



# THE SPIRE

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by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Rev. James Graham

## “How Do We Become an Invitational Church - Part 2”

Last time I began a four part series on “How do we become an invitational church?” Today I would like to take it a step further with more advice by Jim Ozier. I also how some of you can go to his workshop being offered by the Council Oak District on October 14th. More information is found on page 3 of the newsletter.

Jim Ozier’s second phase of recommendation, **Affirming**, has a bit more specific focus than his first phase, **Acknowledging**. While the previous phase had us checking in on Facebook, this phase has us adding a comment such as:

(1) *“Enjoying great music at New Haven UMC this morning!”* (2) *Purposely being more pointed in a workplace conversation or in a Twitter feed: “Loved going to New Haven UMC church last week; the message really spoke to me!”* (3) *Allowing a fifteen-second video of your personal story of the church’s impact in your life to be shared on screens during morning worship: “I work with Joel Phillips. When he recommended my family try out New Haven, we decided to go. I’m so glad we did; my kids have never been happier in church!”*

By simple actions like these above, we can intentionally introduce our friends to our place of worship, begin to build a positive story about the church, and make taking the next step even easier. Next time we’ll learn about Jim Ozier’s third phase, **Advocating**. Until then I hope you will continue to practice the techniques that Jim has shared with us and join us in church this Sunday for World Communion Sunday! You are invited to bring a small loaf of bread from another culture to place on the altar table. It is also Pledge Sunday, so bring your pledge cards with you!

Wishing you all the blessings of God!

Pastor James



# Council Oak District

Oklahoma Conference of  
The United Methodist Church

**Memorial Drive has made childcare available for this event!!**

**Please let us know when you register the number of children and their ages so that we can be prepared!**

## "Breaking Barriers to Growth"

**SPONSORED BY: Council Oak District**

### About the Presenter

Based on his popular book, "Clip In: Risking Hospitality in Your Church" Jim Ozier has trained thousands of laity and clergy in hundreds of churches, Annual Conferences, Districts and other venues across the country.

Jim will focus these best practice teachings to address and meet the emerging needs and priorities of your church during this "Breaking Barriers to Growth" workshop.



### About the Workshop

This fast-paced, fun, interactive workshop will give your church practical, hands on tools and techniques you can implement immediately in to create a culture of growth.

Participants will leave with 12-15 proven best practice take-away hand-outs that can be used in any church to strategically accelerate growth and deepen discipleship.

- Learn best practices of growing churches
- Improve your first-time guest retention rate
- How to change "this church" into "My church"
- Dig deeper into the Community Mission Field
- Unleash the creativity and passion of church members
- Build relationship bridges with the unchurched
- Turn attenders into Disciples
- Change 'consumers' into 'producers'
- Get real results

### Workshop Information

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Date: October 14, 2018

Location: Memorial Drive UMC

7903 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Tulsa, OK 74112

Register: [counciloakdistrict@okumc.org](mailto:counciloakdistrict@okumc.org)

# October is Pastor Appreciation Month

PASTOR APPRECIATION  
TRAINER TEACHER  
preacher **Thank You, Pastor** encourager  
leader example



Our pets are a blessing to us..



..Join us in blessing them!

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to  
A Blessing of the Animals



chairs set up for you. Rev. Jan will talk for a few minutes about what this blessing is all about, then we take turns walking our pets to her and she will bless them with a prayer and give them a medal of St. Francis to wear on their collars. It's a special and fun time for everyone and so far, our pets have behaved beautifully!!!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**  
**2:45 PM ~ FRONT LAWN**



**PLEASE NOTE**  
*all emails for the New Haven office should be sent to*  
***carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org***  
*emails to Pat Bates will no longer be delivered.*

***This Sunday is***

***World Communion Sunday***



If you can, please bring a small loaf of bread representing a different culture. Please place it on the altar for us to share during Communion.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

**Please bring your pledge cards.**

**UMPTENAGERS**

On **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** the **Umpteenagers** will be headed to The Gathering Place in the church bus.

We will be let off in the circular driveway of the Williams Lodge.

Williams Lodge sits near the site of the former Blair Mansion, the solitary home removed in the process of the park's development. William' Lodges is a two -story building that houses the Welcome Center with the Guest Services team on the main level. There are restrooms and an elevator for your convenience.

The Williams Lodge sits between the Rosebud Café (think sweet desserts) and The Patio Kitchen (sandwiches, salads, drinks). Most items at the Patio are around \$5. If you do not want to dine on the patio, food can be enjoyed inside the Williams Lodge.

Aside from all the play areas of the park, Gathering Place offers gorgeous architecture, unique garden spaces and relaxing views of Peggy's Pond through floor to ceiling windows of Williams Lodge.

Peggy's Pond recirculates its water through nearby wetlands as shoreline plants and gardens help clean the water runoff. The Lodge is heated and cooled through geothermal wells.

The Wetland Gardens provide close encounters with watery wildlife.

More than 1.2 million plants and 5,800 trees were planted throughout the park, with many located in the wetland gardens and surrounding Peggy's pond.

