



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



On August 28th, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave a speech that reverberates down through the course of history to this day. In that speech he shared a vision of a world, not as it was, but as he hoped it would be. It was a vision rooted in the words of our nation's forefathers when they expressed, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal." Even in those early days in 1776 when our nation was struggling to throw off the chains of oppression and empire, this was a vision not a statement of reality. Dr. King went on to expand that vision in his speech to include values of justice, freedom, racial equality, and even Biblical images of the coming Kingdom of God.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. understood the power of vision. He understood that we can't achieve great things unless we have the courage to dream great things. Jesus understood this as well when he taught his disciples the Lord's prayer. "Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven." Those are all vision statements and a dream to guide us. Those prayers didn't reflect reality then, any more than it does now, but it provides something to reach for. It is a Jesus style dream. If we were to work towards a vision that would bring God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven, what would that look like? Do you dare to dream it?

Keep dreaming, my friends,

Pastor James





Mark your calendar and join us

February 26, 2020

6:00 pm

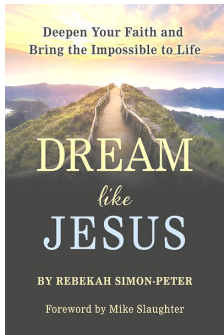
For Special Ash Wednesday Service

Dream Like Jesus Lenten Study

Four Sundays, March 1 - 22 @ 10:00 am

Join Pastor James in the Sanctuary for 4 Sundays

You are invited to take the next step. Come know Jesus, and yourself, in a whole new way. It's time to meet your own power. To discover your own birthright. To claim your own blessing. It's time to dream like Jesus. And time to share that dream with others.



UMPTENAGERS



WHO? Umpteenagers and YOU
WHAT? Field trip to the Elsing Museum
WHEN? Wednesday, February 19 at 10:40 am
Then lunch at Zios Italian Kitchen
across the street on Lewis
(Note the change to Wednesday)
WHERE? On the campus of ORU Museum
WHY? Fellowship and lots of fun
Sign-up sheet is on the hall table.
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Visiting the Elsing Museum is a unique experience for exploring fascinating specimens that provide a glimpse into the past and information about the foundations of this world we inhabit. The Elsing Museum comprises an extensively rare collection of some of the world's most amazing gems, minerals, natural art, Indian artifacts, oriental artifacts, and much more. A visitor's first glimpse of the museum makes it clear that many years of dedication and careful selection by Mr. Willard Elsing has resulted in an irreplaceably unique exhibit.

Footprints Liturgical Dancers



Footprints is starting to learn a new musical-theater-style dance for an upcoming worship service, and school-aged children through adults are welcome. **We meet on Sundays in the sanctuary from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm**, and we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Deena Smith at 918-693-4828 for more information.

Missions

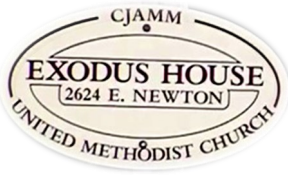
All of you have participated in New Haven's 2019 Mission programs. Although, the 2019 mission reports have not been completed yet, it is safe to say New Haven has made a difference in the lives of approximately **7,000 individuals** in 2019 through our mission programs. To say "**Thank You**" doesn't seem like it quite covers it. BUT...Thank You! I am looking forward to working with you again this year in our efforts to improve the lives we touch through our mission programs.

Please contact me if you would be willing to accept the responsibility for coordinating one or more of our

Our current mission programs include:

- Crosses of Love
- Day Center for the Homeless - Phil Roberts (Phil would welcome 1 coordinator for each of our four dates to work with him)
- Project Transformation
- In-Service Sunday -Danny Hall
- Restore Hope/Mountain of Food - Susan Harris
- Happy Children's Home -Stacy Schifferdecker
- Exodus House - Jerry and Kathryn Fisher
- Community Food Bank - Dee Kemp
- Undie Sunday - Radical Disciples
- Angel Tree - Stacey Schifferdecker
- Murdock Villa - Lou Lindsey
- Operation School Bell - Dee Kemp
- Memorial Tree - Adriaan
- Partners in Education (Carnegie Elementary)-Tonya Ford
- Mission Trip - David & Carolyn Toalson
- Bus Stop Ministry - Paula Fox

The top three missions still need a coordinator or co-coordinator to volunteer or know more our missions, please email Dee Kemp @ thomas.kemp2@cox.net.



