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Rev. James Graham

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

It is a beautiful day in the Holiday Hills neighborhood, and while it doesn't feel like it, Fall is here! Before you know it we'll be Trunk-or-Treating, carving the Thanksgiving turkey, and decking the halls for our Advent services! Some of my favorite memories are at church during the holiday season, and since this is our first season together, I want to hear from you! What are your favorite church traditions? What are your favorite Advent and Christmas hymns? What are the things that warm your heart as you look forward to the season ahead?

Drop me a note at the office or send me an email at james.graham@newhavenumc.org, and I will incorporate as many as possible in our upcoming holiday season!

It is also time for our Annual Charge Conference. Charge Conference will be handled a little differently this year. We are all invited to Tulsa First UMC on November 27th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for a short 5 minute charge conference vote and then an exciting presentation by Dr. Leonard Sweet, author of over sixty books and Professor of Evangelism at Drew University. It is sure to be a worthwhile event, so save the date!

Our committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership will be meeting tomorrow evening to select new leadership for our church. I would like to remind you of the question I asked during our listening tours, "Are you willing to serve God and the Church in any way that you are able?" If you get a call and are asked to serve, I hope you will prayerfully consider saying yes!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James

Corner



Dear Missy,

I am attending college at Tulsa University. Is there a place for me to gather with others on campus? I'd like to keep in touch with my Methodist "roots".

Signed,
Need to Know

Dear Need to Know,

The United Methodist Church has a long history of commitment to ministry in higher education. In the words of John Wesley, we seek "to unite the two so long divided - knowledge and vital piety."

Our denomination supports more than 400 Wesley Foundations at various universities and colleges. In fact, over 100 colleges and universities in the United States claim affiliation with our denomination.

The goal as always is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world."

The University of Tulsa Wesley Foundation is located at the corner of Florence and 5th Street across from the John Rogers School of Law. Every Friday they have FNL or Friday Noon Lunch with delicious food and an invited speaker. They have various activities including student-led worship services, bible studies, intramurals, games, movies, etc.

During the Ministry Moment on Sunday, October 1, Ron Gentry, Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Tulsa will share with the congregation more about this vital campus ministry.

I'd encourage you to check out the Wesley Foundation on the TU campus.

Blessings,
Missy



Come and **Experience It!**

Experience It!

Big thanks to all of you who order flowers for the Sunday services in the Sanctuary. You are more than welcome to take your arrangement home after the 11:00 service, but we DO have a request that you please return the vase when the flowers are discarded. These vases cost \$5 each and are not included in the \$30.00 flower arrangements we purchase. So we would really appreciate it if you can bring the vase back soon after you are through with it. Just leave it at the front office! Thanks so much!





New Haven Kids
Growing
Learning



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Bring your beloved pets on October 8th at 3:00 pm and let Rev. Jan Boyd bless them! This is an annual event and a very popular one! Chairs will be set up on the front lawn for you and your pets should be on leashes or in a carrier. Each pet will receive an individual blessing!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

PRAYER REQUESTS:

PLEASE SEND ALL PRAYER REQUESTS TO DANNY HALL IF YOU WISH FOR THEM TO GO OUT ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN!

iamdanny@cox.net

or

918-640-3891



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 29

4:00-6:00 PM



THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU!!!

To all the chefs and servers at the most recent dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless, I just want to thank you for your awesome service! We served over 120 people on September 22nd! It's folks like you that make it possible for New Haven UMC to participate in this ministry! You are appreciated so much!
Phil Roberts

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER ADESSA STEPHENSON!

Adessa has been visiting New Haven recently and is already active in the Fellowship Sunday School class. She joined in membership with us on Sunday, September 24th.



PLEASE get to know Adessa and let her know how glad you are that she is part of our church family!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 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 2

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 6:00 pm Lay Leadership/185
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 10:00 am Grief Support Group/161
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:15 pm Yoga/Gym

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 9:00 am AA/210
- 9:00 am Painting in Gym

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals/
Front Lawn
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts/210
- 4:00 pm Pack 67/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

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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. . .

Carol Morgan
Claretha Gotcher
Jan Boyd
Louise McCrory

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

ATTENDANCE

September 24, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am:50
11:00 am:104
Total:154

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 60
Youth: 10
Children: 21

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. 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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