

Oakhurst United Methodist Church

PASTOR'S PEN DID YOU KNOW?

In a conversation I had with a friend after church on Sunday, he suggested that since I mentioned in my sermon how important it is for us to have experienced God's love, so we can share God's love with others, it would be good if I followed up with a message on how to experience God's love.

I need to start by explaining the difference between a religious experience and an experience of/with God. All experiences of/with God are religious experiences, but not all religious experiences are experiences of/with God. A religious experience is anything you observe, discern or participate in that makes you love God, and/or appreciate God, and/or worship God, and/or fear God more, and there are many things that can produce this experience. For example, Fr. Thomas Merton was walking down a street in Boston, and suddenly out of the blue, he had the thought, "God sent His son to be one of us – a human being. That means we are all exceptional because God chose to send his son as one of us." Merton felt immediately proud to be a human being. The thought, that God sent his son as a human being like himself, filled him with love for God and love for his fellow human beings. So, for Merton, that thought was a wonderful, life changing religious experience, but it was not an experience of God. Lots and lots of things are or can be religious experiences: in the worship service a song that stirs your soul, a sermon that touches your heart; in nature - a sunset, looking at a flower in a field, seeing a baby born etc.

Religious experiences are normal ordinary things which cause us to appreciate the nature or actions of God and/or increase our love for God, but they don't require God to do anything more than God has already done in making the earth. Experiences of / with God do require God to do more than God has already done in making the earth; they require additional involvement or energy from God being present or expended. The observer realizes something happened as a result of some action or interaction of or/with God that is above the ordinary: it is not a part of the natural order of things, but God has altered nature or caused something to happen that would not have otherwise happened. For example, St. Ignatius was a military officer in the Spanish Military. In the middle of a battle, a cannon ball shot his left leg off. He survived and was sent to a hospital for medical treatment and rehabilitation. While he was there, he had a half dozen visions of Jesus.

A vision is an experience of God and also a religious experience. The result of his visions was that Ignatius turned his life over to God and became a priest. The result of having a genuine experienced of/with God is that one realizes as a result of what happened that God *knows* us intimately and/or *loves* us individually. Religious experiences deepen our faith and help us open our hearts and minds to having experiences of/with God. I can tell you fairly easily how to have, and virtually guarantee that you will have a religious experience. For example, go to church, sit towards the front, when the organist plays the offertory close your eyes, try to feel the music with your heart, be aware of what you are thinking and feeling in relation to God. Do that and you are pretty much assured of a religious experience, but there are no guarantees when it comes to experiences of/with God.

Experiences of/with God are gifts of God's grace that God bestows upon us undeserved. Experiences of/with God, as a general rule, come about under a much more narrow set of circumstances: when you or someone else near you is in danger or trouble, in deep distress or crisis, in great need or agony of the soul, and as a result you are searching for God or calling out to God with great intensity. It these circumstances that God responds to us and intervenes on our circumstance to help us. It takes these kinds of intense situations to generate the level of openness to God needed for us to have a genuine experience of/ with God. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, life brings enough of these tough times into every life, so that everyone will have multiple chances to reach out to God in a time of crisis. The Bible tells us that God rewards those who truly seek Him by letting them find Him; sadly, many people will forget to turn to God in their time of crisis, or they don't have the kind of faith or understanding of God, that would propel them to turn to God in faith and prayer when danger or trouble, distress or crisis, deep need or agony of the soul occurs.

Two Bible passages speak to why it is that times of danger, trouble or crisis can bring us experiences of God: Psalm 34 tells us: "*When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit*" (Psalm 34:15-18 NRSV). Psalm 34 tells us a) the experience of/with God comes 1) only to those who are righteous in God's eyes (If you don't know what it means to be righteous in God's eyes, then that is the first thing you need to go and find out), and, 2) to those who cry out to God. There is a difference of intensity between saying 'those who pray for help' and 'those who *cry* for help.' The level of intensity required is also illustrated by the second scripture passage, Jeremiah 29. The prophet quotes God saying, "*When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart*" (:13 NRSV). The idea that is being presented here is intensity. The last part of that passage from Psalm 34 says "*God is near to the brokenhearted,*" If you have ever been brokenhearted, you know that brokenheartedness is an intense feeling. Searching with all your heart is a tremendous amount; again intensity is indicated.

