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Rev. James Graham

Merry Christmas!

It's almost here! Next Sunday is Christmas Eve and we will kick off our celebration of the coming of the Christ child! As we near the end of the year, I want to remind you of a few things! **We have three opportunities for you to worship with us next Sunday.** Our morning service will be at **10 a.m.**, and we will have services at **5 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Bring your family and your friends and neighbors to join us for a Christmas to remember!

We will be closed next Monday and there will be no Spire until the start of the new year. **We will be open next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday but with reduced hours. The office will be open from 8:30 - 1 p.m.** As we draw near to the end of the year, we are also running out of time to complete our pledged giving. You may certainly turn in your offerings at any of the services on Christmas Eve or New Years Eve, but you may also deliver them to the office the week after Christmas during our office hours. We were behind budget on giving by \$28,000 as of the end of November, and **your year end gifts are really important to getting us started on the right foot for 2018!**

Nancy and I look forward to seeing you at our Open House Christmas Party at the parsonage located at 3370 E. 54th St. We will have light refreshments from 3 - 5 p.m. We hope you'll stop by! We are so thankful to be spending this Christmas with all of our new family at New Haven UMC! We wish you every blessing in the year to come!

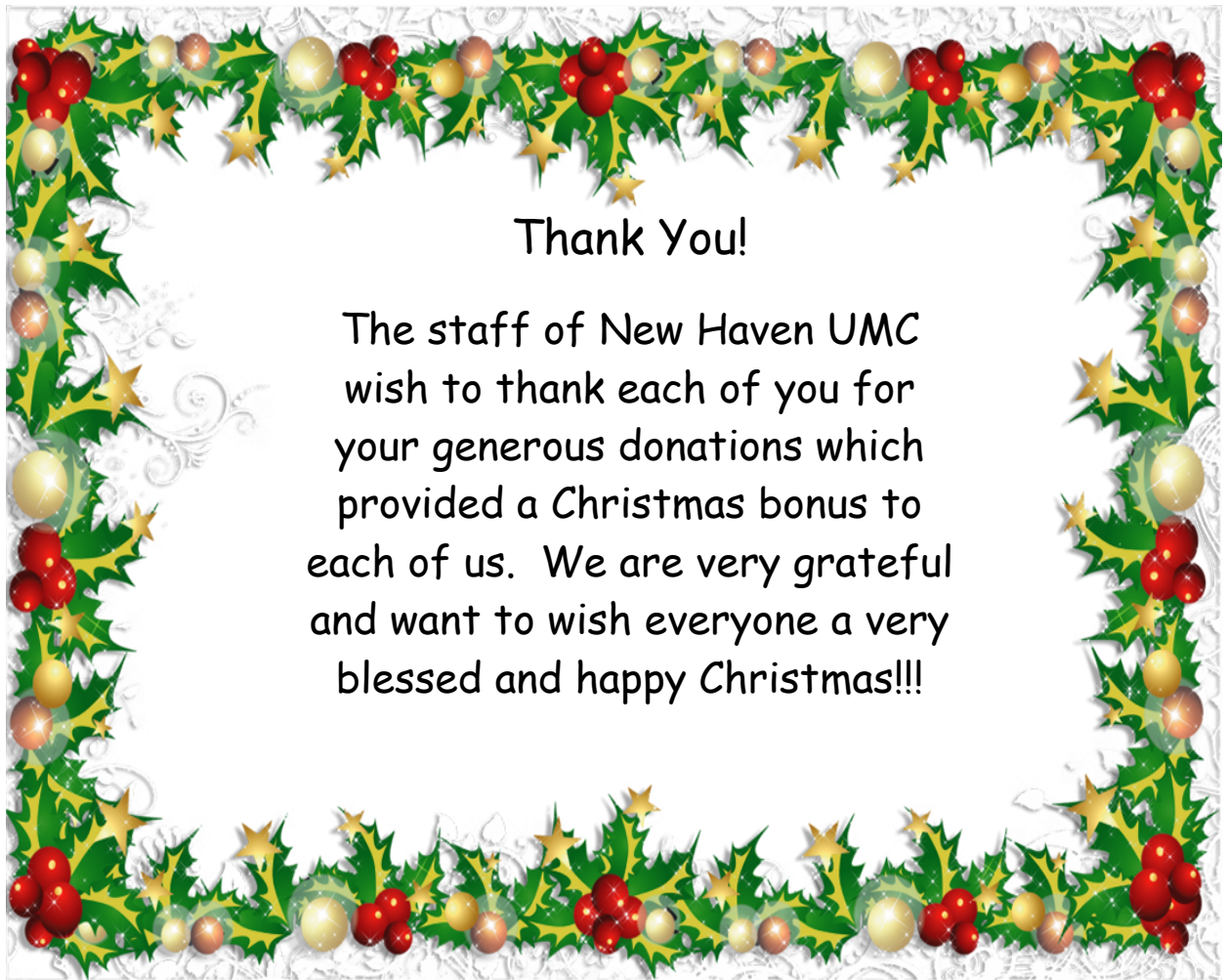
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

