



# 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

Good morning friends!

I am so very thankful to have the opportunity to be your pastor! I have heard so many of you say that "We are a very friendly church!" I believe we should lead from our strength, and I don't want us to miss this opportunity to do just that! We have had several visitors with us in the past few weeks. We've welcomed families for Vacation Bible School, and we continue to have people here "checking us out!" I want to remind everyone to keep your eyes peeled for someone you don't recognize! Go out of your way to introduce yourself, get to know them, maybe even invite them to lunch after church. Ask them to come back, and tell them

you'll be "waiting in the Holy Grounds Café to meet them next Sunday!" Sit with them and take them under your wing. If they have children, "take" them to show them the children's area and help them find the nursery if needed. Most of all, introduce them to other people and help them get included in a Sunday School class or small group! All of these things are so vitally important.

I know some of you don't like to wear the name tags, but please believe me, it is so important for us to help new people get to know people. We want them to feel comfortable, and having to ask someone their name is one of the most uncomfortable things we do! Please help set the example! We have an opportunity to grow and flourish, and I know you all want to do everything in your power to make that possible! Until next week, may you find God's blessing at every turn!

*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](tel:918-743-6491)) 743-6491.

SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

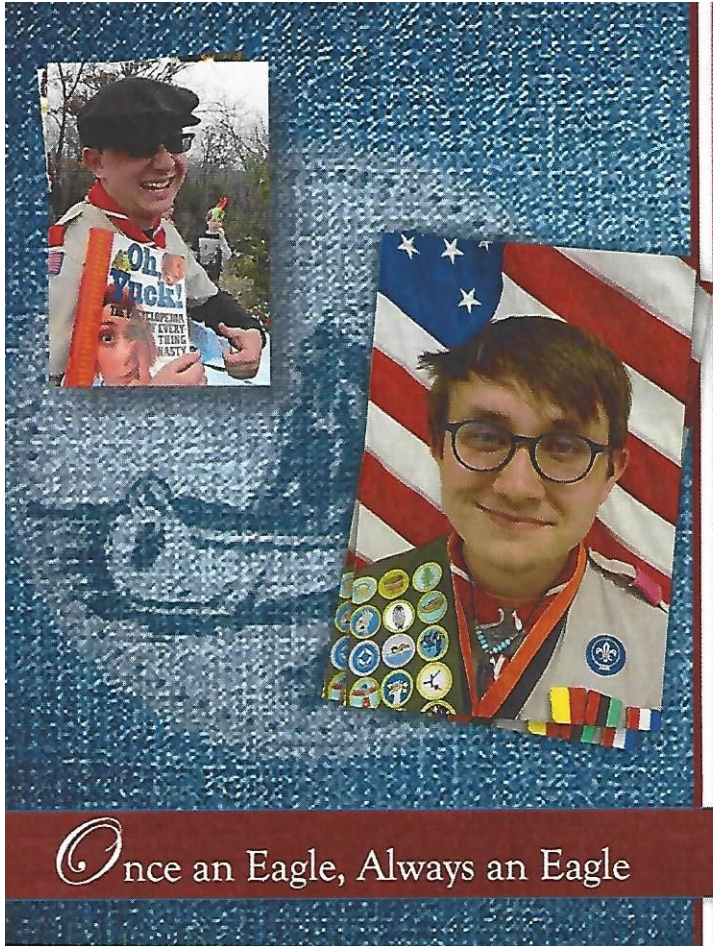
Thursday, July 27 7:00 - 8:30 at Sandy Nicholson's home, 3738 E. 64th Pl. Tulsa 74136

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 8259 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



Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle



The Family of  
**EAGLE SCOUT**

*Kyler Smith*

and BSA Troop 26  
Invite you to his

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## COURT *of* HONOR

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

*Reception following ceremony*

### **SOME THOUGHTFUL GUIDELINES FOR LIFE:**

Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.

Compliment three people every day.

Watch a sunrise at least once a month.

Live beneath your means.

Never give up on anybody; miracles happen.

Never deprive someone of hope; it may be all they have.

Be tough-minded, but tenderhearted.

Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.

Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

If someone says something unkind about you, live so that no one will believe 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](mailto:brit8519@yahoo.com)

## Strengthening Our Bonds

What is one of the best ways families grow closer? By sharing meals together! To give us all an opportunity to chat, mingle, and break bread together, we are going to have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast Potluck during the Sunday School hour! This is your chance to catch up with church family and enjoy a delicious meal. Bring a breakfast dish to share on July 30th at 9:45 a.m. Any questions? Email Stacey at [schiffds@cox.net](mailto:schiffds@cox.net). See you there!



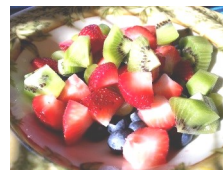
### LIBERA

**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



## LET'S GET CRAFTY!

**SUNDAY, JULY 30TH**

**4:30 PM IN THE GYM**

This will be a very special craft session.....and lots of fun, too!

We'll be making "Birthday Bracelets" for the women at DVIS.  
Everyone is welcome to participate!



## 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!***



## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study/Parlor  
4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
6:30 pm Listening Tour/Duiveman's Home  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, JULY 31

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- 8:30 am DSAT Breakfast/Gym

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study/Parlor  
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### 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 23, 2017**

### Worship Services

8:45 am: 51  
11:00 am: 97  
Total: 148

### Sunday School

Adults- 52  
Youth-4  
Children-5

### ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*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](mailto: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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