

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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In the 5th chapter of John, Jesus encounters a paralyzed man sitting by a healing pool. He had been sitting there for 38 years. Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?" The man made excuses. "Sir, I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. When I try to get in, someone beats me to it!" Jesus says, "Get up, pick up your mat, and walk!" And the man was immediately cured and left rejoicing.

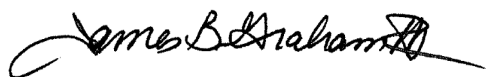
To be healed, this man had to ACT on his own behalf. We have the means before us to keep ourselves and others healthy and well. We

have the means to defeat the Corona virus pandemic. The CDC has demonstrated that social distancing, wearing masks, proper sanitation practices, and getting vaccinated for Covid can put an end to this pandemic, but we as a society have to ACT on our own behalf. We have to want to get well. We have to CARE about each other.

As Methodists, we practice John Wesley's three general rules for living. 1. Do no harm. 2. Do good. 3. Attend to the ordinances of God. We mask and get vaccinated in order to avoid spreading the Corona virus to our friends and family. This opens up the possibility for us to be in service to others doing GOOD for our neighbors. This also makes it possible for us to attend to the ordinances of God by attending worship, practicing holy communion, and baptizing new members of the body of Christ while in community. We must all do our part.

I am so thankful for each of you who CHOOSE to protect others by accepting the responsibility of masking and vaccination. You inspire me and give me hope. Thank you!

Grace and peace,



Pastor James Graham

Children's Ministry

July was an exciting month for the children's ministries! I've been getting nothing but amazing feedback on our summer community events. The members at New Haven UMC never cease to amaze me! Thank you to all who helped to make it possible.

Vacation Bible School was a great success! We combined with Jenks First United Methodist Church and it was a great match up. Our building was full of energy and God's love in action! Thank you to all of the incredible volunteers and to those who donated. Everyone had so much fun! It was truly a blessing to behold.

Many of our children are starting back to school! We pray that this year brings growth, friendships, and health, and that in these uncertain times, every single child, parent, and educator will feel God's amazing love, peace, and grace.

Finally, as COVID numbers are on the rise again, we are requiring children ages 2 and up to wear a mask while in the building. We understand that masks are particularly difficult for our little ones. We will do our best with them and approach it as a teachable opportunity on how we can all love, care for, and look out for one another. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone healthy and safe.

God Bless, Brittany Fox



Welcome Brittany Fox, Youth Leader!

Brittany is a familiar face at New Haven as she has been the Nursery Director for several years and also is the Children's Ministry Director.
We know she will be an outstanding leader for our youth as well.

How can you help as we transition to our new youth leadership? It's important that the kids know the church cares about them and will support the program. We are fortunate that Patrick attracted about 8-10 "unchurched" kids, meaning their families are not involved with New Haven. We want these kids to continue to come as the program evolves. Our presence, preparing and serving the meal sends a strong signal that we care for them, and value their participation.

Please look for the snack supper sign-up in the hallway outside the Parlor. We need volunteers to serve a light meal for the kids, usually 10-14, on Sunday nights at 5 pm.



Monday, August 30 is New Haven's turn to supply dinner for the Day Center for the Homeless.

We need volunteers to bake cookies or brownies and bring them to church on Sunday, August 29 or bring to the parlor by 3:00 pm Monday, August 30.

We also need volunteers to assemble 100 sandwiches. Please join us **3:00 pm in the church parlor** to assemble and bag the sandwiches. We'd love to have your help and bring a friend?



Join our Music Ministry!
Would you like to join our
11:00 am One Spirit Choir?

**Join us for rehearsals starting this Thursday,
August 19 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary,
or contact Stephen Merrick.**



August

13 Lou Lindsey
 20 Susan Harris
 22 Kathryn Fisher
 Lana Gotcher
 Charlie Hill
 25 Tom Black
 26 Sue Leach
 27 Christopher Smith
 28 Kayci Merrick

September

2 Kyler Duncan
 Danny Hall
 3 Doyle Boyd
 Lori Dey
 Susan Savage
 4 Rich Foster
 6 Liz Dewitt
 8 Don Gregory
 Barbara Troutner

9 Greg Pape
 12 Annabelle Fox
 15 Carolyn Toalson
 20 Cohen Grafton
 Pamela Holt
 27 Bobbie Scott
 28 Wayne Love
 29 Jack Cearing

Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson
 Jan & Doyle Boyd
 Karyn Maio
 Ron Unterschuetz
 Carol Berry

Tom Black
 Guy & Jan Duffield
 Dodie Wood
 Mike Workman & Christene O'Toole
 Don Gregory

Hear our prayers, O Lord

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