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*"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
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Rev. James Graham

Fasting

The pancakes of Phat Tuesday are gone, the imposition of ashes is over, and we find ourselves in the midst of lent. One of the time honored traditions of lent is fasting. Often times people give up chocolate, or caffeine, or even French fries for Lent. Why do we do these things?

Fasting in ancient times was a sign of mourning. It was also used, pre-emptively to try and convince God to withhold punishment for our sins. Today, it is more intentionally used as a spiritual discipline. We deprive ourselves of some pleasure of the flesh in order to remind ourselves to feast on the food of the spirit, such as prayer, reading scripture, acts of mercy, and so on. It is intended to improve our spiritual lives and enhance our relationship with God. I saw on Facebook the other day a quote attributed to Pope Francis suggesting that if we want to fast we should:

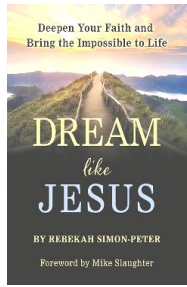
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

May you be transformed and nourished by your Lenten practice this season.

Pastor James



Dream Like Jesus Lenten Study



Three more Sundays, March 8, 15 & 22 @ 10:00 am
Join Pastor James in the Sanctuary and take the next step. Come know Jesus, and yourself, in a whole new way. It's time to meet your own power. To discover your own birthright. To claim your own blessing. It's time to dream like Jesus. And time to share that dream with others.



Church Work Day

Please come join us for Church Work Day

Saturday, March 28th starting at 9:00 am.

Tools are not necessary but please bring them if you want along with your gloves and join in the fellowship!



Until that one day . . . on the walk to Emmaus!!!

Luke 24:13-50 describes how Cleopas and his friend loved Jesus, followed Jesus, and believed in Jesus, but could not understand what had happened. **Why? Why crucify?!**

Men's Walk #183 April 16-19, 2020
Women's Walk #184 April 30 - May 3, 2020

Claremore First United Methodist

So leave behind . . .

- Your worries** – God will handle them for you! **Your watch** – you won't need it!
- Your Camera** – God will imprint your memories! **Food** – all the food you can eat will be provided!
- Your Cell phone, pager, laptop computer, iPod, iPad, or other electronic devices** – you won't need them! . . . **And walk with us on this special weekend.**

Your Walk to Emmaus experience includes three days & nights and all meals and snacks included. It all begins with a short course in Christianity. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Walk is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

If you are interested in attending an Emmaus Walk, or have questions about this event, please contact one of the following people: Pastor James Graham, Peter Havlik, Patrick Grafton, David Toalson, Donita Gray, Carolyn Toalson.



Monday, March 30 Day Center Dinner

Frito Chili Pie



Attention Chefs & Servers! Our next evening to cook and serve dinner to the guests at the Day Center is coming up! Please **Sign-Up on the hall table to cook, bake or serve on March 30.**

The menu will be Frito Pie for dinner and Brownies, Lemon Squares or Sheet Cake Squares for dessert, please bring the food to the church Gym by 4:30 pm to stage and load food in the van. The van will transport servers, we will leave the church at 5:00 pm and return by 7:00 pm.

UMPTENAGERS & YOU!

Please note that there has been a change in the schedule for our March outing. The new destination for the Umpteenagers will be going to a play at the Broken Arrow Community Playhouse entitled:

"And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank"



The church bus will leave the church **Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 sharp.** The admission is \$22.00-\$25.00, please have cash as one person will purchase the tickets and distribute them. This is open to anyone who would like to join us. If you have any questions, please call Alon at 918-622-7006.

WANTED

UMPTENAGERS and YOU!!

Mark your calendars now for our jaunt to Oklahoma City to tour the National Cowboy Hall of Fame on Tuesday, April 21. We'll leave Tulsa at 8:30 a.m. for a guided tour of the museum before we head to Arcadia for lunch at Pop's on Route 66. We'll be back in Tulsa about 3 or maybe 3:30. The cost is \$9.50 for museum admission and Pop's says \$15 should cover lunch, unless you sample too much of their soda pop! There will be a sign-up sheet out in April.



Crosses of Love

Saturday, March 28

10:00 am in the GYM



Anyone who is not familiar with "Crosses of Love", it is a Dutch Tradition adopted by New Haven 35 years ago.

