



THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Rev. James Graham

Embracing Our Differences

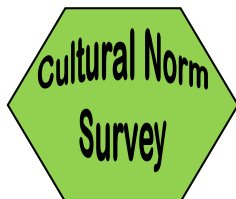
Thank you! For what you may ask? Thank you for your participation and honesty in our recent survey efforts. I was very pleased with the level of participation in the recent “Dream Like Jesus” survey and the previous “Cultural Norm Survey.” I have included the full results

from the “Cultural Norm Survey” in this newsletter. I was also excited by the results from the “Dream Like Jesus” survey. As a congregation, we scored a 12/18 on that survey. This is an excellent score and shows that we, as a congregation, are open to God’s call on our lives and willing to take a little risk in exploring new ways to live out our call to have “Open Hearts, Open Doors, and Open Minds.” It is clear that you are ready to be the people who show God’s love in action. As we seek to live out our calling for Christ, I am very hopeful and optimistic that we can grow and serve our community in new and exciting ways. During the year to come, our leadership team will be working to chart a course for us into the future and set some big goals and objectives to guide us in our disciple making.

As we move forward, we will undoubtedly face changes. I know that change isn’t easy. I also know that change can be kind of scary. As we engage in dreaming of new ways we can be God’s love in action, I will do my best to share with you our hopes, dreams, and plans as we realize that future. I will also be here to listen and pray with you as we face challenges together. It is my dream that we can join together, hand-in-hand, and create those new opportunities to serve our neighbors.

In His Service,

Pastor James



Cultural Norm Survey

Questions

When considering the denomination's position on human sexuality with regards to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Inquiring, and Androgenous (LGBTQIA) persons, circle the statement which best reflects your own personal opinion:

A. I believe that all persons regardless of their sexual identity should be fully welcomed and participate at New Haven UMC.	70	74%
B. I believe that all persons regardless of their sexual identity should be fully welcomed and participate at New Haven UMC, even though I may feel uncomfortable.	14	15%
C. I believe that LGBTQIA persons should be limited in their full participation in New Haven UMC.	8	8%
D. I am firmly against the participation of LGBTQIA persons in the church.	2	2%

When considering the denomination's position on the definition of marriage and the prohibition against same sex marriages within the church, circle the statement which best reflects your own personal opinion:

A. I believe that all persons regardless of sexual identity should be able to celebrate the covenant of marriage within the context of their local church.	64	67%
B. I believe that all persons regardless of sexual identity should be able to have access to a civil union, but not necessarily a celebration of the marriage covenant within their local church.	21	22%
C. I believe that same sex marriages should not be permitted.	9	9%

If the denomination's prohibition on the ordination of LGBTQIA clergy did not exist and you were free to choose anyone to be your pastor, circle the statement which best reflects your own personal opinion:

A. I would welcome as my pastor any ordained United Methodist clergy person regardless of sexual identity.	64	67%
B. I would welcome as my pastor any heterosexual ordained United Methodist clergy, either male or female.	26	27%
C. I would welcome as my pastor only heterosexual male ordained United Methodist clergy.	3	3%

If the majority of my church family has opinions that differ from my own on the issues above I would:

A. Pray for personal discernment and guidance from the Holy Spirit to be a loving witness to them while continuing to serve in the body of Christ.	65	68%
B. Seek out opportunities for continued learning and personal growth.	24	25%
C. Start "church shopping" hoping to find a church that is a better fit.	20	21%
D. Unsure	3	3%

Answers

Corner

Mission

Dear Donald,

I know New Haven UMC collected underwear for Project Elf the last couple weeks. What are the results?

Signed,
Wanna Undie-Stand



Dear Undie-Stand,

The results are in! Drum roll please...

We collected 243 pieces of underwear for Project Elf this year. That means we helped approximately 81 children and young adults assuming each would get a 3-pack of underwear. The Radical Disciples (3rd – 5th grade) were excited to have such a generous response to our collection efforts.

Thank you to all that participated in these efforts.

Blessings,
Donald Duck



Want to make a difference in the world?

New Haven UMC is organizing a mission trip to the UMCOR Sager Brown facility in Baldwin, LA next year. Sager Brown is a leader in serving those who are hungry, displaced, sick, or in poverty because of natural or human-made disasters. If you would like to learn more about being a part of this mission team, **please join us for a brief informational meeting on June 9th in the parlor at 12:15 p.m. after the second worship service. The mission trip is open to both adults and youth, so please plan to join us.**

**Save these dates for
Project Transformation!
July 22 & July 24**

More information will be available as the date gets closer. Watch the Sunday announcements and upcoming issues of the Spire.

Come and

Experience It!

Murdock Villa Celebration!