An example of searching with all your heart is spending several days at a monastery, where you pray all day for hours at a time as you seek your answer from God, or hanging on the side of a cliff with no way up and no way down. It is possible to be a wonderful Christian, even a pastor, and never had an experience of God, but it is not possible to be a wonderful Christian or pastor if your heart is not filled with love towards God, your neighbors and yourself. Religious experiences lead us to love God more and they come in all sorts of sizes and forms and in all sorts of locations; anything which causes us to appreciate the nature or actions of God and/or increase our love for God is a religious experience. We should constantly seek religious experiences to deepen our faith in God, and we need to keep in mind that experiences of/with God will happen if our hearts are right with God, and we intently seek God in our times of crisis and deepest need.

In His Grace, Pastor Tim



JUNE CALENDAR

June 1 (FRIDAY)

June 2 (SATURDAY)

8:00pm AA Meeting

June 3 (SUNDAY)

COMMUNION

8:30am Awake Coffee

8:45am Awake Service

10:00am Adult Sunday School

10:00am Children's Sunday School

10:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am Coffee Fellowship

11:30am Adult Sunday School

June 4 (MONDAY)

1:00pm Prayer Meeting

7:15pm Boy Scouts

June 5 (TUESDAY)

6:30pm AA Big Book Study

6:30pm Sea Band Practice

7:00pm Civil Air Patrol

June 6 (WEDNESDAY)

5:00pm Tai Chi

6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting

7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

June 7 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00pm Choir Practice

June 8 (FRIDAY)

June 9 (SATURDAY)

8:00pm AA Meeting

June 10 (SUNDAY)

8:30am Awake Coffee

8:45am Awake Service

10:00am Adult Sunday School

10:00am Children's Sunday School

10:00am Traditional Service

11:00am Coffee Fellowship

11:30am Adult Sunday School

June 11 (MONDAY)

1:00pm Prayer Meeting

5:00pm Tai Chi

7:00pm Trustees Meeting

7:15pm Boy Scouts

June 12 (TUESDAY)

6:30pm AA Big Book Study

6:30pm Sea Band Practice

7:00pm Civil Air Patrol

June 13 (WEDNESDAY)

5:00pm Tai Chih

7:00pm Finance Meeting

7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

June 14 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

6:00pm Street Ministry

7:00pm Choir Practice

June 15 (FRIDAY)

June 16 (SATURDAY)

8:00pm AA Meeting

June 17 (SUNDAY)

8:30am Awake Coffee

8:45am Awake Service

10:00am Children's Sunday School

10:00am Adult Sunday School

10:00am Traditional Service

11:00am Coffee Fellowship

11:30am Adult Sunday School

June 18 (MONDAY)

1:00pm Prayer Meeting

7:15pm Boy Scouts

June 19 (TUESDAY)

6:30pm AA Big Book Study

6:30pm Sea Band Practice

7:00pm Civil Air Patrol

June 20 (WEDNESDAY)

5:00pm Tai Chi

7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

June 21 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00pm Choir Practice

June 22 (FRIDAY)

June 23 (SATURDAY)

8:00pm AA Meeting

June 24 (SUNDAY)

8:30am Awake Coffee

8:45am Awake Service

10:00am Adult Sunday School

10:00am Children's Sunday School

10:00am Traditional Service

11:00am Coffee Fellowship

11:30am Adult Sunday School

June 25 (MONDAY)

9:00am VBS

1:00pm Prayer Meeting

7:15pm Boy Scouts

June 26 (TUESDAY)

9:00am VBS

6:00pm Street Ministry

6:30pm AA Big Book Study

6:30pm Sea Band Practice

7:00pm Civil Air Patrol

June 27 (WEDNESDAY)

9:00am VBS

5:00pm Tai Chi

6:00pm Street Ministry

7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

June 28 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00am VBS

7:00pm Choir Practice

June 29 (FRIDAY)

9:00am VBS

7:00pm VBS Program

June 30 (SATURDAY)

8:00pm AA Meeting

PAC A SACK - COLLECTING DURING SUMMER

Feed the Children - Oakhurst feeds 50+ needy children each week during the school year.

Please give food or money. Donations may be left in the marked box by fellowship hall.

