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Rev. James Graham

Peace and Grace to all of you on this Monday Morning!

We had a wonderful day of fun, fellowship, and worship yesterday at New Haven UMC! We celebrated our Commitment Sunday and the response was amazing! We had a wonderful crowd for worship yesterday, and I could feel the Spirit moving among us! We also received two new members yesterday as Barbara Coleman and Barbara Trautner joined us by transfer of their memberships!

Rev. Jeff Jaynes was with us to help us dedicate and bless the mountain of food for Restore Hope Ministries. Through your generosity we were able to provide 5 tons of food for hungry people in our area! That is truly amazing! During the service our members came to the front and placed their pledges of tithes and service to God on the altar. After the 11 a.m. service we had a wonderful group of volunteers help move and load the trucks with all of the food for Restore Hope, and many stuck around even longer to help move furniture from the gym back into our parlor!

Later that afternoon I was privileged to participate in the closing ceremonies for Green Country Walk to Emmaus #176 and hear the moving testimonies from the women of Walk #176. They were simply blown away by the out pouring of love and acts of Agape by the members of the community. I never cease to be amazed by the way God can work through simple acts of kindness to change people's lives!

Thank you to each one of you for your support through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness as you live out your membership vows here at New Haven United Methodist Church! I am truly blessed to be your pastor!

Grace and peace,

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 10:00 AM

On Sunday, November 25th during the 10:00 Hanging of the Greens service everyone who so desires can place an ornament in memory of a loved one and help us decorate the Memorial Christmas Tree.

The Memorial Christmas Tree tradition began after our dear Nathan Wofford passed away. We have continued this tradition for years in memory of all our loved ones. Tables will be set up with ornaments you have put on the tree in the past for you to use. Feel free to bring your own if you like and we'll have some extra ones, too. If you prefer to place your ornament on the tree at a more private time, you may do so at any time.

During the service on the 25th, we will have a ministry moment about the Memorial Tree and you will receive guidance on where to pick up ornaments and when to go outside to the front lawn to decorate the tree. Questions? Call Adriaan Duiveman (918-630-4430)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 6:00 PM

If you would like to participate in this informal Thanksgiving service by speaking, reading a scripture or poem, singing, dancing for performing, we'd love to have you! Call Susan Harris at 918-830-3276 or email jceharris@prodigy.net

UMW NEWS!

UMW Susanna Circle will shop for gifts for Cookson Hills Christmas Store on December 7th. We will meet at 10 am at New Haven.

Jean Roberts will host a Christmas Brunch for UMW ladies at 10am on December 14TH at her home. All ladies are welcome to learn about UMW!! Please RSVP to Susan Lamkin by December 8th. (susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-557-9148)

We will keep you updated on Sooner Pecans COMING SOON for \$12 a pound!

FOXY ARM CANDY

BENEFITTING THE NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL

1 Bracelet \$15.00

2 Bracelets \$25.00

3 Bracelets \$35.00

Gift Certificates are Available!

You may shop the school fundraiser and pick up some fun Christmas/Holiday gifts for friends, family, and teachers!!!

80% of sales will be donated to our school!

The jewelry fundraiser will be open
from 2:00 - 2:45 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays
and Sunday (after Connection Groups)
in the gym until Christmas Break!!!



CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

For Children Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

Wednesdays, November 29, December 6 & 13

5:30-7:00 PM

Experience Christmas Through
Storytelling, Games, Crafts, Music & Lots More
Snack Supper Will Be Served

Register by November 19th to Reserve Your Spot!

No Cost to Attend

Questions?

Contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org

FROM PATRICK'S DESK.

Hello church family!

I and the youth pray that as fall begins you are all building in peace, and preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. We're continuing our wreath fundraiser, and appreciate your support in making this such a valuable source of additional funds for us. Remember that you DO NOT have to pay when you order, but upon arrival of your order which we're anticipating to be the first weekend of December. We'll have confirmation of that as we get closer. This means you definitely want to get those orders in ASAP! Please feel free to flag me down or email me even if you'd like to get an order in, and I can add it for you.

(Patrick.grafton@newhavenumc.org) . Please continue to pray for our youth, and especially all of the anxiety/patience levels as we approach the end of the fall semester. This brings with it exams, projects, and paper deadlines that will have them worried and anxious. Those prayers are appreciated!!

Thank you for ALL of the support of our ministry, and please know that our church is in our prayers as well!

