

Service times:

8:20am - Traditional Worship

10:45am - Blended Worship

9:30am - Sunday School

January 10, 2020~ Will Rogers United Methodist Church

*New Sermon Series begins this Sunday, January 12th*





*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
(Romans 15:13 – NIV)*

For each of the last three years, the Lord has put a verse on my heart that has become a theme for me and my ministry. In 2018, that verse was Isaiah 43:19, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” For 2019, the verse was the ending of Isaiah 56:7, “...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

The Lord gave me this year’s verse for 2020 the first week in December. It’s the above quote from Romans 15:13. And at the time, the word that I thought was going to be the emphasis was “overflow.” The image of being so filled by God that we overflow into the lives of those around us is still one I will be teaching, preaching, but more importantly living in the year and the years ahead. But as I write this in the second week of 2020, the word that the Holy Spirit is emphasizing to me is “hope.”

There are so many levels on which hope is needed. I don’t know about you, but I need more hope in my personal life. As I listen to the news, it’s clear that the world needs hope more than it ever has, and that is one reason why each of us needs to “overflow with hope.” And our congregation needs hope. But notice that the hope comes as “the God of hope” fills us with joy and peace. And how are we filled? By trusting in God.

As I write this, news has hit on local and national media outlets, Facebook, twitter and email that the United Methodist Church has split or divided. Some local TV outlets went so far as to falsely declare that Asbury United Methodist Church has left the denomination. To paraphrase Mark Twain, “The reports of the United Methodist Church’s death has been greatly exaggerated.”

What did happen this past Friday (Jan 3) was that an ad hoc group of 16 persons that include 8 bishops and 8 leaders from progressive and traditional groups in our denomination released a statement. In this statement, these 16 persons agreed to a mediated protocol that would allow the amicable split of annual conferences and congregations that wish to maintain the traditional stance on homosexuality from the United Methodist Church.

Although this group was made up of influential persons in our denomination, it has no authority. The document simply contains a mediated agreement that the group has agreed to support as legislation is developed for the 2020 General Conference to be held in May. But once the legislation is properly placed before the General Conference, it will still be subjected to amendments, changes, additions, and deletions as it is debated and discussed by the General Conference delegates. All this to say that there is still a long and complicated process for this protocol to be adopted by the General Conference, if it is adopted at all.

So what is the bottom line for Will Rogers UMC? First, I will host a Q & A session during the Sunday school hour in the food court on January 19, 2020 from 9:35 to 10:30 am. I will give more details about the process of General Conference and answer the questions I can about our denomination, annual conference, and local church moving forward.

Second, Will Rogers will keep doing what Will Rogers has done for 76 years: make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. For the source of our hope is not found in any protocol or legislation. It is found in the God of Hope filling us with all joy and peace as we trust in him. Third, pray, listen, and participate. Pray for the leadership of our church to help us all seek a faithful way forward. Listen to with love and grace to friends, family, small groups, and Sunday school friends. We will not all share the same opinion about what should happen next, so let us all remain calm and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. And finally participate in the ongoing life of Will Rogers. If you are not here, then the body of Christ as a whole is diminished. Nothing that has happened in the past seven days or seventy years should stop the people of Will Rogers from “overflowing with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

In His Grace

*Pastor Brian*

Will Rogers UMC - Tulsa, Ok

# Legacy

Student Ministries 1 Timothy 4:12

God wants to amaze you with His goodness! We are living in a day when God is increasing His approval. Maybe you have seen God's goodness to a certain degree in the past; but in reality, you haven't seen anything yet! God has approval in your future that will supersede anything that you have seen! The Scripture talks about how the glory of the latter day will be greater than the glory of the former day. That means what God did for your parents or grandparents, He's going to surpass in your generation. The blessing and favor of past

generations were good, but we serve a God of increase! He has greater things in store for your future! Today, get your hopes up! Enlarge your vision. Be expecting God to bring opportunities across your path. Be expecting to meet the right people and get the right breaks. Prepare your heart and mind to receive the increase and expect to see greater things in 2020 and in your future.

Steve

*Coming in February*



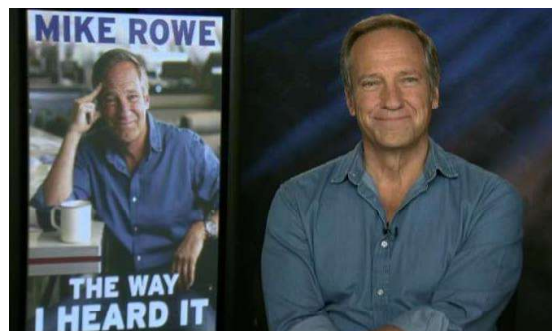
**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST**  
**11:30 IN THE FOOD COURT**

Gerry Hendon will review the book "That's The Way I Heard It" by Mike Rowe. Mike (from the TV program Dirty Jobs) knew lots of interesting people who are mentioned in the book. Everyone is invited. Please join us for cupcakes and coffee.



