

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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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Last Sunday we sent our graduates off to college with our well wishes and hugs. This Sunday, we are going to celebrate promotion Sunday with our children and the blessing of the back



packs. As we get them ready for school and some of them advance to new classes, I am acutely aware of the responsibility we have as members of the body of Christ to our children. When a child is brought into the church and baptized, we as members of the Church make a promise. We promise to "proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ." We promise to "surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others." We promise to "pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life."

As I look at my grandson, V, Annabelle, Henry and Grace, and Kyler and Archer, Joel, Cohen and Anderson and now Baby Elizabeth Grafton and all the others growing up here in the church, I can't help but feel the weight of responsibility and the excitement and expectation of seeing them grow and develop in this wonderful family of God. I see a glimpse of the future in the children, and that makes me want to work even harder to bring new life and vitality to this church. Our leadership team is going to be working on Dreaming like Jesus this year, and I am hoping that you will join us! Unleash your imagination, dream big dreams, and look for ways you can be the living example of the love of Jesus Christ in the world and our neighborhood around us! Our children are counting on us, and Christ is too!

Grace and peace,

Pastor James

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Tuesday, August 27 the New Haven church bus will leave at 5:30 pm for the Tulsa Food Bank. We will work from 6-8 pm and return to the church by 8:30 pm.

There is a sign-up sheet on the hall table.

It's always so rewarding to help our community. Once again it will be a total surprise once we arrive to find out what our duties will be. I have registered and it's not as tricky as it might look, but call me if you have any problems. Thanks, Dee Kemp, Missions Chair



SAVE THE DATE

HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME OF CHINA BENEFIT DINNER

Asbury United
Methodist Church
6:30 pm ~ \$60/ticket
Ticket sales begin
in September

OCTOBER 18, 2019

The Happy Children's Home is a mission outreach supported by the Council Oak District. The benefit dinner will include original dance and music productions.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN!



Sunday, September 1 One Combined Service at 11:00 am

There will be one combined worship service on September 1 at 11:00 am. Connection Groups will meet at their regular times. This will be Labor Day Weekend, so the New Haven offices will be closed on Monday, September 2. Have a safe & happy weekend.

As we bid a fond farewell to our youth who are











We begin a new school year at New Haven

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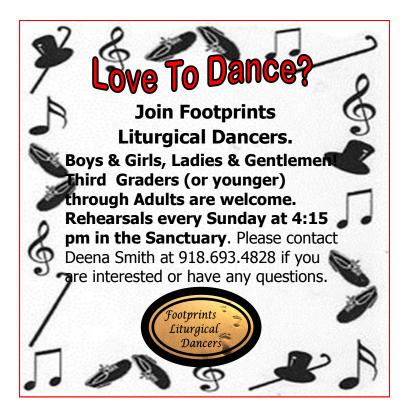
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New Haven Music Ministry

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☐ The **Praise Band** leads our 8:45 am Contemporary service

☐ One Spirit Choir helps lead the 11:00 am Traditional service.

Jubilation Bell Choir shares their music several times each year. Rehearsals begin on September 4 at 7:00 pm.

Everyone who would like to join one or more of our music groups is always welcome!

Do you **play an instrument** and love to play for special services.

Contact Stephen Merrick, Director of Music Ministry.



Don Gregory sends a very special "Thank You" to everyone who has prayed for him, sent cards and called. He misses his New Haven family. Don is doing better

and hopes to come to church soon. He really misses his Sunday Hugs and sends a **BIG HUG** to everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS JOCELYN SCHIFFERDECKER!!

Jocelyn is starting a new chapter in her life as she enters Oklahoma City University! After donating blood at Bob Moore Ford in Tulsa, Jocelyn was entered in a contest to win a new car. She was notified that she was one of four people chosen to have a chance. On Saturday, August 17 Jocelyn and the other three contestants drew keys out of a bowl, Jocelyn was the third to draw and was the third to try her key, after the first two failed to start the car. Jocelyn's key started the car!

Here is the article from the Tulsa World.

OKLAHOMA CITY – It was an exciting morning at Bob Moore Ford as four lucky blood donors to the Bob Moore Blood Drive were selected for a chance to win a new Ford Fiesta.

Each was given a key to a car, but only one key worked on the Ford Fiesta.

Today's winner was **Jocelyn Schifferdecker** of Tulsa.

She sat inside, inserted the car key into the ignition and PRESTO, it started.

She was totally surprised when she heard the engine kick on and couldn't contain her excitement. "I feel really good. I'm like, shaking I guess," said Schifferdecker.

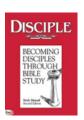
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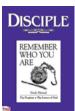
Are you ready to take a journey through the Bible?

This year we are excited to offer two Disciple classes!



Disciple 1 and Disciple 3 classes will both begin on Sunday, September 8 at 4:30 pm.

Disciple 1 ~ "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" will meet in the Parlor and be led by Danny Hall.



Disciple 3 ~ "Remember Who You Are" will be led by Pastor James. Room TBD.

Call the church to sign up, or sign up on the sheets on the hall table by next Sunday. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, August 25!

Cost of the study book is \$40.



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Opportunities of the Week

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
11:00 am UMPTEENAGERS ~ Parlor
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
1:00 pm Women's Grief Group ~ Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:45 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Connection Groups 11:00 am Traditional Worship 4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal 5:00 pm Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, AUGUST 26 6:00 pm Bluegrass Band 6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 5:30 pm Tulsa Food Bank by Bus 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir 7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 6:00 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am ONE Worship Service
5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Labor Day ~ Offices Closed

NEXT SPIRE WILL BE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

August Birthdays

20 Susan Harris

22 Kathryn Fisher Lana Gotcher

25 Tom Black Patricia Walker

26 Sue Leach Louise McCrory

27 Christopher Smith

28 Glenn Hackleman Kaci Merrick

September 1st ~ 10th Birthdays

Kyler Duncan Danny Hall

3 Doyle Boyd Lori Dey Susan Savage

4 Richard Foster

6 Liz DeWitt

8 Don Gregory Barbara Troutner

9 Greg Pape Dallas Quinalty



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Join us at 9:45 am and Check out one or all of our Connection Groups and see 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

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 11, 2019

Worship Attendance 8:45 am ~ 47 11:00 am ~ 98 Total ~ 145

Livestream ∼ 18

Sunday School
Adults ~ 39
Children ~ 14
Youth ~ 17

August 18, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 48 11:00 am ~ 88 Total ~ 136 Livestream ~ 14

Sunday School
Adults ~ 49
Children ~ 22
Youth ~ 13

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman
Dot Haynes
Don Gregory
Dodie Wood
Quitman McCrory
Christene O'Toole
Donita Gray
Bonnie Rainbow
Barbara Troutman
Barbara Coleman
Rev. Robin Stevens
Our Military &
First Responders



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