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News of New Haven United Methodist Church

*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,
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Rev. James Graham

“Second Chances”

Have you ever made a serious mistake and wished you could get a do-over? I only play golf occasionally, very occasionally, and as you can imagine that if you don’t play golf all the time, it is very hard to be consistent in hitting the ball. When you play in a fund raising golf tournament, you often have the opportunity to buy a “mulligan” at the beginning of the tournament.

This grants the person the opportunity to hit a ball again, in the event of an errant shot, and simply cancel out the previous badly hit ball.

I was playing with a friend at Lafortune Par 3 Golf Course and came up to a hole that borders on Yale Avenue. I had been struggling with my tee-shot all day, frequently hooking the ball badly to the left. Here I was at the tee box with Yale on my left. I told my friend that I was a little anxious to hit the ball because if I hooked it badly, it could wind up in the street. He laughed and said, “Don’t worry, I’ll give you a mulligan!” So, I hit the ball... and yes, it sailed in a beautiful high left leading arc, across the fence, and into the traffic on Yale, hitting a car in the process. While I might have been able to take a mulligan and re-hit that ball, it wasn’t going to erase the effects of the golf ball on that person’s car hood. I felt terrible.

In the Bible the Greek word for sin is “hamartia” which means to miss the mark. When we sin, there are often consequences that we can’t simply undo with a mulligan. The good news is, however, we worship a God of “second chances,” and even when we fall short of God’s will for our lives and fail to meet expectations, God gives us a mulligan (grace) and lets us try again. Come worship with us this Sunday and hear about this God of Second Chances!

May you experience that grace on your Lenten journey.

Pastor James



Saturday, April 20

10:00~11:00 AM

Crafts, Games
Easter Egg Hunt!

EGGstravaganza



To help make this an event kids will look forward to every year we are asking for donations of plastic Easter Eggs and small wrapped candy (**NO NUTS PLEASE**) to put in the Easter Eggs. There will be a box in the lobby for your donations.

If you would like to help with the Crafts, Games or Easter Egg Hunt there will be a sign up sheet on the hall table.

This year we are having our EGGstravaganza on a Saturday in order to reach out to our neighbors in the community to share the joy of Easter.

Children should bring a basket for their eggs.



Spring Plant Sale!

Sun & Shade Plants and Hanging Baskets!

The **Day School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)** is again selling plants for a **fundraiser**. The money from the plant sale will go towards the turf project on the church grounds. **The sale will continue until April 8th** with delivery on April 18th to the church. These are beautiful plants from a local nursery. **Order forms are on the table outside the sanctuary.** Thank you for your support of the Day School.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to order one or more lilies to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter morning, please fill out the form below and place your order and payment in the offering plate or bring it to the church office along with your payment. Be sure to write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check. The lilies are **\$10.00 each**.

All orders must be turned in by Sunday, April 14th.

The lilies are yours to take home after the 11:00 am service.

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF LILIES I WISH TO ORDER _____

CHECK # AND AMOUNT: _____

1. IN MEMORY OF: _____

2. IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

1. IN HONOR OF: _____

2. IN HONOR OF: _____

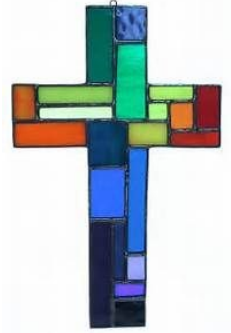


Crosses of Love

EVERYONE IS INVITED

"Crosses of Love" stained glass workshop
Sunday April 7th 3-5 in the Gym

Anyone not familiar with the Crosses of Love, it is a Dutch tradition adapted by New Haven about 32 years ago.



On Palm Sunday most families in the Netherlands gather together in parks to make wooden crosses of different sizes 2 to 3 feet, after putting them together they are decorated with ribbons and some special Easter candy, fruit and a rooster baked of bread on top, reminding us of Peter the disciple who denied Jesus.

The purpose of the Cross of Love is to share Jesus who died on the Cross for us.

After families are finished decorating the Crosses, they will share them with New Haven's homebound members, people in Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Children's Homes and everyone that is in need of loving care. The more we make the more we can share.

New Haven, over all the years, has shared this tradition with over 8000 different people in different missions, church ministries, and community outreach in Tulsa and State wide.

This year we would like you to assist us by making small "Crosses of Love," made out of stained glass, led by Dick Garwood and Regina LaGrone. We will share the Crosses with our homebound, members that are in Hospitals, Exodus House residents and community outreach ministries to be determined.

Sign up for the workshop started yesterday and will last to April 7th, So please stop at the outreach table if you would like to participate in this ministry. No special talent needed.

Looking forward to serving with you,
Mission Committee

Sami Hargraves and Ethan Bruce were united in marriage
by Rev. James Graham at New Haven UMC, Saturday, March 16, 2019



**Church Work Day – Saturday, March 23rd
Volunteers Needed!**



Please come join us for Church Work Day,
March 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m.

Please bring tools and work gloves if you
have them and come join in the fellowship!



