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*"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God's Love in Action"*

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Rev. James Graham

Happy All Hallows Eve!

I want to take a break from Jim Ozier's creating a culture of recommendation today, to share with you some information about an important event coming up. In February of 2019, our denominations is going to be holding a special session of the General Conference to consider issues of human sexuality, and

how we as a denomination will live out our mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ in the world. As these issues have proven incredibly divisive in our churches, the council of Bishops have asked us to be in prayer for each other and the General Conference as the Commission on the Way Forward seeks to guide us through these difficult discussions.

In response, I am asking us to set aside **Sunday morning, November 11th** for a time of prayer, information, and caring discussion of the plans that are being presented to the General Conference in February. On that Sunday we will ask that all members of New Haven join us at the 11 o'clock hour to pray and conference together. ***There will NOT be an 8:45 service that Sunday!*** Our clergy and lay leaders will guide us through the plans being offered and General Conference, and we will attempt to answer questions you might have. Please remember that there have been no changes made as of this time, and we are simply reflecting on the plans that are being proposed to General Conference. If you would like additional information you can go to <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward> on the internet.

As your pastor, I am praying for the unity of mission for the church. It is my prayer that God will provide our Bishops and the Commission on the Way Forward the wisdom to guide us as a denomination into the future together.

Grace and peace,

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 4TH

If you have lost a loved one this past year and would like for their name to be mentioned on All Saints Sunday, **please call the church office (918.743.6491) as soon as possible** and let us know the name of this person so we can include them on our list.

Special Thanks!

I want to thank all of you who have given me encouragement with my new medical device, a pacemaker.

When I was told I was to have this I was overwhelmed not knowing what that would mean for me. So many of you have given me strength and encouragement as you shared stories of your device or of someone you know. I had no idea that it is so common and that we can live a full life with it. I also appreciate so much all the thoughts and cards of encouragement. They have helped me to begin this new journey and I know I am not alone. God is so good and I am so grateful for all of you as you are walking with me with love and encouragement, truly a gift.

Blessings, Suzanne



The annual lay **Thanksgiving** Service will be **Sunday evening, November 18, at 6:30 pm** if you would like to share why you are thankful, read scripture, speak or poetry, please call Susan Harris at 918-830-

3276. Musicians are also welcome. This is an informal service and everyone is welcome.



Carnegie Elementary School Annual Book Sale

will be selling books on **Friday, November 30th**. The End of the Month Assembly is that same morning so if the New Haven Preschool children/families would like to come to purchase books that day we will be open. The assembly runs for about an hour so they could come between 7:20-9:15 or after 10:30-12:00.

There will also be an evening buying time too but it hasn't set it yet.

In Service Sunday





The Mountain of Food will be blessed this Sunday, November 4. **Our final delivery is Thursday, November 1, at 9:30 am and We'll need volunteers to help unload** the last of the food that morning. **We will need a lot of volunteers to help after the 11 am service to load up the food to go to Restore Hope.** All hands are welcome. If you didn't get a chance to contribute and still want to give, we will send a final check to Restore Hope on November 6, and last minute checks will be included in that payment. As of this morning, our total for this year's Mountain of Food is \$6537!! Thank you for your generosity with your gifts and your time.

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL



UPTEENAGERS ENJOYING THE GATHERING PLACE



Do you love to dance? Footprints Dancers are looking for more people interested in leading in worship through dance! We meet at **4:15 pm Sundays** in the Sanctuary. 3rd Graders and older (including adults) are welcome. Please join us on any Sunday or contact Deena Smith at 918.693.4828 if you are interested or if you have questions.

New Haven's Awesome Youth Mission at Tulsa Food Bank!



New Haven's Amazing Adults Mission at Tulsa Food Bank!



New Haven represented 32% of the volunteers who participated in sorting and repackaging potatoes. A total of 16,600 lbs. of potatoes were repacked in 10 pound bags. New Haven claims approximately 5,300 pounds of those potatoes (530 bags). Everyone worked very hard, but had a good time for a great cause.

Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:30 pm Dinner at the Day Center
6:00 pm Writers Group/161

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:30 pm Women's Grief Recovery Group
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal
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

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

November Birthdays

- 3 Carol Berry
- 4 Carolyn Welch
- 5 Linda Gregory
- 10 Mary Lou Black
Karyn Maio
Phil Roberts
- 15 Patricia Graf
- 19 Janice Duffield
- 21 Betty Fine
- 22 Max Nightingale
- 23 Jerry Fisher
- 25 Christine Riggan



PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Ann White
Janice Duffield
Mary Lou Black
Linda Joyce's sister Dana
Cyd Soderfelt Alon's 6 yr. old
grand nephew, liver cancer.
Zach Lorenzen, Alon's nephew,
kidney cancer.

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 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.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 21, 2018

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 59

11:00 am ~ 87

Live Stream ~ 17

Total ~ 163

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 54

Youth ~ 17

Children ~ 17

October 28, 2018

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 45

11:00 am ~ 107

Live Stream ~ 7

Total ~ 159

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 61

Youth ~ 17

Children ~ 18



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 Study on the Psalms 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"