



# SPIRE

## 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"*

5603 S. New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, OK. 74135  
Phone: 918-743-6491 ~ FAX: 918-743-9306

VOLUME MMXXI Number 8

July 15, 2021

## Community of



Hello my friends!

I want to use my space here to express my thanks to two members of the Staff of New Haven UMC. For the past 8 years, Patrick Grafton has served the church by providing spiritual support and education to our youth. During that time he has personally grown and deepened his own spiritual walk with Christ. Patrick has led our youth on numerous mission trips, served as a dean of our District Camp and encouraged our youth to be active on the district and

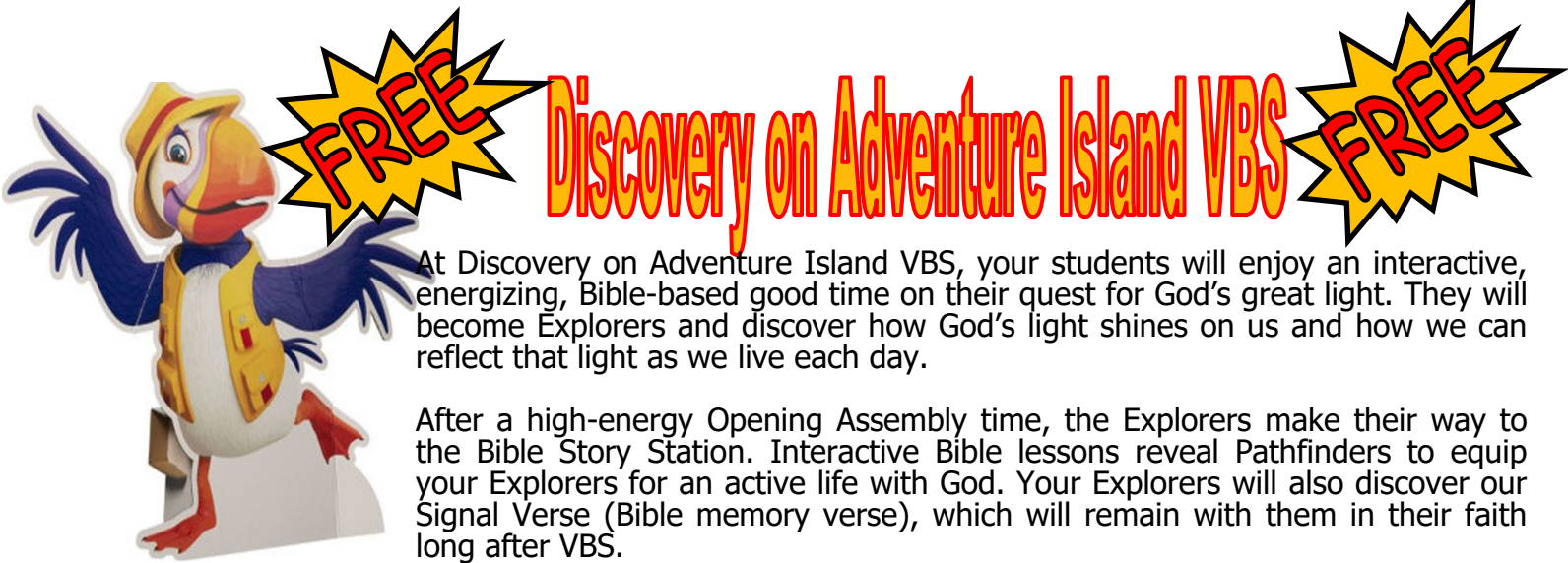
conference level. Patrick has done an outstanding job of reaching un-churched youth in our neighborhood and providing a way for them to grow, learn, and make a commitment to follow Christ. Patrick has decided to step down as our Youth Leader at the end of this month, and I know you will want to express your appreciation for him as well.

In addition, after 4 years of excellent leadership of our New Haven Day School, Cindy Taylor has announced her retirement. During the last four years, she has led us into a period of stability and growth of our pre-school program. She braved the Covid-19 pandemic and made adjustments to allow us to be one of the earliest pre-school programs to reopen, all while keeping our teachers safe from Covid and protecting the children. It has been my privilege to work with her, and I know that we will all miss her leadership. I want to wish her every success and happiness during her retirement.

Thank you to both of these wonderful members of our team!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James



At Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time on their quest for God's great light. They will become Explorers and discover how God's light shines on us and how we can reflect that light as we live each day.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Explorers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Pathfinders to equip your Explorers for an active life with God. Your Explorers will also discover our Signal Verse (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station. Along the way, the Explorers will hear about our mission project and as their respond to a call for action!

Join us as we discover God's great light at Adventure Island! Join us at **NEW HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH on Sunday, July 18th through Thursday, July 22nd from 5:00 to 7:30. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 5:00 PM.** To register or to find out more about Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, check out our event on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/483033049444544/?ref=newsfeed> or visit the church website at <http://newhavenumc.org/ministry/children/vacation-bible-school-2/>





# **SNACK SUPPERS FOR YOUTH**

**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 about 5 pm.**

As we transition to 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 has 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.

The sign up is just through August, and if our plans under new leadership change, we will certainly let those committing to serve the meal know.

***Join our Music Ministry!***

**Would you like to join our  
11:00 am Praise Team or  
One Spirit Choir  
Or if you play a musical instrument  
Contact Stephen Merrick.**





# BIRTHDAYS

## July

- 7 Mycroft LaGrone
- 9 Hanna Henson
- 14 Luke Stevenson
- 16 Greg Green
- 18 Elizabeth Grafton  
David Schifferdecker
- 21 Rev. Cindy Havlick
- 25 James "V" Graham

## August

- 1 Suzanne Davis
- 2 Dick Garwood  
Marion Wilkerson
- 6 Ray Prange  
Wyatt Schifferdecker
- 7 Jan Boyd  
Thad Carthel
- 8 Tracy Pape
- 10 Clint Fox  
Shelley Worrell

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

## Prayer Requests

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

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

## Hear our prayers, O Lord

### New Haven Staff How to Reach Us . . .

Phone: 918-743-6491  
FAX: 918-743-9306

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Rev. James Graham, Sr. Pastor     | james.graham@newhavenumc.org       |
| Cynthia Edelman, Business Manager | cynthia.edelman@newhavenumc.org    |
| Stephen Merrick, Music Director   | elephantmanmusic@gmail.com         |
| Teresa Roberts, Organist          | teresadiane26@yahoo.com            |
| Patrick Grafton, Youth Director   | patrick.grafton@newhavenumc.org    |
| Brittany Fox, Children's Director | brit8519@yahoo.com                 |
| Oscar Sturgeon, Custodian         | 918-595-5460 (cell)                |
| Volunteer Desk                    | office@newhavenumc.org             |
| Cindy Taylor, Day School Director | cindy.taylor@newhavendayschool.org |
| Carol Morgan, SPIRE Editor        | office@newhavenumc.org             |

Visit our website:  
[www.newhavenumc.org](http://www.newhavenumc.org)

Find us on Facebook or  
Worship with us on  
[www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa](http://www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa)