Thank you for your generosity.

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FRUIT SNACKS

FRUIT JUICE BOXES

VIENNA SAUSAGES

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Evangelism in Person

Let's get this out of the way first, unless you have the spiritual gift of evangelism, evangelism – bringing people to Christ – seems really difficult. If we are being truly honest with ourselves, we will admit that we sometimes use our lack of gift to justify our lack of action in that area. Now, I'm not sure about you, but if I tried to use my lack of gifts at cleaning the house as an excuse for not cleaning up after myself at least, I would hear about it. I'm not writing here to let YOU hear about it, but I did want to acknowledge just how monumental the task of bringing people to Christ seems for some.

Now that that's out of the way, let me cover a few more items about evangelism, some confessions if you will. Sometimes, evangelism activities in a local church build themselves around inviting people to events where they can be exposed to who the church is, the culture, and the loving relationships of the people. We have done this here at Oakhurst increasingly frequently since I've been here. This might mean that we believe we can simply throw some money or some time at the problem. Volunteer to cook some hot dogs (PLEASE volunteer to cook some hot dogs!), or help sponsor some games (PLEASE volunteer to sponsor or run some games). These are tremendous ways to be of service to this event and to the congregation. BUT this is STILL not evangelism.

No, evangelism is different. Evangelism must be done in person. Evangelism requires rubbing elbows and digging in the dirt with your neighbors. It requires spending time on a weight machine or riding a bicycle with a friend. It requires playing cards with someone you just met. It requires helping tutor young children. It requires driving someone in need to the grocery store. Evangelism requires person to person contact. It requires relationship. It requires YOU to get out and BE a witness in the world.

I love, LOVE all of the ways we give and support this congregation. I love the ways in which we have all committed ourselves to pursuing the mission and ministry Christ has given us. And I especially love the love the congregation has for one another and the world. And I know that this love compels us to move out into the world, rub elbows with strangers, and spread the light of Christ in our community. Will you join us?

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Nathan, Assistant Pastor



Happenings

Youth group wrapped up in May with a fun, over-night lock in at the church. We had a blast. I want to thank Linda Johnson and Deb Ralph for joining Amanda and myself in chaperoning it. I also want to make certain I thank Billie Lee Norman and Susan Good for cooking for the youth on Sunday nights, as well as the Sunday School classes who were so generous in providing for them.

Just because we aren't meeting regularly during the summer doesn't mean we have nothing planned. We have a fundraiser the first

Saturday of June – a Shred-a-thon. So bring your sensitive documents to the church, buy a back or a block of time, and get it all shredded! This will take place on June 2 from 1-3pm in the church parking lot. Then we have Vacation Bible school coming up near the end of June. This is followed by our summer youth trip at the beginning of July and then helping with the Back to School Bash at the beginning of August. Somewhere in here we will likely fit in a youth group work day around the church as well.

We have lots to do and lots to be thankful for with Oakhurst's youth. One of the things the youth are thankful for is YOU. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of the youth and teenagers in our community. Please contact me to find out ways you can get involved during the next school year.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

Youth Pastor and Assistant Pastor



Congregational Care Ministries

Rather than simply write an article here about congregational care, I wanted to give you practical tools that you might be able to use in your life on congregational care. I have been working with my alma mater, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, on a practical resource on prayer in various life situations. We anticipated the results of this project would be useful for the lives of individuals in congregations and might be distributed in just the medium that a monthly newsletter article might allow. I here offer to you one of these short articles and guides on prayer in one of life's most difficult circumstances. If you are in need of Pastoral or Congregational Care of any sort, please do not hesitate to contact the church office or me directly.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan, Assistant Pastor

ILLNESS AND HEALING

Dr. Martha Robbins, Joan Marshall Associate Professor Emerita of Pastoral Care Director of the Pneuma Institute

Healing in the biblical sense means to be restored to wholeness and thereby become a full participant in communal life, thus manifesting that the reign of God has come near. Jesus understood his mission as restoring humanity and all creation to the fullness of life: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10b). God desires our abundant wholeness in all dimensions of life: physical, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual. As we open to and follow the life-giving way of Jesus as manifested in his life, death, and resurrection, we move toward the ever greater wholeness that God wants to give us individually and corporately. Likewise, when we move toward separation, loss of moral and spiritual integrity, or destruction, we know illness. The forces of life and death struggle within all of us individually and in our communities and in our nations. How then do we pray for healing?

