

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

You are the of the world

Good morning my friends,


As we continue to adapt to the Covid-19 pandemic, I want to keep you all informed about what is happening. I am pleased that everyone is practicing good Christian charity by wearing their masks, observing Safer at Home procedures, washing/sanitizing hands, etc. This has kept us from having our congregation decimated by the Covid-19 infection. **Thank you and BLESS YOU!**

- 1. There will NOT be communion THIS Sunday, however, we will have communion Sunday, July 12th during our worship service.** We are providing sealed communion packets to the congregation members for your convenience and protection. If you would like to come by the church and pick up your communion elements, **we will have a drive by distribution on July 9th from 3-5 p.m in the parking lot.** If you need elements but cannot come by during this period, please contact Cynthia in the office to make alternative arrangements. Of course you are still welcome to provide your own elements!
- 2. We are continuing to keep the facility locked down except for Worship because of increasing Covid-19 infections.** Please continue to be safe!
- 3. If you need pastoral care or a call from me, call (918)607-9384.** I am limiting my physical visitation to only emergency situations in order to protect everyone's health and safety. But I AM here for you!
- 4. Most church meetings and Connection Groups are encouraged to continue through online ZOOM meetings or some other electronic platform.** We are only having business meetings if they are absolutely necessary.
- 5. Thank you for your faithful giving!** We are doing ok financially, but as we get into summer we are experiencing a lag in our finances. This is somewhat normal, but with COVID-19 we need your support! Thank you for continuing to support our ministries.
- 6. Our staff are having conversations on how we can better engage our congregation through online means. If you have needs, interests, or suggestions, please let us know!**

As always, I continue to pray for you. YOU are the light of Christ in the world! YOU make a difference!

Virtual VBS

Jesus goes with me



newhavenumc.org
QUARANTINE 2020
#NewHavenTulsaKids
Through August 2

Please register for

Virtual VBS 2020
"Jesus Goes with Me"

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!



VIRTUAL VBS 2020 *"Jesus Goes with Me"*

THROUGH AUGUST 2

PLEASE REGISTER HERE! <https://forms.gle/qtLj6sfr53eH2PDK9>
(If this link doesn't work, please copy and paste in your web browser)

We need your information so we can send your VBS materials. **The first 50 to register will also receive a free T shirt. Please spread the word to family and friends no matter where they live!**

Our annual Vacation Bible School is a very important outreach and ministry. Due to these unusual times we are living right now, New Haven is hosting a virtual VBS rather than the traditional in-person one. We're excited about this new format and we need YOU to invite others to join us. This VBS has the potential to reach many more children than our traditional one. We would love to have participants from all over the world! Our theme is "Jesus Goes with Me" and it will run June 14-August 2. We will post a new VBS adventure every Sunday at 10am (CST) on our New Haven Kids YouTube channel and Children's Church at Home Facebook page. You can access them using these links:

[New Haven Kids YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTf0Y_HUHSysRHQRnbWGI7A) to watch click [here](#) and
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTf0Y_HUHSysRHQRnbWGI7A
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewHavenKids/?ref=share>

FLAT JESUS

On the next page you will find a picture of a FLAT JESUS, print him out on white cardstock and color or paint the picture and make him your own.

Watch for more information.



RELATIONSHIPS GROW
leaders emerge
COMMUNITIES CHANGE



We have very exciting news!

For the first time, Project Transformation is open to all children and youth! This summer, 60 young adults across the country are working together to create a unique virtual summer camp experience for children and youth ages K-12th grade. This experience will include eight weeks of video content in areas such as reading, art, exploration, Bible time, healthy habits, and much more.

This **FREE** online opportunity is open to all children and youth in our church and community. To participate, parents need to complete the simple registration form at this link: forms.gle/575JYtdU3YGMdaBJZ.

We are excited to serve in this new way! If you have any questions, please email Executive Director Kelsey Ricks at kricks@okumc.org.

VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

PT @ HOME

REGISTER TODAY!

The banner features a central green house-shaped graphic with the Project Transformation logo and the text "PT @ HOME". The background is a collage of photos showing children and youth engaged in various activities like reading, art, and social interaction.



Meeting NOW!
Monday Evenings
7:00 - 7:45 pm

If you are looking for a place to connect with a small group during these crazy times, the **Roundtable Connection Class** may be the answer.

We are currently meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

We are having fun looking at various stories in Genesis through the eyes of ancient Jewish Rabbis. In the process we are encountering some unexpected twists and turns in these familiar stories.

Text or call me at 918 445-1576 or email me at jone.w.friesen@gmail.com for more information or to get the link to our next Zoom meeting.

If you are new to Zoom, no worries, I'd be happy to help you get set up.

Looking forward to you joining us.

Jone Friesen



UMPTENAGERS!

The **UMPTENAGERS** trips have been put on hold until further notice. To say when we'll resume our travels again would be speculative, suffice to say that that you'll be notified when we can go again. We want it to be as safe as possible before we get together. If you have any questions, please call Alon at 918-622-7006 or email alon.soderfelt@cox.net.

New Haven Prayer Line



Please send in your concerns and also your joys, so we can give thanks to God for bringing us JOY!

One thing I miss about church is sharing in the fellowship.

The prayer line is for **joys** as well as **concerns**, I would encourage you to let us know the good things going on in your life.

Prayer requests are still important, and prayer is a great Christian privilege and sharing each other's burdens is a good thing but also sharing your joys is important and we want you to share that as well. (Like **Lana Gotcher** retiring very soon—we need to count the days with you Lana.) The Apostle Paul said we should speak encouraging words to one another and give praise to God!

If you have an anniversary joy, baby joy etc., please send me an email at iamdanny@cox.net and I will send it out on the new haven prayer line and we will rejoice with you.

(If you would like to be in touch with Jan you can text/ call her on her cell 918-691-1622)

We want to thank our chefs who cooked chili for the residents at the Day Center for the Homeless meal last Monday, June 29th We served approximately 75 residents plus staff at the Day Center, and had enough left over chili that was served the next day by Co Edwards (volunteer coordinator) at some apartments owned/ manged by the Day Center. A special shout out to Phil Roberts for coordinating all the Day Center dinners and to Bryce Percival, Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman who helped transport the meal to the Day Center.

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Pastor James Mother	Dodie Wood
Jan Boyd	Guy & Jam Duffield
Jack Giffin	Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman
Karen Maio	The McCrory family on the death of Rev. Quitman McCrory
Kelly Sartain	Our Military & First Responders
Joe Sanders	COVID-19 HEROES
Don Gregory	

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

July Birthdays

- 7 Mycroft LaGrone
- 9 Hannah (Christian) Henson
- 14 Luke Stevenson
- 16 Greg Green
- 18 Elizabeth Grafton
- David Schifferdecker
- 21 Cindy Havlik
- 25 James Graham V (V)

Happy Birthday

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Worship with us on
www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa

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