**January 6<sup>th</sup> - January 31<sup>st</sup>**

January is our month for Meals on Wheels, and we always need VOLUNTEERS. Please consider helping out with this much needed ministry. Contact Susan Thompson at 918-850-6947 to volunteer or if you have any questions.



# NEWS

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## *From Sunday School*

### **PATHFINDERS**

Bob opened our class with prayer and then taught our lesson from 1 Kings 8:1-13 on King Solomon's building of the Temple and bringing the Lord's covenant to its place in the Most Holy Place. He had interesting background on the Temple and its furnishings.

Tom closed our class with prayer for quick healing for Carol.

### **WITNESS CLASS** Dec 29 & Jan 5 2020

We received our annual letter from Glenn Yost, Jr with his sharing about his TX Special Olympics activities (last count 200+ medals) and his OU team loyalty!

CLASS FUND:\$2 - 74th Anniversary, Jim & Betty Helen Lawson.

PTL: Fredi Crandall checked in with her health update!

PRAYERS: George Riley (cornea irritation, anti-biotics); Holly McBeath (surgery from earlier accident). Ongoing need: Fredi Crandall, Bob Reinking, June Walker, Keith Ehrlet, David Rounds, Angela & Mike Buccaletto Sandra Rush, Donna Haney, Ann Simpson, Wyatts.

CONDOLENCES: Family of Lucille Scheer (longtime WRUMC member). Sue Pelzel (husband Garland) both WRUMC Witnesses To The World!

### **FAITHBUILDERS**

Praises: The freedoms we enjoy

Prayers: The Morrisons, both down ill, Jim spent part of the week in the hospital, Carl-still battling a cough, Bulah has chemo, comfort and healing for Sue and the Pelzel family on the loss of Garland, friends of Kelli-Wrightsmen family for the sudden loss of their son, Renee for continued healing, Cathy McKim and Tricia Herndon on the loss of Tricia's Dad, Holly McBeath-has surgery on Wednesday to remove metal parts from her knee, Richard for the ultrasound on his kidneys and Australia experiencing wildfires.

This week we looked at whatever happened to the 11 Apostles after Jesus returned to heaven. Basically, we only know that we are told all but one died rather than back down on their faith. Scripture only tells us of what happened to Judas, who betrayed Christ, he committed suicide, and James the son of Zebedee who was killed by King Herod. According to traditions all but John were martyred for their beliefs. Most of us have heard teachings that claim the fact they were martyred prove the validity of what they preached, however, there are many religions, past and present whose followers are killed for their beliefs. The fact that they were willing to die and the drastic change from cringing cowards to bold and fearless witnesses who spread across the world the news that Jesus rose from the dead. Their faith was not based on second hand testimony but on the belief that they had seen the resurrected Christ with their own eyes. From the Apostles forward, there is no evidence for an early Christian community that did not have belief in the resurrection as its core belief. We see that in the early Christian creeds and writings of the Apostles and early church Fathers. We will continue to explore what happened to the 11 who walked and talked with Jesus.



Hi,ladies! Some changes ahead due to event cancellations: Our first time convening together in 2020 will be Thurs, Jan 16, 10 am in Food Court for our CALL TO PRAYER & SELF-DENIAL

"We Rise: Meeting God's Call to Transform Communities." This is our opportunity as United Methodist Women to understand just what Paul meant when he addressed the people of Corinth (and us) urging them to balance their abundance with others needs and their needs with others abundance. Fruit breads and coffee for lunch, and needs for the prayer part.

***Mizpah! "The Lord watch between us while we are absent one from the other."***



December 31, 2019

Lucille Scheer

January 1, 2020

Garland Pelzel

January 3, 2020

Dwayne Ray Herndon

(father of Tricia Herndon)

## Best Choice® UPDATE

Well, we made a valiant effort, friends, but we lacked a few UPCs of our goal of 1,000 to redeem our 2019 Bonus Certificate. But keep saving, folks, and we'll use them to redeem the 2020 Bonus Certificate expected in March. The Food Pantry will still need our contributions!

*Thank  
You*

*Thank you for all who have supported me and my family through prayers, cards and well wishes during my daughter's, Kristy Poole's, illness then death. It is difficult to express what your kindness has meant to me.*

*God bless,  
Margarette McKinney*

### EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Trisha Herndon

Stephanie Irvine Malone

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### CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

#### **Sunday, January 12, 2020**

8:20am..... Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
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10:45am..... Blended Worship, Sanctuary  
5:30pm..... Legacy Youth, Food Court

#### **Monday, January 13, 2020**

12:30pm..... Ladies Bible Study, Food Court  
6:00pm..... Ewing Basketball Practice, FC Gym  
6:00pm..... Trustees Meeting, Food Court

#### **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

6:30pm..... Jujitsu, Main Hall  
6:50pm..... Soul Group, Parlor

#### **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

5:30pm..... Legacy Youth, Well, Food Court Faith Center

#### **Thursday, January 16, 2020**

10:00am..... UMW Group Meeting, Food Court  
6:30pm..... Jujitsu, Main Hall

#### **Friday, January 17, 2020**

No activities scheduled

#### **Saturday, January 18, 2020**

No activities scheduled

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