

MARCH 2020 Newsletter

Oakhurst United Methodist Church

PASTOR'S PEN DID YOU KNOW?



I learned several huge lessons from my recent bout with colon cancer. I learned more about what God will and will not do for us; I learned about the need for faith, and I learned about denial. I will be honest getting colon cancer was a test of my faith. I thought I was past having my faith tested: it has been many years since anything tested my faith. Honestly I have lived such an amazingly blessed life that I suppose on some level I thought nothing bad would ever touch me. I know that is not a reasonable expectation, it just seemed to be based on previous observation.

I was kind of strange how it went; they did a biopsy which said, "Pre-cancer" so I expected they would find it was not cancer but a precancerous growth. Several doctors told me they thought it was cancer despite the biopsy, but I figured they were about to be proven wrong because God has my back, but I elected to go ahead with the surgery they recommended anyway. So I literally didn't lose a moment of sleep over the whole thing.

Then when the surgery was completed the biopsy result showed that it was cancer; so I dealt with the cancer diagnosis, after it was successfully removed and having been detected so early required no further treatments.

So it was good news but I only began to deal with the emotional and spiritual aspects of having a cancer diagnosis after it was already gone and while I was recovering from what turned out to be major surgery. The first lesson was to realize that God is not going to prevent me from experiencing the consequences of aging and genetics and bad choices. I have had so many experiences of the miraculous in my life that I thought I was past the need for faith anymore. I told myself that my believing had become knowing. The second lesson was to realize that I still needed faith, as we all do. I experienced some suffering that made me question, but soon I could see that God does have my back: both in terms of the miraculous early detection and total removal, and in my recovery which has been amazing to see and to live.

The third lesson was that I was in denial. In the sermon on the mount (Matthew 7:3 NRSV), Jesus asked, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not

notice the log in your own eye?" In my daily prayer I confess my sins and then I pray, "If I have sinned against you in any other way please help me to see what it is so that I can lay it down before you." I often pause at that moment to see if God reveals anything to me and sometimes He does. But I thought I was at least past the log stage; surely after all these years of examination of conscience, of daily confession, there couldn't be more than a stick left? Hopefully maybe just a few splinters?

Two years ago I was at 212 lbs; I was running five miles three times a week and working out at the gym three times a week. One day at the gym I took a free fitness assessment; I held onto a machine and it told me my body mass index. Mine said I was obese. I said to myself, "This machine is used to people who don't have all the big muscles I have, I obviously am not obese, just muscular. But then in February 2018 my doctor said I needed to lose weight or I would be a diabetic within a year. So I lost. Then after having already lost 25 pounds and keeping it off for over a year, I lost another nine pounds as a result of my recent hospitalization. So I lost a total of 34 pounds, and, I can see from looking in the mirror that I can still lose at least another five pounds.

Denial, as they say, is not just a river in Egypt. I realized I had been in serious denial; I was blind to the log around my middle. I was obese. What do you call it when you eat when you are not hungry and you stuff yourself every time? What do you call it when your excessive eating causes you to become obese and damage your health? I was suffering from the sin of gluttony.

So two things: first for lent this year I am giving God the loss of those last few pounds. I am closing the gap between who I am and who God would like me to be. Second thing, no offense, but I look around the congregation and I see that I am not the only one who might be standing in that river (denial); so I am interested in forming a health club in our congregation. I am willing to coordinate it. If you would like to meet with me once a week, we will chart our progress, both in weight loss and exercise, and celebrate our successes; and we will share support and helpful diet and exercise tips with each other. If you would like to be a part let me know by emailing me at twehrlich@aol.com or texting at 813-956-5785.

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1 (SUNDAY)

COMMUNION

8:15am Light Breakfast
 8:30am Contemporary Worship
 10:00am Adult SS
 10:00am Children's SS
 10:00am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Coffee Fellowship
 11:30am Adult SS

March 2 (MONDAY)

9:30am Craft Group
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class

March 3 (TUESDAY)

SUPER TUESDAY

3:00pm Matthew Part 2
 6:30pm AA Big Book Study
 7:00pm Civil Air Patrol
 7:00pm Worship Committee Mtg.

March 4 (WEDNESDAY)

10:00am Bell Practice
 10:00am UMW Unit Meeting
 1:00pm Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class

7:00pm Joy Band Practice

7:00pm SPRC Meeting

8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

March 5 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 3:00pm Each One Teach One
 6:00pm Rehearsal Musical
 6:00pm Sober Living
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 8:00pm Drug Addicts Anon.

