

## PENTECOST!



Rev. James Graham

It is Pentecost! What is *Pentecost*? Pentecost is the Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the church, or the day we remember that the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus’ disciples and gave them the power to speak to others in different languages, each as the Spirit gave them the ability! Now, you might be wondering why the

Spirit gave them the power to speak in other languages (tongues)? It was so that the disciples could spread the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ across the entire globe just like a raging fire spreads through a dry forest!

These disciples were all basically from Galilee, and they probably spoke a mixture of Latin/Greek and their local Aramaic. They certainly didn’t speak the many different languages that would be necessary to share that good news with people from all over the world! So, the Spirit equipped them for the ministry that God had given them! The Spirit gave them the ability to speak in whatever language the hearer needed so that they might hear the good news!

This is an important reminder to us as disciples of Jesus Christ. When faced with a challenge, what do we too often say? “I can’t!” or “I don’t know how to do that!” As disciples of the risen Christ, we have been given His Spirit, and that spirit will equip us for the ministry that God has given us! So . . . Put on your CAN DO spirit and let’s share the GOOD NEWS!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James



# Annual Conference Report

As we were gathering that first day, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief,) was organizing to head out the next morning to deliver thousands of flood buckets that had been filled by various Methodist churches. One more time they are working to fulfill their mission -- compelled by Christ to be a voice on behalf of the people called Methodists to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing. And through that mission we have been Methodists helping people for 200 years.

Someone at the UMCOR booth told me that the Baptists were best known to be experts with a chainsaw. Cutting down the trees that had fallen on the roofs but the Methodists had the reputation for being best at tarping the damaged roofs. They work hand in hand.

He also reminded us that Methodists are the first ones in and the last ones out of a disaster zone.

Jeremy Bassett Director, said their work is important, but they recognize that there won't be missions without the local church. At the same time, the church does not exist without missions.

One ministry I am particularly proud of is the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso Texas. A Methodist college preparatory school. These children have to cross the Mexico border to get there. Look on the Lydia Patterson website and you will see and hear senior Melissa Sanchez who starts her day at 5:30 am to get in line to cross the border. She said the lines are long and she passes migrant children just sitting by the road waiting for a miracle. Melissa walks with her mother every day to school. She said the students are determined to graduate and they have in place a back up plan in case the border closes. Because of their determination Graduation success rates are high with many going on to higher education.

We celebrated with UMW as they remembered a legacy of 150 years. They are women with a purpose. Beginning in Boston with just 8 women, the mission now numbers 800,000. Today they have 1500 missionaries in 4 continents and in 17 nations.

Back at the home front, we are not without our challenges. The Methodist church that we love is facing some struggles. Membership and attendance is dwindling. I think it is most important--critical actually-- for us to look around and embrace the young people whose who are present in the pews and those who serve in our missions. Their presence tells us that they are also committed to the church we love. We should Thank every young person we see for investing their time and believing in the future of the Methodist church.

Also we are struggling with outside forces as we resolve to include and welcome all people in the life of the church. Remembering that Jesus tells us that the most important thing is to Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your soul and all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. Everything hangs on these two commandments.

Your Lay Representative, Danny Hall

# In-Service Sunday June 16



**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 June 16 so that everyone has an opportunity to get up out of the pews and "do" worship by participating in a service project for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless clients.

The mission of the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless is to provide a safe and healthy environment for people who are homeless and provide opportunities and encouragement for achieving self-sufficiency. For many, the Day Center is the first step to starting a new and improved life. The Center focuses on providing a full spectrum of what clients need to overcome homelessness, including a health clinic, computer access and personalized case management.

**Sunday, June 16** is **Part 1** of a three-part outreach project. On that day, we will be packing 120 bags full of hygiene items. For **Part 2**, we will ask VBS participants to bring several non-perishable food items (crackers, granola bars, candy, peanut butter, etc.). On **August 11**, the congregation will pack those items into 120 bags. **Part 3** will happen on **September 22** where we will complete our project by packing 120 backpacks with a hygiene bag (done on June 16); a food bag (done on August 11); and various odds and ends like bottled water, notes of encouragement and toilet paper.

