

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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"HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

In less than two short weeks, we will all gather around a table with family and give thanks to God for the many blessings we have experienced over the last year. The very next Sunday is Advent! Our theme this year for Advent and Christmas is "Home for Christmas."

I will be preaching a sermon series focused around the lectionary texts during advent and examining our

experiences of "home". As an Elder in the United Methodist Church who is itinerant, I have come to understand home less as a geographical location and more a sense of community. When I come "home" I am returning to and entering into a community of family and friends that provide a sense of welcome, safety, comfort, and peace. That "home" can be anywhere as long as the community is present. This Advent, I would like to invite you and everyone that is important to your community, to come home for Christmas.

We will worship together, celebrate together, and embrace one another in a community of heart and soul. We will revisit the story of the birth of Christ. We will join Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem, and we will reflect on the experience of meeting God in the journey. Invite your friends. Invite your families, and come home for Christmas!

Grace and Peace,

James Graham

Upcoming Events



Join us on Tuesday, November 23rd at 10:00 am for Hanging of the Greens! Please come and help us prepare for the Advent season.

Memorial Tree ~ Dear New Haven Family, the New Haven memorial tree has become a tradition of hanging an ornament for everyone who has lost a love one. This year the Memorial Tree will be available for you to hang your memorial ornament on **Sunday, November 28th** before or after the service. The ornaments that have been received through the past years will be placed on the tree before November 28th.

You could place your ornament on the tree before or after each service through the Christmas season. If you prefer to hang ornament in private you can do so during office hours. Be sure to check with Cynthia Edelman, Office Manager.

If you have any questions please call Adriaan Duiveman 918-250-5966.



Happy Children's Home

At the October 27th Board meeting of the of the Happy Children's Home Pastor James Graham III was elected as its Chair. Pastor James has served on the board for several years and now is following in the footsteps of former New Haven UMC Pastor Shannon Davis, who was the first designated Chairperson after the mission was created in our own district two decades ago.

Pastor James delivered the closing prayer at the 2018 gala fundraiser. The Happy Children's Home has long been near and dear to the hearts of the New Haven UMC congregation. Four members of our congregation have made trips to China to visit the children, along with Pastor Davis. Those privileged to meet the Chinese children this mission has helped have been: Adriaan and Maryanne Duiveman, Dick Garwood, Stacey Schifferdecker and Lou Lindsey who also serves on the Board.

The current Board would welcome more members, if you are interested contact Pastor James.



Monday, November 29th NHUMC will be providing a meal for some of Tulsa's homeless population at the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless**. Volunteers are needed to provide chili suppers for 70 clients at the Tulsa Day Center along with rolls, Fritos and desserts. **Please sign up to bring a pot of chili or a plate of cookies or brownies at the table in the hall. Bring your donation to the church by 4:40 pm on Monday, November**

29th. Due to Covid concerns, we will not be serving the meal, we will just drop off the meal at the Center.

A sign up sheet for volunteers making chili and those providing desserts will be on the Sign Up table.

How wonderful if we could provide each person a new pair of gloves and socks! If you would like to contribute gloves and socks for our homeless brothers and sisters, **please place them in the box across from the Parlor by November 28th**.

For questions contact Jerry or Kathryn Fisher at txmagnolia@yahoo.com.

Chili Recipe

Crumble 2 pounds Ground Beef (Ground Turkey or Pork can be substituted) brown in a large skillet.

Stir in 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce and 1 (8 oz.) can of water or 1 (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes.

Add 1 (15 oz.) can Red kidney beans or Pinto beans.

Blend in 1/4 cup Chili Seasoning. Salt as desired.

Simmer 15 minutes or longer.

Afghan Refugees

Afghan refugees are arriving in Tulsa just as winter weather is coming. Let's help our new Tulsa friends of all ages stay warm and toasty this winter with coats and gloves. Coats can be gently used but should be clean. Again, if you would like to contribute, place your items in the box across from the Parlor.

If you are unable to go shopping but would like to contribute towards gloves, socks, and coats, you can write a check to the church and mark it gloves/socks/coats.

Foster care children

In years past, we have purchased gifts for foster children through Circle of Care. However, this year, Circle of Care is asking for financial donations to provide gift cards so the foster care parents can purchase the gifts themselves. Their goal is to provide \$100 gift cards for each of the 113 children in their care! We have been asked to support 15 children by raising \$1,500. To contribute, please write a check to the church with a note marking the contribution for Angel Tree. Contributions are due by **December 6th**.







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**KIDS
CORNER**

Thank you to all who helped to make our fall festival happen! We had a big turnout, and I've received great feedback from our members and our community, and it was a big success!!

