



Rev. James Graham

Invitation

Advent is upon us, and as the season approaches, I want to return to Jim Ozier’s four stages of recommendation. Invitation is the highest form of recommendation. New people are more likely to visit us during the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. What does that look like? (1.) Posting on your

Facebook page a picture of New Haven UMC with worship times or information for a special event. “I’ll be here for Christmas Eve services, won’t you come and join me?” (2.) Inviting someone you know. “We love our church! Why don’t you come with us next Sunday? We would be glad to pick you up and have lunch afterward!” (3.) I know you are the kind of guy who loves to build things. We’re building a new storage shed at the church, would you like to come with me next Saturday and help?”

Personal invitation is the best way to grow your church, but I want you to remember the ultimate of invitation. The goal is to move people lovingly into the community of faith called the church. There they can experience first hand the love and grace that Christ calls us to share with all people. It is also important for us to remember, that our actions through the week are often the most powerful witness we have! If people are going to respond positively to our invitation, it will be because we have lived like Christians through the week. “They’ll know we are Christians by our love!” Go and love my friends, and invite!!!



In His service,
Pastor James

Welcome Glenn & Megan!



After visiting New Haven for several Sundays **Glenn and Megan Hackleman** decided to make it official and joined our church family on Sunday, November 25 at the 11:00 am service. If you have not met Glenn and Megan be sure to welcome them introduce yourself.

We are thrilled to welcome Glenn and Megan to New Haven!!

Hospitality Group

There is a new group starting at New Haven and **YOU (YES, YOU)** are invited to be a part of it! That's right everyone at New Haven is welcome to join this group who will be tending the Visitor Desk and welcoming our guests to our church. We would like to get a group for each of our services, that way we can take turns greeting. This group will only meet once in a while to exchange ideas on improving how we welcome visitors to New Haven. Let's be intentional about making our guests feel welcome! If you would like to be a part of this new ministry, please contact Adriaan Duiveman



Christmas Potluck Dinner Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 pm

Bring your favorite dish and join us as we take time from our busy lives to gather and celebrate the Christmas Season with our New Haven Church Family.

We need helpers to set up tables and chairs in the gym after the 11:00 am Worship service. We also need 4-5 people to arrive at 5:30 pm to put on the last minute finishing touches! After the dinner we will need a few people to stay and help clean up and put away the tables and chairs.





Memorial Tree

This Sunday Dec. 2nd after our 11:00 am Service



Most of you know we started this when our dear Nathan Wofford passed away 11 years ago, he was all about Christmas, all year long. With the Years it became a special tree for everyone that lost a love one.

On Sunday we will have just one Service and we invite everyone as a family, even if you are visiting our church, to join us outside after the service on the front lawn to place the ornaments on the tree and gather around as Pastor James shares a prayer with us.

We will have a table set up with ornaments in the narthex, you can pick some up and place them on the tree, if you would like to bring your own special ornament please do so, or if you want you can also write a name of your loved one of the extra ornaments. If you prefer you can also place an ornament at any time in private on the tree.

Looking forward to joining with all of you next week after the Hanging of the Greens service and sharing this special time with each other.

