



# 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

## Holy Week

Good morning! As we enter into Holy Week (the week before Easter) I want to reflect on what it means to celebrate Holy Week. "Holy" means set aside, or reserved for a special purpose. When we declare this week Holy, we are saying that it is set aside for a special

purpose! As you enter into this Holy Week, I hope you will consider setting aside time this week for several things. The first is prayer. Jesus set aside time for prayer and we read about it in scripture. He frequently went off by himself to pray, and on that fateful night in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took time to pray. He knew the end was at hand, and he was greatly distressed, so he went to the Lord in prayer. He prayed that God would take his suffering away from him, "and yet, not my will, Lord, but yours." His prayer reminds us that sometime our will and the plans of our heavenly father are not always in sync, and sometimes we need to acknowledge and trust in God's plan. Second, I invite you to set aside time to participate in the narrative of Christ's passion. Read about it in the Bible. Attend our Maundy Thursday service to experience the Last Supper. Participate in our Good Friday Tenebrae and enter into the solemn events of Jesus' last hours before his crucifixion. Finally, attend at least one of our Easter Sunday services. The Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. promises to be special as they are predicting good weather and we can be outside! We will of course have services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. I hope you experience the Holy presence of God's spirit this week!

Grace and peace,





# H O L Y W E E K



MAUNDY  
*thursday*

Journey with us for the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. We begin on **Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm** for a very meaningful service, with Communion.

GOOD  
FRIDAY



**Friday** the journey continues on the day we call "**Good Friday**" with a moving Tenebrae service **at 7:00 pm**. The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness."

Why is it called "Good" Friday? Because it is the day Christ showed His great love for us all, and purchased for us every blessing. That terrible day had to happen for us to receive the **JOY of Easter!**



**Sunday, April 21 we will Celebrate our risen Christ with three services.**

**6:30 am Sunrise Service**

**8:45 am Contemporary Service**

**11:00 am Traditional Worship Service.**

**There will be an Easter Breakfast/Brunch in the Gym following the 8:45 am service. Please bring a dish and invite a visitor to join us.**



# Crosses of Love



## Special Thanks!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who came out to create and support the Crosses of Love project. Together we created enough crosses that we will be able to give crosses to members of our New Haven family who are homebound, Exodus House, and Ronald McDonald House.

**A Very Special THANKS to Dick Garwood and Regina Lagrone** for their expertise with this exciting project.

## *Palm Sunday* Celebrated with Palms and Confirmation



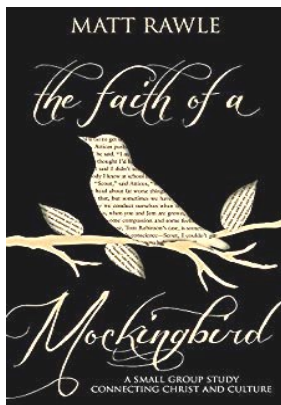


***This coming Saturday, April 20 will be the EGG-citing, Easter EGG-stravaganza!***

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

There will be games and crafts the Easter egg hunt and even a very special guest!

**Children should bring a basket for their eggs.**



## New Class Coming Soon!

*"The Faith of a Mockingbird"*

*View the film May 5, 5:00-7:00 PM*

*May 12- June 2 5:00 - 6:30 PM*

Come join us for an interesting study of "The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle, a United Methodist Minister. It takes us on a tour of Harper Lee's classic novel. We will look at what happened in the story as it brings us thoughts of what it means to live out a hopeful faith in a broken world. Everything and everyone in our world contains a spark of the divine. We are all sacred, as we walk with Christ we discover the Divine in us and all around us.

Suzanne Davis will lead this class that will meet for 4 Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the parlor May 12 through June 2. The book for the study will be available. Prior to the class starting, if you would like to see the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" starring Gregory Peck we will do so Sunday May 5, at 5:00. It is a 2 hour movie. Come and join us.

Sign up and order your book at the hall table or call the church office.

## *Easter Fellowship Breakfast*

Come and Celebrate Easter on Sunday with a breakfast/brunch that will be held between services! Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with church family and friends.

Easter is always a time when we have many visitors, please invite any visitors you see to join us for the brunch.

## **UMPTENAGERS**



**Tomorrow Tuesday, April 16! If you are going to the Tallgrass Prairie and the Mercantile in Pawhuska on Tuesday the bus will leave the church promptly at 9:00 am.** We will tour the Tallgrass Prairie then go to Pawhuska for lunch and shopping at the Mercantile!



On **May 21 the UMPTENAGERS will visit the Clear Creek Abbey in Hulbert, Oklahoma.** Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey is a Benedictine community belonging to the Solesmes Congregation. It was founded in 1999 from the Abbey of Our Lady of Fontgombault in France and is located in the diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Having been erected as a simple priory in 2000, Clear Creek became an abbey in 2010. The community currently counts 50 monks.



**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](mailto:dcktoalson@cox.net) to reserve your seat early!

## Opportunities of the Week

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 am Mommy & Me Playdate  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 pm Good Friday Service  
7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 am EGG-STRAVAGANZA

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21



6:30 am Sunrise Service  
8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Easter Fellowship Breakfast  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor

#### 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



## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

**April 7, 2019**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 50  
11:00 am ~ 90  
Total ~ 140

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 59  
Youth ~ 12  
Children ~ 19  
Livestream ~ 17

**April 14, 2019**

### Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~  
11:00 am ~  
Total ~

### Sunday School

Adults ~ 45  
Youth ~ 20  
Children ~ 18

### 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. . .

Nancy Graham  
Barbie Barnard  
Tom & Mary Lou Black  
Joe Sanders  
Janice & Guy Duffield  
Jessica Nicholson  
Helen Russell  
Sandy Nicholson  
Dot Haynes  
Don Gregory  
Linda Gregory's grandson Kyle  
Dodie Wood  
Quitman McCrory  
Pastor Ken Tobler  
Betty Barton's family



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[www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa](http://www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa).



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