



# THE SPIRE

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Rev. James Graham

## Happy New Year!

As I look forward to the new year, I am also reflecting on 2018 and the many joys we experienced! I continue to feel so very blessed to be your pastor! I want to take this opportunity to pause and say “Thank you!” You have all welcomed me and my family, and I am so very impressed with the way this congregation lives out it’s Christian witness! In the past year

I have observed some incredible acts of love, sacrifice, and service from members of the congregation. You have given of yourselves freely and generously! I appreciate the way you welcome and embrace new staff members, as well as the way you encourage those of us who are no longer new.

I am humbled by the thoughtful cards and little expressions of appreciation you have showered our staff with through the years. Whether it is a poinsettia waiting by our door at Christmas time, small gifts and cards at special times in our lives such as birthdays or anniversaries, you show how much you care for us!

Even more importantly, however, is the way I have observed you caring for each other and for new people who have entered the life of our church. When people are sick and mourning, I have witnessed the way you call each other, send cards, and express your love for each other. You encourage and support our senior members of the congregation, and you make our children and youth feel special. I watched this Sunday as a couple of first time visitors sat down in their pews, and you all made them feel so very welcome. You introduced yourselves to them, shook their hands, and encouraged them to come back. YOU have been the hands and feet of Christ in the church. I look forward to 2019 as we continue these things, and take that love out into the world!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James

## **CORRECTION:**

**The correct time for the Memorial Service for Matthew Ernisse is Thursday at 1:00 pm in the New Haven Sanctuary.**



### **Men's Breakfast Bunch**

**Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, all men are invited. Join the group on Saturday, January 12, 8:30 am in the Parlor.**

**Bring a breakfast/brunch item to share with the group, coffee will be provided.**

**We hope you can be there!!!**

### *Lily Lowery ~ Guest Presenter*

*at the January Roundtable Class*



Lily Lowery was the guest presenter at the January 6, 2019 Roundtable Connection Group gathering, and what a joy it was! She led in a discussion about angels, showed us great art work of angels, encouraged us to draw an angel and tell about our drawings and personal experiences, led us in the reading of Bible verses about angels, and helped us devour cookies and muffins! Roundtable loves being led by the children of the church!

# UMPTREENAGERS

In January, **UMPTREENAGERS** are going to shake things up a bit by meeting on **Wednesday, January 16th** (instead of our usual Tuesday outing.) We will be meeting with a group called "Chronologically Gifted" at Incredible Pizza, located at 8314 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** There is a sign-up sheet on the hall table is to let us know how many are going and if you will ride on the New Haven bus.

Besides pizza, there will be a variety of choices of things to eat. There will be a speaker but at this point, we don't know who the speaker will be. Plan to be on the bus by 10:15 am, we will leave promptly at 10:30 am and we should get back about 2:00 pm.



## THE BUS STOP MINISTRY IS BACK IN OPERATION!

This ministry allows neighborhood school kids to come out of the rain, snow, cold, hot or just wait off the street until the buses arrive to take them to school. They gather in the New Haven gym where they can visit or even work on homework.

We have about 15 kids and 2 adults who show up and participate on a daily basis, but **we need a few more volunteers.** Dwayne Boyd is my right hand man and we have some parents rotating to help out. The families have made financial donations too; they are really taking ownership in this ministry.

I appreciate the church for supporting this ministry. We are reaching kids who may not otherwise be involved in a church. Those who are in a church truly appreciate our willingness to open our hearts and doors to them.

If you are an early riser and you're looking for a way to minister to kids, I invite you to become a part of our **Bus Stop Mission Team.** For more information or to volunteer, please call me at 918.808.8492, I look forward to sharing more information with you.

Sharing the joy, Ms. Paula

## Mommy & Me Play Date

A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.  
Proverbs 27:9

**\*\*Starting February 7th\*\*** Moms of **0-3 year olds**, join us for a weekly "Mommy and Me play date"! Thursdays **at 10:00 am** in classroom 280 (Upstairs), accompany your little ones for an hour of fun! Us moms can get some much needed adult interaction while watching our kiddos play and socialize! Please contact Brittany Fox (New Haven UMC Nursery Director) with any questions at **[brit8519@yahoo.com](mailto:brit8519@yahoo.com)**. Hope to see you there!





# Christmas Cantata



## Children's Christmas Musical 2018 "How the Grinch Found Jesus!"





# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Last mission of 2018, preparing and serving dinner at the Salvation Army Day Center for the Homeless.

You're never too old or too young to help others!

Thanks to everyone at New Haven for another generous year of giving of your prayers, your time, your service, and your witness.



## Opportunities of the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

6:00 pm Writer's Group (161, 185)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Gym)

7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir

6:30 pm Trustees (Parlor)

7:00 pm ACOA (210)

7:00 pm Bell Choir

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

1:00 pm Memorial Service for  
Matthew Ernissee

4:30 pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)

6:00 pm Praise Band

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Parlor)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:45 am Contemporary Worship

9:45 am Connection Groups

11:00 am Traditional Worship

4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal

4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor

5:00 pm Invitation to the Old Testament

5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

## 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

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## January Birthdays

- 3 Dale Edmond
- 4 Tiffany Sherwin
- Bob Walker
- 8 Megan Hackleman
- 10 Kay Garwood
- 11 Ron Unterschuetz
- 12 Helen Russell
- Rose Unterschuetz
- 13 Greg Feyerabend
- Rachel Pape
- David Toalson
- 14 Sallyanne Wallace
- 16 Joan Beebe
- Sarah Duiveman
- 19 Stephen Merrick
- 20 Derek Lamkin
- 21 Dwayne Boyd
- 23 Pastor James Graham
- 28 Bryce Percival
- Julian Smith
- 29 Mike Riggin



## ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

**Come join us at 9:45 am!**  
**Check out one or all of our**  
**Connection Groups and see**  
**where you which you would**  
**like to join!**

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
**Parlor: Fellowship Class**  
**Room 209: New Friendship Class**  
**Room 103: Interlude Class**  
**Room 206: New Haven 206**  
**Room 161: Roundtable**

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

**December 16, 2018**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 78

11:00 am ~ 99

Live Stream ~ 18

Total ~

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 64

Youth ~ 11

Children ~ 23

**December 23, 2018**

### Worship Attendance

11:00 am ~ 150

Live Stream ~ 18

Total ~ 168

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 32

Youth ~ 16

Children ~ 14

**December 30, 2018**

### Worship Attendance

11:00 am ~ 104

Sunday School

Adults ~ 43

### January 6, 2019

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 43

11:00 am ~ 104

Live Stream ~ 16

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 68

Youth ~ 18

Children ~ 15

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Janice Duffield

Mary Lou Black

Linda Joyce's sister Dana

Jerry Fisher's mother Dorothy

Sheila Ernissee on the death of  
her son Matthew

Toalson family on the death of  
Carolyn's mother, and David's  
mother

Dodie Wood

Susan Savage's brother Mark