March 6 (FRIDAY)

8:30am Suncoast Sandpipers
 9:00am Musical Rehearsal
 10:00am Thrift Store Open
 6:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Musical

March 7 (SATURDAY)

9:00am Musical Rehearsal
 10:00am Watercolor
 7:00pm Musical
 8:00pm AA Big Book Study

March 8 (SUNDAY)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

8:15am Light Breakfast
 8:30am Contemporary Service
 10:00am Adult SS
 10:00am Children's SS
 10:00am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Coffee Fellowship
 11:30am Adult SS

March 9 (MONDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT
 9:30am Craft Group
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class
 6:00pm Girl Scouts
 7:00pm Trustees Meeting

March 10 (TUESDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT
 3:00pm Matthew Part 2
 6:30pm AA Big Book Study
 7:00pm Civil Air Patrol
 7:00pm Missions Meeting

March 11 (WEDNESDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

10:00am Bell Practice
 10:30am Mary/Martha Circle
 1:00pm Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class
 6:15pm Girl Scouts
 7:00pm Joy Band Practice
 7:00pm Finance Meeting
 8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

March 12 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

10:00am MEA-VITA Meeting
 3:00pm Each One Teach One
 6:00pm LIFT Talent Show
 6:00pm Sober Living
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm FAST Rally
 8:00pm Drug Addicts Anon.

March 13 (FRIDAY)

10:00am Thrift Store Open
 7:00pm F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

March 14 (SATURDAY)

10:00am Watercolor
 8:00pm AA Big Book Study

March 15 (SUNDAY)

8:15am Light Breakfast
 8:30am Contemporary Worship
 10:00am Adult SS
 10:00am Children's SS
 10:00am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Coffee Fellowship
 11:30am Adult SS

March 16 (MONDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

9:30am Craft Group
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class

March 17 (TUESDAY)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

7:00am VOTING

8:30am NOMADS VISIT
 6:30pm AA Big Book Study
 7:00pm Civil Air Patrol

March 18 (WEDNESDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

10:00am Bell Practice
 1:00pm Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class
 6:00pm Street Ministry
 7:00pm Joy Band Practice
 8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

March 19 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 8:30am NOMADS VISIT
 3:00pm Each One Teach One
 6:00pm Sober Living
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 8:00pm Drug Addicts Anon.

March 20 (FRIDAY)

10:00am Thrift Store
 6:00pm Girl Scouts

March 21 (SATURDAY)

10:00am Kid Fest
 10:00am Watercolor
 6:00pm AA Big Book Study

March 22 (SUNDAY)

8:15am Light Breakfast
 8:30am Contemporary Worship
 10:00am Adult SS
 10:00am Children's SS
 10:00am Traditional Worship
 11:00am Coffee Fellowship
 11:30am Adult SS

March 23 (MONDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

9:30am Craft Group
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class
 6:00pm Girl Scouts

March 24 (TUESDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

3:00pm Matthew Part 2
 6:00pm Street Ministry
 6:30pm AA Big Book Study
 7:00pm Civil Air Patrol
 7:00pm Joy Circle

March 25 (WEDNESDAY)

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

10:00am UMW Leadership Mtg.
 10:00am Bell Practice
 1:00pm Wonderful Wednesdays
 5:00pm Tai Chi Class

7:00pm Joy Band Practice

8:00pm AA, Alanon Meeting

March 26 (THURSDAY)

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30am NOMADS VISIT

9:00am UMW Spring Bazaar
 3:00pm Each One Teach One
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 8:00pm Drug Addicts Anon.

March 27 (FRIDAY)

9:00am UMW Spring Bazaar

10:00am Thrift Store Open

March 28 (SATURDAY)

9:00am UMW Spring Bazaar

10:00am Watercolor

8:00pm AA Big Book Study

March 29 (Sunday)

8:15am Light Breakfast
 8:30am Contemporary Worship
 9:00am UMW Spring Bazaar
 10:00am Adult SS

10:00am Children's SS

10:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am Coffee Fellowship

11:30am Adult SS

March 30 (MONDAY)

9:00am CPR Class
 9:30am Craft Group
 5:00pm Tai Chi
 7:00pm FAST Nehemiah Action Assembly

March 31 (TUESDAY)