There are many ways Christians pray for healing when we or our loved ones become afflicted with an illness that may be temporary, chronic, critical, and possibly final. Underlying any form of prayer for healing in the Gospels is the genuineness of the faith of the one asking for healing for oneself (e.g., blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52; the leper in Luke 5:12-16; the hemorrhaging woman in Mark 5:25-35) or for another person (e.g., Jairus's daughter in Matt 9:18-26; the Roman centurion's servant in Luke 7:1-10; the paralytic in Luke 5:17-26). Three deeply interrelated components are involved in faith: *fides quae*, "faith that" is believed—the content of faith revealed through the sacred scriptures, expressed in doctrines and rituals held and taught by the Church; *fides qua*, the "faith by which" a person is empowered to respond to God and which includes the person's understanding of self in relation to God, as well as

her or his own filtered view of the content of faith; and *fidelitas*, "faithfulness" in setting one's heart on whom she/or he has believed, due to the character, ability, strength, or truth of God and God's promises.

» [Mark 10:46-52](#) » [Luke 5:12-16](#) » [Mark 5:25-35](#) » [Matthew 9:18-26](#) » [Luke 7:1-10](#) » [Luke 5:17-26](#)

In my pastoral encounters with those who are dealing with chronic or serious illnesses, I engage them in simple conversation that explores three intersecting relationships: how they view their illness, how they describe their relationship to God and God's relationship to them and their illness, and what it means for them to be healed or made whole. I listen for their particular ways of speaking of God, who God is for them, their beliefs and feelings about their illness, their desires for healing and wholeness. I listen for images and metaphors that may arise in the conversation.

Then I wonder with them if God's Spirit, whose power is at work in them, could be leading them to a deeper wholeness than they could possibly ask for or even imagine (cf. Eph 3:20: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine"). Whatever arises from this conversation gives me a way to pray for healing for and with them as I draw upon some of their God language, images, metaphors, and desires for wholeness—including the wholeness that is beyond what we can ask for or even imagine that God has promised to give to those who wholeheartedly entrust themselves and their concerns to God.

In a pastoral conversation I had with a woman who was fighting for her life as she dealt with a life-threatening diagnosis, she told me she felt as though she had entered a room that was totally dark. She could not see anything in the room, did not know where she was, and was afraid to take another step for fear there was no floor and she would fall into an abyss. I asked her whether she could imagine herself in that darkness lifting just one foot forward very carefully to see what would happen. After a long pause, she closed her eyes and gripped the arms of the chair to do just that—to see what would happen if, in her mind, she lifted that foot. As she engaged in this exercise, her face showed signs of struggle and then some release. She expressed surprise as she said, "the floor seemed to rise up to meet my foot." After taking several more steps in her imagination, she reflected aloud, "So this is what faith really is: it's trusting that God will be there meeting me in every step, even though I cannot see the floor or know where I'm going!" This image and metaphor of faith arising out of our pastoral conversation became the focus of our prayer together:

Gracious God, you have shown us that even in the darkest of times, You are there meeting us precisely where we are most vulnerable. In Christ you have embraced our fear and suffering and empowered us to take one step at a time toward the wholeness that is deeper than what we can ask for or even imagine. May we proclaim the power of your Spirit at work in us, and hold fast to your gift of life given to us this day, for your glory. Amen.

- Join us for the 2018 Mission u event! Mark your calendars for July 12-15, Mission u at Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL. You do not want to miss out on the studies, "What About Our Money?" explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith and how God intended us to share His Abundance. The Spiritual Growth study, "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Prospective for Covenant Living" is Part 2 of the covenant living study of 2017. This year, only one study per student for the week is scheduled. Please see Lorraine for additional information and registration forms.
- The Summer is a great time to catch up on your reading! Please check out the Reading Program Cart outside of Fellowship Hall for a book and response magazines.
- Save the Date: Oakhurst is hosting the Gulf Central District UMW Summer Fellowship on August 25th. Come join the fun and enjoy some healthy snacks on Saturday, August 25th, 1-3 p.m.

