



Rev. James Graham

A few months ago, Nancy and I were very blessed to have the opportunity to add a house to the small acreage we had purchased three years ago by the lake. We call our little slice of paradise, Graham's Brae, or just The Brae for short. Brae is the Scottish term for a rocky hillside. This past month, even though we officially live in Tulsa, Oklahoma, we have been spending our weekends out at the new house, painting, and generally nesting in our new home. Last week we were there when the total lunar eclipse happened. When that huge super moon rose above the horizon that night, we marveled at its beauty as we stood on our front porch watching the moon rise above the

trees. The next morning we were blessed with a beautiful sunrise, painted on the eastern sky. Coral, blood orange, plum purple, yellow, with touches of blue spread joyfully across the heavenly canvas. I watched a herd of deer grazing in the morning fog, and a pair of mallards swimming carefree on our pond. As I sipped my morning coffee in the brisk morning air, I couldn't help but marvel at the creativity and majesty of our creator. We are truly blessed. In the Bible, Psalm 8 says:

*O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of our foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the fields,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*



I pray that all of you, my friends and family, might be blessed so abundantly, that you can't resist lifting up your praises to the creator of heaven and earth!

Grace and peace,

Missing Church?

Live Stream New Haven Services!

Are there some Sundays you unable to come to church? Maybe you're not feeling well, your child or children are sick, or perhaps the weather is too bad to drive. You might even be out of town, or there might be a sermon you would like to hear again . . .

If you have a computer or a smart phone you can watch the both services online.

Go to: newhavenumc.org, you will see "Welcome," at the bottom of the message you will see "live streaming" followed by "available here" if you click on the word "here" it will take you to a page where you can select the service you would like to see. That's all there is to it!

Murdock Villa Celebrates 10 years of Birthday Celebrations!!

These pictures show many (but not all) of the guests who came to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Murdock Villa birthday parties with the residents on Jan. 25, 2019.

Represented in the photos: TU affiliated visitors: College of Law staff & faculty, retirees, current students, alumni (done

monthly parties during academic year for 10 years) True Blue Neighbor Program director and undergraduate volunteer (provided free t-shirts and many raffle items for the 10th anniversary) Grace Hospice (has provided the birthday cake for most of the decade) New Haven United Methodist Church (23 parties) Cherry St. Panera informal coffee group (10 parties) McLain High School Rotary Interact group (multiple parties) Chapter FZ-GR P.E.O. (multiple parties)



Lou Lindsey & Susan Lamkin
Representing New Haven UMC



Mommy & Me Play Date

A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.
Proverbs 27:9

****Starting this Thursday, 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!

UMPTENAGERS



The **UMPTENAGERS** will be visiting the **Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, 2021 E. 71st Street on Tuesday, February 19th**. If you've never been on an **UMPTENAGER** trip before, this is one not to be missed. **The bus will leave from the church at 11:15 am and return 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.



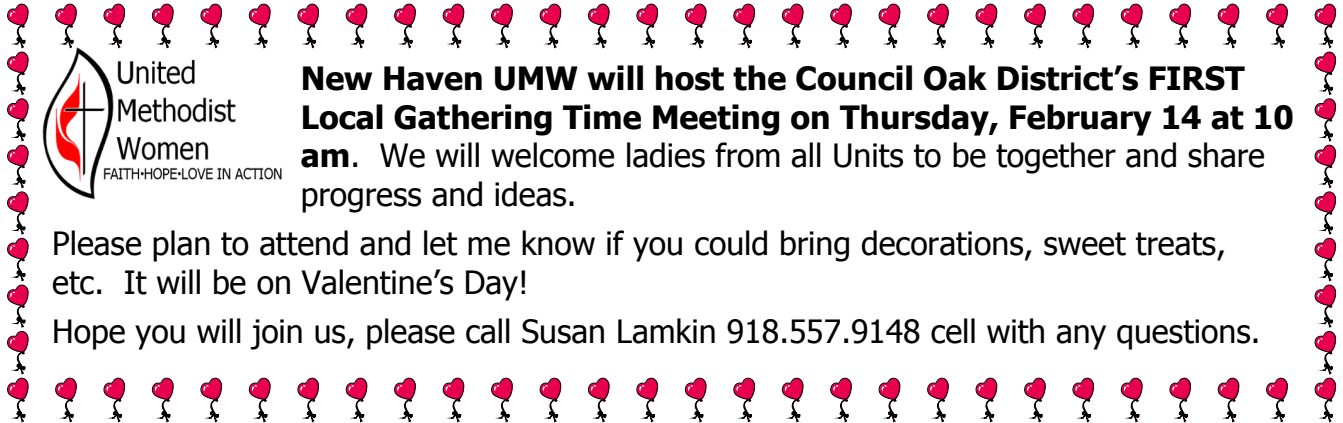
New Haven's Exodus House resident has asked if anyone has a six drawer chest of drawers that they would be willing to donate. Exodus House has a truck that is available for picking up furniture. Please call Jan Boyd 918.691.1622 if you have a donation.