3:00pm Matthew Part 2
 6:30pm AA Big Book Study
 7:00pm Civil Air Patrol

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01 Bob Root
 03/02 Grace Smith
 Gary Lockhart
 Betsy Neel
 03/05 Ginny Leeds
 03/06 John Miller
 03/07 James Wedlake
 Carolyn Malone
 Karen Goodin
 Jenna Kijowski
 03/09 Billie Lee Norman
 03/10 Bea Nasiadka
 Laura Meyer
 Susan Davis
 03/11 Larry Proehl
 Roberta Shook
 Betty Cunningham
 Frank Leeds
 03/12 James Olsen
 Luther Brown
 Frank Massaro
 03/13 Peggy Shoulders
 Jennifer Belvin
 Jo Bryan
 03/15 Jerry Andrews
 03/16 Bill Rennie
 Donna Parrey
 03/17 Linda Bavaro
 Ray Johnson
 03/18 Ryan Jenkins
 03/19 Ray Piscitelli
 Annette Adams
 Claire Meyer
 03/21 Michael Hopper
 Bill Stiffler
 Arlene Brewer
 03/23 Margaret Taylor
 Lynda Olsen
 Kenneth Kijowski
 03/24 Sandra Curtin
 03/28 Yolanda Lalama
 03/29 Christina Kopita
 Jewell Jacques
 03/30 Ruth Bataille
 03/31 Paul Dittbrenner



Congregational Care Ministries

With so much attention focused on the spread of the Coronavirus in recent weeks, with tornadoes that have ripped through parts of our country, and still unseasonably bad winter storms that may yet come, it can feel like we live in a perpetual state of crisis these days. It is the topic of crisis, personal, national, health, spiritual, or you name it, that this month's care explores. I invite you to read this and take what you need into your heart to be better prepared to pray and be cared for in whatever way your lives are touched by untimely events.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan, Associate Pastor

CRISES

The Rev. Dr. John C. Welch '02, Vice President for Student Services and Community Engagement and Dean of Students

Crises. They come in all forms—crises of health . . . family. . . identity . . . finances . . . even faith. At times they are intertwined. A health crisis can lead to a family crisis and then to a crisis of faith. A financial crisis can lead to an identity crisis and then to a family crisis. A crisis of faith can lead to an identity crisis and then to a family crisis before resulting in a crisis of faith. A conglomerate of crises can weave a tapestry of turmoil.

Consider this vignette. A family has been called to the bedside of a loved one whose physical health has declined to a point where medical professionals consider further treatment options futile because her future quality of life would be compromised. She has also lost the acumen to make good decisions for herself. To complicate matters further, the patient has never shared with any family member what her wishes might be if she were to lose her decision-making capacity. So, the family must make the decision whether to continue or discontinue treatment. The patient is facing a medical crisis, and given the current state of affairs, the family is also in a state of crisis for never having imagined being in this situation—one of having to make a life-altering or life-terminating decision for their loved one.

As a medical ethics intern, I once found myself meeting with a family in this very situation—a family left to make such a difficult decision. The loved one's body was breaking down, and more treatment would only cause further harm. My supervisor at the time said to the family, "Her body is already speaking for her." Those few simple words made the difference for the family.

Despite our best efforts to care for our bodies, they will always in time follow the course of our fallen world. But in several places Scripture reminds us just who it is that our bodies belong to: "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die

to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Rom 14:8). So also go Psalm 100:3, "Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture," and Psalm 139:13, "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." A gentle, situation-sensitive pastoral reminder of verses such as these can bring comfort in situations of physical crisis.

In another vein, consider a man who loses his job after 25 years of employment in a company that decided to restructure. After months of searching, his attempts to find new employment continue to be unsuccessful, healthcare coverage has ended, and his unemployment benefits will soon run out. He and his wife have two teenaged children—the family is struggling to make ends meet. This brewing financial crisis is putting a strain on their familial relationships as well. The husband and father didn't do anything to lose his job—or ever expect to—nor did the family expect to be mired in financial trouble. A family of four who regularly attended worship and church camp, who tried to be faithful members of their congregation, could now also be embarking on a crisis of faith. "Why would this happen to us?" "What did we do to deserve this?"

Such questions could be rumbling beneath the surface of their emotions while friends and other family members, wanting to be helpful by offering advice, are sometimes instead unintentionally stirring the pot of confusion as the family ponders the options for the right direction to take. In such circumstances, it is always important to recall to the crisis-sufferer the one in whom we can and should put our trust. Proverbs 3:5-6 offers this reminder: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." In the Psalms we also find words of comfort and guidance—for example, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him" (Ps 28:7); "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act" (Ps 37:5); and "From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge . . ." (Ps 61:2).

