



# THE SPIRE

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Rev. James Graham



Good morning! I want to invite you to join me this advent for a special time of learning as we study Adam Hamilton's book, **Faithful — Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph**. We will meet on the **four Sundays of Advent beginning November 29th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This study will be for youth and adults combined, we will travel through advent together! I look forward to leading this study with you! We will begin preliminary sign ups this coming Sunday. We will order the books and get them in time to prepare for our first evening together. I believe you will be blessed by our time and study together, and I know I will enjoy the opportunity to get to know you better!

Secondly, as we prepare to welcome the Christ child and the many visitors we are expecting during the advent season, I want to invite you to join me and the trustees this coming weekend for a work day at the church. There is a long list of things that need sprucing up as we make our church home ready for the holidays! We need lots of help! Please consider joining us this **Saturday, October 21 beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Bring work gloves and any tools you like to use. We will have fun and get some things done at the same time. **Lunch will be provided!** I am looking forward to working with you!

Pastor James



# 5th Sunday Brunch!



**October 29** is our next 5th Sunday! Join your church family in the gym between services for our 5th Sunday Brunch. Please bring a dish to share and just enjoy some relaxed fellowship time. Questions? Email Stacey Schifferdecker at [schiffds@cox.net](mailto:schiffds@cox.net) or Lana Gotcher at [L8nightreader@cox.net](mailto:L8nightreader@cox.net).

## COOKIES FOR FLORIDA!

Many thanks to everyone who wrote a note to our friends in South Florida and to those who brought cookies. The cookies were mailed last Tuesday and were shared Sunday, October 15.

As we mentioned Sunday we are beginning to hear more about their needs and we want to reach out as we can and offer support. We have been told that at this point many from Puerto Rico are arriving in Miami, 3800 have arrived on a cruise ship and **8 more ships are on their way**. The plan is for them to stay in the United States for at least a year. The idea is that we help to support the families already here and the families taking in relatives, with food, gifts, school supplies and uniforms, etc....for a year. So they can stay stable for a year and then decide where to go or if they are able to return." There will be an opportunity for New Haven to reach out and help support the churches and the families.

## DAY SCHOOL NEEDS BAKED GOODS FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL

Do you love to bake? Would you like to help New Haven Day School raise funds? The Day School will be hosting a table with baked goods at the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29th. We hope that as people buy their hot dogs and chips from our youth group they will buy baked goods from us. The money raised will go for the teacher appreciation fund.

How can you help? Just drop off baked goods in baggies for us to sell at our table. Please put two cookies per bag or one cupcake, one Rice Krispy treat, etc. If you don't have plastic bags, we will bag your donations for you. You may bring them toward the end of the week before the Fall Festival, or on Sunday morning, Oct. 29th.

The Day School thanks you in advance for any help you can give!

## WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

**Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."** We also know that, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will be no more death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:4-5a.

It is unfair that our beloved Andrew Hall passed so quickly, we know that understanding will come when we are joined together in heaven. Until that day comes our pain will be excruciating, but we want you to know that we were comforted by your kindness and loving expressions of sympathy. Something our family will never forget.

*The Hall family*

# Corner

## Mission

### The Mountain of Food for Restore Hope Ministries begins

The Mountain of Food for Restore Hope Ministries begins growing this Sunday, October 22. You can support this important mission by writing a check to the church and noting that it is for the "Mountain" or by giving cash.

In their last available annual report, this Methodist ministry distributed 221,943 pounds of food to 4005 hungry families. They assisted 612 neighbors from homelessness; helped 607 families enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, provided 2,790 students with school supplies, gave 178 children Christmas gifts and distributed 504 Bibles. Several of our church members volunteer, including Dick and Kay Garwood, Jim and Susan Harris and Suzanne Davis.

Our annual Mountain is a way each of us can support this vital ministry. We will bless the Mountain on November 12.

