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Rev. James Graham

Good morning and Happy Thanksgiving!


In a few days we will sit down and share a meal with family and friends in celebration of this day we call Thanksgiving! Our family tradition is to have ham and turkey, garlic mashed potatoes, dressing, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, and of course PIE; pumpkin, apple, pecan, and maybe even some chocolate silk! After dinner we will play games and watch football. Of course, the real reason we celebrate is to give thanks to God for the bountiful blessings he sends our way every year!

As we gather with our families around the dinner table this week, we have much to be thankful for! I am thankful for health, family, the ministry to which I have been entrusted, and of course being blessed to have all of the material things I need. I have a home, a car, a job, warm clothes, and plenty to eat. I AM truly BLESSED! Psalm 100 says *"Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with **praise**; **give thanks** to him and praise his name."* so on this Thanksgiving week, I invite you to join me in giving thanks to God, Our Lord, for his abundant grace and steadfast love!

Stewardship Update:

As of last Friday we have received 48 pledge cards totaling \$240,880. We know there are several families who have not yet pledged! Please fill out your pledge card and return it to the office. You may also phone in your pledge to Cynthia at the church if you wish!

As of the end of October, our expenses have exceeded our donations by \$24,200. Please help us finish the year strong with your generous giving! The last day to make a donation that will count on THIS year's taxes is December 31st. Remember there is a tax benefit to making an end of year donation by transfer of stock from your retirement account! Consult your tax advisor for details!



A Thanksgiving Prayer (by Rev. Linda McDermott,
First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas)

God who loves us, who deserves our gratitude for so much that is good, We offer our prayers of thanksgiving to you:

For the beauty of the earth ---bright orange leaves mixed with green, a gentle rain, a spider's delicate web. For friends, for family, even acquaintances who offer us kindness, who bring us laughter, who hold us to a higher standard.

Lord of all that is good and nourishing to our well being, we give you thanks.

How we must try your patience with our pettiness!

All of life is a wonder. The very breath we take, the ability to rouse ourselves each new day, a single blade of grass that holds such miracles of symmetry, a tiny distant star whose real size boggles our minds.

We take our lives for granted as if it were our right, and not our gift.

We take our days and our loves and our passions for granted as if tomorrow will verify their importance and our present moments have other things to occupy us.

Gracious God, who lavishes goodness upon us even in some of our darkest moments, help us to see your goodness, remind us to have grateful hearts, give us receptive minds, and grant us ever-gracious ways of living in harmony with each other. And in our gratitude, make us to be instruments of your peace. Amen.



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THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
November 19, 2017



Many thanks to the musicians, volunteers and speakers who made our Thanksgiving service so meaningful. Our church is blessed to have so many talented people who sing, dance and play instruments. The Bluegrass Group is wonderful, the One Spirit Choir sang two beautiful pieces, and Deena Smith danced. Jocelyn Schifferdecker sang with assistance from Bailey Sartain. Our thankful speakers were Paula Fox, Kelly Sartain and David Schifferdecker. Steve Amos, Carolyn Toalson and Donita Gray were the readers. It was a great start to Thanksgiving week.

Susan Harris, Lay Leader



MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 10:00 AM

On Sunday, November 25th during the 10:00 Hanging of the Greens service everyone who so desires can place an ornament in memory of a loved one and help us decorate the Memorial Christmas Tree.

The Memorial Christmas Tree tradition began after our dear Nathan Wofford passed away. We have continued this tradition for years in memory of all our loved ones. Tables will be set up with ornaments you have put on the tree in the past for you to use. Feel free to bring your own if you like and we'll have some extra ones, too. If you prefer to place your ornament on the tree at a more private time, you may do so at any time.

During the service on the 25th, we will have a ministry moment about the Memorial Tree and you will receive guidance on where to pick up ornaments and when to go outside to the front lawn to decorate the tree.

Questions? Call Adriaan Duiveman (918-630-4430)



UMW NEWS!

UMW Susanna Circle will shop for gifts for Cookson Hills Christmas Store on December 7th. We will meet at 10 am at New Haven.

Jean Roberts will host a Christmas Brunch for UMW ladies at 10am on December 14TH at her home. All ladies are welcome to learn about UMW!! Please RSVP to Susan Lamkin by December 8th. (susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-557-9148)

We will have Sooner Pecans for sale by noon today for \$12 a pound!

FOXY ARM CANDY

BENEFITTING THE NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL

1 Bracelet \$15.00

2 Bracelets \$25.00

3 Bracelets \$35.00

Gift Certificates are Available!

You may shop the school fundraiser and pick up some fun Christmas/Holiday gifts for friends, family, and teachers!!!

80% of sales will be donated to our school!

The jewelry fundraiser will be open
from 2:00 - 2:45 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays
and Sunday (after Connection Groups)
in the gym until Christmas Break!!!





It is wreath time again! Christmas is 35 days until that big, wonderful day! The New Haven Youth Group has you covered on a great gift to give to someone or even gift yourself. The table in the hallway has the poster (see below) of what the wreaths are and the cost. The sales of the wreaths will not go on much longer, so we can get the wreaths in the first week of December. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Sartain at roosmom1@cox.net. Also, if you see what you like, just email your name/phone number and what you would like. You can prepay or pay on delivery. IF paying by check please fill out to New Haven and in the memo put wreath fundraiser.

Thank you for helping the youth!

UMPTENAGERS TO VISIT MARLAND MANSION

Join us on Tuesday, December 12th as we journey to Ponca City to visit the palatial Marland Mansion built in 1925-1928 at a cost of 5.5 million dollars! We will leave the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. In Ponca City we will have lunch at the Brick House Grill, tour the mansion, and be home by 4:30-5:00 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$6.00 and head count is important. Let's fill up the bus and have a great day!!!

Shirley Nelson ~ 918-615-6247



MARLAND MANSION, PONCA CITY, OK.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:00 am **Hanging of the Greens Service**

4:00 pm Cub Souts

4:00 pm Footprints

5:00 pm **Advent Bible Study/Parlor**

6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

6:15 pm Bluegrass Band

6:30 pm Council Oak Charge Conference/First UMC, Tulsa

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

1:30 pm Women's Grief Recovery

7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym

7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir

7:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 pm Praise Band

7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:45 am **Contemporary Worship**

9:45 am Connection Groups

1:00 am **Traditional Worship**

4:00 pm Cub Souts & Pack 67

4:00 pm Footprints

4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym

5:00 pm **Advent Bible Study/Parlor**

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6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner

7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

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Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
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Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

November Birthdays

3. Carol Berry
- Samantha Hensley
4. Carolyn Welch
5. Linda Gregory
10. Mary Lou Black
- Karyn Maio
13. Roger Jaeger
14. Phil Roberts
- Markwen Johnson
15. Pat Graf
17. Elizabeth Amos
- Kerry Beebe
19. Susan Thomas
21. Dennis Jaeger
- Betty Fine
22. Rachel Gotcher
- Max Nightingale
23. Jerry Fisher
25. Christine Riggan
28. Dorothy Koons



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Jim Harris
Claretha Gotcher
Jan Boyd
Louise McCrory
Ovella Followell
Liz Dewitt

Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Betty Hodge's son, Brian; Pam Rowley; Joe Sanders; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers and visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons
Max Nightingale
Carson and Helen Russell
Betty Barton

ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 51

11:00 am: 103

Total: 154

CONNECTION GROUPS

Adults: 57

Youth: 8

Children: 14

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
Bible Study

Gym: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class
"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Journey" Advent Series videos

Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "The First Christmas" by M.J. Borg & J.D. Crossan

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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