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Avoid Heat Stroke This Summer

According to WebMD, Heat stroke is a big problem for those who are overdoing it on hot days and don't stop to say, 'I have to cool down and take a break,' Older

people, too, are susceptible, especially in a hot apartment with no air conditioning.

Stay ultra-hydrated to avoid heat stroke, she says.

Some of the signs of heat stroke include:

- Red, hot, dry skin
- Rapid pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Confusion
- Dizziness

"Let the body cool down naturally in early stages of heat exhaustion, but if you miss the signs and it progresses, put ice packs on the armpits and neck where blood flows close to the surface," she says.

Other ways to cool the body include immersing the body in cool water, placing the person in a cool shower, or wrapping the person in a cool, wet blanket.

Staying hydrated is important to help keep your body from over heating. Here are some tips from everydayhealth.com to help keep hydrated this summer:

Always carry a bottle of water or always keep one handy. If you have a bottle within arms reach, it's very likely that you'll mindlessly sip from it throughout the day, without having to make a conscious effort. Drinking plenty of water may become a new good habit!

When you're feeling frazzled or hazy, grab a glass of cold water. Studies show that people instantly feel more alert after drinking H₂O. It's a simple, healthy way to snap out of a midday slump. If water is your initial go to when you think you want to grab a quick unhealthy snack you may realize you weren't hungry, you just needed a drink of water.

Eat a diet rich in whole foods. By eating water-rich foods like vegetables, fruits and yogurt, you'll automatically up your fluid intake.

On the other hand, processed snack foods like chips, crackers and baked goods have minimal water content so they do nothing to help with hydration.

FOOD DONATIONS

Summer is here and school will be out.

More food will be needed by so many families and grocery bills will be higher.

Look at those Wednesday/Thursday ads. BOGO given to the Food Pantry can help those families.

TRUSTEES CORNER



THANK YOU - to those who stepped forward to help maintain some church gardening/landscaping. There are still areas to be adopted, so hurry and get your name added as a Garden Angel! Honestly, it won't take a lot of your time and you will feel good about having the personal satisfaction of adding to the beauty of your church. Some areas would only take an hour, if that, and may be only every couple of months in the summer and even less in the winter. Talk with Emma (Trustee Chairman), if you have questions or can spare a little time for this important opportunity. (Church yard work is done strictly by volunteers. There is not enough time in our part-time maintenance man's days to accomplish this too.) Thank you.



VBS

The "Take If You Can Give" board for VBS needs is ready! Please pick an item or two, purchase them and bring them to the church. There is a donation box outside the DCE office.

The following VBS Work Days have been added to the June schedule. If you can make one or all, your help is greatly appreciated. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, June 11, 13, 18 & 20 from 1-3 p.m. We will work on decorations, craft preparation, child goodie bag preparation, nametags and other items as they come up. There will be things to do for the active and the non-active alike. Please come and help! We'll meet in the Wesley Foundry.

We need about 2 dozen cereal boxes for VBS decorations. So, as you finish a box, please toss the plastic insert and bring the cardboard in to the church. There is a donation box outside the DCE office door.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS IS JUNE 25-29! Volunteers are NEEDED, so please pray about where God can use you this year to teach the next generation about His amazing love. See Steph in the church office about any questions.

Again, this year, VBS will be FREE OF CHARGE!



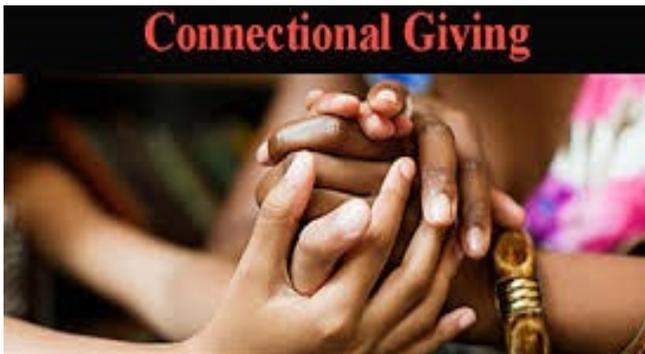
CURRENT ADDRESS

New Address!