Our latest resident has moved out of New Haven's Exodus House apartment. In order to prepare the place for the next resident we need to "spiffy" the place up a little. Jerry & Kathryn Fisher will set a date for a New Haven team to go in and make quick work of this project. They will make a determination as to whether or not the place needs to be painted. Below are some of the needed tasks and materials

identified by the manager. If you are willing to help, please contact Jerry Fisher 817-905-4121. As soon as he has a work date, we will let you know. Thanks to all of you for considering this mission need.

Dee Kemp, Mission Chair

1. Clean kitchen cabinets, sink, counter tops, floor, refrigerator, stove and dining area.
2. Vacuum, dust, and clean living room, front windows, and furniture.
3. Wash bed cover, sheets, pillow cases, blankets and coverlet. Vacuum, dust, clean bedroom & windows.
4. Mop, scrub, and clean bathroom tub, sink, toilet, mirror and floor.
5. Restock items listed below.
6. We will need a small work crew to clean-up the apartment. Date TBA. We have discussed painting the apartment in the past if we have the paint and volunteers. Estelle indicated the painting and the color was up to our church to decide.
7. We also need to restock the apartment.

ITEMS NEEDED TO STOCK THE APARTMENT FOR THE NEW RESIDENT.

<u>FOOD & PANTRY</u>	<u>PAPER/FOIL/ PLASTIC</u>	<u>HOUSE ITEMS</u>	<u>CLEANING SUPPLIES</u>
Macaroni & Cheese Box of Saltine Crackers Peanut Butter Jar of Jelly or Jam Cans of Condensed Soup	Sandwich Bags Aluminum Foil Paper Plates Paper Towels Toilet Tissue	Bedding for Double Bed Linens for Double Bed Blankets for Double Bed Towels Pots & Pans Alarm Clock Wall Clock	Laundry Detergent Dish Detergent Pine Cleaner for Kitchen & Bath Bleach
		3	<u>FURNITURE</u> Double Bed



Help Carnegie Elementary “Rise to Excellence”

Our church has a long-standing relationship with Carnegie Elementary. We grew up together! New Haven’s first worship services were held in 1957 just down the street in a pre-fab building on the land where Carnegie would be built in 1958. This relationship has continued throughout the years. We have committed to being their **Partner in Education (PIE)** to help them fulfill their mission to “Rise to Excellence”. This partnership has the potential to have a great impact on both Carnegie and New Haven. Their principal, Krista Blanche, is very excited to see our partnership grow and we have identified several ways to do that. We are thrilled that most of these involve being in relationship with the staff, children and families! Please consider helping with these immediate needs:



Reading mentors-devote an hour or more on a regular basis listening to children who need extra practice reading (like we do for Project Transformation!)

Testing proctors-be present in classrooms during state testing (April); requires a short online training which the school will provide. Our children will be making encouragement banners for the school’s hallways. We will also ask our congregation to help write encouraging notes for the students.

General volunteers-help where needed (classrooms, lunchroom, etc.)

STEAM/Art Night (late March) Families participate in pre-planned STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, art, and math); we will help set up, clean up, and assist with activities so parents are free to be with their children.

Carnegie Giving Tree-located at the new Partners In Education (PIE) space located outside the sanctuary. The school is in need of a variety of items from time to time. Pick an item from the tree, bring it back and drop it in the PIE box.

Staff Birthday Recognition-join our pie making (or buying) team! Each staff member will receive a birthday card (made by our children) and a pie from their **Partners In Education (PIE)**-get it!

Look for monthly PIE Spire articles for updated opportunities. If you would like to volunteer on site at Carnegie, you are required to complete a short Tulsa Public Schools background check form (available at the PIE info center outside the sanctuary). Please contact Tonya Ford if you would like to volunteer, have questions or would like more information. (tonyaford@hotmail.com or 918-688-8180).



Crosses of Love



Anyone who is not familiar with "Crosses of Love," it its a Dutch "Tradition adopted by New Haven 35 years ago.

On Palm Sunday in different parts of the Netherlands families gather together in parks or at their homes to make wooden crosses of different sizes, 1 to 3 feet, after putting them together, they are decorated with ribbons, silk flowers, fruit and some Easter candy . The purpose of the cross of love is to share Jesus who died on the cross for us with others.

Through the years New Haven has shared this tradition with over 8000 people in the mission's, church ministries and community outreach in Tulsa and state wide. Last year we made and shared small stained glass "Crosses of Love" led by our artists Dick Garwood and Regina LaGrone. This year Brother Dick will create the cross and we as Sisters and Brothers will help create the wrapping to put the cross in. Led by our Artistic Regina.

Please watch the weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS and SPIRE for more details on time and dates of the workshops, we are planning 1 on a week day and 1 on either a Saturday or Sunday. For more info contact Adriaan Duiveman at opaomaduive@cox.net

Thanks New Haven Family for sharing JESUS through the "CROSSES of LOVE" ministry for all these years.

