



Rev. James Graham

William White tells the following story:

*“ There were once two brothers who farmed together. They shared equally in all of the work and split the profits exactly. Each had his own granary. One of the brothers was married and had a large family; the other brother was single.*

*One day the single brother thought to himself, “It is not fair that we divide the grain evenly. My brother has many mouths to*

*feed, while I have but one. I know what I’ll do, I will take a sack of grain from my granary each evening and put it in my brother’s granary.” So, each night when it was dark, he carefully carried a sack of grain, placing it in his brother’s barn.*

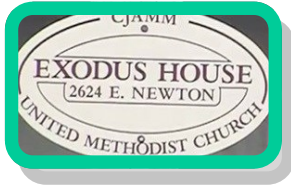
*Now the married brother thought to himself, “It is not fair that we divide the grain evenly. I have many children to care for me in my old age, and my brother has none. I know what I’ll do, I will take a sack of grain from my granary each evening and put it in my brother’s granary.” And he did.*

*Each morning the two brothers were amazed to discover that though they had removed a sack of grain the night before, they had just as many. One night the two brothers met each other halfway between their barns, each carrying a sack of grain. Then they understood the mystery. And they embraced, and loved each other deeply. There is a legend that says God looked down from heaven, saw the two brothers embracing and said, “I declare this to be a holy place, for I have witnessed extraordinary love here.” It is also said that it was on that spot that Solomon built the first temple.*

As I reflect on this story, I realize that the nation and the church are both deeply divided on political and theological issues. I also realize that we are all God’s children and therefore, brothers and sisters. My prayer is that we might possess this same kind of love and move beyond our differences. It is my prayer that we will be more concerned for our brother or sister’s welfare than we are for our own. It is my prayer that we all discover this extraordinary love.

Grace and peace,

Pastor James



Our Exodus House resident does not have a car and would like volunteers to pick her up for church on Sundays. If we have 4 or 5 volunteers then it would be just once a month. The address of Exodus House is 2624 S. Newton. Please call Jan Boyd 918.691.1622 to volunteer.

# Mission Moment

If you were in church yesterday you heard all about New Haven's fantastic ministry program from Dee Kemp during a Mission Moment. For anyone who couldn't be in church here is a summary of our mission projects. These projects can only be fulfilled if we have enough volunteers, we don't ever want to say "NO" because not enough volunteers signed up.

**You are the Mission Team** that last year supported - - -

- **Project Transformation** summer reading program touched the lives of 177 children and interns.
- You built a huge mountain of food which along with your donations fed 808 individuals through **Restore Hope**.
- You supported **Exodus House** which gave Billy a jump start on his new life and allowed the latest resident to establish her home there.
- New Haven served food to 380 homeless people at the **Day Center**.
- Packaged food at the **Community Food Bank** to meet the needs of 530 hungry people.
- We had three separate **In-Service Sundays** in 2018. Each of these events put together items to meet the unique needs of UMCOR, DVIS and teachers at Carnegie and our own Day School.
- A **Hospitality Team** was formed to "meet and greet" people, highlights our interest in having visitors and members return to New Haven.
- Our **Bus Stop Ministry** jump starts the day for 15 children five days a week.
- One Saturday a month children with special needs come to **New Haven's Respite Care** to meet other children and give their parents a little break.
- We celebrated Birthday parties at **Murdock Villa**, sometimes with special music.
- We provided underwear to almost 150 people during **Undie Sunday**.
- Gave gifts to over 50 children by selecting their names from the **Christmas Angel Tree**.

**Operation School Bell** volunteers helped children pick out school clothes. Some of these children received their very first "new coat" or new pair of shoes.

New Haven's Mission Team has reached SO many people, not just last year, but for many years. Keep up the good work New Haven! There are sign-up sheets on the hall table that give you the opportunity to sign up for some specific programs. You will *NEVER* be sorry you volunteered!

Thank you, Dee Kemp, Chair, Missions Team

# General Conference

If you are interested in watching the United Methodist General Conference it will be available on LiveStream on your computer or smart phone this Saturday, February 23 through Tuesday, February 26. It can be accessed on the New Haven website. Or copy and paste this link or click on the link I will put in the email that comes with this Spire.

