

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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"Are You Willing?"

In the 19th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is asked a question by a rich young man, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Of course, Jesus puts his finger on the pulse of this poor guy's struggle. He was a good guy, but his money came first. Jesus' response was sell everything you own, give it to the poor, and come and be

my disciple. The young man went away sad, because he wasn't willing to do what Jesus asked. This text isn't really about money, but instead about commitment.

Jesus has given us a mission, "to make disciples for the transformation of the world," but this man's question echoes loudly in my ears. If we are really going to be faithful to Jesus, we have to ask our selves this question, "What are YOU willing to do and give?" What is your commitment level? Yesterday, we honored our living saints who have contributed so much to making New Haven UMC what it is today. The reality is, however, that in order for our congregation to continue the proud tradition they have established, we, the younger generation, are going to have to step up. We are going to have to engage fully with our time, talents, leadership, and yes, even our treasure to continue the work of making disciples.

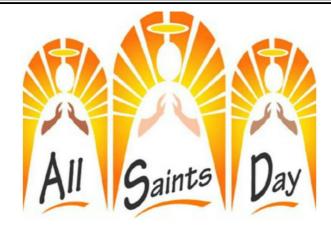
In order to do that, we are all going to have to make sacrifices. So, Jesus' question echoes in my ears. What are we willing to do and give in order to be his disciple? This question has to be answered by every one of us. What is your answer?

Praying every blessing upon you!

Pastor James







Sunday, November 3

Join us in remembering our loved ones.



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We are in final 2 weeks of our Mountain of Food drive. The funds raised go to the United Methodist supported Restore Hope Ministries to stock their food pantry. Every week Restore Hope volunteers help families with their hunger challenges; over 4,000 families each year. Food insufficiency is an early indicator of pending homelessness so helping households with their food needs can stave off the even bigger hurdle of becoming homeless. Every dollar we raise gets marched 1 to 1 by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, so our giving doubles immediately!

We have exceeded our goal of \$7,500, with a total through Sunday, October **\$8028.00!** Our congregation is a generous one, and if you still want to give, the funds are certainly needed. Just write your check to New Haven UMC and put Mountain (of Food) on the memo line. Thanks to everyone who has helped us achieve our goal of growing our impact each and every year.



Our giving makes a huge difference to so many. Last year our church alone, through our Mountain, stocked the Restore Hope pantry for routine weekly needs (outside the 2 holiday drives) well into January. That's over 2 1/2 months of basic needs!



Pecans! Pecans! Pecans



Order Yours and Support Our UMW!

It's that time of year when you can order just harvested, delicious, Oklahoma grown, Sooner Pecans.

Enjoy our beautiful Sooner Pecans and support the missions of United Methodist Women!

(We hope to have our order available the week of Thanksgiving)

\$12 a pound - Make out check to: New Haven United Methodist Women

of bags # of bags

Name Phone (Pieces) (Halves) Total \$

Just fill in this order form and mail or bring it to the church, or place your orders on Sundays (PLEASE INCLUDE THIS ORDER FORM WITH YOUR ORDER)



OPERATION SCHOOL BELL

Approximately 2,400 students in Tulsa go to school without everything they need every day! **Operation School Bell** is trying to help. **Tuesday, November 5 New Haven UMC Volunteers will shop with the students from 9:00 am to**

12:00 pm and help them pick out: two complete school uniforms, a play outfit, (jeans and a shirt or sweatpants and a shirt, underwear, socks, a belt and shoes; and in the winter, they get a new jacket and

gloves. Every shopper gets their own personal helper. (That's Us!)

Please plan to arrive just before 9:00 am. Operation School Bell is located (inside "Bargains Thrift Shop") at 5350 E. 31st. (between Yale and Sheridan) Come to the back of the building & enter where it says "Operation School Bell. (If you need transportation let us know and we will arrange a car pool.) Please sign up on the hall table!

Operation School Bell is just one of the many services provided by **the ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF TULSA** that was started to help Tulsans in need. The Assistance League of Tulsa will celebrate their **50th year in 2020!**



Mother Teresa









Umpteenagers ~ Tuesday, November 19 Downtown Tunnels, History and Architecture Tour!

Join the Umpteenagers on **Tuesday, November 19**, for a tour of historic downtown buildings, experience the infamous tunnels and hear about Tulsa's internationally known art deco buildings. **Church bus will depart at 10:30 a.m.** We'll be eating Wanda J's at Greenwood, after we finish the tour. Lunch is 'on your own'. We'll return to the church about 2:45 - 3:00 p.m., depending on lunch service. Wanda J does not start frying the chicken until she sees the whites of our eyes!

Please Note: We'll be walking about 4-5 blocks. It'll be slow since we're looking at the architecture and hearing the history, but there are only a few places where you can sit and rest. There are some stairs and two full staircases. At one point we actually have to come upstairs out of the tunnel, go around a corner in the 320 Boston Building and then back down other stairs to get into the final stretch of tunnel. The plan is for our wonderful driver David Toalson to fetch the bus and bring it to us so we don't have to retrace our steps back to where the bus was parked. **Did you know** that Tulsa has it's own Kennedy Compound? **Did you know** that Tulsa's art deco is considered one of the top three collections in the country?

Sign up so we'll know who is coming on the Sign Up sheet in as you enter the sanctuary. We have limited seats on the bus of course. **If you have questions, call Susan Harris at 918-830-3276.**



God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren of those who keep his covenant PSALM 103:17-18 and remember to keep his commands.





Opportunities of the Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 pm CCR Meeting ~ Parlor 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting ~ Parlor

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir

6:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 pm Praise Team

7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Turn your clocks BACK 1 Hour BEFORE you go to bed!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ALL SAINTS DAY ~ COMMUNION

8:45 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Connection Groups

11:00 am Traditional Worship

4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal

4:30 pm Disciple 3

5:00 pm Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:00 am Bus Stop Ministry

6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir

6:30 pm Trustees - Parlor

7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:00 pm Praise Team

7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:45 am Contemporary Worship

9:45 am Connection Groups

11:00 am Traditional Worship

1:30 pm Finance Committee - Parlor

4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal

4:30 pm Disciple 3

5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

November Birthdays

- 3 Carol Berry
- 4 Carolyn Welch
- 5 Linda Gregory
- 7 John Sartain
- 10 Karyn Maio
- 14 Phil Roberts
- 15 Patricia Graf
- 17 Lindy Lowery
- 17 Pat Bates
- 19 Jan Duffield Jay Graham
- 21 Betty Fine
- 22 Sarah Graham
- 23 Jerry Fisher
- 24 Christine Riggin



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

October 20, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 46

11:00 am ~ 96

Total ∼ **142**

Livestream ∼ 12

Sunday School

Adults ~ 50

Children ∼ 16

October 27, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 42

11:00 am ~ 91

Total ∼ **133**

Livestream ~

Children ∼ 15

Youth ~

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Joe Sanders Janice & Guy Duffield Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman Don Gregory Dodie Wood Quitman McCrory Christene O'Toole Barbara Troutman Barbara Coleman Tonya Ford Patrick Grafton Marianne Duiveman for her upcoming surgery Robin Stevens for her upcoming surgery Eight year old Maddie Cochran of Tahlequah Our Military & First Responders



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

