



# THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

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Rev. James Graham

Good morning my friends!

We had a wonderful service yesterday! The Holy Spirit was present, and our people were moved to serve as we participated in an in-service opportunity following both services!

We welcomed a new young member named Emmalena through profession of faith and baptism. We are excited to have her! Emmalena first visited us during Vacation Bible School this past summer, and through the love and nurturing of our church family, she has come to accept Christ as her personal lord and savior! It doesn't get more exciting than that!

Our parlor work is progressing well. We're expecting to get started painting today or tomorrow, and plan to make the flooring selections this Wednesday. It will be nice when it is finished!

I would also like to fill all of you in on the bus stop issue. As you will recall, we had some problems last spring with unruly children and damage being done to our property. In response to that, we suspended the volunteer led program to provide breakfast to the students. This summer we asked for volunteers to monitor the parking lot and did not receive a sufficient number of volunteers to ensure the safety of the children. After discussion and prayer, the trustees felt that unless something else could be done to protect the children and staff, that it might be necessary to request the bus stop be moved. Our trustee chair attempted to call and email the school system multiple times prior to August 1st. We received no response either by phone or email. School started and the buses were still here, so we assumed that we were going to continue to be a bus stop. Then, suddenly, when I was gone on vacation, the school unilaterally changed the bus stop locations with very little notice to the students and parents and with no notice to us. Understandably, parents were upset. Many of them blamed us for the inconvenience and the sudden change. In response to all of this, I have reached out to the schools and we are attempting to restore bus service with some better guidelines and supervision of the students. One bus is already being serviced here. Please pray that we can get things worked out for the benefit of the church, the students, and the community.

Grace and peace,



#### When

Thursday, November 16,  
2017 from 6:30 PM to 9:00  
PM CST



#### Where

**Greenwood Cultural  
Center**  
322 N. Greenwood Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74120  
[Driving Directions](#)

## 8th Annual Dinner of Reconciliation

This year's theme is "Reconciliation through the Lens of Art and Culture".

The John Hope Franklin Dinner of Reconciliation gives citizens like you the opportunity to break the invisible walls, come together as one community, and learn more about each other.

This year's Keynote Speaker is the renowned Dawnn Lewis - Grammy Award Winning Singer, Award Winning Songwriter, Actor, Series TV Creator, and Producer.

The cost of the dinner is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children K-12.

The reception begins at 6:30 pm and the Dinner and Program will start at 7:00 pm.

You can reserve your place at our community dinner table by contacting Jean Neal at 918-295-5009 or email her at [jneal@jhfccenter.org](mailto:jneal@jhfccenter.org)

JOHN **HOPE**  
FRANKLIN  
Center *for* Reconciliation





## IN-SERVICE SUNDAY!

We packed lots of bags full of personal items for the ladies who are helped through the Heartland Hope Foundation.



James B Graham V

This adorable baby boy is the first grandchild for Pastor James & Nancy. New Haven had a wonderful baby shower to celebrate the life of this precious little boy!





On September 5th, **17 New Havenites went to the Tulsa Food Bank** to help bag green peppers into 3 lb. bags. . over 2,400 lbs were bagged in only 2 hours!!!



## **DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**

Our next NHUMC opportunity to serve dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless is on Friday, September 22nd. Please sign up in the hallway to volunteer as a chef and/or server. Chefs are asked to bring chicken and noodles (a simple recipe will be provided on the sign-up table) and/or cookies. Please bring these items to the gym kitchen by 4:30 pm. Servers are asked to be at the gym by 4:45 pm to help prepare the food and load the van. We will leave at 5:15 pm and be back by 7:00 pm.



## **E.P.I.C.**

**Bible Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, September 23**

**10:00-11:30 AM in the New Haven UMC GYM**

Children of all ages are invited to come with their families to our first **E.P.I.C.** (Exploring Possibilities In Christ) Adventure. Families will follow clues that will take them throughout the church as they explore the Bible and learn together. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the hall outside the sanctuary or you may call the church office. Invite your friends and neighbors and plan on joining us for this **E.P.I.C.** adventure! For more information, contact Pastor Robin at [robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org](mailto:robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org).

## Third Grade Bibles

Sunday, September 24

11:00 Worship Service

It is our tradition at New Haven UMC to present third-graders with a Bible. This is an important milestone for our children in their journey of faith. On September 24 we will celebrate this milestone during the 11:00. If you have a third-grader, please let us know by contacting Pastor Robin at [robin.stevens@kellerumc.org](mailto:robin.stevens@kellerumc.org) or calling the church office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29

4:00-6:00 PM



# Fall Festival



ATTENTION ALL HANDBELL RINGERS!!!  
REHEARSALS ARE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM  
7PM ~ 8PM. PLEASE PLAN TO BE HERE THIS WEDNES-  
DAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.....ESPECIALLY IF YOU MISSED  
THE FIRST REHEARSAL ON SEPTEMBER 6TH.



## UMPTENAGERS ANNUAL PIZZA PLANNING SESSION

On Tuesday, September 19th at 11:30 am, join Stella and Shirley  
in the parlor to plan our upcoming events for 2017-2018.

All trip suggestions will be welcomed, discussed, and voted on!

Please mark your calendar, bring your ideas and enjoy a pizza  
party with us on that date!

Welcome back all you Umpteens!

Sign up sheet will be on the table in the hallway.



## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### Blessing of the Teachers

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee
- 5:00 pm Footprints/Gym
- 6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band
- 7:00 pm Happy Children's Home Board Meeting

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 11:30 am Umpteenagers
- 6:00 pm Day School Council
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Day Center
- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 10:00 am Epic Bible Scavenger Hunt

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts/210
- 4:00 pm Pack 67
- 4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
- 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

### 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

## September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd  
Susan Savage
4. Rich Foster
5. Christopher Boyd
6. Liz DeWitt
8. Don Gregory
9. Greg Pape  
Dallas Quinalty  
Ace Quinalty  
Alexander Hensley
12. Sylvia Hensley  
Amanda Russell
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
23. David Johnson
28. Wayne Love  
Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing



### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Carol Morgan  
Claretha Gotcher  
Sarah Duiveman  
Jan Boyd

#### 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

September 10, 2017

### WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 67

11:00 am: 91

Total: 158

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 50

Youth: 8

Children: (not given)

### 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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