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2019-live-video-stream-english>

## Great Cookie Exchange a Colossal Success!!



Please see information below regarding the upcoming Leadership Training Sunday, March 31. Please call the Church office to let us know you are planning on attending. New Haven will cover any fees.



Oklahoma Conference  
of The United Methodist Church

## COUNCIL OAK DISTRICT IS OFFERING LEADERSHIP TRAINING!\*

Board of Trustees  
Duties and Responsibilities

Staff/Parish/Relations  
Committee

**MAKE NOTE!!**

**LOCAL CHURCH TRAINING FOR:**  
Board of Trustees  
Staff/Parish/Relations Committee  
Committee on Finance  
Lay Leadership

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Heritage UMC, Broken Arrow

5300 E. Kenosha St, Broken Arrow, OK. 74014

Lay Leadership  
Best Practices

Committee on  
Finance

\* Reservations not required. Send *all* who are interested to this informational time of training.



## WHAT HAVE YOU LOST?

If you have lost something, don't give up before checking the New Haven Lost & Found Bin in the church office. We have accumulated all kinds of items: Tennis shoes, keys, jewelry (must identify), cups, bottles, clothing, books and more!

**Any items not claimed by March 15  
all items will be donated to a local charity.**



## Congratulations

## Jocelyn Schifferdecker!

New Haven is proud to announce that Jocelyn Schifferdecker has been awarded the prestigious Bishop's Scholarship at Oklahoma City University! Jocelyn will start her freshman year this coming fall.

## Do you miss coming to church?

### Live Stream New Haven Services!

Are there some Sundays you unable to come to church? Maybe you're not feeling well, your child or children are sick, or perhaps the weather is too bad to drive, you might be out of town, or there might be a sermon you would like to hear again . . . If you have a computer or a smart phone you can watch the services online.

Go to: [newhavenumc.org](http://newhavenumc.org), you will see "Welcome," at the bottom of the message you will see "live streaming" followed by "available [here](#)" if you click on the word "[here](#)" it will take you to a page where you can select the service you would like to see. That's all there is to it!

**A donation has been  
made to the  
Bus Stop Ministry**

**In Honor of  
Donita Gray's  
Birthday**

**With Love from  
Ryder Lewis**

## Opportunities of the Week

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:00 pm Writer's Group (161, 185)  
6:00 pm **Mission Goals Meeting (Parlor)**

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Gym)  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
7:00 pm ACOA (210)  
7:00 pm Bell Choir

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 am **Grief Recovery Group (Parlor)**  
10:00 am **Mommy & Me Playgroup (280)**  
6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm YOGA (Parlor)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 am **MEN'S BREAKFAST/BRUNCH**  
3:00 PM **RESPIRE CARE**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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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## February Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Coleman
- 2 Marjorie Depoe  
Will Scruggs  
JJ Sartain
- 4 William Carthel
- 6 Regina LaGrone  
Steve Lassiter
- 9 Robin Stevens
- 10 Shirley Nelson
- 15 Marianne Duiveman
- 16 Donita Gray  
Jocelyn Schifferdecker
- 17 Kegan Schifferdecker
- 21 Nancy Graham
- 23 Mary Ann Tyler  
Dorothy Haynes  
Ginny Lamkin  
Stella Schwartz
- 24 Jean Smith
- 27 Mary Ann Cunningham



## 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

**February 10, 2019**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 41  
11:00 am ~ 93  
**Total ~ 134**

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 30  
Youth ~ 18  
Children ~ 23

**Live Stream ~ 17**

**February 17, 2019**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 47  
11:00 am ~ 89  
**Total ~ 136**

### Sunday School

Children ~ 12

**Live Stream ~ 28**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Mary Lou Black  
Joe Sanders  
Janice & Guy Duffield  
Jessica Nicholson  
Helen Russell  
Jan Boyd  
Dot Haynes  
Dodie Wood  
Barbara Coleman  
Barbara Troutner  
Alon Soderfelt's nephew Syd  
Jean Roberts' son-in-law, Joe Showalter  
Derek Lamkin  
Savage/Denny families on the death of Mark Denny  
Lana Gotcher's Aunt Judy

