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Rev. James Graham

Are you ready for what may come?

Life is uncertain, and fortune favors those who are prepared. With that in mind, we want to help you be ready should there be an emergency or natural disaster.

New Haven United Methodist Church will sponsor a **Family Disaster Preparedness training event on September 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** This event is open to the public at no cost and will provide participants with a list of disasters that are likely to occur in Oklahoma. You will learn how to evaluate your family's planning needs during a disaster and receive assistance in the actual development in your family preparedness plan. Participants will learn about critical components of their family's Disaster Supply kit and discuss resources for additional preparedness training, updates, and information. For more information or to **RSVP** please contact New Haven UMC at (918)743-6491 or email pat.bates@newhavenumc.org.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to be a part of this important free event!

School is back in session!

Now that school is back in session I want to remind everyone that we have small children in the building Monday through Friday! It is imperative that we are more security conscious. Please make sure all doors to the Children's area are kept closed and locked! Also, when we have activities on Sunday, please make sure we are leaving the facility clean and neat for Monday morning's classes. We have also had a few Sunday afternoons when the church has been found unlocked with the lights on and nobody here! Let's all work harder to make sure the lights are off when we leave, and make sure exit doors are secured. There has been an increase in break-ins and thefts in our neighborhood and we need to be cautious!

Wishing you all every blessing in Christ Jesus!

Pastor James

James B. Graham

Say Good-bye to Pat Bates

Join us on Sunday, September 16, at 9:45 a.m. to give a fond send-off to our beloved Pat Bates as she embarks upon the next phase of her life – retirement! She and her husband, Chuck, will be taking their first trip right away as they fly off to Boise, Idaho, to visit with their daughter and son-in-law. They'll be heading to Mc Call, to stay in a deluxe log cabin and then driving into Montana for another night or two, then on to Idaho to see their great-grandkids. Pat and Chuck are also looking forward to some football games in Fayetteville, where their grandson is finishing his degree in December.

Pat joined us in 2003, when our senior pastor was Shannon Davis. She then worked for Cindy Havlik and now, of course, James Graham III. Pat says she loved working for each of them, as different as they are.

Pat remembers Shannon as being very funny. There was that church Christmas party when Shannon and our DS at the time were both costumed as squirrels to sing "Mississippi Squirrel Revival". (You had to be there to believe it!) But you may not remember that we have Pat to thank for those amazing costumes! Pat says Cindy was very elegant and taught her so much. But she really enjoyed the staff girls' weekends at the Havliks' cabin Cindy hosted. And of course, there were Cindy's thorough closet cleaning sessions. She's worked for James for just over a year. He's the most laid-back according to Pat, with an open door almost all the time; he doesn't even mind being interrupted when he's working on sermons. Like all of us, she'll never forget James' kilts. Pat says she's been blessed because "I couldn't have worked for three better Pastors."

Pat says while she's looking forward to retirement and traveling more, she'll really remember the friends she's made at New Haven, and the great staff members she's worked with over the 15 years. Pat says one of her fondest memories of New Haven will always be our missions projects and how easy it is for us to recruit volunteers to work on these projects. Pat's been a member of First UMC in Sapulpa for about 20 years, but thinks she "knows more people here than at my own church." She plans to keep in touch with us. And a hint for us all: the "hardest part of this job is keeping track of the keys!"

Brunch for Pat
Sunday, September 16
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Bring a brunch dish to share
Please contact Tonya Ford (tonyacford@hotmail.com, (918-688-8180)
if you have any questions.

UMPTEENS PLANNING SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 11:30AM

Lets get together and plan our day trips for 2018-2019
Bring your appetite for an hour of eating and meeting!
See you then!!!

Mountain of Food
Coming October 14
Watch for Details

A BIG "*THANK YOU*" TO ALL WHO BROUGHT COOKIES ON ELECTION DAY!

Our official "Cookie Lady", Dodie Wood, wishes to thank all of you who so graciously supplied cookies for last week's election! We received MANY thanks from our voters who enjoyed them! Our hospitality seems to be unmatched according to our voters.

