



Rev. James Graham

## Blowing Rock

Last week on my vacation, Nancy and I visited a place in North Carolina called Blowing Rock. This place looks out over the valley in the Appalachian Mountains and offers stunning views. It also has a legend that goes along with it.

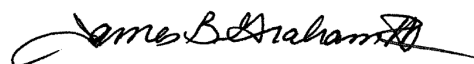


*It is said that a Chickasaw chieftain, fearful of a white man’s admiration for his lovely daughter, journeyed far from the plains to bring her to The Blowing Rock and the care of a squaw mother. One day the maiden, daydreaming on the craggy cliff, spied a Cherokee brave wandering in the wilderness far below and playfully shot an arrow in his direction. The flirtation worked because soon he appeared before her wigwam, courted her with songs of his land and they became lovers, wandering the pathless woodlands and along the crystal streams.*

*One day a strange reddening of the sky brought the brave and the maiden to The Blowing Rock. To him it was a sign of trouble commanding his return to his tribe in the plains. With the maiden’s entreaties not to leave her, the brave, torn by conflict of duty and heart, leaped from The Rock into the wilderness far below. The grief-stricken maiden prayed daily to the Great Spirit until one evening with a reddening sky, a gust of wind blew her lover back onto The Rock and into her arms. From that day a perpetual wind has blown up onto The Rock from the valley below. For people of other days, at least, this was explanation enough for The Blowing Rock’s mysterious winds causing even the snow to fall upside down.*

Often we find ourselves torn between duty, and love, between happiness and sadness, between joy and despair. Like the faithful young maiden, our Lord and Savior is standing there with arms outstretched waiting upon our return. Likewise if we let it, the wind of the Holy Spirit will blow us right back into those loving arms and return us to wholeness! My prayer for you is that you will listen to the wind and let it blow you into the waiting arms of Christ!

Grace and peace,



Pastor James

# Thank you!



## PROJECT TRANSFORMATION UPDATE! CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN ~ OUR FUTURE !!!



Dear New Haven Family,

A very special "Thank You!" to EVERYONE at New Haven who supported this annual mission project. The Readers - About 20 of you will help a child, by listening to them read. Lives will be changed, yours included.

Thank You! - - - 17 Bakers shared their talent in all kinds of wonderful bake goods.

Thank You! - - - Everyone who donated, purchased baked goodies and those who help set up and clean up! Thank You!

And especially to Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman for coordinating everything!!

Bake Sale	\$ 715.00
Donation's	\$ 1,000.00
Total Raised	\$ 1,715.00

Thanks be to GOD.

Our Children      Our Future  
Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman

## Volunteers Listen as the kids read!



Special Thanks to Adriaan & Marianne Duiveman  
for coordinating this mission project!

A graphic with the words "Thank You!" written in a white, cursive font on a purple circular background.

With gratitude for our wonderful church community during this difficult time of Rick's death. Our family is so grateful for the incredible memorial service and seeing so many of you. The loving thoughts, cards and memories have been so helpful as we begin this new journey without Rick.

New Haven was so very special to him.

Thank you for your love and caring.

Suzanne

## UMW TO HOST JULY 25 Murdock Villa Celebration!



The **Susanna Circle of UMW** will host its 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for the residents of Murdock Villa on **Thursday, July 25! Everyone is welcome to join us!**

**Please join us at 2:00 pm for refreshments and a birthday celebration!** Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Meet at 1pm at New Haven if you would like to carpool and set up for the party.**

**Be sure to wear your Patriotic attire!**



### **New Haven Staff Members**

Rev. James B. Graham ~ Senior Pastor

Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager	Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Stephen Merrick	Music Director	Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist	Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director	Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Marti Lowery	Children's Director	Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Carol Morgan	Office Assistant	Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon





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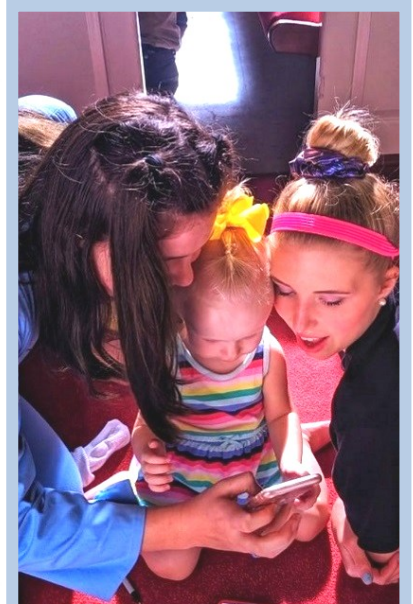
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The **POWER** of God  
was felt at VBS  
this week!  
Thanks to Ms. Marti,  
the volunteers  
& all that attended!



# VBS 2019 continued



*Congratulations*

*So Blessed*



*So Special*

*So Sweet*

New Haven UMC congratulates  
Nicole, Patrick, Cohen & Anderson  
Grafton and

Welcomes their new baby girl  
Elizabeth Jane Grafton,  
born on Thursday, July 19, 2019.

May your lives be filled with  
happiness and blessings!

## Opportunities of the Week

### TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

7:00 pm ACOA (210)

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

6:00 pm Praise Team  
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

### FRIDAY, JULY 26

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, JULY 27

### SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. Hi Fellowship

### MONDAY, JULY 29

6:00 pm Writers' Group

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

6:00 pm Praise Team  
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group



## July Birthdays

7 Mycroft LaGrone  
9 Hannah (Christian) Henson  
16 Greg Green  
18 David Schifferdecker  
21 Rev. Cindy Havlik  
25 James Graham V  
26 Marti Lowery  
28 Bonnie Rainbow



### 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

New Haven UMC 5603 South New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74135.  
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 articles due to space availability.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 14, 2019

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 39  
11:00 am ~ 90  
Total ~ 129  
Livestream ~ 15

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 57  
Children ~ 16  
Youth ~ 16

July 21, 2019

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 61  
11:00 am ~ 93  
Total ~ 154  
Livestream ~ 34

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 34  
Children ~ 21

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Rev. Suzanne Davis and family on  
the death of Rick Davis  
Joe Sanders  
Janice & Guy Duffield  
Jessica Nicholson-Kaufmans  
Dot Haynes  
Don Gregory  
Dodie Wood  
Quitman McCrory  
Christene O'Toole  
Donita Gray  
Bonnie Rainbow  
Karyn Maio



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