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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

Authors Jim Ozier and Fiona Haworth in their book, **Clip In, Risking Hospitality in your church**, relate the following in an excerpt from the epilogue:

[A zoo docent asked a bunch of kids the following question:] What do you call a group of rhinos together? Before they could guess at the answer, the guide continued, “Let me explain some things about rhinos, as a hint. Rhinos are really big, as you can see. They have that ugly horn coming out fo their snout, and they have tough, tough skin. And even though their legs are short and they stand close to the ground, they can run really fast! The problem is, they have poor vision and can see only about thirty feet in front of them!”

The kids oohed and aahed. Then the guide brought his lesson to an impressive finish— a learning moment for those present. “So since rhinos can run thirty-five miles an hour but can only see thirty feet in front of them, here’s what you call a group of rhinos together: a crash of rhinos!” The parents laughed, which caused the kids to laugh. Said the guide insightfully, “It’s true. A group of rhinos together is called a crash of rhinos, because if you have a group of rhinos running through the underbrush at thirty-five miles an hour while they can only see thirty feet, then you are heading for a crash.

This is funny, but it is also true! If you run faster than your vision, you are heading for a crash. As Jim Ozier points out, the same can be said for a church. THAT is why I am inviting you to join us for this week’s listening tour. As your pastor, I am entrusted with having a vision to lead the church into the future. I can’t do that without your help! I can only cast a vision for this church to move forward, if I have first observed, listened, and reflected on where this church is, where it has been, and where the congregation thinks we want to go. Then with God’s help and direction, and only then, can I cast a vision for the church to pursue as we seek to live out faithfully **our mission to “Make Disciples for Jesus Christ in the World by Being God’s Love in Action!”** It is my prayer that you will join us and share with me what is most important about this church family!

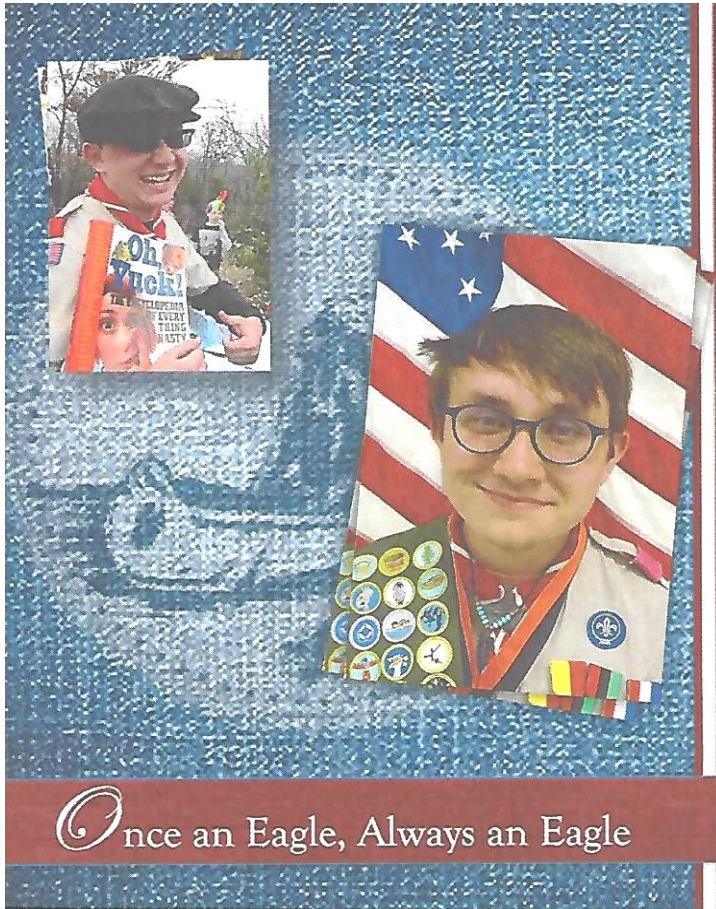
Grace and peace,

Pastor James

PASTOR JAMES' LISTENING TOUR CONCLUDES

Pastor James has been meeting with members and guests of the New Haven UMC congregation in small groups to listen to our wishes for the future. Only one more “tour” remains. It is this Sunday, August 6 at 12:30 in the home of Bill and Tonya Ford (6440 S. Quebec Ave., Tulsa, OK 74136). A light lunch will be served.

Please call the church office (918-743-6491) this week if you wish to come to this final listening tour.



The Family of
EAGLE SCOUT

Kyler Smith

and BSA Troop 26
Invite you to his

COURT *of* HONOR

August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
8730 E. Skelly Drive
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Reception following ceremony

Did You Know . . .

