



Rev. James Graham



According to Merriam Webster “hospitality” is defined as hospitable treatment, reception, or disposition. It is also defined as the activity or business of providing services to guests in hotels, restaurants, bars, etc. In the Bible hospitality is an important part of Jewish

and Christian culture, but it has an even broader meaning than is defined by the dictionary. So, what does it mean for us to exhibit the radical hospitality that is called for in the Bible. In the Bible it says we are supposed to welcome the stranger, the traveler and the alien (not the outer-space kind) among us. It reminds the people of Israel that they were once strangers in a strange land, and that their very survival depended on hospitality.

While most of us today, probably wouldn’t go that far, in the church, I believe it is helpful for us to think about hospitality in this way, because our very survival in our culture today depends on how the world perceives us. So what does it mean for US to be givers of hospitality. I’m going to throw some things out there for you to think about. **Hospitality is:** *welcoming someone into our church, our home, and even our daily lives that is different from us in some way, whether it is racially, economically, culturally, or even theologically.* **Hospitality is:** *loving others selflessly, just as God and Christ, Himself, loved others.* **Hospitality is:** *not being afraid to comfort the sick and afflicted.* **Hospitality is:** *standing in solidarity with those who are marginalized or oppressed, and against those who would be their oppressors.* **Hospitality is:** *opening ourselves up to new relationships, new ideas, and new possibilities without having to first subject them to some standard or litmus test.* **Hospitality is:** *recognizing Christ in others, whether or not they accept, claim, or profess the sovereignty of the creator.*

Dear God, teach us the true meaning of hospitality, and help us all to practice it daily.

AMEN!

MISSION NEWS

IF YOU HAVE A  FOR MISSIONS,
PLEASE JOIN US TONIGHT at 6:00 pm IN THE PARLOR.

We will share information with you about achievements of New Haven's 2018 mission program.

In addition we will discuss this year's mission goals. New Haven's mission programs include: Angel Tree, Crosses of Love, Day Center, Exodus House, Happy Children's Home, In-Service Sunday, Memorial Tree, Mission Sunday, Mission Trips, Murdock Villa, Operation School Bell, Carnegie Partner in Education, Project Transformation, Respite Care, Restore Hope, Ronald McDonald House, Community Food Bank, Undie Sunday and Mountain of Food. It would be great to build on our successes with these programs and to identify even more ways to serve. **Please join us this evening to share your ideas.**

RESTORE HOPE

MINISTRIES
United Methodist Church Affiliate

New Haven received a letter of appreciation from Restore Hope for our contributions resulting from our "Mountain of Food" initiative. In the letter Jeff Jaynes stated that New Haven's gifts will help "to restore families in crisis to economic and spiritual vitality." In a handwritten note Jeff wrote, "Wow! I am so thankful for this absolutely moving support for Restore Hope and for the families we serve. This incredible mountain of food will help families across our community have food they need to help thrive. Thank you for your support!"

Another great example New Haven's generosity. Thank you so much for your participation in this very important mission.



Picture from 5th Anniversary

MURDOCK VILLA BIRTHDAY PARTIES 2019 MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Let's celebrate the joy that in 2019 **New Haven UMC** has brought a decade of good times to Murdock Villa, Tulsa Housing Authority's residence for disabled adults! Our church has sponsored two birthday parties a year since the parties were founded by TU law students in January 2009. Every party in May has been brought to the residence by our church's Missions Committee, and every July has been planned by the Susanna Circle of United Methodist Women, and their children! This year, then, the May and July parties will be extra special, remembering the previous decade of fun and celebration of residents' birthdays and keeping the tradition going! Also, on January 25th at noon, there will be a 10th anniversary party commemorating the founding of this student service project which has morphed and grown into an impressive community effort. The master of ceremonies will be a former law student who is flying in from Denver! A few New Haven members who can attend this event will be recognized and thanked for the massive contributions of our church over the years. If you would like to come, please contact Lou Lindsey (louise-lindsey@utulsa.edu).

Mommy & Me Play Date

A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.
Proverbs 27:9

****Starting February 7th**** Moms of **0-3 year olds**, join us for a weekly **"Mommy and Me play date"**! **Thursdays at 10:00 am** in classroom 280 (Upstairs), accompany your little ones for an hour of fun! Us moms can get some much needed adult interaction while watching our kiddos play and socialize! Please contact Brittany Fox (New Haven UMC Nursery Director) with any questions at brit8519@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

UMPTREENAGERS



In February the **UMPTREENAGERS** will be visiting the **Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art on Tuesday, February 19th located at 2021 E. 71st Street.** if you've never been on an **UMPTREENAGER** trip before, this is one not to be missed. **The bus will be leaving from the church at 11:15 am and returning between 3:00 and 3:30 pm.** "The purpose of the museum is to preserve and promote Jewish heritage, culture, history and community through art and education." The entryway is eye catching with its tall stained-glass windows depicting biblical scenes. The

lower level has a permanent Holocaust exhibit with hundreds of documents and photos of this ghastly time in history. "The permanent exhibit on the upper level displays art and artifacts from the 5,000 year history of the Jewish people, beginning in the pre-Canaanite era in the Middle East down to the settling of the Jewish communities in Oklahoma and Tulsa." A visit to this accredited museum will be well worth your time.