Crises come without invitation and at inopportune times. A crisis can wrench the faith even of a strong believer from its moorings. But the strength, courage, and patience to weather through is possible if we allow ourselves to be placed in the care of our loving Creator God. This prayer invites the crisis-sufferer to do just that:

God of mercy and God of grace, the waters of this crisis are becoming overwhelming for . . . He/she does not trust him/herself to make the right decision at this time, for he/she is afraid of only making things worse. We know that at every turn you are there, but the journey through seems daunting. Hold the hand of , Lord, and walk him/her through. May your Spirit serve as his/her compass, and may his/her current misfortune and need for your help serve to remind him/her of your trustworthy love and as a reminder to others of your grace.

Children's Corner



The Pennies for Kenya campaign is off to a great start because of you! More than \$200 has come in, with people dropping off pennies daily. There are 'banks' located around the church so search through those wallets, old purses and car cup holder to benefit the building of the boarding school for disabled children with our missionary, Deb Ralph. Special thanks to our incredible Missions Team for allowing that any pennies received in the offering will go toward this objective. All other change still goes to their local activities.



March 21, 2020

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Easter Themed Escape Rooms
Games** Food** Family Fun**



One of Many Ways to Contribute to Your Church

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Secure Act Changes IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions Rules

The SECURE Act (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement) that was passed by Congress in December 2019 has brought about a couple of changes to the way Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA accounts are treated.

The original rules for QCD are that if you are over age 70½ years old (subject to Required Minimum Distributions [RMD] under the pre-SECURE rules), you can make a direct distribution to a charitable organization from your IRA. By qualifying this direct distribution as a QCD, you do not have to include the amount of the distribution as income on your tax return. After the SECURE Act passed, QCD now has a few differences.

First of all, even though SECURE changed the RMD age to 72, you are still allowed to make QCD distributions beginning when you reach 70½. That's a slight departure from the old rule, which indicated that you had to be subject to RMD before you could make a QCD. Now you can make a QCD at any age after 70½, even though you may not be subject to RMD until age 72.

The other difference is more important, however: Since SECURE also made a change to the contribution rules for IRAs, by allowing contributions to be made at any age (previously not allowed after 70½), there's an anomaly that the rules address. This new rule is called the QCD anti-abuse rule, and it does exactly what you'd think. This new rule applies certain restrictions on QCDs if a contribution is made to your IRA after age 70½.

It is recommended that if you are going to make a QCD for tax year 2020, you contact your financial advisor or tax professional to see if a QCD might be a good tax savings strategy for you, especially under the new SECURE Act rules. If you are making a QCD to Oakhurst, you can contact Tammy Pluskat at Oakhurst 727.391.4769 for information on where to send the QCD.

PULMONARY EMBOLISM: A DEADLY BLOOD CLOT

Did you know? A clot that forms in a leg artery at or above the knee has a 50 percent chance of traveling to the lungs, where it can become a deadly pulmonary embolism.

Pulmonary embolism (PE) is the third most common cardiovascular cause of death after heart attack and stroke, yet many people have never heard of it. A PE occurs when a blood clot travels to the lungs from somewhere else in the body—most often a leg vein—and blocks blood flow to the arteries of the lungs.

Heart diseases, certain forms of cancer and surgery are common causes of blood clots. That's why blood thinners are often prescribed for patients with these diseases.

Blood clots can also arise in people who are sedentary, which is why people are advised to get up and walk periodically when flying or driving long distances.

Symptoms of a Blood Clot in the Lungs

The most common symptoms of PE are:

Sudden shortness of breath

Chest pain that worsens with exertion but does not resolve with rest, or feels worse when you breathe in

A cough that produces bloody sputum

Passing out or almost passing out

If you experience any of these symptoms, call 911. PE is a life-threatening medical emergency.

Symptoms of a Blood Clot in the Legs

The most common symptoms of a blood clot in the legs are:

Significant swelling in a leg

Pain or tenderness in the swollen area

Warmth or redness in the swollen area

Red or purple skin near the swelling

If you experience these symptoms, contact your physician immediately.



