



# 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 Advent People! As we continue on our journey towards the manger and the revealing of God's love to the world, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you! We have had an amazing year in ministry together, and you have

continually been an inspiration to me. You have welcomed new people into our community, and you have impacted so many lives with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness! You have faithfully lived out the Lord's call to make disciples for Jesus Christ, and you have made me proud to be your pastor. As this is the last newsletter before the new year, I particularly want to say thank you to a couple of our employees.

Marti Law-Lowery will be starting a new ministry at St. Paul UMC on Cherry Street beginning January 1st. I hope you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and enthusiasm she has brought to our children's ministry. I want to wish her all of God's blessings, and I know you, like me, will miss her and her family as they continue to be faithful to God's call on their lives.

I also want to thank Carol Morgan who has done a wonderful job in our front office, helping us to produce bulletins, newsletters, reminder postcards, and doing many of the tedious day to day tasks that are necessary to keep our office running smoothly. We are reducing our staff budget this year, and as a result we are re-organizing our staffing structure. Carol will continue to be in our office one or two days a week as a volunteer, and we will miss her daily contributions to our office. Thank you Marti and Carol for a wonderful year, and a lot of hard work!

Gratefully yours,

Pastor James



**New Haven Staff**

Rev. James B. Graham ~ Senior Pastor

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 Retired Deacon  
 Retired Deacon  
 Retired Elder



# Advent & Christmas Eve

**December 10**

**Christmas Light Tour**

**December 14**

**1:00 pm Let's Get Crafty ~ Gym**

**December 15**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

The Message: "Are We There Yet ~ Joy"

8:45 & 11:00 am Christmas Cantata

**12:15 pm Ad Council Meeting**

**1:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**December 22**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

The Message: "Are We There Yet ~ Trust"

**December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm One Service with Candlelight & Communion

**December 25 & 26**

**Merry Christmas, New Haven Office Closed**

**December 27**

**Day Center for the Homeless Meal**

**December 29**

**9:45 - 10:45 am ~ 5th Sunday Breakfast/Brunch**

**11:00 am One Combined Service**

**December 31**

**Office will close at 2:00 pm**

If you have a donation you would like credited to your 2019 giving please bring it to the office **by 2:00 pm**. Thank you.



**Sunday, December 29th** Please bring your favorite dish to share and join your church family for our final **5th Sunday Brunch of 2019 on December 29**. This is a chance for our entire church family to gather together and celebrate, visit, and enjoy time together. **There is no early service this day, so please bring your dish to the Gym by 9:30 am.**



**THANK YOU**  
to everyone  
who donated  
Angel Tree  
Books & Gifts!



Thank you to everyone who brought gifts or donated money for our annual

Angel Tree and to the awesome youth who helped with the shopping.

New Haven provided **books for 40 Circle of Care foster children** and other **gifts for 25 Project Elf children and six Carnegie students.** You are a blessing!

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**Special Thanks to Stacey Schifferdecker for coordinating our Angel Tree Mission!!**  
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## Fit Families 2020



The Food Thinkery presents: Fit Families 2020, a **free program** starting **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Space is limited to 30.

Bring your family (age 6 and up), or just you and your spouse, and join us for 4 weeks in January on **Wednesday nights from 7-8:15** to learn how to produce healthier people physically and spiritually in 2020.

Food demonstrations, activities and free of charge!

Classes start January 8<sup>th</sup> and are taught by a registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator, Suzanne Forsberg and a food service specialist Rebecca. Registration required and space is limited. **Sign up on is on the hall table or call the church office at 918-743-6491.**

# "The Totally Unique Christmas Pageant"



As the Directors try to decide which Christmas Pageant the children would perform . . . The kids take matters into their own hands!