Discovery Sunday School Class

Discovery Class will not meet on Sunday, January 27th

Discovery Class meets in Room 185 and will resume **February 3rd** when they will be finishing up their study of Amy-Jill Levine's: Short Stories by Jesus: "The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" with the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

New
Choir Members
Welcome!

Can you read music? Do you love to sing? This would be the perfect time to join the choir and or Bell Choir as we begin rehearsing music for the Lenten/Easter season.

If involvement year round, is not something you can commit to, why not consider joining just for the Holy season? We would love to have more voices join us we prepare to rehearse the wonderful "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah by Handel for Easter.

The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

We would love to have you join us!



The Great Cookie Exchange

Please bring your favorite cookie(s) to share and join us in the **Great Cookie Exchange on February 17th** during the Sunday School hour in the gym. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Gregory 918.943-6641 or Cynthia Edelman 918.743.6491.

A Note from Our Carnegie Partners in Education

THANK YOU

Dear New Haven Family -

Thank you so much for the super great bag FULL of goodies! We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness!

With love -
Cindy Wiegans
Valene Chrismon
Rachel Pape

Administrative Council Meeting

Please join us Next Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor for a brief Administrative Council Meeting. All New Haven UMC Members have a vote in the life of the Church and should try to attend all Administrative Council Meetings.

SAVE THE DATE!



Your kids (and you) won't want to miss VBS 2019

***TO MARS & BEYOND* this summer**

Blast-Off from JULY 15 - 19, 5:30-8:30 pm mark your calendar!

When planning for your summer vacation make sure you

save this week for VBS at New Haven!

To Mars and Beyond will help kids **discover the wonders of God's universe**. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They will lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give

What an incredible way to show our kids how God is always with them!

BLAST OFF WITH NHSP
(New Haven Space Program)

All kids from 4 years through entering 5th Grade are invited to participate! And all entering 6th Grade through *INFINITY AND BEYOND* are welcome to volunteer!



Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

6:00 pm Writer's Group (161, 185)

6:00 pm Mission Goals Meeting (Parlor)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

1:30 pm Women's Grief Group (Parlor)

6:00 pm Day School Council (

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Gym)

7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Rev. James Graham - Happy Birthday!

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir

7:00 pm ACOA (210)

7:00 pm Bell Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

4:30 pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)

6:00 pm Praise Band

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 am Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby (Gym)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:45 am Contemporary Worship

9:45 am Connection Groups

11:00 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Administrative Council (Parlor)

4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal

4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor

5:00 pm Invitation to the Old Testament

5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Marti Lowery	Children Director
Carol Morgan	Office Clerical Asst.
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

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January Birthdays

- 3 Dale Edmond
- 4 Tiffany Sherwin
Bob Walker
- 8 Megan Hackleman
- 10 Kay Garwood
- 11 Ron Unterschuetz
- 12 Helen Russell
Rose Unterschuetz
- 13 Greg Feyerabend
Rachel Pape
David Toalson
- 14 Sallyanne Wallace
- 16 Joan Beebe
Sarah Duiveman
- 19 Stephen Merrick
- 20 Derek Lamkin
- 21 Dwayne Boyd
- 23 Pastor James Graham
- 28 Bryce Percival
Julian Smith
- 29 Mike Riggin



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*Come join us at 9:45 am!
Check out one or all of our
Connection Groups and see
where you which you would
like to join!*

Room 185: Discovery Class
Parlor: Fellowship Class
Room 209: New Friendship Class
Room 103: Interlude Class
Room 206: New Haven 206
Room 161: Roundtable

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 13, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 51

11:00 am ~ 94

Total ~ 145

Sunday School

Adults ~ 50

Youth ~ 18

Children ~ 15

January 20, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 49

11:00 am ~ 84

Total ~ 133

Sunday School

Adults ~ 47

Youth ~ 13

Children ~ 19

Postage Rates Going Up Jan. 27th

Product	2019
Stamp Price 1 Oz.	0.55
Single Piece Additional Ounce	0.15
Meter Price 1 Oz.	0.50
Single-Piece Flats 1 Oz.	1.00
Single-Piece Cards	0.35

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mary Lou Black
Joe Sanders
Janice Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Helen Russell
Jan Boyd
Dot Haynes
Adriaan Duiveman
Thad Carthel
Jean Smith's son-in-law Joe Showalter
Family of Ovella Followell



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