Blessings,
Patrick and the whole youth group!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

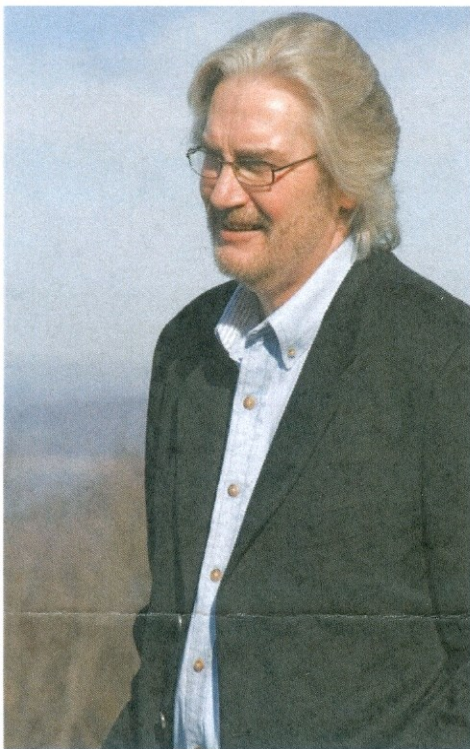
We were thrilled to receive two new members on November 12th. Barbara Coleman (pictured on the left) and Barbara Troutner (on the right) joined our awesome church during the 11:00 service.

Please let these two lovely ladies know how glad we are to receive them into membership here and get to know them!

Council Oak District Event
(including a Brief Charge Conference Consensus Vote)
Featuring Leonard Sweet
Monday, November 27th 6:30- 8:00 pm
First United Methodist Church Tulsa
1115 S Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74119

“Following Jesus”

Mark your calendars and join with your clergy colleagues and church laity in attending this meaningful Fall Council Oak District Event! It will be a wonderful time to gather as a District, *get to know one another*, offer a brief (5 minute) **group consensus vote*** on our Charge Conference reports and have the opportunity to worship together and listen to one of the most popular and highly sought after speakers throughout North America and around the world!



Dr. Leonard Sweet is the author of over sixty books. His most recent are *The Bad Habits of Jesus*, published by Tyndale and *Jesus Speaks* published by Tomas Nelson.

He is the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew, Professor at George Fox University Seminary (Newburg/Portland, OR,) and Visiting Distinguished Professor at Tabor College (Hillsboro, KS).

Leonard has authored more than 1500 published sermons. His most recent project is the narratives based interactive preaching resource for pastors and disciples called <https://preachthestory.com>.

Leonard often appears on “Most Influential Christian” lists, and his Twitter and Facebook posts, as well as his Napkin Scribbles podcasts, are ranked as some of the most widely influential religious social media sites in the world.

Dr. Leonard Sweet

When: Monday, November 27th, 2017
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: 1st United Methodist Church Tulsa
1115 S Boulder Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74119

**** This portion of our group Charge Conference event requires the attendance of all appointed clergy in the Council Oak District. The Book of Discipline ¶246 indicates that all members of your church council and retired ordained and diaconal ministers who hold membership in your charge conference that are attending this event are considered voting members in this joint charge conference.***

Opportunities of the Week



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
1:30 pm Finance Committee
4:00 pm Footprints
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING DAY!!!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:00 am Hanging of the Greens Service
4:00 pm Cub Souts
4:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm Advent Bible Study/Parlor
6:00 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.
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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

November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
10. Mary Lou Black
Karyn Maio
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
Markwen Johnson
15. Pat Graf
17. Elizabeth Amos
Kerry Beebe
19. Susan Thomas
21. Dennis Jaeger
Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
Max Nightingale
23. Jerry Fisher
25. Christine Riggan
28. Dorothy Koons



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Claretha Gotcher
Jan Boyd
Louise McCrory
Ovella Followell
Liz Dewitt
Carol Morgan, in the loss of her brother

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; Joe Sanders; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers and visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons
Max Nightingale
Carson and Helen Russell
Betty Barton

ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 58

11:00 am: 100

Total: 158

CONNECTION GROUPS

Adults: 88

Youth: 9

Children: 14

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
"Overcoming Life's Disappointments"
by Harold Kushner

Room 103 Interlude Class
"The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "The First Christmas" by M.J. Borg & J.D. Crossan

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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<http://newhavenumc.org>



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