We conducted a survey at our fall festival asking members of our community what they'd like to see at our church and got some great ideas! One of which is a Child's Night Out- the first of which will be held on Saturday, December 4th from 5-8pm. We'll serve dinner to the children, watch a Christmas movie on the big screen, and enjoy an advent craft! This gives parents the chance to go Christmas shopping, wrap presents, enjoy a date night, or just relax, while giving us a chance to connect to our community! Help us spread the word! Registration info will be coming soon.

Since we are finally in the green with COVID exposure, I'm excited to announce children's Sunday School will resume the first Sunday of advent, November 28th! I look forward to seeing you all there for lots of fun **Christmas ADVENTures!**

I'm grateful for you all!

Brittany Fox

News on New Haven Day School

As many of you are aware the difficult decision was made in August to close the New Haven Day School due to staffing issues. A team has now been created to explore options for reopening the Day School. The team members are Tonya Ford, Paula Fox, Tracy Pape, Brittany Fox, and Carolyn Toalson. Four members are past teachers and two are also past directors!

The goals of this group are to analyze, study, and recommend a program that:

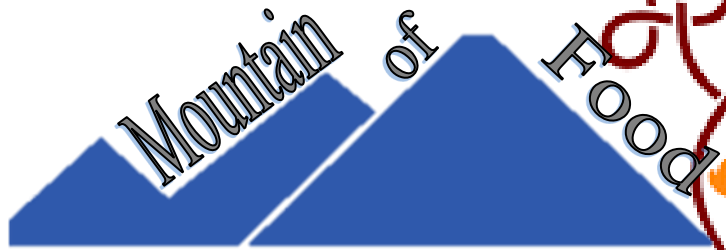
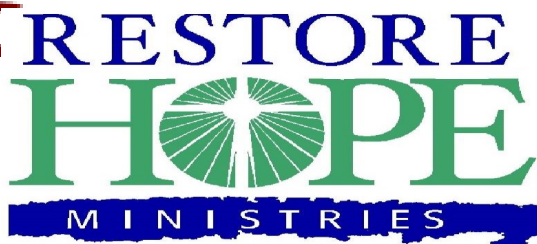
- fits with the NHUMC vision;
- meets the needs of the surrounding community, parents and church; and,
- has long-term sustainability.

Currently this team is performing surveys through various outlets to determine specific needs within our community. Various program options are also being explored. The team strongly believes that New Haven members should have a vital part to play in the Day School decisions and operations. We ask that you begin to think of ways that you can serve.

Can you . . .

- read to the children?
- teach a craft?
- perform science experiments?
- . . . or something else?

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.



Mountain of Food Project About to Close

You still have one week to send a check for the annual Mountain of Food drive.

As most of you know, New Haven UMC has been doing this campaign to support the needs of hungry Tulsans for over 20 years. Once again we are doing this virtually and not building an actual Mountain of cans in front of our sanctuary. If we were, the Mountain would already cover the area in front of the altar, piano and the organ. As of Friday the 12th, we have raised a total of \$4,963.12.

Choose how you would like to donate: for instance, one New Haven member sent a check for \$100 and asked that it be used to buy protein. A case of 12 jars of peanut butter is \$17.16; so this contribution will buy nearly 6 cases of peanut butter. Those 72 jars will help 72 families! A package of pasta and a can of tomato sauce are \$1.25, so \$100 will provide 80 families a pasta dinner. Obviously our funds together can help a lot of families over the next few months.

All of the funds will go to Restore Hope to support their on-going efforts to help families of all sizes with their food insecurity. This amount is not as much as we have raised in the past several years, so we suspect many of you have yet to send your contribution. In any case, we are grateful for the generosity of our congregation and know that Restore Hope will be pleased to get our check.

Thank you for supporting this mission project.





November

11/03 Carol Berry	11/23 Jerry Fisher
11/05 Linda Gregory	11/28 Margie Thompson
11/07 John Sartain	December
11/10 Karyn Maio	12/07 Jim Harris
11/14 Philip Roberts	12/08 Evan Stevenson
11/18 Sheila Ernisse	12/13 Michael Foster
11/19 Janice Duffield	12/15 Claire Graham
11/21 Betty Fine	12/16 Linda Blackford
11/22 Sarah Graham	Susan Lamkin

Prayer Requests

Marion Wilkerson	Tom Black
Jan & Doyle Boyd	Guy & Jan Duffield
Karyn Maio	Jean Roberts
Ron Unterschuetz	Christene O'Toole
Carol Berry	Don Gregory

Hear our prayers O Lord



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