



THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God's Love in Action"*

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Rev. James Graham

Dear Friends,

You are invited to join me at one of the following gatherings! Our hosts will provide a snack and drinks, and we will have an opportunity to visit with each other. My hope is that I will not only get a chance to know you better, but also to begin to listen to you as we explore some important questions together! What are those questions?

1. What is the one thing I as the new pastor need to know about this congregation?
2. What is one dream that you have for our church?
3. What is one thing God might be asking us to do, or be, or change?
4. What is one way that we are going to reach people in our area?
5. Are you willing to serve God and the church in any way that you are able?

Please ponder these questions and come prepared to share!

I look forward to our conversations!

Pastor James

PASTOR JAMES' LISTENING TOUR READY TO RSVP

Pastor James wants to meet with the New Haven UMC congregation in small groups to listen to our wishes for the future. Thanks to the quick response from members, we have quite a few options already, and will create more if these fill up.

You can review the possible times and locations for the "Listening Tour," and sign up at church on the clipboards on the Mission Table. If you prefer, contact one of the co-chairs, Susan Harris ([918-830-3276](tel:918-830-3276)) or Lou Lindsey ([918-906-7364](tel:918-906-7364)) or call the church office ([918-743-6491](tel:918-743-6491)).

The Choir will meet with Pastor James during its regular time and place Wednesday, July 5 (Host Karyn Maio) no sign up necessary

SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Thursday, July 6 10:00 - 11:30 at Methodist Manor, Crestwood Clubroom 4130 E. 31st St., Tulsa 74135 (Host Stella Schwartz)

Sunday, July 9 3:00 - 4:30 at Pastor James and Nancy Graham's home, 3370 E. 54th St., Tulsa 74135

Thursday, July 13 7:00 - 8:30 at Sandy Nicholson's home, 3738 E. 64th Pl. Tulsa 74136

Sunday, July 16 3:00 - 4:30 at David & Carolyn Toalson's home, 2700 W. Toledo St., Broken Arrow 74012

Sunday, July 30 6:30 - 8:00 at Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman's home, 6920 S. 78th E. Ave. Tulsa 74133

Tuesday, August 1 6:30 - 8:00 at NHUMC Parlor (Host Danny Hall)

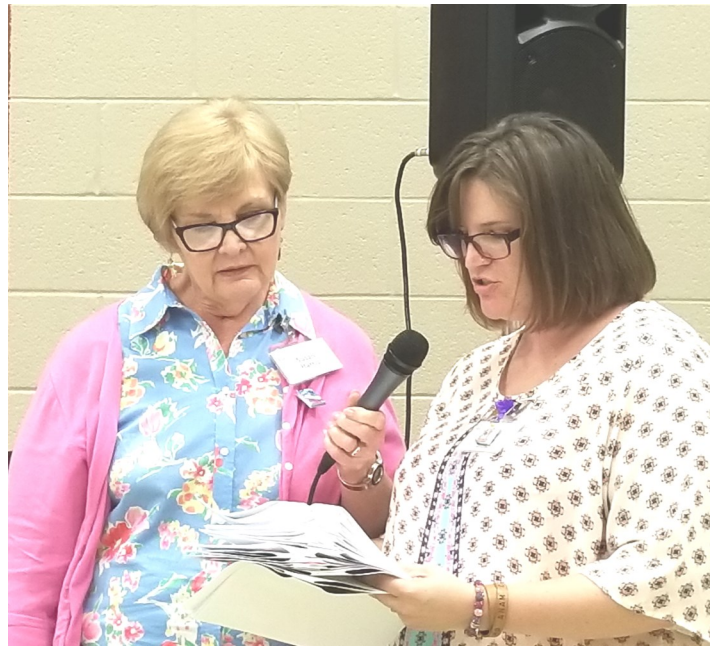
Thursday, August 3 7:00 - 8:30 at Jim and Susan Harris' home 8254 S. Sandusky, Tulsa 74137

Sunday, August 6 12:30 - 2:00 (light lunch) at Bill and Tonya Ford's home 6440 S. Quebec Ave. Tulsa 74136



YOU'VE ALWAYS HEARD THAT PICTURES SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. . . .SO TODAY YOU'LL SEE LOTS OF PICTURES FROM OUR PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LUNCHEON AND GIFT AUCTION THAT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PROJECT TRANSFORMATION!!!





MORE PROJECT TRANSFORMATION PICS!



NOTICE! THERE WILL NOT BE A SPIRE NEXT WEEK, JULY 3RD.

ALTAR FLOWERS

You have an opportunity to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a special event in your life. . . .or just to beautify the sanctuary by purchasing altar flower arrangements.