GOD'S speed, Adriaan



I want to thank everyone for the prayers and get well cards. After surgery on January 15 I finally got home on the 27th and am doing ok. I hope to be

back in church in a few weeks.

Blessings to all of you,
Jan Boyd



Murdock Villa Birthday Parties! May & July Hosted New Haven UMC




Pictures from the 11th anniversary of the Murdock Villa birthday parties. Susan amkin and Lou Linsey represented NHUMC which has sponsored every May and July party since the parties



VBS
July 13 - 17
2020

**It's time to start making plans
for this summer!**
**Your family won't want to
miss the fun and excitement of VBS!**
So put these dates on your calendar
July 13 - 17, 2020

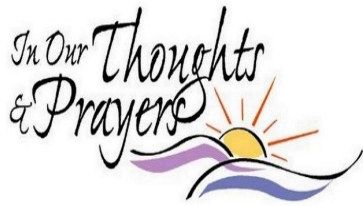


Join the Fun in the Sun on Mystery Island
Who is God? . . . Is there only one God?
Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?



Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At **Mystery Island**, prepare to be thrilled as we explore an intriguing tropical paradise while tracking down the one true God. For more information or to help with VBS contact Brittany Fox brit8519@yahoo.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . Jan Boyd
 Jack Giffin
 Betty Fine
 Kelly Sartain
 Lynn Roach
 Joe Sanders
 Don Gregory
 Dodie Wood
 Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman
 Quitman McCrory
 Larry Chism's son Craig
 Our Military & First Responders



February Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Coleman
- 2 Majorie Depoe
- 3 JJ Sartain
- 4 William Carthel
- 6 Jack Giffin
Regina Lagrone
Steve Lassiter
- 7 MacKenzie Gilbert-Andersen
- 9 Linda Jaeger
Robin Stevens
- 10 Shirley Nelson
- 15 Marianne Duiveman
- 16 Donita Gray
- 16 Jocelyn Schifferdecker
- 17 Kegan Schifferdecker
- 21 Nancy Graham
- 23 Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz

SPIRE Newsletter

Starting with this issue the **SPIRE** newsletter will be sent out **once a month, during the .**

Please plan ahead so your articles, activities, events, etc. are included.

The next issue of the **SPIRE** newsletter will be sent out during the first week of the first week of the month. If you would like an article included, please email it **by 6:00 pm on the 1st of each month.**

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



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**Green Country District
LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY
Saturday, February 15
Held at Claremore First UMC**

Registration Details

- Cost is \$10 per person
Pay online, by mail, or upon arrival
- Pre-registry by Feb. 10 is important for lunch count

Registration Link can be found below or go to Website: www.greencountrydistrict.org

The Day's Agenda

9:00—9:30 Gathering & Fellowship

9:30—10:00 Worship

Led by Elevate Band (Claremore FUMC)

Speaker: Javier Pollack, Dist Lay Servant Director

10:15—11:45 Keynote, Kay Kotan

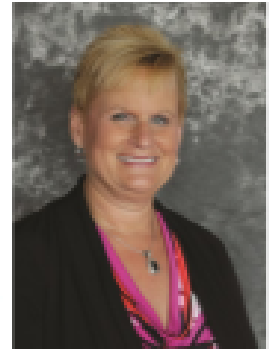
"Reclaiming the Call of Lay Ministry"

11:45—12:30 Lunch

12:45—2:30 Workshops

Meet Kay Kotan, our Guest Presenter

Kay Kotan is a leading light in our Methodist connection as a teacher and thinker on church leadership. She serves as Director of The Center for Multiplying Disciples, overseeing church revitalization and new church starts for the Arkansas Conference of the UMC. Along with her colleague, Rev. Blake Bradford, Kay co-wrote *Mission Possible* on the simplified accountable board structure for local churches. She's also written *Gear Up* and *Get Their Name*, along with several other books. Kay is widely sought for her wisdom. She is an enthusiastic, passionate presenter who challenges workshop participants in both their thinking and their doing. It is a gift to have her spend the day with us here in Green Country.



Register @ <https://okumc-reg.brtaapp.com/2020GCDLEADERTRAINING>

Workshops Offered

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| 1. Making the "Simple Board" Effective | 5. Using the "Unstuck" Toolkit |
| 2. Nuts & Bolts of Church Security | 6. Putting Tech to Work for Churches |
| 3. Methodists Responding to Disasters | 7. QPR - Reducing Suicide Behavior |
| 4. Tips for Growth in Any Church | |

Also held: *UMW District Leader Training*

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 10, 2020