



- March 25 - Palm Sunday - Worship @ 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., Dr. Pam Durso
- March 28 - Chalk the Walk @ 6:30 p.m.
- March 29 - Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
Meaningful worship service with a Seder Meal tasting and Communion
- March 30 - Good Friday @ 6:30 p.m. - The NHC Choir will present "Come to the Cross and Remember" by Pepper Choplin
- April 1 - Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:00 a.m.
- April 1 - Easter Crossings Worship @ 9:00 a.m. - Dr. Pam Durso
- April 1 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:10 a.m.
- April 1 - Easter Intersect Worship @ 11:15 a.m. - Dr. Pam Dusro

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This New Season Together
Pam Durso

In my work with college and seminary students and young ministers, I often tell them that God calls us

over and over. God calls us over and over to new places, to new opportunities, to new adventures—to new seasons in our ministry journey. I believe in the ever-new, dynamic nature of God's call—a call that is not just for ministers but for all who follow in the Jesus way.

I believe that because it has been my lived experience. Because God continues calling, I have been a youth minister (for a very short season of my life), a senior adult minister, a seminary professor, associate pastor, and leader of two different non-profit organizations. In all those roles and in all the places in which I have served, I have made new friendships, discovered new gifts I didn't know I had, and encountered the movement of God's Spirit.

And now God is calling again—calling NorthHaven and calling me, and I am excited about this new season of our worshipping, serving, and learning together. I have never served as an interim pastor but have long wanted that opportunity. I love preaching, and I especially love preaching to a congregation when I know the concerns, the joys, the heartaches, and the fears of that people gathered. I love sitting with people who are in transition, who are discerning next steps. I love hearing people's stories of how God has been at work in the past and talking with them about where God is at work in the present. I am beyond excited to have these next months with you—to share in these days of listening as we seek to hear God and hear one another.

Please know that as I begin on March 11 as your interim pastor, I would love to have a cup of coffee, to hear your stories, to sit and ponder a while. While my time each week in Norman will be short and I won't be with you every single weekend, know I am available to you. If you want to reach out via email, my address is pamdurso@bwim.info.

With great anticipation and joy about this new season together,

Pam Durso, Interim Pastor



NorthHaven: An inclusive family of Christ followers, inspiring, challenging and equipping each other to participate in God's great story.



NorthHaven Presents
Baylor University Men's Choir
 Friday, March 9, 2018
 7:00 p.m.

All Church Spring



Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. - noon
 Come help us clean out flower beds, mow, trim, edge, etc. Please bring any tools that would help with clean up. We need lots of help to keep our church grounds looking good.
 Coffee and donuts provided!

Norman Ministerial Fellowship Lenten Services 2018

Worship ~ 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. / \$5 Lunch ~ 12:35 - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

- March 7 ~ Memorial Presbyterian Church, 601 24th Ave. SW
 Guest Pastor: Rev. Desi Sharp, Goodrich Memorial UMC
- March 14 ~ McFarlin United Methodist Church, 419 S. University Blvd.
 Guest Pastor: Michael East, First Presbyterian Church
- March 21 ~ First Christian Church, 220 S. Webster Ave.
 Guest Pastor: Mike Bumgarner, Norman Regional Health System
- March 28 ~ First Baptist Church, 211 W. Comanche St.
 Guest Pastor: Dr. Charles Kimball, Univ. of Oklahoma

Milestones of Growth

"Living in freedom means not having to hide who we are, not having to exhaust ourselves to find who is to blame, but accepting ourselves as God does and experiencing God's gifts of grace for growth and relationship." Anonymous

Who do you know?

By Gala Van Eaton

Hindsight, they say, can be a counterpart to revelation. This month we have opportunity for a cursory observation of the life, so far, of NorthHaven member, Julie Morris.

Many mile markers in Julie's journey are set in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Her Mother and Father grew up there, forming full lives in the community and church environment. They took Julie and her older brother to church at Northwest Baptist. That church served as a significant reference point in Julie's development when as a teenager, she remembers a time that their church ordained a woman and therefore ultimately withdrew from the Southern Baptist Convention and later helped to form the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

As a teen, she did clerical work for her dad's construction business, but also worked as a reading and math tutor, and at nearby Lake Murray as a longtime recreational assistant. At age sixteen, she began dating the young man she would later marry at age twenty. It was during this time she received news that her heart had a faulty valve and began treatment, but that didn't hinder her enrollment at Oklahoma Baptist University as a college student. In 1990 she transferred to the University of Oklahoma after marrying the young man she had been dating who was in medical school there.

