



I know you will want to join me in giving a warm, New Haven UMC

welcome to Rev. James Graham and his family in June of this year! As we noted during worship on Sunday, March 12th, Bishop Nunn has announced the appointment of Rev. James Graham to serve at New Haven UMC effective June 1st.

What a blessing James and his family will be! It does my heart good to know that you will be in very capable hands, and it will be my joy to see how the journey of ministry will unfold in the years ahead!

James comes to New Haven UMC with over 20 years of experience in ministry. He is currently serving First United Methodist Church of Tahlequah. James holds a Master of Divinity degree from Phillips Theological Seminary

Cindy's Chalkboard

and was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 2004. He is active in the Wesley Foundation at Northeastern State University, is Vice Chair of the Camp Egan Site Development Committee, is on the Green Country District Committee on Ministry and serves as the Local Pastor Registrar of the Oklahoma Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

I know you will also want to welcome James’ family. Please get to know Nancy, his wife of 29 years, and their two sons: James IV (age 27) and Brian (age 22). We also understand there is news of the pending arrival of a grandchild in the near future! What a blessing to all!

Along with James’ commitment to the church and his passion

Rev. James Graham



for touching lives for Christ, he also enjoys canoeing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, geocaching and Scottish History and culture.

May God richly bless your ministry together.

With gratitude and thanksgiving to God for each of you.

- Pastor Cindy

In-Service Sunday Benefits Emergency Infant Services

Eighty Birthday bags—EIGHTY! - were filled this past Sunday for ‘In-Service’ Sunday! Right after both services, we spent time filling colorful bags with items for children in EIS (Emergency Infant Services)

care. What a wonderful blessing! Check out more pictures inside this issue. Thank you to our ‘In-Service’ Sunday Team for providing this project. May these bags bring joy to each child who receives them!



**IN-SERVICE SUNDAY ~ WE FILLED 80
BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR EMERGENCE INFANT
SERVICES!**



**NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL
PLANT SALE**

You received an order form for the Day School's plant sale in your last Spire, so be sure to check out the beautiful plants available from Riddle Plant Farm! This is the Day School's major fundraiser of the year and the funds will be use to make playground upgrades. Extra order forms may be found now on our table in the hallway.

Orders are due on Friday, March 31st.



**EASTER LILY ORDERS
DUE ON APRIL 2ND**

Every year at this time we begin taking orders for Easter lilies to place in our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You will find the order forms in your Sunday worship bulletin during the next two Sundays. If you cannot be here during that time, you are welcome to send your order to the church and we will add your name to the list. Each lily costs \$13.50. You can add someone's name to honor or to be remembered for each lily. Be sure to write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check so that it gets deposited into the correct account. Thank you for helping beautify our Sanctuary for this glorious occasion!

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO HELP US COUNT?

It's time for New Haven to conduct its annual inventory and the Trustees are looking for help. We'll start at 9:00 am on March 25th and continue until the job is done. Furnishings and equipment in every room need to be listed for insurance purposes. We especially need someone who has a digital video recorder. Lunch will be provided.

If you can help, please notify David Schiffer-decker by email at schiffdj61@cox.net or by phone at 918-391-5460.

From Patrick's Desk.

Howdy NHUMC!

Your youth have returned from Camp Egan! And what an experience it was to in God's presence in what I always call one of the "thinnest" places on earth. Josh Pulver (Camp Egan's Director) had several big projects for us during our stay, and we were able to get most of the work done which he said to me over and over how much of a blessing it was to have the volunteers to help. Without question for me one of the most rewarding experiences was watching the Prayer Labyrinth come together. The one that Egan had for many years washed away in recent flooding the Camp experienced back in 2015, and Josh simply hasn't had the manpower or the time to get it rebuilt. Well we got it built, and along the way got to share in some fellowship time together, and with youth groups from St. Stephen's UMC (Norman), and Cushing UMC who were there at camp during the first half and second half of our stay respectively. It was extremely moving to see several days' worth of hard labor turn into a place at camp that will create powerful opportunities for God to touch visitors lives as they walk the labyrinth. We ourselves to an opportunity before we left to spend some quiet time walking it, and a powerful experience would be an understatement for sure!

During our stay we cleared the Creekside cabin from leaves underneath it's porch and decking and burned those off. Shout out to Hannah, Julian, and Tim who had no worries crawling underneath to get the piles out to the rest of us to gather. Egan was hosting a women's retreat at the same time as us as well, and we had got to help Josh clear out all of the chairs from this conference of 110 women from Arkansas when they left. Our last project we worked on was clearing brush from one of the wooded areas below "Cross Mountain" where the low level portion of an eventual complete ropes course was to begin being installed in the coming weeks.