## "Away in a Manger" Soloist: Mackenzie Gilbert

### CAST

Narrator 1	Meredith Dellegar
Narrator 2	Jocelyn Schifferdecker
Angel 1	Julliett English
Angel 2	Lilly Chump
Angel 3	Grace Jones
Shepherd	Finnegan Bond
Mary	Jillian Tabor
Joseph	Charlie Hill
King 1	Breanne Melton
King 2	Joel Roberts
King 3	Luke Lowery
Clarinet Solo	Mackenzie Gilbert
Director 1	Deena Smith
Director 2	Carol Morgan
Director 3	Carolyn Toalson



**Special Thanks** to our Children's Director, Marti Lowery for all she did to make this production a **HUGE SUCCESS!!**

## **UMPTEENAGERS Christmas Light Tour!**

If you signed up for the Christmas Light Tour on **Tuesday, December 10th, please be at the church at 5:20 PM** to ride the bus. We will end the tour at a nearby restaurant for hot cocoa, coffee, tea and pie if you wish. **If you need to cancel please call Alon at 918-622-7006 since there is a wait list.**

### **What's Next?**

On **Tuesday, January 21st** the **UMPTEENAGERS** are planning to visit the Zarrow Museum.



## **Memorial Christmas Tree Decorating & Dedication Sunday, December 15th at 10:45 am & 12:00 pm**



We started this tradition in 2007 when our dear Nathan Wofford, son of Kim Percival, passed away, he was all about Christmas, all year long. Through the years the memorial tree has become a tradition for everyone who lost a love one.

In the past years the Memorial Tree was decorated on the front lawn, from this year forward, we will have the tree in the Sanctuary, so it will be part of our worship on Sunday mornings.

We invite everyone as a Family, all members Adults, Youth, Children and visitors to join us and help decorate the tree after the church service you will be attending.

Pastor James will have a special prayer right before the closing of the service.

We will have a table set up with the ornaments you placed on the tree in past years.

If you would like to bring a different ornament this year, please feel free to do so. If this is your first time, we would like you to bring your own ornament also. We will also have some extra ornaments that you will be able to put the name of your loved one on. If you prefer, you may also place an ornament on the tree at any time in private.

Wishing Hope, Peace and Blessings to all, through this Christmas Season.

### **This will be the last SPIRE until January 6th**

If you would like to put an article in the next SPIRE please email it to me [[carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org](mailto:carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org)] by Sunday evening January 5, 2020.

Thank you, Carol Morgan

# Let's Get Crafty!

Join the crafters **THIS Saturday at 1:00 pm** in the Gym for a **MYSTERY PROJECT!**  
*Regina will have the supplies so join her in the GYM  
and let your creative juices flow!*