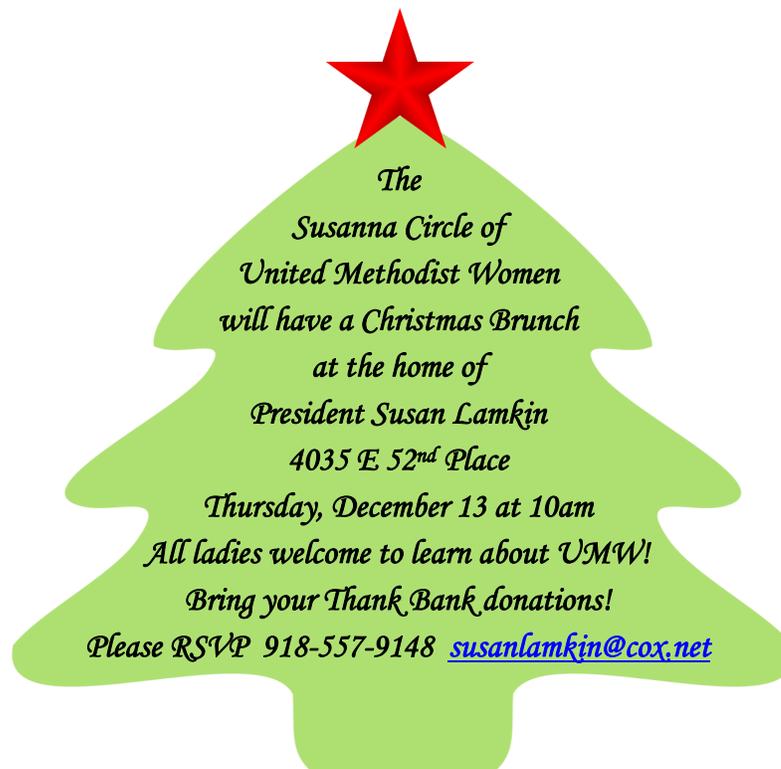
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Christmas Angel Tree

**Please bring you gifts to New Haven by:
December 2 for ChildShare or
December 9 for the Carnegie Elementary**

Call or text Stacey at 918.381.5450 if you have any questions.
Thank you for supporting this Annual New Haven Angel Tree Mission.



Sunday, December 2

One Service at 11:00 am

Hanging of the Greens!

Join us this Sunday for our Annual Hanging of the Greens special Worship Service.

Let's all help decorate our church in preparation of the Birth of the Christ Child.



UMPTENAGERS DO BRANSON!



Thirteen people representing New Haven United Methodist Church took a three-day, two-night trip to Branson, MO recently. During our time away, we attended three shows – Hughes Brothers, Buck Trent, and Sampson; we shopped for (and bought) treasures; we ate and laughed and just plain ole' had a good time! Of course, what happens in Branson

stays in Branson but then what fun is that? For instance, the group stayed up way past my bedtime (yes, after midnight at IHOP) and ate like we were starving (not all of us were able to catch the roll on the first try at Lambert's). I got some new jokes to add to my repertoire too. A suggestion was made that next year we hand a can of Red Bull out to each person when boarding the bus to go to Branson and a can of Slim Fast when we leave to go home. I'm not sure that this was intended to be serious, but I'm taking it under advisement.

Shirley Nelson did an excellent job of planning the trip from where we stayed to the great seats at all three shows. David Toalson was our capable driver dropping us off and picking us



Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Gym)

7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir

7:00 pm ACOA (210)

7:00 pm Bell Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

10:00 am Grief Recovery Group (Chapel)

10:00 am Susanna Circle (Parlor)

4:30 pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)

6:00 pm Praise Band

7:15 pm Yoga (Gym)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:45 am Contemporary Worship

9:45 am Connection Groups

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Worship

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
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Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

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December Birthdays

- 7 Jim Harris
- John Sartain
- 8 Evan Stevenson
- 13 Michael Foster
- Jennifer Lawrence
- 14 Dee Kemp
- 16 Linda Blackford
- Susan Lamkin
- 17 Kathryn Stevenson
- 21 Cathy Amos
- Billy Jagger
- Kelly Sartain
- 27 Diana Horn
- 30 Megan Lamkin



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ann White
Janice Duffield
Mary Lou Black
Bill Gotcher
Linda Joyce's sister Dana
Cyd Soderfelt Alon's 6 yr. old grand nephew, liver cancer
Jerry Fisher's mother Dorothy
Linda Gregory's brother Roger



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 18, 2018

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 51

11:00 am ~ 96

Thanksgiving Service ~ 42

Live Stream ~ 12

Total ~ 201

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 59

Youth ~ 7

Children ~ 19

November 25, 2018

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 44

11:00 am ~ 94

Live Stream ~ 10

Total ~ 144

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 62

Youth ~ 17

Children ~ 11

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
"Defiant Joy"

Parlor: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class
"Religion & Violence"

Room 103: Interlude Class
Join us for as we Journey
Toward Christmas with Adam
Hamilton!

Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group "Making Sense
of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Room 161: Roundtable Group is
studying "Knowing God"

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