



# THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
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## UMPTENAGERS FABULOUS TRIP TO BRANSON!

The Umpteenagers had a great time in Branson last week!! We enjoyed our ride on the Showboat Branson Belle; saw the Lettermen; went to the Hughes Brothers Christmas show and also saw Christmas Wonderland. A total of 18 went on this trip. Our next outing is Tuesday, December 12 to Marland Mansion in Ponca City. Meet at the church at 9 a.m. Let Shirley Nelson or Stella Schwartz know you are coming.



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## ELECTION DAY SNACKS FOR OUR VOTERS AND TABLE HOSTS NEEDED

**NOVEMBER 14TH ~ 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

It has been our tradition of Radical Hospitality for many years to provide little snacks such as mini-muffins, cookies, brownies, coffee and water to our voters here at NHUMC as they wait in line to vote. It's a great way to show we care about others outside our church membership and have an opportunity to chat with them as we offer them refreshments. All our voters have thanked us over and over and REALLY appreciate our efforts. You will find sign-up sheets on the hallway tables to bring snacks or sign up for a three hour shift at the hostess table. Please consider taking part in this hospitality effort and sign up soon! We need YOU!

### 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](mailto:jceharris@prodigy.net)

### UMW News

The Susanna Circle will be meeting on Thursday, November 9 at 10am in the Parlor. We welcome Ann Cornelius and C.J. Herbeck from the Council Oak District UMW to speak. Please join us!

Also, we will shop for Christmas missions on Thursday, December 7. Meet at New Haven to leave at 10am for shopping and lunch to celebrate the season! (Please note the change in date due to gift deadlines).

Keep an eye out for Sooner Pecan sales!

Contact Susan Lamkin for more information. 918-557-9148

### 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 begins Tuesday, November 7th  
from 2:00 - 2:45 pm and will be open after school  
every Monday, Tuesday and Sunday (after Connection Groups)  
in the gym until Christmas Break!!!

## FROM THE DESK OF PATRICK GRAFTON. . . . .

Hello church family!

My, how this year is flying by! 49 days until Christmas – seriously! Only 49 days left!! How will you make time this year to focus on the reason for the season starting with the great holiday of thanks! It's a great kickoff to begin the journey towards the birth of our savior, but I for one then find the struggle of staying focused on the purpose of advent and the remembrance of our Savior's birth VERY REAL! Between work to be done, gifts to buy, decorations to be put up, and everything that comes with this time of year I find it so hard to take time to pause, and reflect on what His coming truly means in my life. My prayer for each of you, myself, my family, and definitely my youth is that we each find a way that resonates with us that allows us to find the means of connection to quietly walking through this Christmas time.

As your youth gear up for the holidays we actually have a way to take some of the stress out of at least the shopping part of the holidays for you. In the coming weeks, please stop by after services at the table and consider ordering a Christmas wreath for our Christmas Wreath Sale fundraiser! We can ship directly to everyone on your list or have them delivered here to the church the first week or so of December for you to add to the decorations of your own home. We greatly appreciate your support, and I want to give a shout out to Kelly Sartain for making this happen for us each year managing, ordering, and in general "herding" we youth into a well-oiled machine to make this great seasonal fundraiser happen!

As the school semester moves past its midpoint I'd ask for continued prayers for all of our students both in the youth group, AND those in the college ranks as their stress levels will continue to rise with projects, tests, and eventually final exams that I know each of them hopes to successfully put a whoopin' too! J I do, and I know they appreciate the prayers for focus, perseverance, and restful night's sleep along the way!

Blessings,

Patrick and the NHUMC Youth



## 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

[robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org](mailto:robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org)



**JAM for Pre-K & K**



**FROG for 1st & 2nd Grades**

**SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S CONNECTION GROUPS**



**RADICAL DISCIPLES  
LEARNING  
ABOUT MISSIONS  
FOR 3RD - 5TH GRADERS**



**YOUTH CONNECTION GROUP ~ GRADES 6-12**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER TO THE CHURCH ASAP~OUR LAST PURCHASE WILL BE EARLY THIS WEEK AND THE BLESSING OF THE FOOD WILL BE DURING THE CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AND DELIVERED THAT SAME DAY!**

**Final Call for Mountain of Food Volunteers**

This Thursday is the last delivery of food to finish our Mountain of Food for Restore Hope Ministries. This week the food is being delivered at **3:30 p.m. the afternoon of Thursday, November 9**, not in the morning. We need volunteers to unload then, as well as next Sunday, November 12, right after the second service. We will load it up to go to Restore Hope.

The Mountain of Food is growing each week. The Mountain of Food benefits the clients of Restore Hope Ministries, a program of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference designed to help needy families with food insufficiency, avoid homelessness and promote hope for the future. You can participate simply by writing a check to NHUMC and noting "Mountain" on the check; or put cash in a contribution envelope and write "Mountain" on the front. Fill out this form to choose the food, or let us choose for you. On Nov. 12 the flats of food will be Blessed during our services and the food will be delivered that very day to Restore Hope Ministries.

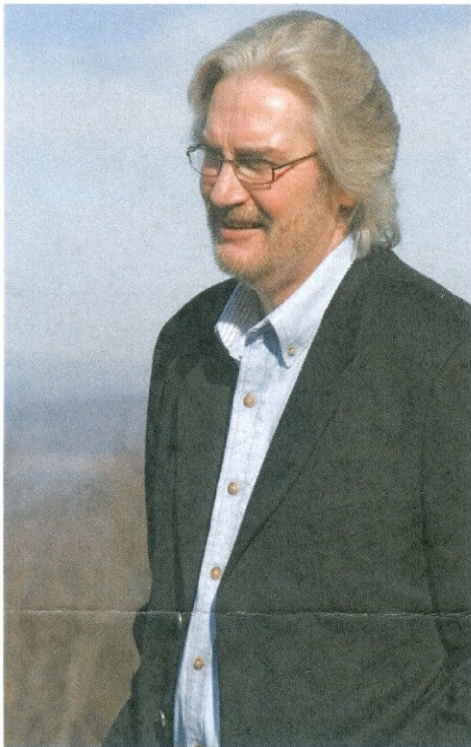
**2017 Restore Hope Shopping List for NHUMC**

# of flats	Item	Price per Flat	Total Amount
_____	Soups.....	\$15.00	_____
_____	Peanut Butter.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Green Beans.....	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Corn.....	\$7.00	_____
_____	Peas.....	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Carrots .....	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Pineapple.....	\$13.00	_____
_____	Peaches.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Fruit Cocktail.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Yams.....	\$19.00	_____
_____	Cornbread Mix.....	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Cereal.....	\$16.00	_____
SIGNED _____		Total of ALL Flats	\$ _____

**Council Oak District Event**  
**(including a Brief Charge Conference Consensus Vote)**  
**Featuring Leonard Sweet**  
**Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Where:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12 COMMITMENT SUNDAY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:00 pm Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts  
5:00 pm Footprints  
6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
1:30 pm Finance Committee  
5:00 pm Footprints  
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.
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

## November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
- Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
10. Mary Lou Black
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 5, 2017

### WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 58

11:00 am: 95

Total: 153

### CONNECTION GROUPS

Adults: 63

Youth: 8

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](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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