



THE SPIRE

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Rev. James Graham

Easter is Coming!

Thank you to everyone who turned out and helped on our work day recently. Even though the weather was kind of rainy and gloomy, we got a tremendous amount of work done. Easter is just around the corner, and we all worked hard cleaning and repairing things in order to help

us make a good impression with our Easter visitors. Last Tuesday, we also got the new awning installed on the south side of our building! It looks fresh and clean and cheerful!

As we continue our journey through lent, I hope you will all put the holy week services on your calendar. We will be having a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. on April 18th. You won't want to miss our Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 19th at 7 p.m. either! Come out and join the children at our Easter EGGstravaganza on May 20th at 10 a.m. We are praying for warm sunny weather to maximize our fun! Finally, on Easter Sunday we will have three services offered. The sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. will be led by Danny Hall. Finally we will have services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. featuring special music by our wonderful New Haven musicians. Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast between the 8:45 and 11 a.m. Easter Services. I am looking forward to celebrating the resurrection with each of you! Bring a friend, neighbor, or family and join us as we celebrate the most important day of the Christian year!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James



Corner

Mission



This Sunday, April 7 2 Exciting Events!

Dear Missy,

When is the next In-Service Sunday and how can I get involved?

Signed, Ready for Service

Dear Ready,

Periodically, the entire New Haven congregation is involved in "doing worship" through hands-on projects. We will end our regular worship services early on April 7 so that everyone has an opportunity to get up out of the pews and "do" worship by participating in this service project for the staff of Carnegie Elementary (our partner in education school).

Our congregation will be packing gift bags for the staff. The bags will have a flavored water drink, a candy bar, a protein bar, fruit, some individually wrapped candies, and a box of Girl Scout cookies. Your tithes and offerings help to support this outreach project. Thank you!

Blessings, Missy



Experience It!

Come and



Crosses of Love

EVERYONE IS INVITED

**"Crosses of Love" stained glass workshop
Sunday April 7th 3-5 in the Gym**



Anyone not familiar with the Crosses of Love, it is a Dutch tradition adapted by New Haven about 32 years ago.

On Palm Sunday most families in the Netherlands gather together in parks to make wooden crosses of different sizes 2 to 3 feet, after putting them together they are decorated with ribbons and some special Easter candy, fruit and a rooster baked of bread on top, reminding us of Peter the disciple who denied Jesus. The purpose of the Cross of Love is to share Jesus who died on the Cross for us.

After we are finished decorating the Crosses, we will share them with New Haven's homebound members, people in Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Children's Homes and those in need of loving care. The more we make the more we can share.

New Haven, over all the years, has shared this tradition with over 8000 different people in different missions, church ministries, and community outreach in Tulsa and State wide.

This year we would like you to assist us by making small "Crosses of Love," made out of stained glass, led by Dick Garwood and Regina LaGrone. We will share the Crosses with our homebound, members that are in Hospitals, Exodus House residents and community outreach ministries to be determined.

Sign up for the workshop has started and will last to April 7th, So please stop at the outreach table if you would like to participate in this ministry. No special talent needed.

Looking forward to serving with you,

Mission Committee



HOLY WEEK

April 14
Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation
8:45 am & 11:00 am

April 18
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm*
With Communion

April 19
Good Friday Service 7:00 pm*

April 20
EGGSTRAVAGANZA 10:00 - 11:00 am

April 21
Easter Sunday Worship
6:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am
9:45 am Fellowship Breakfast ~ Gym

April 28
Holy Humor Sunday
Worship 8:45 & 11:00 am
"UNDIE SUNDAY"

***If you are interested in child care on April 18 or 19
please call the church office.**



SANCTUARY Seat Cushion Cleaning

Join us **Monday, April 8, at 10 am** in the sanctuary if you'd like to finish what we started on the All Church Work Day. Bring your spray carpet cleaner/spot cleaner, rags and small buckets. Or just come and we'll share. We also want to see if we can successfully mend the small tears, so needles and red thread will be useful. We're not sure if we can do this but we're going to try.

Lay Servant Ministries Training – Spring 2019

Effective leadership, from both laity and clergy is a key factor in the vitality of our churches.

Lay Servant Ministries program provides training opportunities and experiences for us, the laity of the United Methodist church, to realize and respond to our personal call to ministry. Since each one of us, is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts, Lay Servant Ministries strives to help us become aware of our particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

In the United Methodist Church, you receive 10 hours of training to become a "Local Church Lay Servant" and be recognized as having abilities and skills for ministries in your local church. After having taken the basic course, you will need to take a refresher course every three years to maintain your status or take an advanced course to become a "Certified Lay Servant". A "Certified Lay Servant," is a Local Church Lay Servant who wishes to go beyond his or her local church in ministry. To become a "Certified Lay Servant" you will need to take the ten-hour advanced Lay Servant Course. And again, you will need to take a refresher course every three years.