Our arrangements are \$30. and you are welcome to take it home after the 11:00 service. You can find the flower calendar on the wall in the hospitality area by the South door, so just pick a date and sign up! We would appreciate it if you would bring the vase back after you dispose of the flowers. . . .just leave it with someone in the church office. Thanks!



NURSERY PART-TIME JOBS OPEN!

If you love working with infants and children, New Haven's nursery is looking for part-time help. Please contact Brittany Fox for an application. (918) 706-8239 brit8519@yahoo.com



UMPTENAGERS ON THEIR WAY TO EAT LUNCH AND SEE "WONDER WOMAN" AT THE CINEMARK THEATER AFTERWARDS!

LISTENING TOUR WITH PASTOR JAMES

Pastor James wants to hear what wishes and needs YOU have for New Haven UMC, and he is starting a "listening tour" to find out! Over the next few weeks he would like to meet with groups of fewer than 20 at a time and hear your thoughts and dreams about the future of our church"

The sign up sheets for these small group gatherings in homes, at church and at Methodist Manor are already on the Mission Table, so please sign up. More can be arranged, so contact the church, Susan Harris or Lou Lindsey if you do not find a scheduled time that suits you.

If you would like to offer your home as a gathering spot for a small group, please give a call, text or email to Susan Harris or Lou Lindsey, the Tour Co-Chairs.

Susan's email is jcseharris@prodigy.net and her cell is 918-830-3276.

Lou's email is louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu and cell is 918-906-7364.

Dear church –

What an incredible camp week we had! Camp United District Camp was incredibly powerful, fun, and God-inspired. We heard the stories of Ruth, Cornelius, and Ester among others who showed great examples of fearless faith in the face of sometimes great adversity. We had nights full of powerful worship where the presence of God was actually palpable to all present. The Holy Spirit was surely present with youth and adults like dancing and running around worship hands held high, praying all around, and tears of submission to God found on many faces! It's hard to really describe even, but I'll ask that you stop myself, Deena Smith, Sami Hardgraves or any member of the youth that went to have them share their high/favorite moments from camp. The week culminated in a worship service that circled the focus from each day in summary, and offered the opportunity for those to come forward to be prayed over who felt a call to ministry during the week. God is so powerful that we saw three people this week that were felt God calling them to specific ministry areas. All three were from different churches too! It was so powerful to be a witness to God moving in the lives of young people.

Thank you NHUMC family for your prayers, support, and love of our youth. It DOES make a dramatic difference in the lives of the young people of our church, and it was felt this week at camp. Make it a blessed week, and be courageous to follow where God is asking you to go with fearless faith!

Blessings,

Patrick, Deena, Sami, and the Youth

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”
I Corinthians 16:13-14





Dear Missy,

Please tell me more about the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care **foster care** programs.

Signed,
Wanting to Know

Dear Wanting to Know,

Circle of Care works to recruit, train, and provide ongoing support to foster parents. They sub-contract through DHS to provide these services in the state.

Circle of Care began as a children's home in OKC in 1917. First called the Oklahoma Methodist Orphanage, it is now the Children's Home in Tahlequah, which provides campus-based foster care and preparation for adult living services. The United Methodist Boy's Ranch was opened in Gore in 1963, and continues to operate a working ranch, campus-based foster care and preparation for adult living site. The Holsinger Home in Enid opened in 1999 and also provides foster care in a residential setting.

Children's Home in Tahlequah – a multi-cottage campus located in Tahlequah, OK. Professional foster parents live there full-time and supervise cottages with kids in foster care. Three homes are dedicated to foster care through the Department of Human Services. One home is dedicated to private foster care. This setup allows the agency to respond both to the needs of the local church and the wider community. Three additional cottages are used for students participating in the PAL (Preparation for Adult Living) program.

The United Methodist Boys Ranch – a working ranch with seven cottages located in Gore, OK. This location provides a stable home where children and youth can remain safe and healthy. Certified or licensed foster care parents provide stability, safety, and security in the private homes located on the ranch. Support services are also provided to families that facilitate reunification with the child, if possible.