March 25 New Haven will do what we do best! We serve others! A group of volunteers is needed to cook and/or serve a meal at the Tulsa Day Center. The dinner will be Chili Mac and recipes are on the hallway table. The guests are delighted when they can get seconds, so if you can **make a crockpot full of Chili Mac or bake a dozen or two of Brownies** you will be making them extremely happy. **We also need servers** to serve and visit with the guests. We take the church bus so sit back and relax and we'll get you there and back to New Haven usually around 7:30 pm. Sign up sheets and recipes are on the hallway table.



March 31 ~ 9:45 - 10:45 am
**Please bring your favorite dish to share and
enjoy time with your church family!**

If you have any questions?

Email Stacey at schiffds@cox.net

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY 16 NOON BIRTHDAY PARTY AT MURDOCK VILLA

Roll up your jeans, slick back your hair, men, or put your pony tails on, ladies, for the 50's party and lunch at Murdock Villa on May 16th! Back by popular demand, the T-Town Ukes will entertain with 50's tunes, and New Haven Missions will sponsor a grand time at our 10th anniversary May party at Tulsa Housing Authority's residence for disabled adults! Look for further announcements in the SPIRE, Bulletin and on the Missions Table.



Please see information below regarding the upcoming Leadership Training **Sunday, March 31 ~ 2:00 - 3:30 PM**
Please call the Church office to let us know you are planning on attending. New Haven will cover any fees.



Oklahoma Conference
of The United Methodist Church

COUNCIL OAK DISTRICT IS OFFERING LEADERSHIP TRAINING!*



MAKE NOTE!!

LOCAL CHURCH TRAINING FOR:
Board of Trustees
Staff/Parish/Relations Committee
Committee on Finance
Lay Leadership

2:00 – 3:30 pm
Sunday, March 31st, 2019
Heritage UMC, Broken Arrow
5300 E. Kenosha St, Broken Arrow, OK. 74014



*** Reservations not required. Send *all* who are interested to this informational time of training.**

UMPTENAGERS



There is room for **just one more person** on the bus going to the historic Coleman Theatre **TOMORROW, Tuesday, March 19** as we travel down Route 66 to Miami to tour the historic **Coleman Theatre** which is a restored 1929 vaudeville movie theater. **We will leave New Haven parking lot at 10:00 am**, have lunch at Stonehill Grill in Miami at 11:30 am, and tour the beautiful theatre at 1:00 pm. Please call Shirley Nelson 918.615.6247. We plan to be back home by 4:00 pm. Your only expense will be your lunch.

Umpteenagers will continue their travels as they plan to visit the **Tallgrass Prairie Preserve & Mercantile in Pawhuska, OK. on Tuesday, April 16th**. Mark your calendars for this adventure.

BRANSON, MISSOURI HERE WE COME!!



Recognize these guys? Good ole Southern Gospel singing by the Oak Ridge Boys is just hard to beat! So, plan now to come with me (and a few of my closest friends) to see them in Branson, MO during our annual New Haven UMC trip. Here's the scoop:

Dates: **September 18, 2019 (Wed) - September 20 (Fri)**

Shows: Oak Ridge Boys (Wednesday at 8 PM)
SIX (Thursday at 2 PM, lunch beforehand included)
Jim Stafford (Thursday at 7:30 PM)

Lodging: Barrington Hotel & Suites (off Shepherd of the Hills Expressway) -- Two queen beds in each room on 3rd floor with hot breakfast included.

Cost: Couples - \$380 (\$190 per person)
Singles - \$258

Make check payable to Carolyn Toalson to secure your spot on the bus! First paid - first secured. This trip is open to anyone at New Haven UMC so come and join in the fun time. More information will be provided as the dates



Ash Wednesday



Opportunities of the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 18

6:00 pm Blue Grass Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

First Day of Spring
7:00 pm ACOA (210)



THURSDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 am Mommy & Me Playdate (280)
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

World Day of Prayer ~ Peace
7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 am CHURCH WORK DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts
4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal
4:30 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

School Days

6:45 am Bus Stop Ministry
3:00 pm After School Care

March Birthdays

- 3 Max LaGrone
- 9 Roland Friesen
Harold Stockstill
- 16 Steve Amos
Joyce Orr
Alon Soderfelt
- 18 Haley Merrick
- 21 Karen Jones
- 22 Kyler Smith
- 23 Craig Hannon
- 24 Janice Hannon
- 25 Steve Smith
- 26 Peter Havlik
Adessa Stephenson
Laurel Duncan
- 30 Mickael Iver



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 10, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 53
11:00 am ~ 84
Total ~ 137

Sunday School

Adults ~ 39
Youth ~ 10
Children ~ 22

March 17, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 44
11:00 am ~ 80
Total ~ 124

Sunday School

Children ~ 11

Live Stream ~ 16

New Haven Staff Members

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| 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 |

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Mary Lou Black
Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson
Helen Russell
Sandy Nicholson
Dot Haynes
Don Gregory
Dodie Wood
Derek Lamkin
Greg Gotcher
Quitman McCrory
Joyce Orr's daughter & Bonnie
Rainbow's sister
Pastor Ken Tobler



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