishes!!!

John Manuel will give a program for us this month... a message about Easter entitled "How to Shuck Corn".

COST: \$1.00 for incidentals!

## MUSIC MUSINGS

The hymn by Rev. Fred Pratt Green, "*To mock your reign, O dearest Lord*", helps set the imagery of Christ's trial and physical abuse. It also contains one very important phrase, "*They did not know, as we do now.*" Pastor Cindy asked us today, What would we have done? Would we have joined with the others in condemning Christ?

It is easy for us to answer the question now; now that we have a perspective of two thousand years. But would we have stood against the crowd? Would we have the belief that Jesus was the Son of God or would we have found him to be a blasphemer as the priests did?

*To mock your reign, O dearest Lord  
they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road  
from which no one returns.*

**They did not know, as we do now,**  
*that glorious is your crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow,  
your sorrows heal our own.*

*In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,  
they snatched a purple cloak,  
your passion turned, for all they cared,  
into a soldier's joke.*

**They did not know, as we do now,**  
*that though we merit blame  
you will your robe of mercy throw  
around our naked shame.*

*A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,  
they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade  
to its appointed end.*

**They did not know, as we do now,**  
*though empires rise and fall,  
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow  
till love embraces all.*

God grant us the ability to stand strong in our convictions *now*  
that we know, *as we do now.*

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Paul Mabrey

## SUSANNA CIRCLE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

Mark Mann, New Haven's Youth Director, will present a slide show of his past mission trips to Mexico and will tell about our youth's Mission Trip to there this summer, when he speaks at the Susanna Circle meeting of the UMW on Thursday, March 11, at 10 AM in the Parlor. Bobbi Neal will host the meeting, serving authentic Mexican food and pastries.

## Stew Dinner for Our Sisters & Brothers Who Are Homeless

We'd like to invite you to help prepare a stew dinner, bake a pie and/or serve the meal. The dinner will be served on **Wednesday, March 31st**. If you'd like to participate, you may sign up on March 14th or 21st at the Outreach table.

Please bring your food items to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 4:15 pm on March 31st. If you are helping serve the meal, please be in the kitchen by 4:45 pm. Thank you!



## Crosses of Love

Crosses of Love are a Dutch tradition adopted by New Haven in 1985. Over 5,000 crosses have been shared in the Tulsa community and surrounding areas.

For those who are not familiar with this tradition, the crosses are made of wood and decorated with ribbons, silk flowers, candy, raisins, a book mark, and the history of the crosses.

This year we will be sharing the crosses with the patients of the memory center of Saint Simeon's and their staff and also at the chapel services at Restore Hope. You will be able to take part in this community outreach ministry through your Sunday School class and/or individually. The Outreach Committee will provide the crosses, ribbon, flowers and book marks. You may pick up your supplies on Sunday, March 14th and 21st at the Outreach table. Thanks, New Haven, for keeping this tradition as part of your outreach commitment!

## A CHUCKLE FOR YOU!

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher.

"They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

**Adult Sunday School Classes**  
*Come join us at 9:45 am!*

**Room 185: Discovery Class**

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

**Room 210: Fellowship Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum: The Gospel of Matthew

**Room 211: New Friendship Class**

“Lord, Where are You When Bad Things Happen?”  
 by Kay Arthur

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 183 New Haven’s Newest Class!**

“24 Hours that Changed the World”  
 Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journey’s Class**

“24 Hours that Changed the World”  
 Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton



**Opportunities of the Week**  
March 14 ~ 21, 2010

**SUNDAY, March 14**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 2:00 pm Youth leave on Spring Retreat
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast

**MONDAY, March 15**

- 4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth
- 5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth
- 6:00 pm Writer’s Group/185
- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

**TUESDAY, March 16**

- 11:00 pm Umpteenagers/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Pastor Cindy’s Study
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

**WEDNESDAY, March 17**

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, March 18**

- 6:00 pm Band Practice
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

**FRIDAY, March 19**

- 7:30 pm AA /Gym

**SATURDAY, March 20**

**SUNDAY, March 21**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast

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- Vincent Duiveman, Peter Havlik, Mike Flaherty, Derrick Lamkin, Dick Garwood and Greg Pape for their help in installing our new Sanctuary TVs!
- Phil Roberts for hands-on ceiling tile work and Day School step repair!
- Our custodian extraordinaire, Oscar, for help in clearing out the Bride’s room and extensive chair repair!

**RESTORE HOPE DESPERATELY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE FOOD PANTRY AND THE CLOTHING ROOM! THE HOURS WOULD BE 12:30-3:00 pm ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND/OR THURSDAYS. VOLUNTEERS CAN WORK ONCE A WEEK OR ONCE A MONTH (OR MORE IF THEY WISH!) CALL JEANETTE KOCH @ 582-5766.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**March 7, 2010**

**8:45 am– 79  
 11:00am– 113  
 Total– 192**