On Palm Sunday in different parts of the Netherlands families gather together in parks or at their homes to make wooden crosses of different sizes, 1 to 3 feet, after putting them together, they are decorated with ribbons, silk flowers, fruit and some Easter candy. The purpose of the Crosses of Love to share Jesus who died on the cross for us with others.

Through the years New Haven has shared this tradition with over 8000 people in the mission's church ministries and community outreach in Tulsa and state wide. Last year we made and shared stained glass "Crosses of Love" led by our artists Dick Garwood and Regina LaGrone. This year Brother Dick will create the crosses and we as Sisters and Brothers will help create the wrapping to put the crosses in. Led by our artistic Regina.

This year we will share the crosses with the Teachers at the Little Lighthouse and the Teachers at Carnegie Elementary School, as well with some of the New Haven Family members.

You are invited to sign up for this workshop. Either this Sunday March 8th or the following 2 Sundays.

Looking forward seeing you there the "Crosses of Love" team



Dear New Haven Sisters and Brothers,

The Hospitality team thanks you for being so kind by acknowledging our first time guests, visitors. Also for sharing your love and concern with all members of the New Haven family. As a team we welcome everyone at the door, by doing so we are made aware of first time guests and visitors.

The first time guest[s] are asked if they would like some information about New Haven's ministries, if yes they will also receive a New Haven mug with home made cookies. We also try to keep up with all visitors and members by taking roll every Monday, a friendly call is made if you missed a couple of Sunday's of your regular attendance. For more info about us come join us on **Sunday March 22 at 12.15 pm**. A light lunch will be served.

God's Speed,
The Hospitality Team





5th
SUNDAY
BRUNCH
&
Fellowship

Sunday, March 29th

Please bring your favorite dish to share and join your church family for our next **5th Sunday Brunch.**

9:45 - 10:45 am

This is a chance for our entire church family to gather together and celebrate, visit, and enjoy time together.



Thank you for your response to our Partners in Education (PIE) ministry with our neighbor, Carnegie Elementary!

This partnership has the potential to have a great impact on both Carnegie and New Haven. Here are the latest updates:

The school has an upcoming event called **STEAM Night on March 24**. Families participate in several activities in the areas of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**ath. They would love to have some New Haven volunteers help with this event so parents can be free to participate with their children. We could assist with set up, clean up, or running an activity booth (everything already planned). No experience required BUT a background check is required. Forms are available right outside the sanctuary at the PIE info center. Let's show up with a group of us to show our support!

Our children have committed to making birthday cards for each of the Carnegie staff members. We need pies to go along with them! (see below) They also made some awesome encouragement banners to hang on Carnegie's walls during state testing. Thank you Miss Brittany and our wonderful New Haven Kids!

Our Carnegie Giving Tree has been very successful-THANK YOU! There are still some needs-check it out!

Please remember, PIE is an ongoing ministry with continuing opportunities to make a difference in children's lives. Consider helping with these needs:

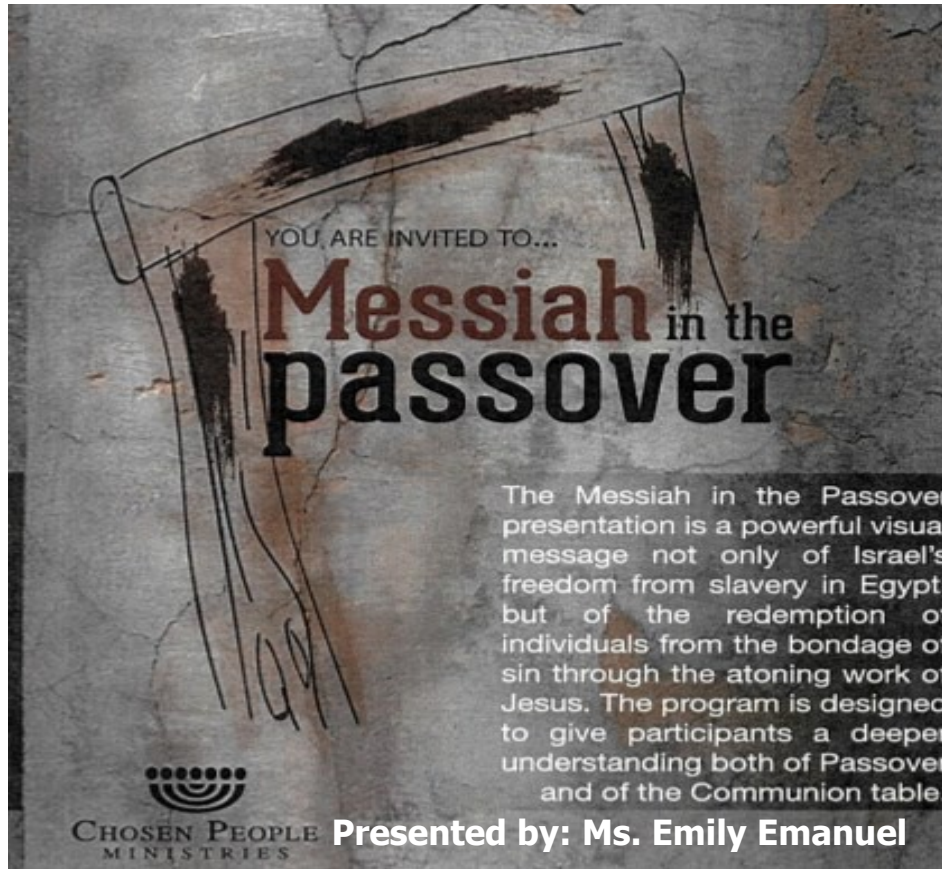
Reading mentors-devote an hour or more on a regular basis listening to children who need extra practice reading (like we do for Project Transformation!)

