

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

Our Mission: *"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world, by being God's Love in Action"*
Our Vision: *"to be a community of heart and soul."*

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Our vision for New Haven UMC and our surrounding community is to "be a community of heart and soul." What does that look like? I think Jesus gave us some examples when he was teaching the crowds in Luke Chapter 6. He says, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

That's all great and good, Jesus, but some of these people aren't very nice!

Some of them broke into my garage and stole my tools. They are messing up the place and there's a homeless person sleeping on my front porch! In fact, they just put in a Plasma donation center at the corner of 51st and Harvard and now there are even more of them coming into the neighborhood! Enough is enough!

Jesus goes on to say, "But I say to you that listen, ***love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.***"

Yeah, ok, Jesus... I think I'm getting the idea, but I'm not going to like it...

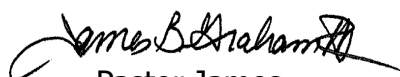
And Jesus said, "And even as you have done for the least of these, my children, you have done also to me."

Well, if you say so, Jesus, but I'm going to need your help!

Jesus looked at me, smiled, and said, "Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

May the risen Christ be with you, and within you.

May you be the giver and receiver of his Grace.


Pastor James





Ash Wednesday

"All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return."

Ecclesiastes 3:20

Join us on livestream at 7:00 pm

(or at your convenience on livestream)

www.livestream.com/newhaventulsa

SEEKING HELPERS WITH MURDOCK VILLA GIFT BAGS

We're looking for folks wanting to help create fewer than 20 gift bags for the folks at Murdock Villa who have May birthdays. Since we can't keep up with the tradition of live and festive birthday parties, we'll still come up with a fun theme and prepare custom cards and small gifts for the disabled adults who were born in May.

Last May we gave each May "baby" one of the Crosses of Love, and several items on a Western theme, including hand-made face masks and bandanas, and some edibles as well!

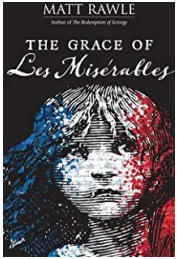
The residents really appreciate knowing that those fun folks at New Haven UMC who celebrated with them 10 Mays in a row do still remember their birthdays!

If you would like to help, come up with the theme and devise some small gifts, **please let Lou Lindsey or Dee Kemp know by March 10th, or leave a message at the church office.**





Sunday Mornings



10:00 am - *The Grace of Les Misérables* by Matt Rawle. We are always asking God questions, for healing, for life decisions, for others in our lives, for jobs or better jobs, but what questions does God ask us? Join our lively class discussions as we seek to find the questions and answers. In the Grace of *Les Misérables*, Matt Rawle invites us to examine these themes through the lens of Christian faith. He does so via the characters, settings, and major plot elements of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. **Book is available to purchase on line at Amazon.com.** Call Stacey Schifferdecker for more information and ZOOM sign in directions.

9:45 am - Fellowship Class (visitors always welcome) will meet in Israel on We are visiting the homes of the four Gospel writers to see how they celebrated the coming of Jesus. Led by Danny Hall.

Our first stop was Mark's basic and simple home. Clearly, Mark was not interested in Christmas decorations or even the miraculous birth of Jesus. Mark's focus was on the Good News and that Jesus came to change our lives forever--bringing hope for our despair. "Good Christian friends rejoice, Jesus Christ was born to save", was Mark's theme song.

If you would like to join us, call Danny at 918-640-3891 for log on information.



Tuesday Evenings 7:00 - 7:45 pm



Roundtable Connection Class All are welcome!

We are traveling through the book of Genesis looking at the familiar and sometimes unfamiliar stories through the lens of the ancient Jewish Rabbis.

We would love to have you join us as we explore the ins and outs of these stories.

For more information or to get the link to Zoom

Call or text Jone Friesen at 918 445-1576

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Our New Haven children are off to a great start to 2021! Our kids have come up with some wonderful ideas (along with our community outreach events) to show God's love this year. I am so proud of their hearts and look forward to sharing more with you.

As covid-19 cases remain at a high, we want to continue to stress the importance of health and safety precautions. If you're not able or not comfortable coming back to in-person children's church just yet, please stay in touch through our children's church at home Facebook group. As vaccines begin to roll out, we're hopeful that we may be able to resume some of our community events and activities this year. Stay tuned! There are many opportunities to get involved with our kids. If interested, please contact Brittany Fox at brit8519@yahoo.com.

Blessings and Love,

Brittany Fox

Director of Children's Ministries





February

15 Marianne Duiveman
 16 Donita Gray
 Jocelyn Schifferdecker
 17 Kegan schifferdecker
 21 Nancy Graham
 23 Ginny Lamkin
 Stella Schwartz
 Mary Anne Tyler
 24 Andrew Henson
 Jean Smith
 27 Mary Ann Cunningham

March

3 Maximillian LaGrone
 6 Yuka Daughters
 9 Roland Friesen
 Harold Stockstill
 16 Steve Amos
 Alon Soderfelt
 17 Erica Alred
 18 Haley Merick
 Jeremiah Olsen

Prayer Requests

Joe Sanders
 Marion Wilkerson
 Jan & Dwayne Boyd
 Karyn Maio
 Carol Berry
 Mike Workman & Christine O'Toole and family
 David Schifferdecker family
 Carolyn Welch family

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

March 14th



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