



THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Rev. James Graham

Good morning Easter People!

As promised the Judicial Council met this past week to address the concerns of the constitutionality of the changes approved at the special called session of General Conference of 2019. There were no real surprises in their decisions. As previously noted several

of the petitions which were already labeled as unconstitutional were rejected, but the main body of the Traditional Plan was retained as being constitutional. If you would like to read more about what was rejected and approved, you can do so at <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-oks-part-of-traditional-plan-exit-plan>. In response, I would encourage each of you to pray for our denomination and continue to be examples of Christ’s love in action right here in Tulsa. The world needs see our witness to love and grace.

Some of you have asked if there were other churches who welcome all people that we might be in conversation with. In response to General Conference a group called “Main Stream United Methodists” (MUM) are meeting to discuss ways we can be an effective witness and work together to transform to encourage others. We will be hosting our first gathering of the Tulsa MUM here at New Haven on Saturday, May 4th at 10 a.m. in the parlor. You are invited to come and join us!

As a congregation, we will also be having discussions about language we, as members of New Haven UMC, are willing to publicly adopt to bear witness to the commandment of Christ that we “love our neighbor as ourselves.”

Grace and peace,



Corner

Mission



Dear Donald,

What's all this about the Radical Disciples Sunday School class wanting underwear? And you being the mascot for the cause?

Signed,
Wanna Undie-Stand

Dear Undie-Stand,

The Radical Disciples have been learning about various outreach projects that New Haven UMC does as a church. They are leading the "Undie Sunday" mission project again this year. Here's where I come in – they thought that a picture of me would be a good reminder to everyone (because most of my photos are missing an important article of clothing) that there are children in this community that have some basic needs that New Haven can help meet.

New Haven members and guests are invited to bring brand new underwear – all sizes accepted – to the church and place it in the basket that will be set up next to the sign-up table. The group will be collecting underwear starting Sunday, May 5 through Sunday, May 19.

The Radical Disciples are partnering with Project Elf. This agency's mission is "to promote a positive learning experience and level the playing field for students in grade school through high school by ensuring basic needs are met, including but not limited to shoes, uniforms, outer garments, school supplies, backpacks, and person hygiene products." It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, which today serves every Tulsa Public School, some private schools, and has over 800 volunteers, i.e., Elves. Elves are women and men who volunteer and/or donate essential items to Tulsa-area students in need.

So let's become elves, be a part of the "Undie Sunday" drive. Remember all underwear should be brand new. All sizes are accepted. Thank you!

Keep quacking,
D Duck



Come and

Experience It!

Save these dates for
Project Transformation!
July 22 & July 24

More information will be available as the date gets closer. Watch the Sunday announcements and upcoming issues of the Spire.

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
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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



Murdock Villa Celebrates 10 Years of Birthday Parties!

New Haven will get ready to celebrate by creating some special surprises! **This Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 pm,** we will meet in the church gym to make decorations for the upcoming birthday party. Murdock Villa is a six-story apartment building at 828 S Wheeling in Tulsa. It is a Tulsa Housing Authority residence for disabled adults. For the party, we have a 50's theme going and Regina has lots of great ideas. Come and join in the fun and help us create festive props for the May birthday party. Here's the best part – you don't have to be "crafty" to come. It's easy and a great way to spend a couple hours. Come and experience it! **"Let's Get Crafty!"**

On Thursday, May 16 from 12:00-1:00 pm Murdock Villa May Birthday Celebration is going to be SO MUCH FUN!! The T-Town Ukes will be back by popular demand to play music from the 50s. We might even see some New Haven volunteers sporting poodle skirts, pony tails, rolled up jeans, etc. We will serve great food prepared by Adriaan and Marianne. New Haven has celebrated birthdays with Murdock Villa for over 10 years.

This year is going to be the best celebration yet! We invite you all to join us to help serve and join in the fun. We will be serving lunch to the residents and need servers to sign up to help. **Sign up sheet is on the hall table or call the church office to volunteer.**

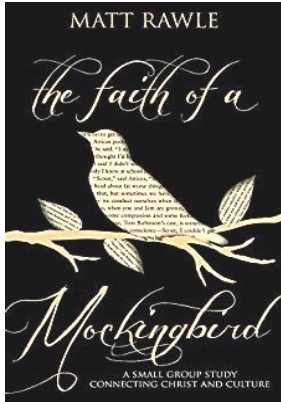
Celebrating Easter at New Haven



Do you have a . . .



We're looking for a volunteer to take over the care of the 4 plants in the Sanctuary. This would include watering weekly, trimming off dead leaves, checking if plants need more soil. If so please call Carol in the church office 918.743.6491 or talk to her on Sunday.



New Class Coming Soon!

"The Faith of a Mockingbird"

View the film May 5, 5:00-7:00 PM

May 12- June 2 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Come join us for an interesting study of "The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle, a United Methodist Minister. It takes us on a tour of Harper Lee's classic novel. We will look at what happened in the story as it brings us thoughts of what it means to live out a hopeful faith in a broken world. Everything and everyone in our world contains a spark of the divine. We are all sacred, as we walk with Christ we discover the Divine in us and all around us.