...New Haven invites children with special needs and their siblings to come monthly for some fun time away from home

...There is time for games both group and individual; creative artwork; music including singing, playing instruments, and movement; delicious snacks; and having a meal that each child brings with them

...Respite Care is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. the second Saturday of each month in the gymnasium

...We currently serve five families and normally have six to nine children in attendance

...There is a participant's application process to make sure that New Haven has enough caregivers per special needs child (we have two families wanting to come but we need more volunteers to come)

...Our volunteers normally come in shifts (this can be scheduled in hour increments up to the total four hours)

...No special skill set beyond Safe Sanctuary training is required of the volunteers – just love on the children

...Total volunteer time for year 2016 was 172 hours for this ministry with twenty-one people helping throughout the year

... An estimated \$400 is spent on snacks and supplies that is not part of the operating budget

...If you are interested in volunteering or coming and observing, please contact Rose Unterschuetz at 918-688-7128 or tulasrose@sbcglobal.net or sign up to help at the table in the hallway

Come and Experience it!

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



LIBERA

**INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED
CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN CONCERT
AUGUST 6TH AT 6PM**

ASBURY UMC, 6767 S. MINGO ROAD

Free General Admission, Offering at Intermission

Doors open at 5:15 pm

Project School Supplies

Restore Hope Ministries

Restore Hope Ministries is again this year providing needed school supplies for families that cannot afford the basic items for school-age children.

If you would like to help Restore Hope Ministries by either the filling of orders or the in-take of information, please sign up at the hallway table. They need volunteers from 9 am until noon and from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm on Monday, August 7 through Thursday, August 10.

Restore Hope Ministries is located at 2960 Charles Page Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74127. Your help is always appreciated!

Blessing of the Backpacks



In a few weeks, as school bells ring, our children and youth will face the beginning of new school year and the end of summer vacation. So on August 20, at both worship services, we will be having our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks." Students of all ages will be invited to come down during the worship service for a blessing and a clip-on for their backpack. This clip-on will serve as a reminder throughout the year that no matter what, God is always with them.

NEW HAVEN'S ONE SPIRIT CHOIR

Our wonderful "One Spirit Choir" under the direction of Stephen Merrick will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 2nd from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you like to sing and would like to be part of a very special and welcoming group, come try us out on August 2nd (or any Wednesday!) We'd love to have you!!!



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Coming August 20, 2017
SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION GROUPS FOR KIDS

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM



For Toddlers & Twos

Our little ones of God's Kingdom will learn the stories of the Bible through storytelling, songs, crafts, and games.

For Threes, Fours, & Kindergarten

Teaching our pre-k and kindergarten kids about the life, love and ministry of Jesus through hands-on experiences. (Must be three-year old by September 1st and potty-trained).



For First & Second Graders

Our younger elementary kids will continue to learn about God through storytelling, science, art, games, and music.



For Third, Fourth, & Fifth Graders

Helping our older elementary kids learn to live as Disciples of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, activities, and service projects.

CALLING ALL PARENTS

On Sunday, August 20, drop your children off with their new connection group and join other parents in room 206 for Coffee and Donuts. This will be hosted by Greg Pape and "New Haven 206."



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 every two years. **Our next training is Sunday, August 13 at noon.** This meeting will be brief (30 minutes max). You will receive the necessary paperwork for your background check. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org.

Welcome Sweet Baby James V

Arriving on Tuesday, July 25

8 lbs 3 oz 20 3/4 in

Proud Grandparents are Pastor James and Nancy Graham



A grandparent shower is in the works.

Stay tuned for details....

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:30 pm Listening Tour/Ford Home
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, AUGUST 7

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting/185
7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 am DSAT Breakfast/Gym
3:00 pm Respite Care

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
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
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
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

August Birthdays

1. Suzanne Davis
2. Dick Garwood
Marion Wilkerson
4. Ken Fox
5. Tom Kemp
6. Ray Prange
Wyatt Schifferdecker
7. Jeanette Boyd
8. Tracy Pape
Shelley Worrell
Sue Leach
10. Alex Hensley
Clint Fox
14. Louise Lindsey
20. Susan Harris
21. Laura Sahli
22. Lana Gotcher
Kathryn Fisher
23. Stacy Newberry
Robert Hefley
25. Tom Black
Patty Walker
26. Louise McCrory
Sue Leach
27. Christopher Smith
Ashley Boyd

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Alon Soderfelt
Kelly Sartain
Carol Morgan
Claretha Gotcher
Sarah Duiveman
Laurel Duncan
Christene O'Toole
Dan Wallace
Pat Bates

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; 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

ATTENDANCE

July 30, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 56

11:00 am: 100

Total: 156

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.



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