**Come and**

**Experience It!**



54TH ANNUAL • METHODIST  
**BOYS RANCH**  
CELEBRATION AND RODEO  
ANNUAL BASKET AUCTION  
SATURDAY | OCTOBER 21  
HIGH NOON  
FEATURING  
• Rodeo of the Ozarks Rounders Drill Team  
• Inflatables  
• Children's Games  
• Music  
• Food

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2017  
97332 Highway 10A  
Gore, Oklahoma



**BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED**

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. The Mountain will begin growing October 22, but you can contribute early by writing a check to NHUMC or giving cash – just be sure to note that it is designated for “Mountain”. You can choose exactly which food items you wish to purchase by filling out this list, or we can choose for you.

### 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	\$ _____

## LET'S HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL STAY HEALTHY!

Carnegie has a shortage of Kleenex and Clorox Wipes, both things they will need as cold and flu season approaches. Help us stock their cabinets! There will be collection boxes out through October, and we will deliver our offerings in early November, just in time for the first sniffles. Any questions? Email Stacey Schifferdecker at [schiffds@cox.net](mailto:schiffds@cox.net) or call/email 918-381-5450.



**Sunday, October 29th  
4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Trunk or Treat ♦ Inflatables ♦ Face Painting ♦ Food Games ♦ Pumpkin Decorating ♦ Live Music & Much More**

**Join the fun and help us roll out**

**New Haven Hospitality! There are many opportunities to serve.**

**Sign-up sheets are in the hallway outside the sanctuary.**

**Yard signs are available to help us advertise.**

**For more information, contact Pastor Robin [robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org](mailto:robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org).**



## **CHURCH WORK DAY!**

Please come join us for the annual Church Work Day, October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m.

Tools not necessary but please bring them if you have them and come join in the fellowship!

**Lunch will be provided!**

## **WELCOME ANNABELLE FOX!**

Please help us welcome our newest addition, Annabelle Fox, at a come-and-go reception between services on October 22nd. Stop by and see this sweet baby girl and congratulate her parents, Clint and Brittany and proud grand-parents, Ken & Paula Fox.

## **UMPTENAGERS TRIP TO PAWHUSKA, OK.**

Come join the Umpteenagers **Tuesday, October 17th at 9:45 am** for a bus trip to Pawhuska, OK. to see the beautiful stained glass windows from 1910 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and then have lunch at BAD BRADS!

# Respite Care October 14

**RAINBOW LOOM DOGS  
MADE BY ARIANNE**



**OBSTACLE COURSE**



**SNACK TIME!**



# *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:** November 17 & 18, 2017 ~ Friday: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm ~ Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Lunch provided)

**Where:** Faith UMC, 7431 E 91st St. 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: Rev. Bruce Brotherton

**Advanced Course:** “*From Pew to Pulpit: A Beginner’s Guide to Preaching*” by Clifton Guthrie Instructor: T/B/A

**Cost For Either Course:** \$10.00 + you purchase your textbook

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

(Purchase books at cokesbury.com, bookstore.upperroom.org, www.amazon.com, Kindle Books, etc.)

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

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### **Registration for Lay Servant Training, Council Oak District ~ November 17 & 18, 2017**

**Registration Must Be Postmarked By November 15, 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) 742-7496

#### **Mail, Email or Fax Registration Form to:**

Council Oak District Office  
6767 S. Mingo Rd.  
Tulsa, Ok. 74133

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

## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts/210
- 5:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:00 pm AA/Gym (Anniversary Dinner)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

#### LAITY SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm **FALL FESTIVAL**
- 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

## October Birthdays

2. Richard Jaeger
- Betty Hodge
- Carol Morgan
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
- George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
- Kate Scruggs
10. Mark Morgan
- Jim Leach
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Sue Hunnicutt
26. Greg Gotcher
- Sam Puryear
- Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
- Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter



### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Claretha Gotcher  
Jan Boyd  
Louise McCrory  
Ovella Followell

#### **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; Nancy Russell; 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

**October 15, 2017**

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**8:45 am: 42**  
**11:00 am: 85**  
**Total: 127**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Adults: 75**  
**Youth: 16**  
**Children: 16**

### 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** "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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