Suzanne Davis will lead this class that will meet for 4 Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the parlor May 12 through June 2. The book for the study will be available. Prior to the class starting, if you would like to see the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" starring Gregory Peck we will do so Sunday May 5, at 5:00. It is a 2 hour movie. Come and join us.

Sign up and order your book at the hall table or call the church office.

Congratulations



Drew & Laura Sahli welcomed the newest member of their family, Isaac Taylor Sahli, on April 24, 2019. Isaac is the grandson of Peter & Rev. Cindy Havlik, nephew to Dallas & Audrey Quinalty and Patrick & Nicole Grafton. Isaac will be joining a whole team of cousins.

Blessings to you all from your New Haven family.



Visit our website at www.newhavenumc.org or
New Haven United Methodist Church on FaceBook
Worship with us at: www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa.



UMPTENAGERS



May 21 Umpteenagers will be going to Clear Creek Abbey located near Ft Gibson Lake. Bus will leave church at 8:30am to arrive for 10am Mass, monks said not required but most ladies wear scarf or other covering over head. Tour to follow. Lunch will be at Sequoyah Lodge-google restaurant for menu & prices. Enroute home brief stop at Wolf Clan-Venue gift shop near lake. Back to church around 3-3:30. It is a beautiful drive & Abbey is very interesting, Harold & I are looking forward to sharing experience with you. For questions-Linda Stockstill 918-697-5557.



UMPTENAGERS annual trip to Branson, Missouri will be in September this year!

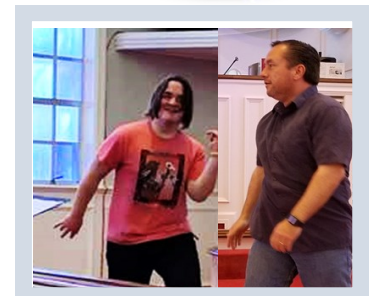
Save the dates: September 18, 2019 (Wed) - September 20 (Fri)

Three Fabulous Shows!

Watch the SPIRE for more information as the date gets closer or contact Carolyn Toalson dcktoalson@cox.net. to reserve your seat early!

Holy Humor Sunday!

In case you missed this year's Holy Humor Sunday, here are a few pictures of the great time we had worshipping our God through laughter and joy! Stephen & Deborah Merrick put together a great script and with the help of several brave members of the New Haven family everyone left with a smile on their face. If you would like to watch the service go to: www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa



Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 29

6:00 pm Blue Grass Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:00 pm Day School Council ~ 161
6:00 pm Edison Sr. High Parents ~ Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

10:00 am Mommy & Me Playdate
6:00 pm Praise Team

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

10:00 am Main Stream United Methodist Meeting ~ Parlor

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
3:00 pm Let's Get Crafty ~ Gym
4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal
5:00 pm To Kill a Mockingbird Movie
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 6

6:00 pm Blue Grass Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, MAY 7

4:00 pm Memorial High Choir - Gym
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

10:00 am Mommy & Me Playdate
5:00 pm Staff Meeting ~ Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Team
5:00 pm Day School PTO ~ Gym

FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

3:00 pm Respite Group - Gym

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor

School Days

6:45 am Bus Stop Ministry
3:00 pm After School Care

May Birthdays

5 Dans Henson
Lucas Lamkin
7 Dodie Wood
8 Chuck Berry
9 Joleen Taylor
10 Kim Percival
12 Bryant Lamkin
Camille Stevenson
15 Lynn Roach
17 David Duncan
22 Carol Cox
24 Linda Stockstill
27 Mike Brummal
Rick Davis
28 Michael Taylor
29 Debbie Love



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*Come join us at 9:45 am!
Check out one or all of our
Connection Groups and see
where you which you would
like to join!*

Room 185 Discovery Class
Parlor 115 Fellowship Class
Room 209 New Friendship Class
Room 103 Interlude Class
Room 206 New Haven 206
Room 161 Roundtable

The SPIRE Newsletter

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Please email articles for the
Spire no later than Sunday
evenings to:
carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org.
We will make every effort to
include your request, we reserve
the right to edit or delete articles
due to space availability.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

April 21, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 61
11:00 am ~ 153
Total ~ 214
Livestream

April 28, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~
11:00 am ~
Total ~

Sunday School

Adults ~
Youth ~
Children ~
Livestream ~

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Nancy Graham
Barbie Barnard
Tom & Mary Lou Black
Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Sandy Nicholson
Christene O'Toole
Dot Haynes
Don Gregory
Linda Gregory's grandson Kyle
Dodie Wood
Quitman McCrory
Pastor Ken Tobler
Betty Barton's family
The Puryear Family
Alon Soderfelt's nephew, Cyd
The sudden death of a
member's friends' 11 year old
nephew.