Julie's interests, while varied, led her to finish a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders in 1995. She knew she wanted to work with people but was also drawn toward the sciences and specifically speech pathology. She went to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond to complete her Masters degree in Education and Speech Language Pathology.

Her first job after graduation was working half time in Edmond Public Schools with developmentally delayed pre-schoolers. She began her doctoral work, again at OU, and worked for three years on her dissertation while serving as a graduate assistant at the Health Sciences Center supervising masters' level students. She completed her PhD in Speech Language Pathology in 2002.

Her husband finished his residency and they moved back to Ardmore and opened a private practice together there. Since there were no other private speech pathologists in Ardmore, she felt this would be an area where her expertise would be useful. Soon, in 2004, daughter Addie was born. Another milestone marked her way as she and her husband divorced. These markers of time and growth, some joyful and some sorrowful, progressed with inherent challenges—her mom's renal cell carcinoma, a catastrophic house fire, and Julie's own diagnosis with lupus in 2007.

True to her enduring spirit she continued to work as a speech language pathologist at Ardmore's Mercy Hospital. She was undergoing oral chemotherapy, finding it difficult to continue to work, and was never in total remission as she lived through these years as a single mom.

Then, in 2010, a new marker of time and growth appeared as if to reassure her of being on the right path—she met Chad Morris. Julie said though she was apprehensive, "I felt God's voice saying, 'I'm going to give you a good gift, will you trust me?'" She and Chad married in 2011.

Another milestone came in 2012 when daughter MaKenna was born. Julie's pregnancy was difficult and MaKenna was born early. With Julie's many health challenges still present, she began and still takes monthly IV infusions which require her to be bedfast for a few days every month.

Julie says all along God has provided help and strength to endure in many forms—through family, her Mom, a longtime friend, and even seemingly small things like a special song, If We're Honest by Francesca Battistelli. She and Chad and the girls now live in Norman and in 2011 joined NorthHaven Church. She loves the practice of freedom of thought and interpretation she experiences as a woman in the NHC family. Now, due to her fragile immune system, she has given up seeing patients, especially children, but continues teaching masters' students at OU in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Julie's drive to learn and share her gifts is evident in this cursory look at her life—this hindsight. Her journey is marked with revelations of the measure of eternal pacing and growth. Her story serves as an encouragement to perseverance for our NHC family.

Children's Corner



The annual KidsHaven Egg Hunt will be held on Easter morning (April 1) at 10:10 a.m.

Please have your child bring their basket.

To donate egg stuffers, please email

Kim Divelbiss (kim@northhavenchurch.net).



- March 1: Jamison Benenati
- March 2: Joanie Abbott
- March 3: Jake Carpenter
- March 3: Paul Gattis
- March 3: Gala Van Eaton

- March 4: Pierce Pratt
- March 4: Rita Ryan
- March 7: Leslie Bumgarner
- March 7: Judd Divelbiss
- March 9: Zach Dorman
- March 9: Judy Bray
- March 10: Brian Krause
- March 11: Kimberly Jensen
- March 11: Kate Jordan
- March 14: Porter Divelbiss
- March 14: Liam McCutcheon
- March 14: Paula Smalling

- March 15: Thad Williams
- March 16: Patricia Garner
- March 19: Wendy Foreman
- March 19: Mason Partridge
- March 22: Levin Lockett
- March 23: Sloane Partridge
- March 24: Deann Gattis
- March 26: Kevin Hargus
- March 27: Mikira Howell
- March 27: Cheryl Tarter
- March 28: Canaan Carman
- March 29: Cash Divelbiss



CONNECTION WEEKEND GAVE OUR STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK WITHIN THEMSELVES AND AT THEIR FAITH TO FIND WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE AUTHENTICALLY, OR TO KEEP IT 100!

PRAY FOR OUR MISSION TEAM AS WE LEAVE THIS SPRING BREAK FOR HOUSTON TO HELP WITH HURRICANE RELIEF. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO ASSIST US IN OUR TRIP, PLEASE SEE BRYAN OR SHERI.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH CAMPS, MISSION TRIPS OR OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE LET BRYAN KNOW. YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

MUSIC MATTERS



“Who me? Sing???”

Guess what? We are called to sing. Yup. Throughout the Bible we find many places where we are told to gather together to worship, to sing, to pray, to interact with one another, to encourage and support each other. I have been reading a wonderful little book titled, “Sing!” with a subtitle, “How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church.” It was

written by my new favorite hymn writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty. It seems the book came to be from about 12 years’ worth of touring, writing, and conferencing and thereby finding that a problem exists with Christians participating fully in congregational singing. Their 5 goals for the book are as follows:

1. To discover why we sing and the overwhelming joy and holy privilege that comes with singing.
2. To consider how singing impacts our hearts and minds and all of our lives.
3. To cultivate a culture of family singing in our daily home life.
4. To equip our churches for wholeheartedly singing to the Lord and one another as an expression of unity.
5. To inspire us to see congregational singing as a radical witness to the world.