Youth Group



Youth Group Happenings

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The Youth have been busy in February and March helping to support our congregation's annual musical. This event happens to be the only fundraising our youth do all year to support their trips and activities, so it's kind of a big deal to us. Yet every year, the congregation and audience's generosity comes through and this year has been no exception. This is one small way the youth get to see the congregation supporting their ideas and goals for what a youth experience through the church should be like. Every year, some of our youth invite their friends to come and help them serve.

Often, these friends return and become a part of our regular group. This time of service then isn't just a fundraiser for us, it isn't just service, it's also our biggest concerted outreach effort for the year. If your youth has just missed this opportunity to plug in to what we are doing here, that's ok. They will still find an open and caring group of high school students eager to welcome them into our twice monthly gatherings.

If you would like to volunteer to work with the youth of our congregation, please contact me at nearl-son@oakhurstumc.com or call the church office at 727-391-4769. If you know of a youth who would benefit from this sort of gathering, please direct them to get in touch with me for up to date meeting times and locations through contacting me at the same information as previously mentioned.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan, Youth Pastor and Assistant Pastor

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Apportionments

2020 Apportionment Update

I would like to thank the Oakhurst UMC congregation for their support of the 2nd annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25th. There were over 100 persons, including children, in attendance. The cooks and servers received many accolades that night. I thank God for the volunteer help that produced such a successful fund raiser for our apportionment needs.

A total income of \$943 (\$390 in checks, \$553 in cash) was received. Tammy counted the money on the following Wednesday morning. I asked for an expense reimbursement of \$138, so a net profit of \$805 will be deposited to be included in the March apportionment income.

We are well on the way to reducing the \$1,549.00 deficit in order to reach 100% for 2020.

Our Lenten coin challenge bags are available to the congregation for a \$17.50 donation per bag. The coin bags are available in the main sanctuary vestibule and outside of the Fellowship Hall on the round table. Thank you in advance for your participation!

SAVE the DATE: The Suncoast Singers will return to the Oakhurst UMC Sanctuary for a concert at 7 pm on Saturday evening, March 28th. Ticket cost is \$15 and \$5 will be donated to the apportionment fund. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Envelopes are available in the pews for apportionment donations. Please mark them for that purpose if you are so led to do so.

Florida Conference apportionment fund goal to be supported for 2020 = \$60,580.00

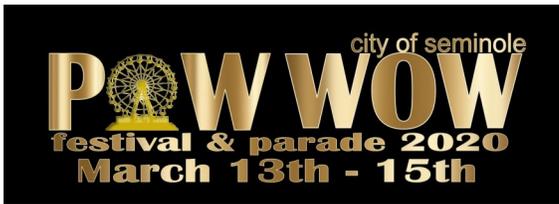
Apportionment funding paid to the Florida Conference in January was \$8,028.00.

Apportionment funding paid to the Florida Conference in February was \$4,892.50.

Therefore, our current status through February is paid up at 21.33%.

Many thanks to the Missions Committee for paying the Interdenominational Coop Fund in full @ \$273.00. This fund supports the General Church ecumenical ministries, in mission with other Christian denominations, cooperating and witnessing to Christian unity as a part of the worldwide Christian church, as an advocate for peace and justice in the world.

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



Come to the Oakhurst UMC booth at the Seminole Pow Wow Festival on March 13-14th and see "What's Cooking at Oakhurst"! Sign up to help volunteer to man the booth for two hour segments. OUMC parade walkers are needed for the parade on Saturday morning as Heaven and Grace will be carrying a banner that celebrates the Seminole 50th anniversary and the OUMC 56th anniversary in 2020. Walkers will be handing out Jesus candy canes. See Rick Jacobson if you can be in the parade!

TRUSTEES

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUESTS

Nine of them will be here March 9-26! Who? Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service! (Sometimes also referred to as "Nice Older Methodists Avoiding Deep Snow.") NOMADS provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations. They travel the country in their RV's providing their services of everything from new construction, remodeling, repairs, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing, flooring, etc., for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding. They are truly amazing, gifted, and spirit filled faithful men and women we have been very blessed to have had coming to OUMC for probably 10 years or more to help with various projects. If you have some time you would like to volunteer along side them while they are here, please contact Emma Dobies, 727-742-4652. If you would like to donate to their organization or to defray costs of projects OUMC will be doing, please call Emma, for further information. If you are interested in providing desserts, snacks, drinks, or lunches for them while they are here working, please contact Margaret Strickland (392-8428) or Emma. Thank you.



