



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"*

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, my hope lies in Christ for all of the blessings and possibilities that lie ahead. It is time for a fresh start! Even though we are still dealing with impacts of the pandemic, there ARE opportunities before us to grow and engage the world in new and exciting ways. A year ago, I could not have dreamed that we would have people participating in our worship from all over the country, and yet, because of Covid and our use of live streaming

services, this is exactly the case! We have people who are not only participating with us in worship, but they are contributing financially, and supporting our mission activities such as helping our Afghan neighbors! I am so grateful that God has used us to expand the proclamation of the Gospel beyond the borders of Tulsa, Oklahoma!

In this new year, I will be working on ways to improve communication. We are already sending out weekly bulletins by email, and along with them come timely announcements. Please read those emails each week! We are also trying to utilize Facebook to get information out, and we are currently in the process of trying to update and improve our website. We will continue to send out a monthly newsletter on or about the 15th of each month, and we ask you to contribute articles with upcoming events to us for the newsletter each month. Remember to plan ahead! The most effective use of the newsletter requires a 4-6 week lead on information.

Finally, please keep me informed of pastoral care needs. If someone needs prayers, we can utilize Danny's prayer-line, but if someone needs a phone call or a visit, please call me at the office! I want to be there for all of you!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James



Important Notice

Dear Friends,

As you know, the Covid infection rates have again reached a critical point. We are recommending that you prayerfully consider shifting to virtual worship with us at www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa in order to protect your own health and the health of our community. We WILL be open for in person worship beginning **Sunday, January 16, 2022**, but it is our recommendation that you stay home and worship virtually! If you do decide to worship with us in person, PLEASE fully mask and observe social distancing protocols while inside the building.

Sincerely,

Rev. James Graham, Pastor



Volunteers needed for Day Center Dinner January 31, 2022

Our next Day Center for the Homeless dinner will be on **Monday, January 31**. If you are able to volunteer, we plan to deliver 80 meals of chicken spaghetti, a green bean & tomato salad, garlic bread & desserts of cookies or brownies (can be store bought.)

There will be a sign up sheet at church or you can email me with what you plan to donate. I will send out recipes for the chicken spaghetti via email.

Thank you,

Kathryn Fisher

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Family Ministries News

Happy 2022! Big things are happening with our Family Ministries this year! I am excited to announce that I will be adding Day School Director under the umbrella of Family Ministries. I believe that this will open up a whole new world of opportunities for ministry in our church family. We are counting on your involvement to help us form relationships and spread God's love to these families and children. We are currently prepping the first floor of the Day School for a face lift (new paint, lighting, staging, organizing, etc.) Our goal is to begin tours and enrollment in mid-February. Summer camp will begin in June, and the school year will start in August.

Once renovations are complete, children's Sunday School will be moving to the first floor, Room 185! This way we will be more accessible and visible for our volunteers and visitors. Your children are currently busy working on goals for the new year, ways that they can live God's promise. So, we have decided that our theme for the new classroom will be rainbows. Who better to signify God's promise than children? If you come across any rainbow decor, send it our way! The children are very excited for the new and improved classroom!

Ms. Sami Hardgraves-Bruce (you've probably seen her in the nursery) will be stepping into a leadership role with the Youth. She is currently working with myself and Pastor James on relaunching our Youth program. Sami is an art teacher, a mommy to 2 year old Oliver, and she has been an asset to New Haven. She has some great ideas and we're excited to see them come to fruition. Stay tuned for more!

There will be MANY opportunities to get involved in our children's and family ministries this year through the Children's ministry, Youth ministry, and Day School relaunch. We hope that you will join us in making sure that every child of God leaves this building knowing that they are incredibly loved! Be on the look out for an ongoing sign-up table with volunteer ministry/teaching opportunities with our church family. Also, save the (tentative) dates below for our community outreach events this year!

Thank you so much for your constant love and support.

Brittany Fox

Director of Family Ministries

Save these Dates!

4/16/22 10 am-Noon EASTER EGG HUNT

6/7/22 FIRST DAY OF DAY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

7/4/22 10 am-Noon 4TH OF JULY CELEHBRATION & BIKE PARADE

8/1/22-8/4/22 5-7:30 pm (dinner served at 5) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8/7/22 11 am VBS SUNDAY

10/29/22 4-6 pm FALL FESTIVAL



NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL

IS COMING BACK!!!

* Summer camp.

June and/or July sessions.

T,W,Th 9:00am-2:00pm.

Ages 9mo.-completed
Kindergarten as of 6/1/2022

* 2022-'23 school year.

T, W,Th (2 & 3 day options).

9:00am-2:00pm.

Ages 9mo.-4yr. as of 9/1/2022

* 2022-'23 school age after care.

M-F after school until 5:30pm.

Carnegie students only.



Enrollment opening in
March of 2022!





Volunteers Asking for Volunteers!

Your *New Haven Day School Task Force* is excited to share with you our upcoming plans. The New Haven Day School will begin with pre-school age summer camps in June and July. These camps will be for three-days a week from 9 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In the fall, we will add an after-school program for the Carnegie Elementary School children from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm for five-days a week and provide a two-days a week option along with the three-days a week option for the pre-school program. We are excited to announce that Brittany Fox is the new Director, and her title will continue to be Director of Family Ministries.

We have made the decision to go with a program where church members and volunteers can live out the vision of being a "Community of Heart & Soul" by volunteering to help in the classrooms. Volunteers will need to have completed the church's Safe Sanctuary training. Do you know someone that may want to teach at our school? Do you know parents that need a day school? Do you like to read to children? Do you want to help a teacher in the classroom on certain days or at certain times? Would you be interested in serving or leading a children's ministry event? Do you have time to give to the school in the classroom or office? Maybe you are willing to help clean the rooms for tours. There are so many ways to support this program. Please talk to Brittany Fox or anyone of the Day School Task Force team (Tonya, Paula, Tracy, Carolyn).

Currently rooms are being prepared for painting; closets are being cleaned out; lights and ceiling tiles are being replaced. We want to present a sparkling, orderly, secure area when parents/guardians come to tour our facilities. Tours will be starting sometime in February – more to come.

We will continue to keep you informed through SPIRE articles. Please contact any member of this team if you have questions, ideas, or suggestions as we move forward.



Special Thanks

Marion Wilkerson wants to say "Thank You" to her Fellowship classmates for the basket full of wonderful items. It was a great surprise!

Celebrating Baby Jesus Birthday!



Christmas Eve 2021



Special Thanks to everyone who helped make the Advent season and Christmas Eve extra. special



January	February
7 Sami Hardgraves-Bruce	1 Barbara Coleman
10 Kay Garwood	3 J. J. Sartain
11 Ron Unterschuetz	4 William Carthel
12 Rose Unterschuetz	6 Jack Giffin
13 David Toalson	Regina LaGrone
14 Sallyanne Wallace	9 Robin Stevens
16 Joan Beebe	10 Shirley Nelson
21 Dwayne Boyd	15 Marianne Duiveman
23 Rev. James Graham	16 Donita Gray
28 Bryce Percival	Jocelyn Schifferdecker
28 Julian Smith	17 Kegan Schifferdecker
30 Bayleigh Boles	

Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson	Tom Black
Jan & Doyle Boyd	Jan Duffield
Karyn Maio	Don Gregory
Greg Gotcher	Dodie Wood
Ron Unterschuetz	Jack Giffin
Adriaan Duiveman	Julian Smith

Hear our prayers, O Lord



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