



THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

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

5603 S. New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, OK. 74135 918-743-6491

VOLUME XXVII Number 34

August 25, 2017



PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THE DISCIPLE I GRADUATES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH



ANNUAL "BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" DURING BOTH SERVICES ON AUGUST 20TH



JOCELYN SCHIFFERDECKER'S FIRST TIME TO SING WITH OUR PRAISE BAND! WAY TO GO, JOCELYN!!!



Our newest member, Daina Norman

W
E
L
C
O
M
E

Corner



Dear Missy,

What is coming up in the way of Missions that I might be able to get involved in?

Signed,
Ready to Serve

Dear Ready to Serve,

Here are upcoming September events:

Exodus House – A picnic and open house is set for Labor Day Monday, **September 4** at 6 pm at the Tulsa Exodus House location (2624 E Newton St). Bring a food item to share and a chair for relaxing. Tours will be given of the facility. This is a ministry of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is a “come and go” event. Former and current residents will be on hand.

Tulsa Food Bank – Tuesday, **September 5** is family night (age 8 and older) and New Haven UMC has signed up to help. The Food Bank is located at 1304 N Kenosha Ave. Meet at the church parking lot and be ready to leave by 5:20 pm to ride the mini-bus. We will work from 6 pm to 8 pm and return to the church by 8:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway table.

Respite Care – Children with special needs and their siblings come for a fun time away from home. Next event is Saturday, **September 9**, 3 pm to 7 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. You must have completed “Safe Sanctuary” training to help with this mission.

Circle of Care – An open house will be held at the Frances E Willard Ministry Center located at 1616 N Gilcrease Museum Road on Saturday, **September 9** from 11 am to 2 pm. Facility and program tours will be given along with lots of fun activities. RSVP on their website at www.circleofcare.org or call 918-583-9506 with questions.

In-Service Sunday – Our worship services will end a few minutes early on Sunday, **September 10** so that everyone will have an opportunity to “do worship” by participating in packing personal items in a knap sack for Heartland Hope Foundation of Tulsa. A Ministry Moment is scheduled that day to hear more about this charitable organization and the way they are helping the homeless of Tulsa.

Day Center for the Homeless – Our next meal to prepare and serve is on Friday, **September 22**. A Ministry Moment is scheduled for Sunday, September 17 to learn more about this important outreach. Sign up sheets will be on the hallway table in September.

Blessings,
Missy

Come

Experience It!



New Haven Kids Connection Groups For Children Two Years Through 5th grade

The new Connection Groups for our children kicked off yesterday. We had a great time learning about Hannah and her devotion to God. It's not too late to join us! If you would like some help finding your child's group, contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org.



**Won't You Join
Us One Sunday
a Month?**

Come be a part of the New Haven Kids Team! We need one more teaching team to lead our "FROG" group (1st & 2nd Graders) on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 AM. Time commitment is only once a month. Curriculum and supplies are provided. No experience necessary! If you are willing to be a part of this growing ministry, please contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org.

CPR Training Can Save Lives!

New Haven Day School is participating in CPR Training on Monday, August 28 and church members are invited to join them. The training will be held at the church from 2:30-5:00 PM. Cost for the training is \$40 per person. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org by this Tuesday, August 22 to reserve your spot.



Covenant Care

Did you know that New Haven has a care ministry that oversees the care of our homebound members? This care team provides regular visits to those who are not able to attend church. They provide care for various needs, send special cards for life events as well as make sure these members get The Spire newsletter. The team also organizes receptions at funerals held at the church as requested.

Dodie Wood and Betty Fine are co-chairs of this ministry. Currently, we have eight homebound members that receive occasional visits. Our homebound members enjoy these visits not only from these two women but they would love to have other members visit them as well. They enjoy getting the bulletin and catching up on all the church events.

“FORGED MEN’S RETREAT” AT CAMP EGAN

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2017

Come and see that the Lord is good! Please join us for the 2017 Men’s Retreat! This retreat is based on the personal experiences of men and their walk with God. Discover the man God desires you to be! Learn how to give heart, soul, mind, and strength to serve the King of Kings!

Register online @ forged.fumcowasso.org Questions? Contact Ronnie Spoon at 918-202-8527 or ronnie.spoon@yahoo.com

Cost: \$115 - \$145 depending on lodging
Cost includes lodging, meals, and retreat t-shirt

WORLD CLASS BBQ BY GUY BRUNSON!