When: April 5th and 6th ~ Friday: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm ~ Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Lunch provided)

Where: Aldersgate UMC, 3720 South 90th East Avenue, Tulsa, OK

What: Basic and Advance Courses offered

Basic Course: "Lay Servant Ministries" Basic Course Participant's Book by Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson
Instructor: Rev. Becky Pierson

Advanced Course: "From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon" by Tony Franks & David Carroll
Instructor: Rev. Josue Araujo

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS TO BE CERTIFIED IF SEEKING TO BECOME A CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT

Cost for Either Course: \$10.00 + you purchase your textbook

Participants are responsible for purchasing & reading their own text prior to the course. (Purchase books at cokesbury.com, bookstore.upperroom.org, www.amazon.com, Kindle Books, etc.)

Registration for Lay Servant Training, Council Oak District ~ April 5th & 6th

Registration Must Be Postmarked by **April 1st, 2019**

Basic Course or Advanced Course (check one) *Registration includes snacks, drinks and lunch on Saturday.*

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Church: _____

Signature of Pastor or SPRC Chair: _____

Make Payment to Council Oak District

Please enclose check or money order or make arrangements through your church.
Do not send cash.

Contact Person: Stacie Turner, District Administrator

Phone: (918) 742-7496

Mail, E-mail or Fax Registration Form to:

Council Oak District Office
6767 S. Mingo Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74133

Email: counciloakdistrict@okumc.org

Fax: (918) 742-7866



To help make this an event kids will look forward to every year we are asking for donations of small wrapped candy (**NO NUTS PLEASE**) to put in the Easter Eggs. There will be a box in the lobby for your donations. Thanks to your donations we have enough plastic eggs, we only need more candy!

If you would like to help with the Crafts, Games or Easter Egg Hunt there is a sign up sheet on the hall table.

This year we are having our EGGstravaganza on a Saturday in order to reach out to our neighbors in the community to share the joy of Easter.

Children should bring a basket for their eggs. There will also be a special guest!



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.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



If you would like to order one or more lilies to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter morning, please fill out the form below and bring it to the church office along with your payment. Be sure to write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check. The lilies are **\$10.00 each**. **All orders must be turned in by Sunday, April 14th**. The lilies are yours to take home

after the 11:00 am service.

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF LILIES I WISH TO ORDER _____

CHECK # AND AMOUNT: _____

1. IN MEMORY OF: _____

2. IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

1. IN HONOR OF: _____

2. IN HONOR OF: _____

The Men's Breakfast Bunch!

Men's Breakfast Bunch meets at **8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month, in the Parlor**. No need to sign up just bring a breakfast item to share and join in the camaraderie!



SAVE THE DATE ~ MAY 16 NOON BIRTHDAY PARTY AT MURDOCK VILLA

New Haven Missions will sponsor a grand time at our 10th anniversary May party at Tulsa Housing Authority's residence for disabled adults! Look for further announcements in the SPIRE, Bulletin and sign up on the Missions Table.



UMPTENAGERS

Umpteenagers will visit the **Tallgrass Prairie Preserve** ("where the buffalo (bison) roam and the deer and the antelope play" & **The Mercantile Store in Pawhuska, OK. on Tuesday, April 16th. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 am.** Mark your calendars for this adventure. Sign-up sheet will be on the hall table on Sunday.



UMPTENAGERS annual trip to Branson, Missouri will be in September this year!

Save the dates: September 18, 2019 (Wed) - September 20 (Fri)

Three Fabulous Shows!

Watch the SPIRE for more information as the date gets closer or contact Carolyn Toalson dcktoalson@cox.net. to reserve your seat early!



UMPTENAGERS
March visit to the historic
Coleman Theater

Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 pm Edison 2019 Parents Mtg. -Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 am Mommy & Me Playdate (280)

5:00 pm Staff Meeting - Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

IN-SERVICE SUNDAY

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
3:00 pm Crosses of Love Workshop-Gym
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

April Birthdays

8 Doris Foster
9 Dan Wallace
16 Denny Beebe
21 Adriaan Duiveman
Mel Remondet
22 Patrick Grafton
25 Eileen Walker
26 Bailey Sartain
28 Betty Barton



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 24, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 43
11:00 am ~ 107
Total ~ 152

Sunday School

Adults ~ 49
Youth ~ 8
Children ~
Livestream ~ 31

March 31, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 52
11:00 am ~ 83
Total ~ 135

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Mary Lou Black
Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Helen Russell
Sandy Nicholson
Dot Haynes
Don Gregory
Dodie Wood
Derek Lamkin
Quitman McCrory
Joyce Orr's daughter & Bonnie
Rainbow's sister
Pastor Ken Tobler



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

Visit our website at www.newhavenumc.org or
New Haven United Methodist Church on FaceBook
Worship with us at:
www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa.



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Please email articles for the Spire no later than Sunday evenings to: carol.morgan@newhavenumc.org. We will make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.