Please call Kathryn Fisher at 817-455-4121 or e-mail her at [txmagnolia5@yahoo.com](mailto:txmagnolia5@yahoo.com) to make your reservation.



# Mission Corner



Dear Missy,

Just what is the Mountain of Food? We live in Oklahoma; the mountains aren't anywhere near here!

Signed,

Worried church member

Dear Worried,

The Mountain of Food for Restore Hope Ministries begins growing **Sunday, October 14**. 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. If you prefer to choose the food your contribution purchases, those shopping lists will be inserted in the Sunday worship bulletins beginning this **Sunday, October 7**.



In their last available annual report, this Methodist ministry distributed 221,943 pounds of food to 4005 hungry families in the Tulsa area. 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 church members volunteer, including Dick and Kay Garwood and Suzanne Davis.

As Methodists, we can be very proud that Restore Hope once again earned a 4 Star rating from Charity Navigator, a major independent non-profit evaluator. Only 6 agencies in Tulsa and 13 in the entire state achieved this top ranking! A photo from New Haven's Mountain of Food is featured on Restore Hope's website!

Our annual Mountain is a way each of us can support this vital ministry. We will bless the Mountain on November 4.

In Mission,

Missy

**Mountain of Volunteers Needed!**

Deliveries begin **Thursday, October 11**. We need about 8 volunteers **every Thursday** at 9:30 for about half an hour to unload the food from a truck, move it into the sanctuary and stack it at the altar. The final delivery will be **Thursday, November 1**. Bring hand carts or dollies if you have any. Call Susan Harris at 918-830-3276 if you have questions.

## Plan for the Way Forward

Dear Oklahoma United Methodist Family,

As many of you know, we will soon be facing an important time in the life of our United Methodist Church. On February 22-24, 2019, a special called General Conference will be held in St. Louis, Mo. with the purpose of discerning the direction our church will go regarding the Human Sexuality questions we have debated over many years. We encourage every United Methodist in Oklahoma to be in prayer concerning this conference. We also have available a weekly devotion (written by Oklahoma leaders) that can supplement your prayer time. Use the following links to subscribe to that resource. Here's the link to sign up for the weekly devotions: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/28WeeksActsDevotions> and the link to the archived devotions: <http://okumc-email.brtapp.com/archivearea/329>.

We would also like to invite you to attend a presentation about the plans that are scheduled to be presented at the called General Conference. This discussion and presentation will have members of the Oklahoma delegation present as well as Bishop Nunn. This important gathering will be held on Friday, **Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at St Luke's UMC Christian Life Center (CLC) in Oklahoma City**. There will be no charge to attend, however if you plan on attending we need you to register so that we have adequate seating and handouts for all. Please use the following link to register your attendance for this meeting: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/OklahomaDiscussionon2019GeneralConference>

If you are not able to be present, we plan to live stream this important discussion in the life of our denomination. A link to the live stream will be provided on the conference website and sent by email to you as we get closer to the date.

We want to thank you for your prayers, concerns and continued commitment to our beloved church. As challenging as this discussion may be to some, it also offers us hope for a future that will best reflect our ongoing commitment to making disciples for the transformation of the world. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Linda Harker, Chair Oklahoma Delegation  
Rev. Joseph Harris, Assistant to Bishop Nunn  
Dr. Don Kim, Oklahoma Delegation

## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
2:45 pm **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor  
5:00 pm Invitation to Old Testament/  
Parsonage  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:00 pm Writers Group/161

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:30 pm Food Bank  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:30 pm **TRUSTEES**  
7:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 am Susanna Circle  
4:30 pm STAFF MEETING  
6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Yoga

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am Men's Breakfast/Brunch  
3:00 pm Respite Care

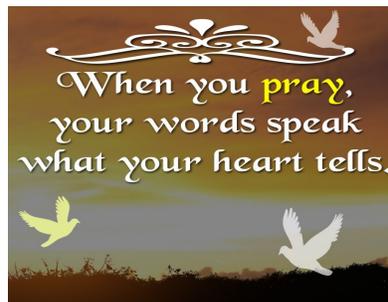
## October Birthdays

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
25. Sue Hunnicutt
26. Greg Gotcher  
Teresa Roberts



## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Joe Sanders      Janice Duffield  
Mary Lou Black   Timothy Hanson  
Jessica Nicholson   Nancy Gunter  
Steve Lassiter and the Family of  
Jan Clark



## New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Marti Lowery	Children Director
Carol Morgan	Office Clerical Asst.
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE



## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

**September 23, 2018**

### Worship Attendance

**8:45 am ~ 49**

**11:00 am ~ 79**

**Live Stream ~N/A**

**Total ~ 128**

### Sunday School:

**Adults ~ 58**

**Youth ~ 7**

**Children ~14**

## ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*Come join us at 9:45 am!*

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
"Defiant Joy"

**Parlor: Fellowship Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 209: New Friendship Class**  
"Religion & Violence"

**Room 103: Interlude Class**  
**New Study on the Psalms starts TODAY!! Join us!**

**Room 206: New Haven 206 Connection Group** "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 161: Roundtable Group is now studying "Knowing God"**

Please email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best.

Please email your article to [carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org](mailto:carol.morgan@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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