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Rev. James Graham

Good morning and in the next few weeks. If you know of God’s blessings be upon someone who would be interested, you! Change! Change please have them send their resume to is one of the biggest four Rev. James Graham at letter words I know! Yes, james.graham@newhavenumc.org. I’m talking about one of those words you aren’t supposed to use in polite company! Our previous Bishop, Robert Hayes once said, “nobody likes change except a wet baby!” There is some truth in that!

While change can bring challenges and chaos, it can also bring excitement and opportunity. My first week in the office has been an exciting one! I find that I have more questions than answers, but slowly I’m beginning to meet people and get a sense of where we go from here.

This past week Lindsay Morgan stepped down as our Nursery Director to accept new responsibilities at her other job. We are pleased to announce that Britney Fox has been appointed as the interim Nursery Director. We intend to interview candidates for this position

and in the next few weeks. If you know of someone who would be interested, please have them send their resume to Rev. James Graham at james.graham@newhavenumc.org.

I am also very excited that we have hired Cynthia Edelman as our new church Business Manager. Cynthia is a member of Sand Springs First UMC. She is the financial secretary there, and comes to us with 25 years of experience as a Business Analyst for Honeywell. In her free time she likes to work in the yard, go fishing, cook, sew and read.

I hope you will join me in congratulating and welcoming both Britney and Cynthia to our staff at New Have UMC. I know they will both be a blessing to us!

Pastor James



Cynthia Edelman

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION FUNDRAISER LUNCH ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 25th AT 12:15

THIS LUNCH IS BY DONATION'S ONLY

THE THEME THIS YEAR IS ANIMATION!

If you haven't been able to sign up to help to support this so needed Ministry, a reading camp for underserved children, you can still do so by either signing up to help a child to read or sign up by sharing in fellowship and lunch. If you are not able to come for lunch or help with reading, we appreciate and accept monetary donations. Please leave your check in the offering plate and mark your memo line: P.T. FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON. Also, this Sunday you can start putting a bid on a Basket for the silent auction at the fundraiser. Tables will be set up in the hallway and Tiffany Sherwin, our silent auction chairperson will assist you. Susan Harris will be our mistress of ceremonies and will lead the program. OUR NEW HAVEN YOUTH BAND will play under the direction of Stephen Merrick. Jocelyn Schifferdecker will share in song, Christopher Smith will speak on Steam Point 26 which is a co-ed youth organization focused on Exposing Tulsa area youth to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math careers and opportunities. He also will bring a Robot for display, fitting with our theme, "Animation". Thank you so much for your support!
The Project Transformation Team.



"OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE!!!"

DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS MEAL ~ FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

We have an awesome opportunity to serve a meal at the Day Center on Friday, June 23rd. Our New Haven "chefs" are asked to bring ground beef casseroles or cookies or brownies to the gym kitchen by 4:30 pm. Chefs can use the casserole recipe provided at the sign-up table (it's simple) or use your own. Servers are asked to arrive at 4:45 pm to make final preps to the food and load the bus.

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 tour will be coordinated by New Haven UMC's Lay Leader and SPRC Committee. Some gatherings will be in homes, and others at the church. He will listen, and an SPRC scribe will take notes for later compilation.

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 Missy,

What is the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care program all about?

Signed,
Wanting to Know

Dear Wanting to Know,

The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care **mission** statement says, "Our mission is to provide Christian help, healing, and hope to children and families in crisis to assure a safe, healthy, and spiritual future."

Services provided by Circle of Care include: 1) Foster Care Services (Child SHARE), 2) Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) and 3) Pearl's Hope.

Circle of Care's **vision** is to lead the way in creating a child-centered Oklahoma by being a model provider of the highest quality temporary home for children, youth, families in crisis, and by leading advocacy efforts to assure that Oklahoma leads the nation in the percentage of children in permanent, safe, nurturing, and healthy homes.

Programs are operated in various communities across the state, and also at four sites: 1) Children's Home in Tahlequah, 2) Boys Ranch in Gore, 3) Frances E Willard Ministry Center in Tulsa and 4) Holsinger Home in Enid.

Currently, Circle of Care is in the midst of a \$5M fundraising capital campaign named "Legacy of Care". This is a response to address the needs of children in foster care who find themselves separated from their siblings. Today almost 10,000 children find themselves in the state foster care system. The fundraising will allow children to stay together as siblings, which will reduce or eliminate the lack of contact these children face when separated from each other. The plan is to build eight homes across Oklahoma in areas of greatest need. Each facility will provide a special area for recreational and educational activities. Please pray for the children in foster care and if you are so moved, financially support this vision and initiative. Checks may be sent to our church business office and funds given will be sent to the Circle of Care.

Look in next week's Spire for more information on the foster care service provided by the Circle of Care.

Preparation for Adult Living – this program provides a safe place to live and support services to children aged 16 and older who need support to complete their high school and/or college education.

Pearl's Hope – opened in 2008 at the Frances E Willard Ministry Center in Tulsa. Provides housing and an array of support services for single mothers and their children. The location has a spacious living environment of cottages and accepts families of most any size and children up to age 18.

Blessings,
Missy

One of our members is having knee surgery soon and is in need of a knee scooter. If you have one to loan, please call the church office at 918-743-6491. Thank you!



Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!
Monday through Thursday, July 10-13 5:30-8:00 PM
Sunday, July 16 ~ 8:45 & 11:00 AM

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
For children 4 years-old through fifth-grade
For more information, contact Pastor Robin
robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org

REGISTER TODAY!
Last day to order VBS T-Shirts is JUNE 25th



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 any questions, please contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

**Our Annual Bike Parade Through the
Neighborhood**

Water Slide ♦ Snow Cones ♦ Fire Truck

Father's Day at NHUMC



Youth Band



Children's Moment



Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship**
9:45 am **Sunday School**
11:00 am **Traditional Worship**
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
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
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- 10:00 am PT Readers to Southern Hills UMC
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Practice

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

- 10:00 am PT Readers to Southern Hills UMC
6:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Meeting/Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym or 210

SATURDAY, JULY 1

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

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
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

June Birthdays

1. Kelly Haynes
2. Joel Roberts
4. Carla Hefley
6. David Roberts
Audrey Quinalty
Carson Russell
7. Ron Cunningham
Kay Brummal
Sarah Maxey
8. Jean Roberts
Jone Friesen
11. Pat Thomas
12. Stacey Schifferdecker
Bill Gotcher
15. Tonya Ford
Deena Smith
17. Nicole Grafton
19. Patty Lewis
20. Joseph Stevenson
Barry Puryear
26. Stevi Smith
Quitman McCrory
27. Deborah Merrick

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

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

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

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

Covenant Care **(prayers & visits appreciated)**

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

ATTENDANCE

June 18, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 67
11:00 am: 106
Total: 173

Sunday School

Adults-54
Youth- 9
Children-5

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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