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News of New Haven United Methodist Church

Our Mission: *"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world, by being God's Love in Action"*
Our Vision: *"to be a community of heart and soul"*

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The spirit is moving in wonderful ways!



Hello my friends,

I was reflecting back on the past year recently, and while we've been focused on the pandemic and what it has "prevented" us from doing, I would like to share with you some of the things that we have succeeded in "DOING" during the pandemic.

During the pandemic we saw a 100% increase in our support for Restore Hope Ministries! We held our first ever Virtual VBS! Because of the pandemic we added Zoom support for most of our Sunday School classes, and as we restart our connection groups, that Zoom support continues allowing people to continue to participate even from far off locations! Some of our Sunday School connection groups even increased in their participation during the pandemic!

Our community outreach increased in a very important way. Most of our previous missional activity had been ministry TO the community and not so much WITH the community. During the pandemic this shifted and we have begun engaging in ministry WITH the community. At the request of our neighbors we have hosted two spring clean up events, hosting dumpsters on our parking lot. We have hosted two learning pods during the school year allowing home bound children an opportunity to have face to face instruction. We have responded to community requests for assistance to home bound and quarantined neighbors helping them to receive much needed food and medicines. We provided support and encouragement to a young girl who got mugged while at work. Because of the generosity of so many of you, we were able to meet a variety of needs through the Pastor's Alms fund. Members of the neighborhood are organizing a work day to work on our grounds, and I hope we will all come along side them to build relationships.

We have not been idle during the pandemic! The spirit is moving in wonderful ways!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James





Community of Heart & Soul

Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries Reparations Fund

As the centennial of the 1921 Race Massacre approaches, TMM is organizing a symbolic Reparations Fund through the interfaith community. Their goal is to have 100 churches participate at an average of \$1,000 each for a total goal of \$100,000. The funds will be directed to the remaining massacre survivors and descendants, as well as grants to Black-owned businesses in Greenwood and surrounding areas.

The May 12 article in the Tulsa World cites the Methodist Bishop at the time, E.D. Mouzon, extensively. Part of his comments at that time included "racial equality should never exist" a sentiment he said was biblically ordained. Bishop Mouzon also said "the white man who got his gun and went out in defense with it did the only thing a decent white man could have done."

Aliye Shimi, the executive director of TMM, stated that "it is up to the faith community of today to do what those before did not and stand up for what is right..."

Several church families wish to participate; if you would like to support this, send your checks to the church and note on them "TMM." Please note that this is short notice; the 10th anniversary of the massacre is May 31 - June 1.

Family Night at the Drillers!



New Haven Family Night at the Drillers - June 25

Join us at the ballpark for a game and fireworks. It's a great way to get together after the very long year of seclusion.

With the group rate we can save a few bucks and sit together - we'll be along the 3rd base line. Games start at 7:05 p.m.

As of now, under Major League Baseball rules **fans must wear masks when moving around the stadium.** If those change we'll let everyone know. Bring your friends, extended family and neighbors.

Tickets for those age 3 and older are \$10 each. We need at least 20 to get the reduced rate, so check your calendars and make your plans now. Email Susan Harris at jcseharris1@gmail.com to save your seats; drop your checks off at the church. **We do need to pay ahead and must have a final number by June 18. Call Susan at 918-830-3276 if you have questions.**



Billy Carthel Booker T. Washington

Billy Carthel will graduate from Booker T Washington on May 27th. He played baseball all four years at Booker T Washington. He was catcher and utility player. He also led the team in prayer before each game. Billy always had a love for baseball.

Billy volunteers for the Salvation Army serving those in need. He also served the church as an acolyte in his younger years.

Billy plans to attend either Tulsa Tech, Tulsa Community College, or Roger's State in the fall. He wants to pursue a career in construction management. He will continue working at Bill Knight Ford and for the Tulsa Drillers during college.



JJ Sartain Lincoln Christian School

JJ Sartain, started attending NHUMC when he was four years old. As he got older, he attended Sunday school and then youth group. He has been volunteering: serving food at the Day Center for the Homeless, involved with Operation Christmas Child, helped with cleaning up Moore, Oklahoma (tornado), has helped children read at Project Transformation, and helped at Restore Hope. He has loved helping the kids at New Haven: with the July 4th Parade/party, dressed as the Easter Bunny, helped with

the games at Trunk or Treat, and has helped with VBS (working the games station). JJ has never met a stranger and has invited some kids to join youth group. He has attended Camp Egan almost every summer since he was little. Over the past couple of years, JJ has been helping out with Livestream during church service. He was also baptized and confirmed in the church.