Without a doubt we stayed busy and worked hard, but we also had a LOT of fun and made some fantastic memories! From s'mores, to games, to "make-up training", to learning more about ourselves, respect for others, and servanthood it was 5 days I won't soon forget. We'd like to thank you for all of your prayers during our trip, and when you have the chance please ask any of the youth that went (or Stacey Schifferdecker – THANK YOU STACEY) about their memories, and what they really enjoyed about the experience. I definitely look forward to working, worshipping, and fellowshiping in mission with this group again someday soon!!

And watch next week for our next introduction to the youth group members as Hannah Henson will be bringing her story to you!

Blessings,

Patrick, Stacey Schifferdecker, and the youth from the 2017 Camp Egan Spring Break Mission Trip





Our awesome youth built this Prayer Labyrinth at Camp Egan



Spring Break at Camp Egan





Lay Servant Ministries Training

Council Oak District, United Methodist Church



What is a Lay Servant?

A Certified Lay Servant (CLS) is a trained volunteer who serves the church and community in a wide variety of ministries. They offer their gifts, both at the local church and beyond, in areas of caring, leading, and communicating. Examples are worship leadership, preaching, teaching, visitation, community volunteer, grief support, prison or nursing home ministries, food or clothing banks, committee/project leaders, etc. There are virtually no limits to the serving possibilities! To become a CLS, you must complete the Basic Course and an Advanced Course. But, the Lay Servant Ministries educate, too! **Anyone can take the courses whether you want to become a Lay Servant or not!** Contact your pastor or Lay Leader for information.

Is God calling you? Sign up today for training!

When: April 28 & 29, 2017 ~ Friday: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm ~ Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Lunch provided)

Where: University UMC, 500 S. College Ave., Tulsa, OK

What: Basic and Advance Courses offered

Basic Course: "Lay Servant Ministries" Basic Course Participant's Book by Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson
Instructor: T/B/A

Advanced Course: "Transforming Community: The Wesleyan Way to Missional Congregations"
by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Powe, Jr.
Instructor: Rev. Thomas Hoffinan

Cost For Either Course: \$10.00 + you purchase your text book

Participants are responsible for purchasing & reading their own text prior to the course.

(Texts available at www.cokesbury.com or <https://bookstore.upperroom.org>)

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS TO BE CERTIFIED IF SEEKING TO BECOME A CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT

Registration for Lay Servant Training, Council Oak District ~ April 28 & 29, 2017

Registration Must Be Postmarked By **April 24, 2017**

Basic Course or Advanced Course (check one) *Registration includes snacks, drinks and lunch on Saturday.*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Church: _____

Signature of Pastor or SPRC Chair: _____

Make Payment to Council Oak District

Please enclose check or money order or make arrangements through your church.
Do not send cash.

Contact Person: Stacie Turner, District Administrator
Phone: (918) 742-7406

Mail, E-mail or Fax Registration Form to:

Council Oak District Office
6767 S. Mingo Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74153

Email: counciloakdistrict@okumc.org
Fax: (918) 742-7866

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 3:45 pm Cub Scout Pack 67/Room 270
- 4:00 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
- 4:00 pm Celebration Singers & WEB
- 4:30 pm Disciple I
- 5:00 pm Imagination Station (Children)
- 5:00 pm Liturgical Dance
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, MARCH 27

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:00 am Women's Grief Recovery
- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm ACOA/210
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 31

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

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New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Lindsay Morgan	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

March Birthdays

3. Max LaGrone
4. Claretha Gotcher
Todd Morgan
6. Yuka Daughters
9. Harold Stockstill
10. Marleigh Blanchard
12. Will Roberts
16. Steve Amos
Alon Soderfelt
17. Pat Smith
21. Karen Jones
22. Kyler Smith
23. Craig Hannon
24. Janice Hannon
25. Steve Smith
26. Peter Havlik
28. Laurel Duncan
30. Hannah Fields



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Kelly Sartain
Dodie Wood
Max Nightingale
Carol Morgan
Ovella Followell
Claretha Gotcher

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; Lind Parmele's cousin, David; 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

ATTENDANCE

March 19, 2017

Worship Services

8:45 am: 55

11:00 am: 85

Total: 140

Sunday School

Adults- 51

Youth- 8

Children- 7

Day School Chapel-83

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
"Reformation"

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Creed" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Haven 206

Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Hand Me Downs: Leaving a Legacy"

NOTICE!

THERE WILL NOT BE A SPIRE NEXT WEEK

MARCH 27th

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