James Graham



SHORTER CHURCH HOURS ON CHRISTMAS WEEK!

The church office will be open for your convenience from 8:30am ~ 1pm on December 26th -28th. All financial gifts received in the church office by December 31st will be included in your 2017 giving statement.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Look for your next Spire on January 2, 2018
and have a "Happy New Year"!!!

Christmas Adventure with New Haven After-School Kids



Snacks



Crafts



Storytelling

Music



And Reindeer Games





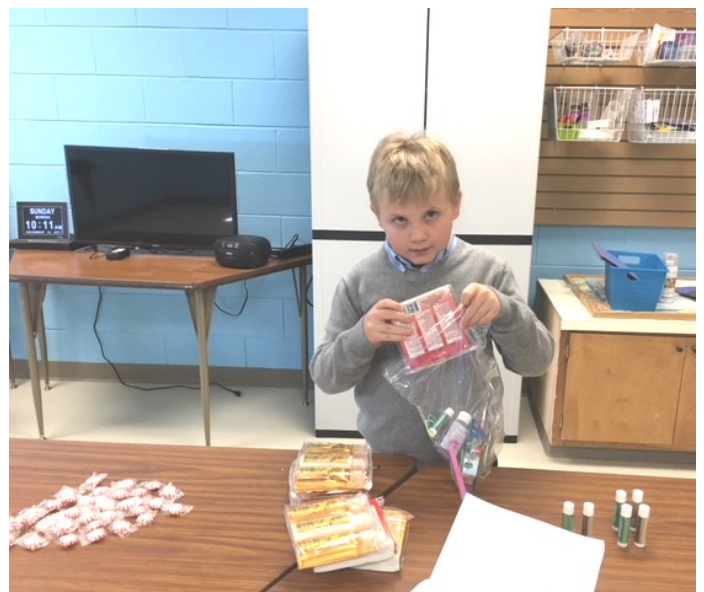
SAMI HARDGRAVES

Most of you will remember Sami Hardgraves, granddaughter of Danny Hall.

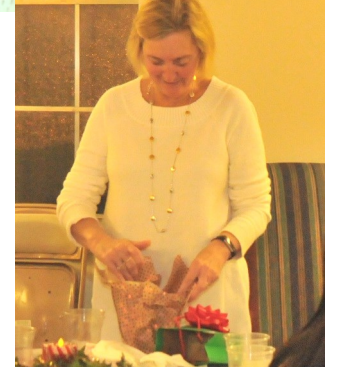
Sami graduated this past weekend Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Ok. Congratulations!!!



These "Radical Disciples" packed purse items for DVIS on December 10th.



NEW HAVEN OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVEN BY PASTOR JAMES GRAHAM



Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVE

- 10:00 am Combined Worship
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Candlelight
Communion Service
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Traditional
Candlelight Communion Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 8:30 am-1:00 pm Church Office Open
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 8:30 am-1:00 pm Church Office Open
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 8:30 am-1:00 pm Church Office Open
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 10:00 am Combined Worship
5:00 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

December Birthdays

7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson
Jennifer Lawrence
Michael Foster
Emmalena Russell
16. Linda Blackford
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson
Dee Kemp
20. Matthew Maxey
21. Cathy Amos
Kelly Sartain
22. Tiffany Maxey
Timothy Maxey
24. Mark Williams
Linda Joyce
25. JESUS
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Jim Harris
Claretha Gotcher
Ovella Followell
Laurel Duncan
Liz Dewitt
Diana Horn

Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Joe Sanders; Jerry Fisher's sister, Melissa; Rowley family, in the death of Pam; Linda Blackford's brother-in-law, Bob; 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 December 17, 2017



10:00 Combined Worship
Total: 201
Sunday School
Adults: 58
Youth: 9
Children: 15

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

"What Does the Bible Say About. . . ?"

Parlor: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class

"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

Room 103: Interlude Class

"Journey" Advent Series videos

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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