



THE SPIRE

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I love the hymn we sing at times with the children, I am the church you are the church we are the church together. The church is not a building the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place the church is a people.

The church is the people. I believe this simple language helps us to define who we are as a body of believers. Jesus said "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." Bishop Jack Spong states "If that is a statement of the purpose of Christ then it must also be the purpose of the Church . That is where I find Christianity's compelling vision. The task of the Church is to build a world in which every person has a better chance to live fully, to love wastefully and to be all that that person had the capability of being. So anything that diminishes life for anyone . . . must be confronted. Anything that enhances life, increases love and calls others into being is good and must be encouraged." As a church we have a responsibility to develop our own faith but we also have a responsibility to encourage and walk beside others as their faith develops and grows.

How do we know what it means to live fully, and love wastefully? We have the best possible example in the life of Jesus. Bishop Spong says "I define the experience of God as that reality in which I find the fullness of life, the totality of love and the Ground of Being. I have no difficulty saying that in the life of Jesus, I believe I confront the presence of God. That is why I am committed to walking the Christ path." Being aware daily of who we are as followers of Christ keeps us ever connected to our God. We do not walk alone nor are we left to wander and not know the path of wholeness and blessedness.

I believe New Haven is that kind of church where we truly live fully and love wastefully as I am reminded of the many ways we reach out to others. Our witness to them is our love and caring and generosity. As I think about serving dinner at the homeless shelter, working with those in prison, making health kits, building a mountain of food and so many other ways we are focused on helping others. That is an expression of our faith!, That is what the church is!

Suzanne Davis, Associate Pastor

ATTENDANCE

April 11, 2010

8:45 am– 78

11:00am– 131

Total– 209

Calling All Volunteers for Spring Clean-up Day!

Volunteers are needed to help paint and perform miscellaneous indoor/outdoor tasks. May 1st @ 9:00 am.

More details in next week's Spire!

COLLECTION BOX FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

We have a box decorated in red, white, and blue located in the Restore Hope closet (right across from the parlor) for you to place supplies for our men and women in service. There is a list attached to it for suggestions of things you can buy (socks, chapstick, gum, etc.) Our ladies in the U.M.W. will package these items periodically and mail them overseas to men and women who really will appreciate your thoughtfulness!!! If you would like to have a copy of this list, the office can supply one for you. Thanks you for your generosity!

MOWERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in serving New Haven by helping mow and upkeep the lawn, please contact Derek Lamkin at 557-9147. There are several teams that each commit to about once a month to bring their equipment, if possible, and get the lawn ready for Sundays. Assignments and a schedule are in the works to begin later this month - there is a need for more mowers! Thank you.

A BIG THANKS!!!

Thank you, thank you for your gifts to the Easter Offering. \$1,781 has been received that will go specifically for our apportionments to local and international ministries. Lives will be touched because of your generous support!

*You
are cordially invited
to the wedding of
Jesse Walker-Jansen
and
James Myers
at 7:00 p.m.
on May 22, 2010
at
New Haven
United Methodist
Church.*

Mode of Transportation Need

We have recently become aware of a need from one of our visiting families that they have asked we share with you:

Erica and Davd Ostentag have been visiting our congregation several times in the past year - you may remember this family of five who have two special needs children. Their little one, Anna Bella, has recently been placed in a walking device – a mobile apparatus that enables her to move around safely. The Ostentags are also guardians for little David, who is developmentally disabled, and also has special equipment needs. The family tells me that their mini-van is not large enough to carry all of the “equipment” they now carry around for their children. If they travel anywhere, it requires two vehicles. This family has been to several social agencies in the city asking for any possible means of transportation such as a used Suburban or similar vehicle. Due to their extremely high medical bills, they cannot qualify for a loan or seek a vehicle on their own. If you know of any resources that they may not have tried, or if you know of anyone who may have a used vehicle they would be willing to sell or offer this family, please contact either Pastor Cindy or Pastor Suzanne. Thank you for your prayerful consideration for caring for those in need as the Body of Christ!

NEW MEMBER!



You may already know Steve Lassiter because he has been visiting here for quite some time. He joined in membership with New Haven UMC at the 11:00 a.m. service on April 11th. We are proud and happy that Steve has chosen New Haven as his home church. Be sure to let him know how pleased you are that he is here and look forward to knowing him better!

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

“When Bad Things Happen—Where’s God?”

Parlor: Christian Living Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 183 New Haven’s Newest Class!

Various Topics

Room 205: Journey’s Class

“Christianity’s Family Tree”

by Adam Hamilton



Youth Pastor, Mark Mann, sharing some Bible passages with the youth group.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!
2010 CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE!

OFFICE & FIELD POSITIONS

PAID WEEKLY

PAID TRAINING

FLEXIBLE HOURS

WORK IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

TEMPORARY/PART TIME WORK AVAILAABLE

Call to sign up for applicant testing at 918-877-3440

Monday thru Saturday

Practice test available online @ 2010 censusjobs.gov

Opportunities of the Week
April 18 ~ 25, 2010

SUNDAY, April 18

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 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

MONDAY, April 19

- 4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth
- 5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth
- 6:00 pm Writer’s Choir/185

TUESDAY, April 20

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm DS Council/Parlor
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, April 21

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

THURSDAY, April 22

- 5:00 pm Math Tutoring/185
- 7:00 pm Down Group/Parlor & Gym
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

FRIDAY, April 23

- 7:30 pm AA /Gym

SATURDAY, April 24

SUNDAY, April 25

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY



A Scene from “Beneath the Upper Room”, a Maundy Thursday drama presented here on April 1, 2010.