In the introduction to the book, Psalm 95:1-2 is quoted: “Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” And you can find many other Psalms calling us to sing to God, as well as Paul’s charge to the early Christians in Colossians 3:16, “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you **teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**”

Whoa! Wait a minute! That scripture indicates that we ALL are participants and in so doing, we teach each other. We are commanded to sing to God; to not do it is to disobey. The Gettys propose that we need to sing because our spiritual health depends on it. They state “there are more than 400 references to singing in the Bible and at least 50 direct commands.” Psalm 149:1 says “Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.” “We are not to disregard the command because we don’t like the music or the personnel or are not in the mood. The command in Psalm 149:1 contains no caveats or conditions.” The Gettys contend that the command is “not to sing just unto ourselves or by ourselves..., but out loud as part of ‘the assembly of the saints’ – that is, in the company of other believers, with your church.”

Now before you say, “but Cheryl, I don’t always know the songs or hymns,” I suggest that maybe it is a process, but one we should enter into. If your other argument is “I can’t sing,” well, that won’t wash with me. I was a choir teacher for many years and my philosophy was everyone can improve their singing abilities, health-caused ailments aside. Plus, I know of one scripture that says to make a joyful noise. I feel sure we all can do that.

So, my focus is going to continue to be that of making congregational singing better. I can’t force you to sing, nor can I probably ‘guilt’ you into it! Although, I do have that good ole Baptist background. I will continue to do my part in encouraging you to join in singing praise to God and encouraging one another in our faith. No matter the style of worship or music, we are commanded to worship God. Since He is the God who makes all things possible, may we invoke his presence in our worship and partake heartily.

NOW. For some upcoming opportunities you will NOT want to miss!

Friday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m. – The Baylor University Men’s Choir will be performing in concert at our church. Invite friends and come to this great concert!

Friday, March 30th, 6:30 p.m. – Our NHC choir will perform “Come to the Cross and Remember,” by Pepper Choplin. This wonderful presentation tells the story of Jesus’ last week on earth. Again, you won’t want to miss this opportunity to worship and remember the sacrifices of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Will you sing?

Cheryl

PS...If you would like to read the book Sing! by Keith and Kristyn Getty, just ask me. I have a spare copy that I will donate to the NHC library.

WAVES

For this month’s NHC Newsletter ARTicle I’m taking the easy way out and sharing, with his permission of course, Dr. Randy Ridenour’s thoughts on my wave painting for the Sunday, February 18 service. Thank you, Randy.



"Waves" with members' names.

“I was planning to really only preach on a passage from Isaiah 43. When Sheri asked me if I had a passage to use as a reading, I picked that Mark 4 story of the storm, but still didn’t plan to say much, if anything, about it. When I saw the painting on Wednesday, though, I realized I would have to change my plan – if I didn’t talk about the story at all, then the experiential moment wouldn’t make any sense.

ARTicle by Don Schooler

“When I went back to the text to look at the story in Mark, though, I saw two things there that I had never noticed before in all my years of reading that passage. First, even though Jesus initiates the journey, the text oddly says that “They took him with them, even as he was.” The second is the small sentence stating that there were other boats with them.

“The fact that there were other boats surprised me, since the only way that I have pictured the scene is one long boat in the midst of a great storm. That’s the last mention of the other boats, though. The disciples seem to be concerned only with themselves, which is what fear does to us.



"Waves" 32"x40" acrylic on foam board.

“Jesus’ apparent passivity upon entering the boat is interesting, especially given their destination. On the other side of the Sea of Galilee is a region called the Decapolis, which is settled by veterans from the Roman army, and is also the site of the Roman garrison. Jesus, though, begins this journey with no apparent anxiety; nor does he display any anxiety when the terrified disciples wake him during the storm. Instead, he speaks to the storm – Jesus’ way of interacting with people who were hostile to him was always direct engagement, never the fight or flight that seem to be our only choices.

“So, if you hadn’t painted the storm, I wouldn’t have considered any of this.

“Looking back, I wish that I had pointed out that your painting had no boat at all. We’re free, then, to imagine ourselves alone in the storm, or as we truly are, surrounded by the Body of Christ – something that became increasingly more visible as more and more names were added. “ ~ Randy