SUSANNA CIRCLE

The Susanna Circle of New Haven United Methodist Women will meet at Tulsa Hills Target shore on Thursday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. We will shop for Cookson Hills Christmas and enjoy lunch at La Madeline and discuss other projects!
Please contact Susan Lamkin if you would like more information or need a ride. 918-557-9148 or susanlamkin@cox.net

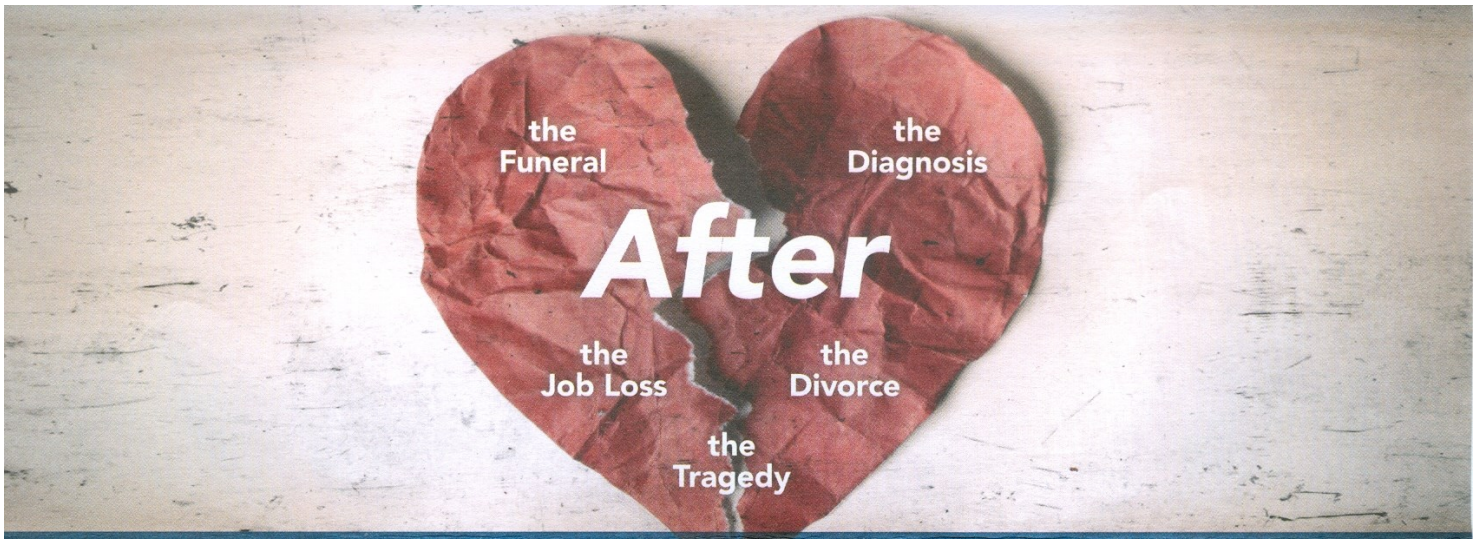
Emmaus Travelers looking for a bass player to join our bluegrass band!

Our bass player, Mark Martin, has retired and moved to Colorado. But, now we are in need of a bass player for the New Haven bluegrass band, Emmaus Travelers. We have lots of fun and would love to have you as a part of our band! If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Carolyn Toalson** at **918-906-8552**.

LAWN MOWER NEEDED FOR NEW HAVEN UMC

If you have a lawn mower you can donate, New Haven is looking for one!

Please contact Cynthia Edelman if you have one to offer! 918-743-6491



How can congregations provide care for all the *afters* in life?

Pastors want to provide ongoing care to everyone who needs it—and a team of lay caregivers can make that a reality. Equipping laypeople to minister to hurting people is a highly effective and biblical way to ensure that those in need of Christ-centered care receive it.

Christ at work in and through gifted, trained lay caregivers—that's the Stephen Ministry vision!

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

This half-day event will show how to realize that vision. You and your team will gain hands-on ministry skills through a sample of Stephen Minister training, deepen your vision for care and outreach, and learn how to bring the life-changing benefits of Stephen Ministry to your congregation.

SESSION 1: MINISTERING TO THOSE EXPERIENCING GRIEF

SESSION 2: AN INTRODUCTION TO STEPHEN MINISTRY

SESSION 3: HOW TO CARE IN A DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN WAY

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Pastors and church staff
- Lay leaders and decision makers
- Caregivers and caregiving teams

WORKSHOP COST

$15 per person or $50 for a group of four or more from your congregation or organization.

Take advantage of the group rate and bring a whole team. They'll learn how to cast a vision and build support for beginning Stephen Ministry.

DATES & LOCATIONS

The accompanying letter tells about a workshop near you. For a nationwide schedule of upcoming Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshops, visit www.stephenministry.org/schedule.

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. At **www.stephenministry.org/workshop**
2. Call **(314) 428-2600**
3. Submit completed registration form **by mail**

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Registration Form

STEPHEN MINISTRY
INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP
19118

Workshop Location: Asbury United Methodist Church - Tulsa, OK (9/29/2018)

To Register: *(We encourage you to register five or more days before the workshop)*

- Mail or fax this completed form to Stephen Ministries—see address and fax number below;
- Register online using a credit card at www.stephenministry.org/workshop; or
- Call (314) 428-2600 (Monday through Friday, 8 A.M.–5 P.M. Central Time).

