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Rev. James Graham

Dear friends,

This morning I woke up to the news that a shooter had opened fire on a crowd of concert goers in Las Vegas. At this time there are over 50 killed and at least 400 injured. It is hard to fathom the motivations of someone who would plan and carry out such a senseless act of violence. There was no single person the shooter was targeting, but instead sprayed automatic weapons fire into a crowd of people standing shoulder to shoulder at the concert.

It fills me with deep sadness to think our world is so terribly broken and filled with such pain and suffering. What drives someone to do such a thing and then take his own life? Is there something missing in their life? I think the answer is yes, and the thing that is missing is love. These terrible events are an anathema to love, and I believe our only healing response can be love.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul writes:

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in the wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Dear God,

In the midst of the chaos and heartache in this world, we cry out for your love. Fill us with your Spirit. Send your healing love upon our lands. Take away our desire for vengeance and replace it with compassion for others. Give us hearts for loving, hands for serving, and the courage to work for change. Amen

Corner



Dear Missy,
 What is the Happy Children's Home in China?
 Signed,
 Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering,

Happy Children's Home of China is a home located in Tong Huang Village China that is supported by the United Methodist Church Global Ministries. The home provides housing, food, clothing, education and medical care for 23 children. The children either have no parents or are so poor they have no place to stay. The home has been opened for ten years and many children who have graduated come back to visit. A gala is usually planned every two years to raise funds for this project. On Sunday, October 8, Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman will be sharing about the importance of this home and the upcoming event planned for February 2018. Blessings,
 Missy

Experience It!

Come and

DIANNA HORN, our newest member, joined on October 1st. Please take a few minutes to meet Dianna if you haven't already done so, and let her know that you are happy to welcome her into our New Haven family!



WELCOME ANNABELLE FOX!

Please help us welcome our newest addition, Annabelle Fox, at a come-and-go reception between services on October 22nd. Stop by and see this sweet baby girl and congratulate her parents, Clint and Brittany Fox and proud grandparents, Ken and Paula Fox.

**HAS ANYONE HEARD OF THE "MOUNTAIN OF FOOD"?
 IT WILL START GROWING ON OCTOBER 22ND. IF YOU
 DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS---STAY TUNED!**



The New Haven Bluegrass Band played on Saturday, September 30 for the residents of the Glenwood Nursing Home in Glenpool. The residents sang along with the band to gospel songs. It was a fun time for all. The band will be playing at the Sand Springs UMC in November and plan to also play for the Day Center for the Homeless in December. Practice is on Monday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. We are still needing a "bluegrass" name. Come check us out!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Bring your beloved pets on October 8th at 3:00 pm and let Rev. Jan Boyd bless them! This is an annual event and a very popular one! Chairs will be set up on the front lawn for you and your pets should be on leashes or in a carrier. Each pet will receive an individual blessing!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL!!!



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 29

4:00-6:00 PM



Trunk or Treat

Inflatables

Face Painting

Games

Food

Music

Fun! Fun! Fun!



CHURCH WORK DAY!

Please come join us for the annual Church Work Day, October 21st starting at 8:00 a.m.

Tools not necessary but please bring them if you have them and come join in the fellowship!

4TH ANNUAL EGAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, October 9th 1:00 pm Start

LaFortune Golf Course

If you are interested in playing or being a sponsor, please contact jpulver@okumc.org

UMPTENAGERS TRIP TO PAWHUSKA, OK.

Come join the Umpteenagers on Tuesday, October 17th at 9:45 am for a bus trip to Pawhuska, OK. to see the beautiful stained glass windows from 1910 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and then have lunch at BAD BRADS!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals/
Front Lawn
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts/210
- 4:00 pm Pack 67/Gym
- 5:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 6:00 pm Lay Leadership/185
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 6:30 pm Trustees
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir/Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 10:00 am Susanna Circle
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:15 pm Yoga/Gym

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bunch
- 3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee
- 5:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Rev. Robin Stevens	Interim Children's Director
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Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
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Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

October Birthdays

2. Richard Jaeger
Betty Hodge
Carol Morgan
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
Kate Scruggs
10. Mark Morgan
Jim Leach
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Sue Hunnicutt
26. Greg Gotcher
Sam Puryear
Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Claretha Gotcher
Jan Boyd
Louise McCrory
Ovella Followell

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; Nancy Russell; 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
Max Nightingale
Carson and Helen Russell
Betty Barton

ATTENDANCE

October 1, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 43
11:00 am: 101
Total:144

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 63
Youth: 11
Children: 11

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
"Overcoming Life's Disappointments"
by Harold Kushner

Room 103 Interlude Class
"The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

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

Room 161: Roundtable "Christianity's
Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

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 availability.

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