



News of New Haven United Methodist Church

Our Mission: *"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world, by being God's Love in Action"*
Our Vision: *"to be a community of heart and soul"*

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Christ Is Risen ~ Christ Is Risen Indeed



Happy Easter!

On **Sunday, April 17th** we will gather in the sanctuary of New Haven United Methodist Church, whether in person or by www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa and we will celebrate God's victory over sin and death! The past several weeks, I have been working with Rev. Gloria Denton and 4 amazing young people as we have examined our faith in preparation for Confirmation this Easter!

Article II of our Doctrinal Standards states "The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men." In other words, Jesus was Fully Human and Fully Divine! 100% Human and 100% Divine! One of our students said, "That's impossible! One can't be 100% of two different things, that doesn't add up!" She had a point, mathematically, it doesn't work! But the wonderful thing about God is that God isn't bound by mathematical principals! God is so much more powerful and creative than we are! Personally, I am greatly comforted by the idea that our God loved us enough to become vulnerable and come and dwell among us in human form. Our God knows our human emotions, understands our fears, and can empathize with the struggle and pain that we endure. Our God knows all of these things and through grace gives us the opportunity to overcome! Through the resurrection, we bear witness that the limits of this world cannot constrain our divine possibilities. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor James



Easter Week Calendar



April 14th

Maundy Thursday – service at 7:00 pm

April 15th

Good Friday – service at 7:00 pm

April 16th

Easter Egg Hunt – 10 am

April 16th

Day School Open House – 11:00 am

April 17th

Easter and Confirmation Sunday – service at 11:00 am

April 24th

Communion Sunday – service at 11:00 am

Guest Pastor Jeff Jaynes

Men of New Haven All Are Welcome!

On the **FIRST Wednesday of each month** all men from New Haven UMC are invited to gather at the Silver Skillet located at 8228 E 61st St. Suite 114, Tulsa, Ok 74133 and enjoyed breakfast and conversation together. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, spiritual connection, and possibly the opportunity for us



to engage in some mission/church work together in the future. We don't have an official name for the group, since we are not a chartered United Methodist Men's unit, but it has been suggested that we might dub ourselves "**Romeos,**" an acronym for **Retired Old Men Eating Out!** Whether you are retired or not, old or not, you are invited to join us **at 9 a.m. on May 4th at the Silver Skillet** for breakfast with the Romeos.



Family Ministry News

It's officially Spring and our New Haven kids are full of life! We are excited to welcome back Mrs. Kelly Sartain to teach our children's Sunday School class! As we move through Holy week, the children have been learning the sequence of events (in age-appropriate ways), participating in Easter themed centers with Biblical learning opportunities built in, encouraged to explore their thoughts, express their feelings, and talk to God often! We're all excited for the **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 am** where the Easter Bunny (aka our very own Jillian Tabor) will be making the rounds. Thank you to all our volunteers for sharing your heart and your time with our precious kiddos and community!

The Day School will have an **open house following the Easter Egg Hunt on 4/16 at 11:00 am**. We are excited to show off the progress we've made to the facility! This relaunch operation would not be possible without our amazing church family of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped during our scheduled workdays. Thank you to the Children's Ministry Council for all the work that you have done and continue to do. Thank you to those who have signed up to be part of this ministry moving forward! There will be many opportunities to get involved. I know this is going to touch the hearts of many! Day School enrollment is still open and going well. At this time, I am still looking for one more Summer teacher and several for Fall and our School Age After Care Program. So far, I have taken more of a recruiting approach to hiring and would very much like your recommendations for great teachers should you have them!

Confirmation will take place on Easter Sunday for our Youth who have been participating in Confirmation class with Pastor James in combination with Jenks FUMC. We are looking for volunteers to get involved with the relaunch of our Youth program as well as a Youth Sunday School teacher. If you are interested or have great ideas on how we can get this program going again, please contact myself or Pastor James.

It is my personal mission that every single child who walks in our doors, walks out knowing that they are undoubtedly and incredibly loved. Thank you for helping to share that love. Thank you for being an extended family for these kids. We are all blessed for it!