The office is updating its files and want to be sure your current address/email/phone is on file and correct. If you have moved and did not notify the church office, please do so now. Haven't been receiving any correspondence from the church, either by email or mail, since the first of the year? Give us a call or send us an e-mail.

727-391-4769 or oakhurstumc.com



HOW ARE OUR FLORIDA CONFERENCE CHURCH'S APPORTIONMENTS DETERMINED?

Each year, the delegates to the Florida Annual Conference, in June, approve a formula that is used to determine each local church's *fair share* apportionments. Delegates also approve the total dollar amount apportioned to all the churches in the Florida Conference. This is the conference budget. At Annual Conference, any delegate also has the opportunity to speak to and vote on these matters.

There are three basic kinds of fiscal apportionments:

District Apportionments; Conference Apportionments; General Church Apportionments.

Conference Apportionments are calculated using the fair-share method, which considers each individual church's expenses relative to all other church's expenses in the Florida Conference. It works like this:

1. For each church, all monies spent in three areas is added together, as reported by the church in their year-end statistical report:
 - a. Compensation (salary and benefits) for all lay employees and clergy
 - b. Operational items (utilities, postage, office supplies, yard care, maintenance, etc.)
 - c. Program items (Sunday School materials, worship resources, etc.)
2. After determining these expenses for each individual church, the church totals for all 700-plus churches in the Conference are added together. Then the total for each church is divided by the total for all the churches in the Conference. This gives the *fair-share decimal* for each church.

Each church's *fair-share decimal* is multiplied by the total amount of the Florida Conference budget (approved by Annual Conference delegates). This portion of the conference budget is each church's fair-share. This is the amount apportioned to each church. Please note: The fair-share decimal is different for each church and changes every year.

NOTE: Apportionments, benevolences, capital costs, etc. are NOT included in the formula. Membership, attendance and similar statistics are also NOT included in the formula.

The global or General United Methodist Church apportions to each Annual Conference a proportionate share of the General Church budget as determined by delegates to General Conference, which meets every four years. General Church Apportionments are apportioned to local churches using the same formula as Conference Apportionments. Apportionments fund the programs and activities approved by delegates from the 700 churches. Our church's apportionment is our church's *fair share* of the cost of these programs and activities.

Paying our apportionment is important! Our church's giving makes a big difference! Oakhurst UMC is connected as a financial and spiritual partner with all General Church, Florida Conference and Gulf Central District programs and activities. We are UNITED in financing World Service initiatives, camps and conference opportunities, and assistance for seminary students, just to name a few...more details next month.

Can you assist with helping Oakhurst being a 100 % partner in paying our apportionment of \$54,919.00 for 2018? Pray about marking a designation on an offering envelope each month for APPORTIONMENTS.

God Bless YOU! Rick Jacobson, Interpreter of Connectional Giving.



Mission Corner - Clothes for Kids

Clothe a Child - Change a Life

Mission: to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

A Week's Wardrobe

Did you know that more than 51% of school children in Pinellas County are eligible for free and reduced lunch? These are also the children who can be referred to shop at Clothes to Kids and receive a week's worth of clothes free of charge. Stores are located in Clearwater (1059 N. Hercules) and St. Pete (2168 34th St. South.)

5 new pair of underwear
5 new pairs of socks
5 tops (including uniforms)
4 bottoms (including uniforms)
1 dress (optional)
1 pair of shoes
1 jacket (in season)

Social workers/Caseworkers employed at a local social service agency, professionals employed at schools or a pastor/priest/rabbi can refer children to Clothes to Kids.

We can all help by DONATING NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS:

Children's clothes (sizes 4 to 16)

Adult-sized clothes for teens (sizes 0-22/for young ladies & sizes 18-44/for young men)

New underwear and socks

Shoes (children size 9 to adult sizes)

Bras, belts, purses, hats, jewelry, backpacks

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**LOOK FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS/DRIVES THROUGH OAKHURST UMC
COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CLOTHES FOR KIDS!**

CUBA CONNECTION - The next trip, to our sister church in Colon, Cuba, will be offered this Fall - November 1-6. Only two or three spots are left open, so we need an answer by June 17th if you would like to fill one of those spots. We are continuing to collect over-the-counter medications, baby clothes and underwear for men and women in the designated box outside Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please complete an application that is available in the Church office. For information, talk with Dawn.