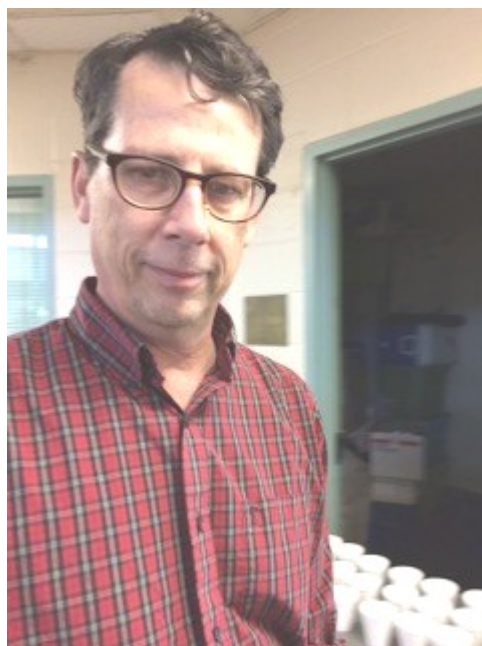
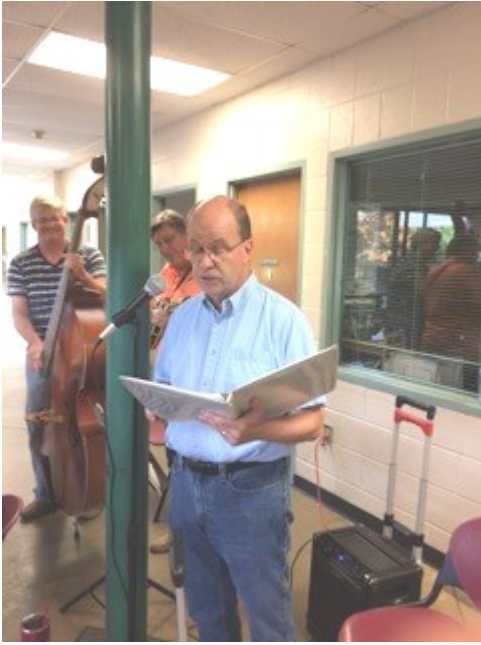
Holsinger Home – a premier facility located in Enid, OK that provides foster care in a residential setting for sibling groups and handicapped children ages 0 – 17. This program provides care for children who have been removed from their homes due to family problems. The coordinators of the home are licensed by the state of Oklahoma and DHS as foster parents for children in DHS custody.

In addition to maintaining its three on-site foster care programs, Circle of Care recruits and trains traditional foster parents living in their own homes and provides services as a foster placement agency. Foster care services are bundled under the name Child SHARE.

Blessings,

Missy

DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Monday through Thursday,
July 10-13 5:30-8:00 PM

Sunday, July 16 8:45 & 11:00 AM

For children 4 years-old through
fifth-grade

For more information, contact
Pastor Robin

robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org

Safe Sanctuary

All adults (18 years and up) who work with children or youth need to attend a Safe Sanctuary training and agree to a background check. Our next training is Tuesday, June 27 6:00 PM in the Parlor. This meeting will be brief (30 minutes max). You will receive the necessary paperwork for your background check. If

you have questions, please contact Pastor Robin @ robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org.



4TH OF JULY PARADE

Our Annual Bike Parade Through the Neighborhood

Water Slide ♦ Snow Cones ♦ Fire Truck

Join the Fun!

This is an awesome opportunity for us to showcase our good 'ol New Haven hospitality. When you come to the parade, please wear your church nametag and one of your New Haven t-shirts (if you have one). We also need LOTS of home-baked cookies so bring a few dozen for us to share with our neighbors

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, JULY 3

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, JULY 4

10:00 am ~ Noon
**NHUMC NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE
AND FESTIVITIES!**
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, JULY 6

10:00 am Pastor James Listening Tour
at Methodist Manor in the
Crestwood Club Room
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, JULY 7

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, JULY 8

10:00 am Men's Breakfast Group/Parlor
3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Rev. Robin Stevens	Interim Children's Director
Pat Bates	Office Clerical Asst.
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

July Birthdays

7. Mycroft LaGrone
14. Luke Stevenson
16. Greg Green
17. David Schifferdecker



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Alon Soderfelt
Kelly Sartain
Carol Morgan
Claretha Gotcher
Sarah Duiveman
Dodie Wood
Laurel Duncan

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith;
Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law,
Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's
brother, Bob; Tonya Ford's mom,
Laney; Danny Hall's brother,
Royce Boyd; Pam Rowley; the
homeless; our world, city, country,
public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell
Rosemary Tarr
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons
Max Nightingale
Carson & Helen Russell
Betty Barton

ATTENDANCE

June 25, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 50
11:00 am: 111
Total: 161

Sunday School

Adults-54
Youth- 9
Children-6

ADULT CLASSES *Come join us at 9:45 am!*

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Parlor: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
"The Lives of Great Christians" by
William Cook

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Creed" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Christianity's
Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!



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