JJ is graduating from Lincoln Christian School with a 3.89 GPA and has been in the National Honor Society. JJ has played sports his whole life. He has played Football, Baseball, Track, Wrestling, Tennis, and Basketball. His Senior year JJ's, football team, the Lincoln Bulldogs made it to State and placed runner up. In Track this year, they made it to State, and the boys' team placed first in Division 4A 1st place. JJ placed 7th in the 300 M hurdles, medaled 4th in the 4X2, and medaled 4th in the 4X1. At school, JJ would always be the first to volunteer to help out and the last to clean up and leave. He always spent time lending a hand to students that struggled with sports or studies. He took a Learn and Serve class, where he spent time playing and coaching the elementary students.

When JJ is not doing sports or volunteering, he loves to drive around in his car. He also loves to play video games online with his friends. JJ will be attending Oklahoma State University in the fall; he intends to study technical mechanical engineering.

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Courtney Merrick Union High School

Courtney Merrick will be graduating from Union High with a 3.4 GPA and is the third place regional champ in Union tennis. Also, she is active in the Union music programs. Courtney also sings with the New Haven UMC Praise Team when she has time.

She loves to write books and poetry.

Courtney wants to pursue her dream of acting, modeling and singing. She plans to move to California after graduation to make her dreams come true.



Exciting things are happening with the children at New Haven United Methodist Church!

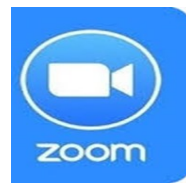
As more folks are getting vaccinated and coming back to church in person, we've also had an increase in attendance for children's church! We have added some new friends to our class, and look forward to more growth in our children's ministries!



We are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will be **IN PERSON** this year: **July 18th-22nd from 5:00-7:30pm.** The theme is Discovery on Adventure Island. We are looking for volunteers to help make this the biggest best VBS yet!! We are also looking for tropical or island themed items for decor. **Please contact Brittany Fox at brit8519@yahoo.com if you would like to be involved.**

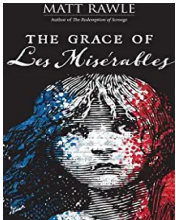


Join our
LIVE
ZOOM Classes



Young Adult Connection Ages 18-30

Pastor James is starting a new online Zoom community called the Young Adult Connection (YAC). Adults age 18-30 are invited to join us on Zoom for conversation, prayer, study, and fun. Our goal is to create a space and time for young adults to connect and grow in their faith even while pursuing an active lifestyle, working, attending college, etc. **Our meetings will be Sundays at 6 p.m.** The Zoom link is: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88469067693?pwd=RFRHbjVBZkFscThPQUFGemxuR2pRZz09> Meeting ID: 884 6906 7693 Passcode: 369850. Please join us!



Interlude Class meets at 9:45 am in the church chapel, also available on ZOOM for out of towners or those not ready to attend in person - *The Grace of Les Misérables* by Matt Rawle.

We are always asking God questions, for healing, for life decisions, for others in our lives, for jobs or better jobs, but what questions does God ask us? Join our lively class discussions as we seek to find the questions and answers. In the Grace of *Les Misérables*, Matt Rawle invites us to examine these themes through the lens of Christian

faith. He does so via the characters, settings, and major plot elements of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*.

Book is available to purchase on line at Amazon.com. Call Stacey Schifferdecker for more information and ZOOM sign in directions.

Friendship Class meets at 9:30 am in the church parlor. Attend in person or join us on Zoom. Contact Danny Hall for sign in information



Tuesday Evenings 7:00 - 7:45 pm

**Roundtable Connection Class
All are welcome!**

We are traveling through the book of Genesis looking at the familiar and sometimes unfamiliar stories through the lens of the ancient Jewish Rabbis.

We would love to have you join us as we explore the ins and outs of these stories.

For more information or to get the link to Zoom

Call or text Jone Friesen at 918 445-1576 Email at jone.w.friesen@gmail.com



BIRTHDAYS

May
 15 Lynn Roach
 17 David Duncan
 20 Sandra Nicholson
 24 Linda Stockstill
 27 Mike Brummal
 28 Michael Taylor
 29 Debbie Love

June
 1 Kelly Haynes
 2 Joel Roberts

June (continued)
 4 Jeffery Carthel
 Carla Hefley
 6 David Roberts
 7 Kay Brummal
 Ron Cunningham
 8 Jone Friesen
 8 Jean Roberts
 11 Pat Thomas
 12 Stacey Schifferdecker
 15 Tonya Ford

18 Jennifer Carthel
 19 Patty Lewis
 20 Joseph Stevenson
 Gail Toalson
 23 Doug Henson
 24 Jake Rogers
 26 Stevi Smith
 27 Cynthia Edleman
 Anderson Grafton
 Deborah Merrick
 Sandi Nunley

Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson
 Jan, Doyle & Dwayne Boyd
 Karyn Maio
 Ron Unterschuetz
 Carol Berry
 Kelly Sartain
 Dodie Wood

Tom Black
 Guy & Jan Duffield
 Greg Gotcher
 Mike Workman & Christene O'Toole

SYMPATHY
 Jerry & Kathryn & family
 Eileen Walker & family

Hear our prayers, O Lord



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