The plan is to hand out all backpacks **on Monday evening, September 23** when New Haven serves a meal at the Homeless Center. You can sign up to help serve the dinner that night, watch announcements as date gets closer.

Now you are in the know. Come and join us as we worship together by packing items for the homeless people joining us for an evening meal at the Day Center.

Blessings,

Missy

### **New Haven Staff Members**

Rev. James B. Graham ~ Senior Pastor

Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager	Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Stephen Merrick	Music Director	Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist	Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
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Marti Lowery	Children's Director	Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Carol Morgan	Office Assistant	Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

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New Haven United Methodist Church on Facebook  
Worship with us at: [www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa](http://www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa).



# COOKS - BAKERS - SERVERS

## SIGN-UP!



New Haven's next evening to prepare and serve dinner to the guests at the Tulsa Day Center will be **Monday, June 24**. Dinner will be BBQ Sandwiches, so make a pot of your favorite BBQ or bake a dozen or more cupcakes and **deliver to the church gym by 4:30 pm**.

**Volunteers needed to serve the dinner to our guests.**

The bus will leave the church for the Day Center at 5:00 pm and return around 7:30 pm. We feed about 100 guests, so if you can help they will be delighted! Sign-up sheets are on the hall table.

## PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

### CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN ~ OUR FUTURE !!!



**SAVE THE DATE! Monday July 22nd and/or**

**Wednesday July 24th from 9:00am - 12:20pm**

If you are not familiar with Project Transformation (PT), here is what you need to know! Project Transformation is a summer day camp for elementary students through 5th grade. It began in Dallas, Texas in 2001, and the New Haven family has supported this much needed camp all these years. Unique focus is on improving literacy and social-emotional development.

The children read one-on-one with a volunteer on a 30 min. rotation, and the children also participate in daily enrichment activities. Each site has 7 to 8 interns to lead the program, also each site has a chaplain for the intern.

The P.T. program receives federal grant funds and today this program serves nine site locations in Oklahoma. New Haven UMC will share responsibilities with Christ UMC and our location to serve will be Southern Hills UMC at 6160 S. Lewis Avenue.

Our days to volunteer are **Monday July 22nd and Wednesday July 24th**. The hours have changed to **9:00am - 12:20 pm**. We are hoping to serve 75 children each day. Part of our responsibilities is having snacks and drinks for the children, and lunch and dinners for the leaders.

We are planning a **BAKE SALE on Sunday July 14th** to raise funds for the program.

**ATTENTION BAKERS**, sign up for bakers starts Sunday. **ATTENTION READERS**, sign up to help a child read will start Sunday as well.

**Background checks are required.**

Donations for this important ministry, can be made any time, just make your check out to New Haven UMC and mark Project Transformation on the memo line. For more information watch your SPIRE and Announcements.

If you have any questions please call Marianne or Adriaan Duiveman at 918-250-5966 or e-mail [opaomaduive@cox.net](mailto:opaomaduive@cox.net)

Looking forward to serving with you.

New Haven UMC Mission Committee







# New Haven's Annual Parade &

# 4th of July Celebration



**July 4th from 10:00 am ~ Noon! Let's make this the best celebration ever!**

***SHAVED ICE ~ INFLATABLES ~ LIVE MUSIC ~ FIRE TRUCK***

**Set up crew needed @ 8:30 am**

**Clean up crew needed until around 1:00 pm**

**Sign-up on the hall table!**

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY WITH  
OUR NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY**

**For more info contact: Ms. Marti at  
[marti.lowery@newhavenumc.org](mailto:marti.lowery@newhavenumc.org)**

# *Umpteenagers*

## *Crystal Bridges Trip*

The next Umpteenager trip is to **Bentonville, AR to visit Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art**. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. The mini-bus only holds 15 so sign up early to secure your spot. The trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 19. Be on the mini-bus by 9:15** that morning. Lunch will be in Tontitown, AR at an Italian Restaurant (Mama Z's Café) at 11:00 a.m. We will then go to Bentonville to explore the museum and grounds. Plan to return back to Tulsa by **5:00 p.m.**

The Museum has a permanent collection that features hundreds of works by American masters from colonial times to present. The museum also features a year-round schedule of temporary exhibitions. General admission to Crystal Bridges to see the permanent collection is free.