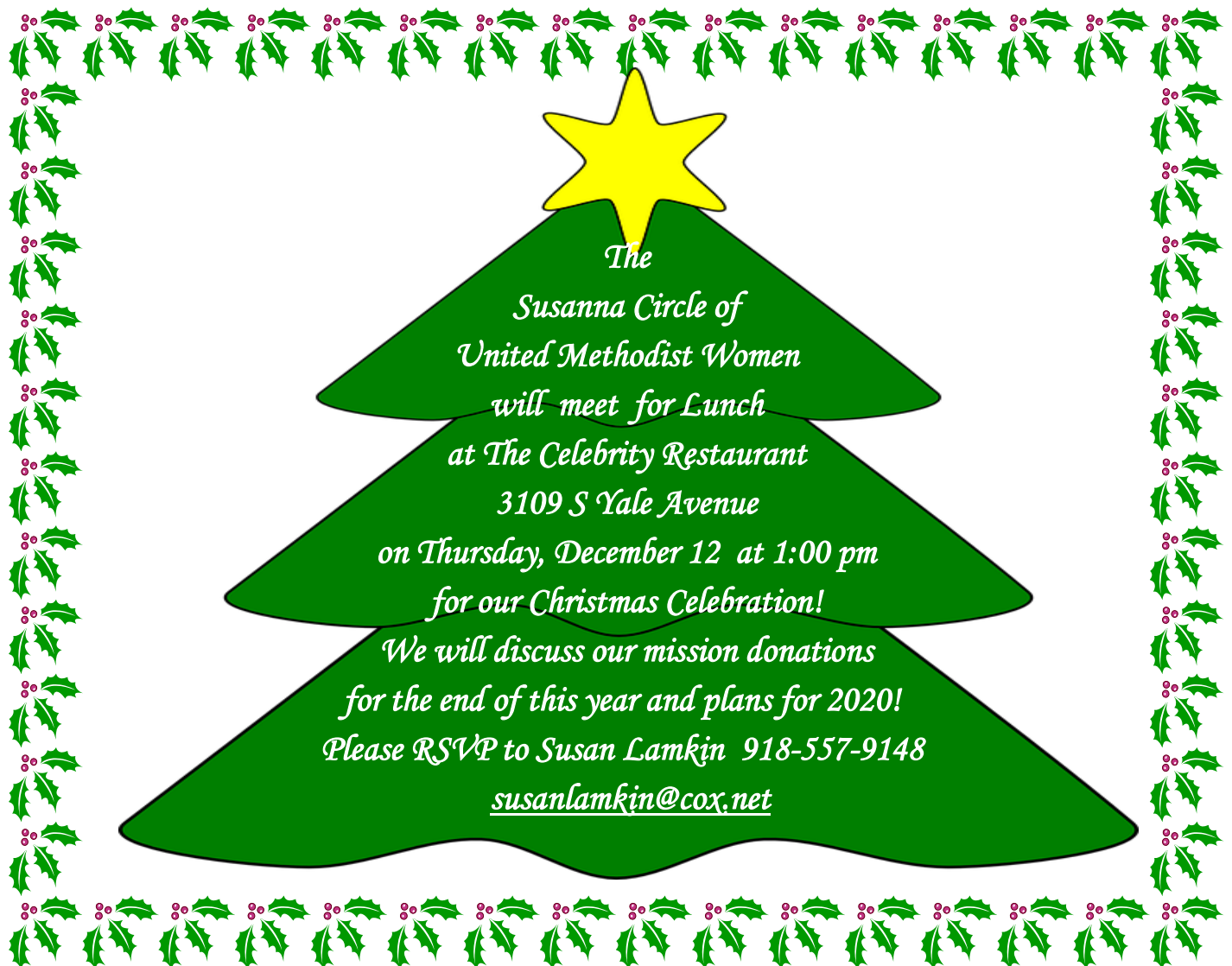
## Day Center Meal! Friday, December 27

**Sign up in the hall to Cook and/or serve the guests at the Tulsa Day Center on Friday, December 27. Join us for an end of year celebration at a local restaurant (TBA) after we finish serving and cleaning up!**

**Cook Slow Cooker Chicken and Noodles** Recipes are on the hall table.

**Cooks & Bakers:** We typically serve about 100+ guests and they all love it when they can have seconds!

**Serve the Day Center Guests** and help clean up when we're done.



## Opportunities of the Week

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 pm Women's Grief Group - Parlor  
6:00 pm Praise Team  
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 pm Staff Christmas Party - Parlor  
7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

1:00 pm Let's Get Crafty - Gym

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ JOY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal  
4:30 pm Disciple 3  
5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 pm Writers' Group

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7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ TRUST

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
WITH CANDLE LIGHT & COMMUNION

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26  
OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

2:00 PM OFFICE WILL CLOSE

## December Birthdays

- 7 Jim Harris
- 8 Evan Stevenson
- 13 Michael Foster  
Emmalena Russell
- 14 Dee Kemp
- 16 Linda Blackford  
Susan Lamkin
- 17 Kathryn Stevenson
- 21 Cathy Amos  
Kelly Sartain
- 24 Linda Joyce
- 27 Dianna Horn
- 30 Meghan Lamkin



### ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

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

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

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

### December 1, 2019

#### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 44

11:00 am ~ 89

Total ~ 133

Livestream ~ 15

#### Sunday School

Adults ~ 54

Children ~ 14

Youth ~ 22

### December 8, 2019

#### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 37

11:00 am ~ 116

Total ~ 153

Livestream ~ 19

#### Sunday School

Adults ~ 38

Children ~ 23

Youth ~ 14

### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Lynn Roach  
Brittany Fox's father  
Joe Sanders  
Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman  
Don Gregory  
Dodie Wood  
Quitman McCrory  
Marianne Duiveman  
Robin Stevens  
Eight year old Maddie Cochran  
of Tahlequah  
Our Military & First Responders



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