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Rev. James Graham

Never Say Never!

In honor of veteran's day, I want to share with you a story about my Uncle Roy Weston. He was a navy veteran of WWII and tales of his service would be enough to encourage you on this day. However, I want to tell you another story. After he got out of the service, he became a carpenter and builder. His hands were very important to his

ability to make a living. One day at work, he had an accident with the skill saw that severed all four of his fingers from his dominant hand right at the knuckles at the end of his palm. Wrapping his hand in his shirt, he picked up his fingers and put them in his lunch box and went to the hospital. When the surgeon looked at his hand, he said, "We can reattach them (fingers) but you'll never be able to bend them or use them again!" Uncle Roy said, "Never say never! Put them back on!" His index finger was so badly damaged, they were not able to reattach it, but they did reattach the other three.

Refusing to accept that his hand would be useless and that he would be unable to continue his trade, he relentlessly worked at restoring movement to his fingers. At first there was only a few twitches of movement, but then, little by little he began to regain some movement. Encouraged he continued working to strengthen and exercise the fingers by squeezing a soft ball, then a tennis ball, and finally the day came when by wrapping a lot of tape around the handle of his hammer, he was able to go back to work and hammer a nail. Eventually he regained full motion in his remaining three fingers, and as a witness to his thankfulness to God, he built the First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma! My friends, don't ever let someone tell you that something is impossible. With God's help, we can do anything! ***Never say never!***

Pastor James





Honoring All Veterans on Veterans Day

We thank you for your service and sacrifices. We are forever grateful!

UMNNext!

Please join us for the next Tulsa area UMNNext gathering which will be held on **Sunday, November 17 at New Haven UMC, 2:30-4:30 pm.**

What is UMNNext? UMNNext is a gathering of Oklahoma United Methodists who support the inclusion of all people in the church and seeks to build support for persons who are marginalized. UMNNext seeks to keep people informed about efforts to promote equality for all in our upcoming General Conference to be held May 5-15, 2020, in Minneapolis, MN.

If you want to know how **YOU** can be involved, come join us for this meeting in the New Haven UMC Sanctuary. New Haven is excited to be the hosts for this meeting that will include other area churches, including Boston Avenue UMC, Faith UMC, St. Pauls and more. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested.

The tentative agenda includes updates since our first meeting in Tulsa on October 3, what we know about the plans going to General Conference and a chance for us to connect in small groups again. There won't be a meeting in Tulsa during December, but anticipate monthly meetings in January through General Conference.



Please come join us for **Church Work Day**
Saturday, November 16th
starting at 9:00 am.

Tools are not necessary but please bring them if you want and your gloves then join in the fellowship! **Call the church office if you are able to help.**

New Haven Staff

Rev. James B. Graham ~ Senior Pastor

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

Umpteenagers ~ Tuesday, November 19

Downtown Tunnels, History and Architecture Tour!



The **bus and cars will depart the church promptly at 10:30 am** so please arrive in time. We have a bigger group than usual and will take extra vehicles. If you signed up, and your plans change, please call Susan Harris at 918-481-5967. If you have questions about the tour, call her with those, too.

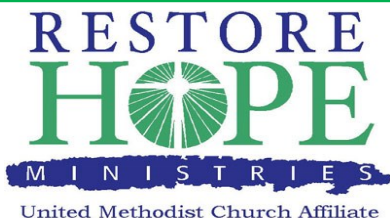


Hangin' of the Greens

Please come join us at **12:15 pm on Sunday, November 24th** as we prepare the Church for the Advent season.

We will have lunch in the Parlor then start decorating the Sanctuary.

There will be two sign-up sheets in the hallway. One sign-up sheet to help with decorating and the other sign-up sheet will be to provide food for



Mountain of Food Wrap-Up

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity this year! We have given Restore Hope **\$10,000** this year; all of which will be matched by the George Kaiser Family Foundation so our actual impact is **\$20,000**. That is something to celebrate!

What does this mean for the hungry who come through Restore Hope's doors every day? We purchased these complete pallets with our \$10,000: green beans (2040 cans), corn (2040 cans), cereal (360 boxes), cream of mushroom soup (2040 cans), peas (2040 cans), peanut butter (720 jars), chicken (2040 cans), peaches (1056 cans), tomato sauce (2040 cans) and pasta (1200 boxes).

That's 2,040 green bean casseroles, or 1,200 pasta dinners for big families. And those 720 jars of peanut butter have 18,000 servings!! We are helping a lot of families. As Rev. Jeff Jaynes, the Executive Director of Restore Hope said yesterday, New Haven is the "largest per capita giver to Restore Hope!" ***WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

We are a blessed church family and we are sharing those blessings with many others. Thank you for opening your hearts and treasure.

Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS' DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
6:00 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:30 pm AA (Gym)
6:30 pm 106 New Haven Class

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
9:00 AM CHURCH WORK DAY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal
4:30 pm Disciple 3
5:00 pm Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6:00 am Bus Stop Ministry
6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:30 pm Trustees - Parlor
7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
6:00 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship



12:15 pm HANGING OF THE GREENS
4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal
4:30 pm Disciple 3
5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

November Birthdays

- 3 Carol Berry
- 4 Carolyn Welch
- 5 Linda Gregory
- 7 John Sartain
- 10 Karyn Maio
- 14 Phil Roberts
- 15 Patricia Graf
- 17 Lindy Lowery
- 17 Pat Bates
- 19 Jan Duffield
Jay Graham
- 21 Betty Fine
- 22 Sarah Graham
- 23 Jerry Fisher
- 24 Christine Riggin



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

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

Parlor 115 Fellowship Class
Room 209 New Friendship Class
Room 103 Interlude Class
Room 206 New Haven 206
Room 161 Roundtable

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 3, 2019, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 59

11:00 am ~ 67

Total ~ 126

Livestream ~ 14

Sunday School

Adults ~ 54

Children ~ 15

November 10, 2019, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 55

11:00 am ~ 88

Total ~ 143

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman
Don Gregory
Dodie Wood
Quitman McCrory
Barbara Troutman
Barbara Coleman
Tonya Ford
Patrick Grafton
Marianne Duiveman
Robin Stevens
Eight year old Maddie Cochran
of Tahlequah
Our Military & First Responders



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