Enjoy Fellowship, Outdoors, Inspiring Messages, Campfires, and GREAT FOOD!!!

UMPTENAGERS ANNUAL PIZZA PLANNING SESSION

On Tuesday, September 19th at 11:30 am, join Stella and Shirley in the parlor to plan our upcoming events for 2017-2018.

All trip suggestions will be welcomed, discussed, and voted on!

Please mark your calendar, bring your ideas and enjoy a pizza party with us on that date!

Welcome back all you Umpteens!

Sign up sheet will be on the table in the hallway.



You are invited to a Grandparents Baby Shower in honor of James B. Graham V.

Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

In the church Fellowship Hall

Ideas could include safety door/knob covers. Kid movies, books, toys and games. Anything a grandparent could use for child care. A Sunday school class might want to pool resources for a Pack and Play which is around \$60.



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



NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TEACHERS

Preschool teachers needed: five days a week from 8:30am-3:00 pm following the TPS Student Calendar. One position is open with the hours of 1:00-6:00 pm to work with preschool and school age students. No degree required.

Salary based on education and experience.

Please respond to:

cindy.taylor@newhavendayschool.org

Footprints Dancers Needed!

Dancers and not-yet-dancers in third grade and older who are interested in praising and sharing God's message of love through dance are welcome to join Footprints on Sundays from 5-6 in the sanctuary. We will learn a dance to present during an upcoming worship service. Please call Deena at 918-693-4828 with any questions.

UPDATE ON BUILDING REPAIRS

We have received funds to repair our Parlor, Parlor Kitchen, and Bride's Room and are now waiting on bids for the restoration of those areas!

FROM PATRICK'S DESK.

Hello church family!

I pray that you've been staying cool though I feel the need to count my blessings as I understand we've had an unseasonably cool summer up to this point! As we bring this summer to a close for the young people in our church it's a time for us to double down on our prayers for them as they head back to school or have already started back to classes in the last week or two. While both of our boys have been going to New Haven for years it was Nicole and my first opportunity to go through the open house, enrollment, and meet the teacher for Cohen who somehow is old enough (☺) to be starting in Pre-K this year.

It was a front row seat for me to see the sheer excitement, and joy that can come with the adventure and promise that our educational system can hold, while the chaos - that Cohen seemed to be oblivious too in his sheer joy of the moment - was my reminder that our students, their teachers, volunteers, parents, administrators – EVERYONE involved in the education of our young people desperately need our prayers. Please lift up in prayer all of those that will be a part of our young people's lives this school year. As our news streams remind us daily we live in a world that is NOT entirely the one that we want for our young people, but it is the reality in which we will raise them. Those whose path they cross throughout their schooling take on an incredible responsibility for them, and I for one will pray even harder on their behalf. I ask and challenge all of us to consistently add our NHUMC children and youth to your prayers over the course of this school year, and beyond that I ask that you consider where/when able to volunteer at a school near you, to maybe tutor/mentor a young person, and even just to check in with them in a conversation and ask how you could help and/or how you could be praying specifically for their school experience. I thank you for that, and know that they do too!

Make it a blessed week – of action! ☺

Patrick

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:30 pm SPRC Meeting
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/Gym

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 pm Men's Breakfast Bunch
2:00 pm Grandparents Baby Shower
for James & Nancy Graham
3:00 pm Respite Care/Gym

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
6:00 pm Footprints/Gym
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
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care Custodian
Oscar Sturgeon	

September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd
Susan Savage
4. Rich Foster
5. Christopher Boyd
6. Liz DeWitt
8. Don Gregory
9. Greg Pape
Dallas Quinalty
Ace Quinalty
Alexander Hensley
12. Sylvia Hensley
Amanda Russell
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
23. David Johnson
28. Wayne Love
Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Ron Cunningham
Carol Morgan
Claretha Gotcher
Sarah Duiveman
Danny Hall & Family
Rev. Suzanne Davis & Family

Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Betty Hodge's son, Brian; Pam Rowley; Gerald Blissit; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and lead-

ATTENDANCE

August 20, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 58

11:00 am: 114

Total: 172

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 60

Youth: 8

Children: 16

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
Bible Study

Gym: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: 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.

I LOVE MY CHURCH

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
<http://newhavenumc.org>



The SPIRE (USPS 006-409) is published weekly by New Haven United Methodist Church, 5603 South New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74135-4100.