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A Mini-Newsletter From Your Family at Oakhurst United Methodist Church



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**Our Mission is to make disciples, nurture disciples,
and spread the Kingdom of Christ.**

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Hello to our Friends and Family,

During this time of Coronavirus, Social Distancing and Self Quarantine, we want to make sure we stay in touch with all of you. To do that we have started this mini-newsletter as a way to keep you up-to-date on what is happening at the church and with your fellow church members.

This first letter addresses a few things about Coronavirus (or COVID-19) as well as some happenings around the church. If we have to continue to communicate only by phone and email, then future newsletters will be a little lighter. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how and what you are doing. Tell us your funny stories so we can pass them along to our congregation.

As you have already figured-out, our main distribution for this newsletter is through email. However, there will be some printed and left in a plastic box outside the Narthex for those who want to get out for a drive. You can pull up, take out a newsletter and drive out without having anyone in your 6 foot personal space.



For our first project, we would like to start a phone tree for those who are not digitally savvy. If you are aware of anyone who does not have email or internet access, please let the office know. We don't

want anyone to feel left out of the conversation. Also let us know if you would like to help out with the phone tree. Many hands make light work. The more helpers we have willing to make calls, the fewer people each one has to call.

Last, but not least, please let us know if you need anything. We may not have a worship service at the church, but we still will be here for you in any way we can.

*In His Joy,
Your Pastors and Staff*

NEVER LOSE HOPE
everything will be okay....

HOPE



LOVE

Want some good news about what is happening with the Coronavirus?

- ♦ China has closed down it's last coronavirus hospital. Not enough new cases to support them.
- ♦ A 103-year-old Chinese grandmother has made a full recovery from COVID-19 after being treated or 6 days in Wuhan, China.
- ♦ Apple reopened all 42 China stores.
- ♦ Good news from South Korea, where the number of new cases is declining.
- ♦ 3 Maryland coronavirus patients fully recovered; able to return to everyday life.

So, it's not all bad news. Let's care for each other and stay focused on the safety of the most vulnerable.

Courtesy of Dr. Mohammed I. Yamani, MD



MANY THANKS TO OUR NOMADS FOR THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND HARD WORK.

NOMADS arrived Monday, March 9 and they went straight to work power washing, painting, pouring concrete, landscaping and organizing. It is amazing what nine very dedicated volunteers can do. The rules about gatherings no larger than 10 and keeping six feet between people never slowed them down. They even started a long term project repairing our playground. They pulled the rotted wood, sanded and painted the good wood. then replaced the rotted boards with new, solid ones. The new replacement wood they sanded and left unpainted to season. When they return next year they will sand and paint the replacement wood. What a blessing to have these friendly NOMADS contributing to the upkeep of our church and grounds and helping keep an eye on our future. Please keep them in your prayers as they move on to help another church.

Our thanks also go out to Margaret Strickland and her helpers who made sure the NOMADS had snacks and lunch. Also a big thank you to those who cooked and contributed food. The food was amazing!

CORONAVIRUS

A Note from Margaret Strickland

Points to keep in mind:

- * At age 60 there is an increasing risk of disease and risk increases with age.
- * Highest risk of serious illness and death is in people older than 80 years.
- * People with diabetes, heart disease, and lung disease are at great risk.
- * CDC recommends that you have medications, medical supplies on

hand to minimize trips to the store.

- * Symptoms of Coronavirus: Fever (99.6 degrees Fahrenheit and above), cough, and difficulty breathing are most common symptoms.
- * If you experience the above symptoms, CALL your medical provider. DO NOT go to your doctor's office or emergency room without talking to

them first so that they can tell you how to proceed.

- * CDC urges people who may have been exposed to avoid public places and limit contact with other people.
- * Dr. Anthony Fauci of National Institutes of Health is the coronavirus point man. He is a Virologist and is very knowledgeable about this subject. For his

latest updates follow him online simply by googling "Dr. Anthony Fauci."



On Eagles Wings

By Michael Joncas
based on Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His Hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night

Nor the arrow that flies by day
Under his wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

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