MR. CAR WASH coupons are back! Unfortunately the prices have gone up: Express Wash is now \$7.00 and Full Service is \$14.00. Trustees will be selling these during Coffee Fellowship after the 10 a.m. service in front of Fellowship Hall. These prices are the same as you would pay at the actual Mr. Car Wash locations, but we receive 50% of the profits on each coupon sold. These are good at any Mr. Car Wash nationally located. The closest to the church is at 10471 Park Blvd, Seminole, across from Home Depot and next to Culver's. These make great Christmas, birthday, thank you gifts, stocking stuffers, etc. Keep a couple in your glove compartment! Any questions, call Emma Dobies, Trustees Chair, 727-391-2264.



OUR MISSIONS



BABY BASICS

A new outreach for Oakhurst in the form of diapers is slated to begin in January. The program is called BABY BASICS and will provide diapers for infants of low income working families not qualified for other assistance. For more information or to donate money, please call: Ginny Leeds. 727-798-5484

STREET MINISTRY TEAM

Oakhurst UMC provides food for the homeless 3-4 times every month. Food is cooked in the church kitchen by volunteers. The food is transported, via the church van, to a shelter in St. Pete and then served by more of our wonderful volunteers. Prayers for spiritual, mental and physical health are given. The faces of those that receive the blessing from our ministry show gratefulness with a smile every time.

There are many ways for people to volunteer to help. Interested in volunteering? Please call the church office for contact information or to leave a message for the appropriate team leader(s) listed below:

COOKING TEAM

2nd Thursday	Gary and Mary Champney
4th Tuesday	Carol Harsh
4th Wednesday	Ray Cook
5th Tuesday	Carol Harsh

SERVING TEAM

2'nd Thursday	Steve Anderson
4th Tuesday	Keith and June Jenneke (interim)
4th Wednesday	Thomas and Debbie Shepherd
5th Tuesday	Ray and Lin Johnson



Easter Cantata

“There Stands A Cross”

Presented by the
Choir and Orchestra
of
Oakhurst
United Methodist Church

April 5, 2020

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

13400 Park Blvd.
Seminole
391-4769



UMW FELLOWSHIP

Alice Garrick who is the leader of an international mission supported by UMW will be visiting Florida after she represents Pakistan Women at the United Nations in March. She will speak at our UMW Fellowship meeting on **April 1st**. If you've never heard first hand about the plight of the women Alice's part of the world, please join us, meet Alice to hear about her mission and shop the beautiful scarves and handicrafts.

WONDER WALK

Come join us as we participate in the 2020 Wonder Walk. We walk on Redington Shores Beach to support Cornerstone Family Ministries on Saturday, **March 28, 2020**. The walk starts at 8:30 am The Wonder Walk supports and provides low-income youth scholarships for childcare as their mothers work or complete their education.. Please contact Margaret Strickland at (703) 593-2916.

PRAYER

CONCERNS

Our congregants have requested that these people be lifted up in prayer, so please add them to your prayer list.

Pastor Tim

Colette Box

Dr. Mac McGlanery

Binet Stiles

Richard Hult (Reta Kocse's nephew)

Rene Francey (George's daughter)

Doris Branch

Mary Kay and Johnny Williams

Linda Butler

Al Hammel

Jo Bryan

Carolyn Malone

Karlin Wood

Betsy Neel

Larry Skinner

Judy Shabazian

David Baumann

Terry Fluty

Joan Morewood

JoAnn Redman





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SECOND THURSDAYS

March 12, April 9

10-11:30 AM

Each caregiver session will include research-supported strategies; artistic application and a personalized plan. Meanwhile the care recipients will be creating and reminiscing with Memory Engagement.

Dr. Cate author, trainer, coach is hosting MEA VITA™ with her unique focus on instrumental support and memory engagement. Sponsored by Arden Courts And Fusion Health Care, Memory Engagement Association — a grass-roots movement to thrive with dementia as a community of caregivers.



40TH ANNUAL
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WONDER
WALK - RUN

The Oakhurst UMC 2nd Annual Wonder Walk-Run

March 28,2020

Constitution Park at Redington Shores Beach

Registration is at 9am and the walk-run begins at 9:30am.

You may donate and register online at www.CornerstoneFamilyMinistries.org. You may also contact Margaret Strickland at 727-392-0428 or at msbeachwalker@gmail.com.

Your support provides scholarship funds so children living in the inner-city can have a safe place to learn and grow.

This event is for the entire family regardless of age or ability. So join us and pray for Cornerstone's children while you walk or run.

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