Our resident does not have a car and would like volunteers to pick her up for church on Sundays. If we have 4 or 5 volunteers then it would be just once a month. The address of Exodus House is 2624 S. Newton, please let Jan know if you would like to volunteer.



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.



New Haven UMW will host the Council Oak District's FIRST Local Gathering Time Meeting on Thursday, February 14 at 10 am. We will welcome ladies from all Units to be together and share progress and ideas.

Please plan to attend and let me know if you could bring decorations, sweet treats, etc. It will be on Valentine's Day!

Hope you will join us, please call Susan Lamkin 918.557.9148 cell with any questions.



Confirmation Class Starting Soon...

Hello church!

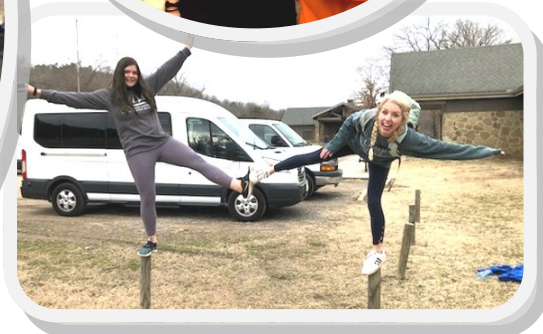
Please be in prayer for our youth. This coming **Sunday, February 10th** we are beginning confirmation class. It's going to be very exciting to journey with those youth

considering confirmation as well as those that have already been confirmed who will participate as peer sponsors. At the conclusion we'll be confirming those youth that have decided to own this step of faith on Palm Sunday! Thank you for your prayers, and support for our youth.

Make it a great week!

Yours in Christ, Patrick

Pictures from Youth Retreat!



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 glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

**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, FEBRUARY 4

6:00 pm Writer's Group (161, 185)
6:00 pm **Mission Goals Meeting (Parlor)**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Gym)
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
7:00 pm ACOA (210)
7:00 pm Bell Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 am **Grief Recovery Group (Parlor)**
10:00 am **Mommy & Me Playgroup (280)**
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm YOGA (Parlor)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 am **MEN'S BREAKFAST/BRUNCH**
3:00 PM **RESPIRE CARE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

New Haven Staff Members

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February Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Coleman
- 2 Marjorie Depoe
Will Scruggs
JJ Sartain
- 4 William Carthel
- 6 Regina LaGrone
Steve Lassiter
- 9 Robin Stevens
- 10 Shirley Nelson
- 15 Marianne Duiveman
- 16 Donita Gray
Jocelyn Schifferdecker
- 17 Kegan Schifferdecker
- 21 Nancy Graham
- 23 Mary Ann Tyler
Dorothy Haynes
Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz
- 24 Jean Smith
- 27 Mary Ann Cunningham



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 27, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 58
11:00 am ~ 95
Total ~ 153

Sunday School

Adults ~ 50
Youth ~ 7
Children ~ 14

Live Stream ~ 17

February 3, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 41
11:00 am ~ 94
Total ~ 135

Sunday School

Adults ~ 59
Youth ~ 12
Children ~ 16

Live Stream ~ 20

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Mary Lou Black
Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Helen Russell
Jan Boyd
Dot Haynes
Barbara Coleman
Barbara Troutman
Alon Soderfelt's nephew Syd
Dodie Wood



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