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Greetings church –

So in an effort to lead in hospitality I think it would be good to start at the beginning! While many of you will know me by now, I realized that some of the newer folks won't. So I'm expanding the 10 foot part of the 5-10-Link rule out a LOT farther.

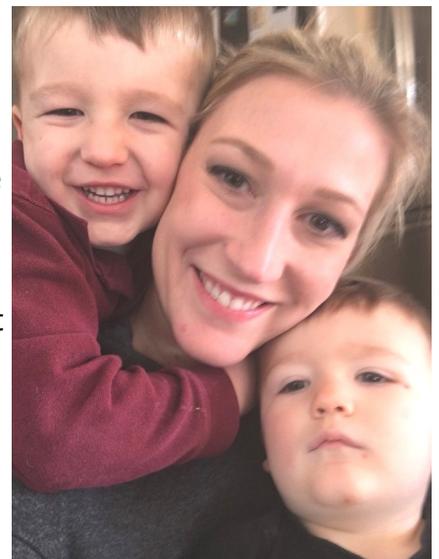
Hello, my name is Patrick Grafton, and I'm your youth director here at New Haven, and I'm incredibly thrilled to worship with you every Sunday! It's so great to meet you. I love our church home where we seek to follow Jesus – even at times when we fall short of the mark. How I got here to New Haven is through my family. As the Pastor's family, I immediately felt a strong connection, and part of the ministry that Cindy and Peter have worked on here. My wife (Nicole), and our oldest son Cohen moved back here from the Dallas area to be closer to his Cici, Grampa, Poppy, Lady, aunts, uncles, and cousins! I grew up in the uppercase "C" Catholic church, and have always "been around" faith, though in truth it was always at much larger churches. And there is truly something to be said for a small community church like ours that shares this journey together in such a family way. Since I can't give it all away here so we have more to talk about in person, ask me about youth ministry, and how that happened. God only knows. literally, He only knows.

Back to family for a second: Our move back here to Tulsa has been the best decision we've ever made. As someone who's grandfather's both passed before I was born, losing both Grandma's by the time I was 16, and living half the US away from my cousins it has been such a blessing for our now two boys (Anderson joined us here in OK) along with Nicole and I. My wife and I are both OSU grads, and bleed orange with a deep love of OSU as it brought us together when we met there as members of the OSU Cowboy Marching Band. Now you have a small snippet into who I am, and I leave many blanks so when we cross paths and are spending time together being hospitable, I'll have so much more to share and you'll have some conversation starters! :)

In the vein of hospitality I think it's also a great time for you to meet some of the regular members of our youth group if you don't know them already. They are a spirited bunch to say the least, but all of them have great stories of their own starting with their search for a safe place that they feel welcome and at home, just like all of us grown up types!

I've been thinking for the past two weeks since Dr. Ozier's visit how the youth could begin to do our part to hospitality, and I think this is a great start! What will follow is THEIR stories in THEIR words with a reflection from me on their lives as a member of our youth group! We'll throw in some pictures of them too so you can see their shiny faces, and big smiles!!

Make it a blessed week,
Patrick



Patrick's wife, Nicole, & sons,
Cohen & Anderson.

DONATION REQUEST

If anyone is interested in donating a:

- ◆ Loveseat or
- ◆ Small dining table

Please contact the church office.
We have a member in need of these items.



BAKE SALE COMING SOON!!!

Day School Bake Sale

Sunday February 12th

**8:30-12:30 in the
gym!**



Come support the Day School Parent Association as they raise money for playground improvements!

UMPTENAGERS DAY TRIP!

On Tuesday, February 21st, the Umpteenagers will travel downtown to visit the Central Tulsa City-County Library. There have been many new improvements and updates made since it was last renovated. We will congregate at New Haven UMC at 10:45 am, board the bus to have lunch at the "Chalkboard" restaurant, then proceed to our 1:00 pm tour of the library for 45 minutes. We should arrive back at the church by 2:30 pm. Your only expense will be for lunch. All seniors are invited and we hope to fill our bus for this trip! It's a wonderful time for fellowship and learning more about our community!