The T-Town Ukes were a huge success at the May Murdock Villa Birthday Celebration. Their "50s" music made the 1950 themed event a great success. The music, the terrific food donated by NHUMC Missions (cooked by Adriaan & Marianne), the decorations & party favors (made by Let's Get Crafty), Pink Cadillac photo booth prop donated by Rose Unterschuetz, photos by Susan Leach and all the volunteers who made our tenth year the best one yet!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult . . . God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

God is with us.

Psalm 46

OKLAHOMA RAIN GAUGE Now on sale



Unable to join us at 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: www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa

Or go to: 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!

UMPTREENAGERS



On **Wednesday, June 19** the **UMPTREENAGERS** will travel by New Haven's bus to visit **Crystal Bridges and Art Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas**. If you would like to go on this day trip, save the date on your calendar and watch for more information in the SPIRE and the Sunday announcements.



Please Note VBS Dates Monday, July 15 - Thursday, July 18

Mark your calendar

VBS July 15 ~ 18

Volunteers Needed!
Adults & Kids Entering
6th Grade and Up
Sign-up as Helpers!

Ages
4 Years through
Entering 5th Grade

Each day will begin
with dinner followed by
Crafts
Singing
Mission Project

***Go Beyond with Faith!**
***Go Beyond with Boldness!**
***Go Beyond with Kindness!**
***Go Beyond with Thankfulness!**
***Go Beyond with Hope!**

FREE!!

VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Friends of your child at New Haven UMC _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Photo Release: _____ New Haven UMC/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date _____

Special VBS T-Shirts are available sizes S- XL for \$5.00 ~ 2XL \$7.00

SUMMER CAMP

weekdays

New Haven Summer Camp is the place where adventures are fulfilled, two amazing weeks at a time!

From 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Ages K through 5th Grade

For the first time, 2019's summer camps are structured as eight, two-week sessions that include a variety of exciting themes! These camps are designed with stimulating curriculum, including fun-filled field trips! We look forward to fulfill campers' summer with incredible and unique adventures that will surely have them engaged all summer long!

Flyer and registration form are available on the hall table.

Special Request

One of New Haven's members is in need of a few items for her home, if you have any of these items you are willing to donate please call the church office and we will connect you with our member. These do not need to be new.

ITEMS NEEDED

Vacuum ♦ Rocker ♦ Loveseat

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham ~ Senior Pastor

Cynthia Edelman
Stephen Merrick
Teresa Roberts
Patrick Grafton
Marti Lowery
Carol Morgan

Business Manager
Music Director
Organist
Youth Director
Children's Director
Office Assistant

Cindy Taylor
Brittany Fox
Oscar Sturgeon
Rev. Suzanne Davis
Rev. Jeanette Boyd
Rev. Robin Stevens

Day School Director
Nursery Director
Custodian
Retired Deacon
Retired Deacon
Retired Deacon

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



Opportunities of the Week

TUESDAY, MAY 28

1:00 pm Women's Grief Group
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

6:00 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, MAY 31

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm The Faith of a Mockingbird
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, JUNE 3

6:00 pm Writers' Group
6:30 pm Happy Children's Home-Parlor

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

3:00 pm Respite Care - Gym

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

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 115 Fellowship Class
Room 209 New Friendship Class
Room 103 Interlude Class
Room 206 New Haven 206
Room 161 Roundtable**

May Birthdays

27 Mike Brummal
Rick Davis
28 Michael Taylor
29 Debbie Love

June Birthdays

1 Kelly Haynes
2 Joel Roberts
4 Jeffrey Carthel
6 Audrey Quinalty
David Roberts
7 Kay Brummal
Ron Cunningham
Sarah Maxey
8 Jon Friesen
Jean Roberts
11 Pat Thomas
12 Stacey Schifferdecker
15 Tonya Ford
Deena Smith
17 Nicole Grafton
18 Jennifer Carthel
19 Patty Lewis
20 Joseph Stevenson
23 Doug Henson
26 Quitman McCrory
Stevi Smith
27 Anderson Grafton
Luke Lowery
Deborah Merrick



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

May 19, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 59

11:00 am ~ 84

Total ~ 143

Livestream ~ 13

Sunday School

Adults ~ 43

May 26, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 48

11:00 am ~ 67

Total ~ 115

Sunday School

Adults ~ 44

Children ~ 17

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Barbie Barnard
Joe Sanders
Alon Soderfelt's nephew, Cyd
Tom & Mary Lou Black
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Dot Haynes
Don Gregory
Quitman McCrory
Rev. Ken Tobler
Christene O'Toole
Kelly Sartain's Mother-in-Law
Jean Roberts' brother in
hospice care &
her son-in-law's surgery
Dodie Wood
Nancy Gunter, Tracy & the
Gunther family on the death of
Nancy's father
Terry & Mary Anne Tyler for
Terry's mother



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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.