Testing proctors-be present in classrooms during state testing (April); requires a short online training which the school will provide. The congregation will also be asked to write encouragement notes for the children in the next few weeks.

Carnegie Giving Tree-located at the PIE info center located outside the sanctuary. The school is in need of a variety of items from time to time. Pick an item from the tree, bring it back and drop it in the PIE box.

Pie Team for Staff Birthdays-join our pie making (or buying) team! Each staff member will receive a birthday card (made by our children) and a pie from their **Partners In Education (PIE)**-get it!? Please watch for more PIE updates. Please contact Tonya Ford if you would like to volunteer, have questions or would like more information. (tonyacford@hotmail.com or 918-688-8180).





Join Us

Saturday

April 4 at 5:00 pm

In the New Haven GYM

Passover Seder Meal

Cost: Adults \$15 each

Children \$10 each

Childcare will be provided

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER will be conducted by Ms. Emily Emanuel of Chosen People Ministries, which is an over one hundred year-old mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised by the Hebrew Scriptures. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry to "the Jew first and to the Gentile."

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER begins with the traditional Passover Seder table- complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. Ms. Emanuel will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and the disciples, giving their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the significance of the crucifixion.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. This program also helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

This program is open to all people in the community. Adults \$15 each, Children \$10 each. A Love Offering will be received.





Bring Your
Easter Basket
and Join Us!

NEW HAVEN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS . . .

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ~ APRIL 4 10:00 AM

COME JOIN THE FUN
WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Golden Egg Prizes and Family Raffles Including

- ~Laser Quest
- ~Urban Air
- ~Andolinis
- ~Gilcrease
- ~Incredible Pizza
- AND MORE!!!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Sign-Up on Hall Table

Contact Director of Children's Ministries:
Brittany Fox for any inquiries





Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 8

March Birthdays

- 3 Maximilian Lagrone
- 6 Yuka Daughters
- 9 Roland Friesen
Harold Stockstill
- 16 Steve Amos
Alon Soderfelt
- 17 Erica Alred
- 18 Haley Merrick
- 21 Karen Jones
- 22 Kyler Smith
- 23 Craig Hannon
- 24 Janice Hannon
- 25 Steve Smith
- 26 Peter Havlik
Adessa Stephenson
- 28 Laurel Duncan
- 30 Mikael Iver




PLEASE PRAY FOR.

- Jan Boyd
- Jack Giffin
- Betty Fine
- Karen Maio
- Kelly Sartain
- Lynn Roach
- Joe Sanders
- Don Gregory
- Dodie Wood
- Guy & Jan Duffield
- Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman

Quitman McCrory
 Larry Chisum's son, Craig
 Our Military & First Responders

In Our Thoughts & Prayers




Our sweet Betty Fine is moving to Leisure Village on Friday. Let's shower her with cards to welcome her to her new home! Betty has requested no visitors until she gets settled, but would love a note or card. Her NEW address is:

Betty Fine
Leisure Village
2154 South 85th East Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74129

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