Brittany Fox

Director of Family Ministries





Palm Sunday



Disciple Opportunities

Coffee with Pastor James: Conversation, Prayer and Devotional Reflections. **Tuesdays @ 9:00 am** Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84028266094>.

Roundtable Connection Group: Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm. One of our newest small groups. Generally for "Baby Boomers," those in their 50's - 70's. Contemporary discussion, join this group @ Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81896340189>.

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Fellowship Class: Meets in the Parlor @ **9:45 am**. The literature from the *Adult Bible Studies* based on the Lectionary provides the subject for the weekly sessions. Zoom Link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82706398620>.

Interlude Class: Meets in the Chapel @ **10:00 am**. A NEW DVD study on *Moses by Adam Hamilton* will be starting the Sunday after Easter. Join this class for spirited discussion in person or on Zoom. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85463997302>.

New Friendship Class: Meets in Room 209 (second floor) @ **9:45 am**. This class offers studies on Christian and Bible - based topics that relate to contemporary issues along with lively discussion. Various activities with a lot of fun, fellowship and learning.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteer(s) to Prepare Sunday Morning Coffee. Sign up for a month or once a month. Call the church office 918-743-6491.



Lawn Help Needed! If you are willing and able to help keep New Haven's lawn looking beautiful, please call the church office 918-743-6491.

****SAVE THESE DATES****

4/16/22 10 am-noon EASTER EGG HUNT (SHOW UP EARLY TO HELP!)

6/7/22 FIRST DAY OF DAY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

7/4/22 10 am-noon 4TH OF JULY BIKE PARADE

8/1/22-8/4/22 5-7:30 pm (dinner served at 5) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8/7/22 VBS SUNDAY

10/29/22 4-6 pm FALL FESTIVAL



NEEDED: Sewing Machines and Sewing Supplies (not fabric)

We have an opportunity to help our new neighbors; those who have recently arrived from Afghanistan. There have been multiple requests for sewing machines—therefore, we are organizing a collection and distribution process.

We know that there are individuals with working portable sewing machines that have not been used for a while and are likely not to be used in the future. If you have one (or two +) of these, this is your opportunity to rehome them. Our new Afghan neighbors arrived with very little. Catholic Charities, other organizations and lots of generous individuals have done a great job of organizing the original settlement into Tulsa with housing, food, medical treatment, and lots of compassion and support.

As they have settled in, other needs have become apparent—functioning sewing machines and supplies are a great need right now. Therefore, we are asking, if you have a portable sewing machine that you are not using (it is in a closet or attic), that you pull it out (and the instruction manual, if you have it), check to be sure you have the power pedal, bobbins. In addition, we are taking donations of related supplies such as quality sewing scissors, pinking shears, straight pins, sewing needles, and pin cushions.

If you have a machine or two and/or some related supplies that you want to donate, **please bring them to St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 15th (Cherry Street) and Quaker during one of the following times:**

Tuesday—April 12, 19 and 26 4p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—April 16, 23 and 30 10 a.m. to noon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mgmtmaw@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Margaret White
Member, St. Paul's UMC



April

7 Katherine Alred
8 Doris Foster
9 Dan Wallace
16 Denny Beebe
21 Adriaan Duiveman
25 Eileen Walker
26 Bailey Sartain

May

5 Dana Henson
Lucas Lamkin
7 Dodie Wood

8 Chuck Berry
Barbara Smith
9 Joleen Taylor
10 Kim Percival
12 Bryant Lamkin
15 Lynn Roach
17 David Duncan
20 Sandra Nicholson
24 Linda Stockstill
27 Mike Brummal
28 Michael Taylor
29 Debbie Love

Prayer Requests

Jack Giffin
Jan & Doyle Boyd
Karyn Maio
Kelly Sartain
Greg and Lana Gotcher
People of Ukraine

Tom Black
Jan Duffield
Ron Unterschuetz
Dodie Wood
Marcherie Smith

Hear our prayers, O Lord

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Next SPIRE Deadline May 11.