



THE SPIRE

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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

Dear friends,

Sunday morning seventy-nine members of New Haven UMC gathered in the sanctuary, both in person and by livestream, to engage in conversation about what the recent decisions of the General Conference in St. Louis means to us. We still await the rulings from the Judicial Council to decide what legislation meets the test of constitutionality. We also must wait to see how these

changes actually affect the function of our church institutions, and what new options might become available in response to that.

On a real practical level, the decisions of General Conference won't affect us on the average Sunday morning. On a deeper level, these changes do affect us, because we are part of the connection that is United Methodism, and these changes affect the body of Christ. After this past Sunday, I was encouraged for many reasons. First, on a Sunday with ice and snow on the ground, we still had a dedicated group of people who showed up to engage in conversation. Secondly, I was encouraged that even though some people were cautious about the weather and did not attend in person, they made an extra effort to attend by Livestream. I heard feedback from many of you who “watched from home” and I really appreciate your comments. Third, and finally, I am encouraged because you talked with one another with love and care. You did not shy away from expressing your feelings and thoughts, and we all listened carefully to what each of you had to say.

When asked what was the most important commandment in the Torah, Jesus responded, “Love the Lord your God with all your mind, all your soul, all your heart, and with all your strength. And the second, he said, “love your neighbor as yourself.” I feel so blessed to be part of a church family who lives out this commandment, and whatever comes from the General Conference, I am encouraged by you. You made it quite clear to me that you are committed to loving your neighbor as yourself. We will continue to make Disciples for Jesus Christ by being God’s love in action!

Grace and peace,





Join us as we begin the 40 days of Lent with
Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm

MESSAGE "For the Love of God" Danny Hall

Childcare will be available.



The **Day School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)** is again selling plants for a fundraiser. The money from the plant sale will go towards the turf project on the church grounds. **The sale will continue until April 8th** with delivery on April 18th to the church. These are beautiful plants from a local nursery. **Order forms are on the table outside the sanctuary.** Thank you for your support of the Day School.



The **Day School** puts covers on the electrical outlets in the gym but they keep disappearing. This is a safety issue for our little kids. Please remember to replace outlet covers and if you move furniture or other things to please put them back. We love sharing the spaces but we need to respect the spaces we share.

the
**Addams
Family**
Musical

This is your chance to see New Haven's own **Jocelyn Schifferdecker** perform as Morticia in her last high school musical. Shows are **March 7 and 8 at 7 pm or March 9 at 2:30** at **Edison High School, 2906 E 41st St.** Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$5 for students with ID and \$10 for everyone

Saturday, April 20

10:00~11:00 AM

Crafts, Games

Easter Egg Hunt!

EGGstravaganza

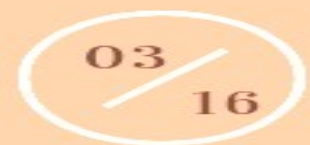
To help make this an event kids will look forward to every year we are asking for donations of plastic Easter Eggs and small wrapped candy to put in the Easter Eggs. There will be a box in the lobby starting next **Sunday, March 10** for your donations.

WILD ONION DINNER

1901 n. college tulsa ok
TULSA INDIAN UNITED
METHODIST

WILD ONIONS HAM
FRIED CHICKEN HOMINY
AND PORK BEANS
FRYBREAD SALT PORK
GRAPE DUMPLINGS

11:00 AM till the
onions are gone.



\$10.00 all you
can eat



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 31st, 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.

UMPTENAGERS



Join us on **Tuesday, March 19** as we travel down Route 66 to Miami to tour the historic **Coleman Theatre** which is a restored 1929 vaudeville movie theater. Crystal chandeliers, mahogany staircases, stained glass panels and original Wurlitzer pipe organ are some of the highlights of our tour.

Plan to leave New Haven parking lot at 10:00 am and will have lunch at Stonehill Grill in Miami at 11:30 am. Space on the bus is limited so it is important to have an accurate head count. **Sign up sheet will be on the hall table starting Sunday, March 10.** If you sign up and can't make the trip please call Shirley Nelson 918.615.6247 and let her know as we may have someone on the waiting list.

Our tour of the beautiful theatre is scheduled for 1:00 pm and we plan to be back home by 4:00 pm. Your only expense will be your lunch.



Umptenagers will continue their travels as they plan to visit the **Tallgrass Prairie Preserve & Mercantile in Pawhuska, OK. on Tuesday, April 16th.** Mark your calendars for this adventure.



PLEASE NOTE:

**** Since the Umptenagers' calendar is already set, they will not be visiting the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art this year. It can be put on next year's calendar. Please come to the planning meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 20th meeting in the Parlor.**

Last Chance to retrieve your lost items!



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.**

Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6:00 pm Blue Grass Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:00 pm Day School Council (161)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm ACOA (210)



THURSDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 am Mommy & Me Playdate (280)
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

World Day of Prayer ~ Peace
7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Men's Breakfast/Brunch (Parlor)

SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts
4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

School Days

6:45 am Bus Stop Ministry
3:00 pm After School Care

March Birthdays

- 3 Max LaGrone
- 9 Roland Friesen
Harold Stockstill
- 16 Steve Amos
Joyce Orr
Alon Soderfelt
- 18 Haley Merrick
- 21 Karen Jones
- 22 Kyler Smith
- 23 Craig Hannon
- 24 Janice Hannon
- 25 Steve Smith
- 26 Peter Havlik
Adessa Stephenson
Laurel Duncan
- 30 Michal Ivers



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 3, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 42
11:00 am ~ 103
Total ~ 145

Sunday School

Adults ~
Youth ~
Children ~

Live Stream ~

, March 3, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 39
11:00 am ~ 41
Total ~ 80

Sunday School

Children ~

Live Stream ~

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Mary Lou Black
Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Helen Russell
Dot Haynes
Dodie Wood
Barbara Coleman
Barbara Troutner
Alon Soderfelt's nephew Syd
Jean Roberts' son-in-law, Joe Showalter
Derek Lamkin

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