Seven trails are offered outside with the longest being a 1.1 mile North Forest Trail loop which features several outdoor sculptures and hundreds of spring-blooming dogwoods. A "must see" is the Bachman-Wilson House. This structure is one of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian homes, which were simpler and lower-cost than his custom residences, and designed to be within the reach of the average middle-class American family. This house was built in 1954 in New Jersey but was acquired by Crystal Bridges in 2013. The entire structure was documented, taken apart and shipped to Crystal Bridges where it was meticulously reconstructed. It opened to the public in 2015. This is a self-guided experience though tickets are required as capacity is limited.

Please join us for this fun-filled day! If you have questions, please contact **Carolyn Toalson** at 918-906-8552.

## **Murdock Villa May Celebration!**



**The T-Town Ukes were a huge success at the May Murdock Villa Birthday Celebration.**

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Their "50s" music made the 1950 themed event a great success. The music, the terrific food (cooked by Adriaan & Marianne), the 50s decorations (prepared by Let's Get Crafty), and all the volunteers who made our tenth year the best one yet!





VBS

JULY 15~18

Ages

4 Years through  
Entering 5th Grade

Each day will begin  
with dinner followed by  
Crafts, Singing,  
Mission Project & More!

Volunteers Needed!

Adults & Kids Entering  
6th Grade and Up

Sign-up as Helpers!

\*Go Beyond with Faith!

\*Go Beyond with Boldness!

\*Go Beyond with Kindness!

\*Go Beyond with Thankfulness!

\*Go Beyond with Hope!

FREE!!

Register online:

<https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/newhavenmethodist>


**VBS Music Helpers Needed!**  
 Sundays, June 23rd through July 14th, those who would like to help with music at VBS are welcome to come to the sanctuary from 5:00 to 5:45 pm to learn the motions to our VBS songs. **Children, youth and adults are welcome!** If you are an adult who would be willing to come and stay, please let Deena know, as she will need a second adult. Call Deena at 918-693-4828 with questions.

## Opportunities of the Week

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

2:00 pm Set up for In Service Sunday

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

#### IN SERVICE SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:00 pm Writers' Group

### TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

1:00 pm Women's Grief Group  
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study



## June Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Haynes
- 2 Joel Roberts
- 4 Jeffrey Carthel
- 6 Audrey Quinalty  
David Roberts
- 7 Kay Brummal  
Ron Cunningham  
Sarah Maxey
- 8 Jone 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

**June 2, 2019**

### Worship Attendance

**8:45 am ~ 58**

**11:00 am ~ 107**

**Total ~ 165**

**Livestream ~ 18**

### Sunday School

**Adults ~ 55**

**Youth ~ 18**

**Children ~ 18**

**June 9, 2019**

### Worship Attendance

**8:45 am ~ 53**

**11:00 am ~ 83**

**Total ~ 136**

### Sunday School

**Adults ~ 55**

**Youth ~ 7**

**Children ~ 18**

## 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

Christene O'Toole

Kelly Sartain's Mother-in-Law

Jean Roberts' brother in hospice  
care & her son-in-law

Dodie Wood

Donita Gray asks for prayers for  
Butch Woodall

Michael Foster & family on the  
death of his daughter, Emma

Dale Edmond's family on her  
death

New Haven youth & counselors at  
Camp Eagan this week



## 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**

## The SPIRE Newsletter

New Haven UMC

5603 South New Haven Avenue,  
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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.