❑ Check this box and fill in your contact information below if you *cannot attend* but would like to receive an information packet about Stephen Ministry.

Number Attending:

_____ Indicate the total number of individuals from your congregation who plan to attend.

_____ Indicate how many of those individuals, if any, are pastors.

Workshop Costs:

❑ **Per Person Rate:** $15 per person (_____ individuals x $15 each = $ _____)
❑ **Congregation Rate:** $50 for a group of four or more from your congregation

Payment Options: ❑ Payment enclosed (checks payable to **Stephen Ministries**)
❑ We will pay on the day of the workshop

Congregation Information: *(Please print legibly)*

Congregation/Organization _____ Congregation/Organization's Phone # _____

Exact Name of Denomination (e.g. Lutheran-ELCA, United Methodist, Southern Baptist, etc.) _____

Congregation/Organization Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Person (Title, First Name, and Last Name) _____ Contact Person's Daytime Phone # _____

Contact Person's Email Address (Used only for emailing your registration confirmation.) _____

Name(s) of Individual(s) Planning to Attend:

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(Write additional names on back or attach another sheet if needed.)

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Plan for the Way Forward

Dear Oklahoma United Methodist Family,

As many of you know, we will soon be facing an important time in the life of our United Methodist Church. On February 22-24, 2019, a special called General Conference will be held in St. Louis, Mo. with the purpose of discerning the direction our church will go regarding the Human Sexuality questions we have debated over many years. We encourage every United Methodist in Oklahoma to be in prayer concerning this conference. We also have available a weekly devotion (written by Oklahoma leaders) that can supplement your prayer time. Use the following links to subscribe to that resource. Here's the link to sign up for the weekly devotions: https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/28WeeksActsDevotions and the link to the archived devotions: http://okumc-email.brtapp.com/archivearea/329.

We would also like to invite you to attend a presentation about the plans that are scheduled to be presented at the called General Conference. This discussion and presentation will have members of the Oklahoma delegation present as well as Bishop Nunn. This important gathering will be held on Friday, **Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at St Luke's UMC Christian Life Center (CLC) in Oklahoma City**. There will be no charge to attend, however if you plan on attending we need you to register so that we have adequate seating and handouts for all. Please use the following link to register your attendance for this meeting: https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/OklahomaDiscussionon2019GeneralConference.

If you are not able to be present, we plan to live stream this important discussion in the life of our denomination. A link to the live stream will be provided on the conference website and sent by email to you as we get closer to the date.

We want to thank you for your prayers, concerns and continued commitment to our beloved church. As challenging as this discussion may be to some, it also offers us hope for a future that will best reflect our ongoing commitment to making disciples for the transformation of the world. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 5th.

Rev. Linda Harker, Chair Oklahoma Delegation
Rev. Joseph Harris, Assistant to Bishop Nunn
Dr. Don Kim, Oklahoma Delegation

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
8:45 Contemporary Worship
9:45 Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts
4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Invitation to Old Testament Study at the Parsonage
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
5:30 pm Lay Leadership Meeting/Parlor
6:00 pm Writers Group/161
6:15 pm Emmaus Travelers Band Practice

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
6:00 pm Emergence Preparation Training
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:00 am Susanna Circle
4:30 pm All Staff Meeting/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Retirement Brunch for Pat Bates
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Invitation to Old Testament/ Parsonage
5:00 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
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Marti Lowery	Children Director
Pat Bates	Office Clerical Asst.
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd
   Susan Savage
4. Rich Foster
5. Christopher Boyd
6. Liz DeWitt
8. Don Gregory
   Barbara Troutner
9. Greg Pape
   Dallas Quinalty
   Ace Quinalty
   Alexander Hensley
12. Sylvia Hensley
    Amanda Russell
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
19. Cohen Grafton
    Pamela Holt
28. Wayne Love
    Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
"Defiant Joy"

Parlor: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class
"Religion & Violence"

Room 103: Interlude Class
"Moses" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Haven 206 Connection Group "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Room 161: Roundtable "Sacred Resistance" by Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 26, 2018

Worship Attendance
8:45 am ~ 58
11:00 am ~ 92
Live Stream 21
Total ~ 171

Sunday School:
Adults ~ 57
Youth ~ 12
Children ~19

September 2, 2018

Worship Attendance

11:00 Combined ~ 98
Total ~ 98

Sunday School:
Adults ~ 46
Youth ~ N/A
Children ~ 12

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Joe Sanders
Jan Duffield
Mary Lou Black
Rev. Ken Tobler
Sheila Ernissee
Louise McCrory
Ann White
Carolyn Toalson's Mother

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