We will visit the Tulsa Space and Air Museum on March 21st (a change from our original plans, so mark your calendars for the new date and destination!)

LETTER FROM COLLEGE...

Dear Dad,

School is really great. I've made lots of friends and am studying hard. With all my stuff, I simply can't think of anything I need, so if you would like you can just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love, your son



REPLY FROM DAD....

Dear Son,

I know that astronomy, economics, and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task, and you can never study hard enough.

Love, Dad.



Dear Missy,

What is coming up in the way of Missions that I might be able to get involved in?

Signed,
Ready to Serve

Dear Ready to Serve,

Here are some upcoming events:

Bus Stop Ministry – Every school day from 7:00 am to 8:30 am, our church gym is open for children from elementary age to high school to come in and enjoy a snack, play games, do homework, visit, and get out of the weather. Pick the days that you'd like to serve and sign up on the Bus Stop calendar on the hallway table.

Respite Care – Children with special needs and their siblings come for a fun time away from home. First quarter events are scheduled for Saturday, February 11 and March 11, 3 pm to 7 pm. A Ministry Moment highlighting this mission will be delivered on Sunday, March 5. Contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to serve.

Day Center for the Homeless – Our next meal to serve is on Friday, February 24. A Ministry Moment is scheduled for Sunday, February 19 to learn more how you can help. Sign up sheets will be on the hallway table soon. Contact Phil Roberts at 918-671-2055 or phil.roberts@cox.net to help prepare or serve the meal.

In-service Sunday – Periodically, the entire New Haven congregation is involved in “doing worship” through hands-on projects. Pastor Cindy ends our regular worship services a few minutes early and then everyone has the opportunity to get up out of the pews and “do” worship by participating in the service project. Our next In-service Sunday will be March 19. Details coming soon.

Crosses of Love – Decorating event for the Crosses of Love will be held sometime in March in conjunction with the “Let's Get Crafty” group. A Ministry Moment to highlight this mission is scheduled for Sunday, March 26. Blessing will be on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Blessings,
Missy

Come and **Experience It!**



The “Walk to Emmaus” Informational Meeting 12:15 Sunday, February 5th

Interested in learning more about the “Walk to Emmaus” spiritual weekend? Come with your questions to an informational meeting **this coming Sunday, February 5th, at 12:15 in the Parlor!** The “Walk to Emmaus” is a spiritual renewal program that encourages the participation of Christians of many denominations. It is grounded theologically and institutionally in The Upper Room ministry of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. The three day Emmaus experience begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

At our informational meeting, there will be several individuals that have attended the “Walk to Emmaus” on hand to answer any questions you might have! De Colores!!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30-12:30 Day School Bake Sale/Gym
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 3:45 pm Cub Scouts Pack 67/270
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
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New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2. Will Scruggs
3. J.J. Sartain
4. Billy Carthel
6. Regina LaGrone
9. Linda Jaeger
Caitlin Riffin
10. Shirley Nelson
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Jocelyn Schifferdecker
Donita Gray
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
23. Dot Haynes
Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz
Mary Anne Tyler
24. Jean Smith
26. Michael Sherwin
27. Mary Ann Cunningham



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Kelly Sartain
Dodie Wood
Mary Ann Cunningham
Kay Garwood

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Roland Freisen's mother; Rhonda Vardeman; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart
Ovella Followell
Rosemary Tarr
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons

ATTENDANCE

January 29, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 54
11:00 am: 97
Total: 151

Sunday School

Adults-58
Youth-8
Children-10
Day School Chapel-83

ADULT CLASSES

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 161: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 185: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"The Lives of Great Christians" by William Cook

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Redemption of Scrooge"

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

Parlor: Roundtable "The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

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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