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# The Tahlequah Testament



Rev. James Graham

Dear Friends,

On Saturday night our country experienced yet another act of terror by means of a mass shooting in Orlando, Florida. I am deeply saddened by this tragedy and my heart and

with me not only for the families and the Orlando community, but also for our country and our world, as we remember that all are God's beloved children.

In addition to our prayers, the United Methodist *Book of Resolutions* calls us to work for a world free from mass killings. Learn more at:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ways-united-methodists-can-take-a-stand-against-gun-violence?>

**Bishop Robert E. Hayes Jr.**

Please unite with us in praying for peace and justice in our world.

Grace and peace,

James

prayers go out to the victims, families, and communities that have been impacted by this act of violence and hate. Our Bishop Robert Hayes has released a statement that I am sharing with you.

## **Statement by Bishop Robert Hayes on the Orlando tragedy:**

It is with a heavy heart that I reach out to you after the tragedy in Orlando, Florida. The massacre Saturday night, directed at people of the LGBTQ community, is unacceptable to all who cherish life and believe in the unity of the human family, made up of multiple faith perspectives, of differing sexual orientations, races, and cultures, and of diverse political perspectives. Targeting based on hate or prejudice toward any person or group diminishes us all.

We grieve with those who lost loved ones. Pray

## Happy Birthday

Colton Johnson	7-1
Marianne Marshall	7-2
James Gruber	7-3
Don Brock	7-4
Nancy Derr	7-4
Stan Young	7-6
Tara Wolf	7-6
Darrell Lingbeck	7-7
Margot Purdy	7-9
Ramona Frazier	7-10
Reagan McClanahan	7-11
Reed Felts	7-13
John Horner	7-13
Ken Polak	7-13
Debbie Jensen	7-17
Robert Parrish	7-17
Mary Reeves	7-18
Zach Frazier	7-18
Emma Gardner	7-20
Pat Archambo	7-22
Rosilyn Warren	7-23
Gaye Bekkering	7-24
Robert Daniel	7-26
JoEllen Culver	7-27
Betsy Kenyon	7-30

## Greeters for June

RC & Nancy Smith  
Linda Cheatham

## Ushers for June

David & Laura Morrison  
Jerry & Barbra Cook

## **RACE THE ROOF**

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 5K & FUN RUN**

**JUNE 18, 2016 @ 8:00AM**

# Sports Camp

**June 20-24, 2016**

**Clinton Indian Church &  
Community Center in Oklahoma**

## **GREEN COUNTRY DISTRICT MISSION TRIP**

**This sports camp will have sports, games, arts, and  
crafts,  
drama, Bible stories, singing, etc. Can you come and  
help?**

**Do you have sports equipment sitting in your house  
that you could donate?**

**Would you like to donate money?**

**Cost for the volunteer will be \$150.**

**For more Information, contact:**

**Jane Bond at 918-456-3667**

**or [bondj1117@att.net](mailto:bondj1117@att.net)**



Current Methodist in Motion Team Members from our church family:

Keith & Diann Barrick

James Bond

Nancy Graham

Kynley Frazier

Ramona Frazier

Jo Ellen Rogers

Janet Stucky



Your contributions in fighting this disease are so appreciated!  
We are grateful to God for each and every member of our team.

## **You may want to see A Financial Coach if...**

- ⇒ **You have financial concerns that are overwhelming and the options confusing**
- ⇒ **You have a financial plan, just need a little support to stick to it**
- ⇒ **You have financial goals that you are ready to pursue**
- ⇒ **You have more “month than money” and want to create a spending plan**

Meet your Financial Coach  
**K. Catherine Pate, AFC**

Free Workshop

**June 23rd @ 6:15—7:15 p.m.**

in the Parlor,

First United Methodist Church



Meet your financial coach, K. Catherine Pate, A.F.C. Catherine will be conducting a **free Financial Workshop on Thursday, June 23, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the parlor.**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has launched its Financial Coaching initiative, and Tahlequah was chosen as a host site. Catherine, an accredited financial counselor, has been in Tahlequah for the past year helping locals better handle their finance.

The service is free and focuses primarily on those who are economically vulnerable, including veterans, students and the elderly. The funding comes from civil penalties imposed on predatory lenders.



*If you have a change of address and/or phone number, please inform the office!! Thank you.*



## The Schmegule

**Wed. June 15th**

5:30 TUMY SUMMER

# Green Country District Church Camp

## June 22-26

All incoming 7th graders thru outgoing 12th graders are welcome to join us at Camp Egan for a great time of worship and fellowship.



Registration forms are in the church office. Deadline is May 22nd. Cost is \$260 Our church pays half of this. If you have questions call Shana or Barbie.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

## Ministry Team

### Staff:

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. James B. Graham III
Associate Pastor.....	Shana Dry
Administrative Assistant.....	Barbie Barnard
Choir Director.....	Dr. Donald Studebaker
Organist.....	Ramona Frazier
Bell Choir Director.....	Linda Cheatham
Lil Sprouts Preschool Director.....	Brianne Travis
Custodian.....	Elaine Funburg
Nursery.....	Angelea Dry

### Extension Ministries:

UM Children's Home  
Shana Dry, Director, NSU Wesley Foundation  
International Missionary: Rev. Kristen Brown