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Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love

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,

What greater love can we imagine than the love of Jesus as he lay down his life for us. Now it is Easter and we can celebrate our risen Christ.



Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

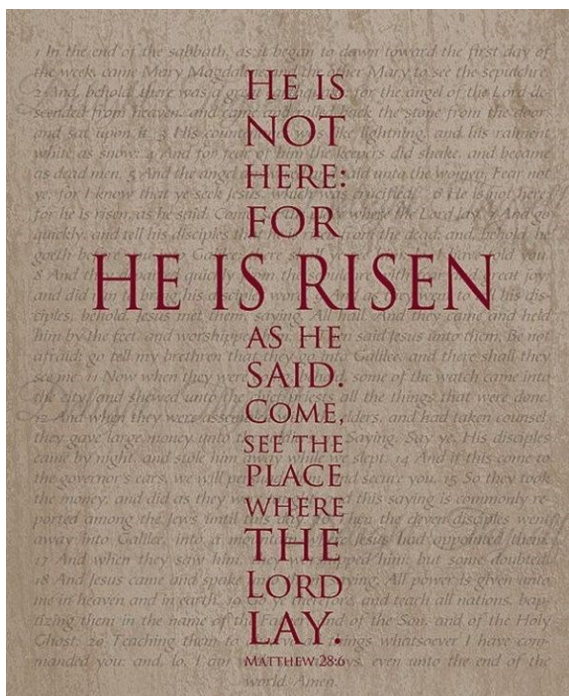
Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Matthew 28:1-10

May our risen Lord bring you peace, love, health and hope during these times.

*In His Joy,
Your Pastors and Staff*



Food Panty News: There is a table set up on the Church Property located near the street for social distancing. It has a sign that reads "Take What You Need. Leave What You Can." You may drop off items at the table and people can pick up what they need.

Many of our neighbors are out of work and struggling. Items that seem to get picked up the quickest are: toilet paper (place a single roll inside a plastic bag), pasta sauce, PB and J, snacks and feminine hygiene products. There is a plastic tub in which to place items that need to stay dry.

Please no clothes or household items.



"My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action."

1 John 3:18 GNTD

NOMAD FINAL UPDATE *(Boo Hoo!)*

Trustees Update: Unfortunately, isolation due to the Corona Virus has prevented us from attending church since the NOMADS finished their stint with us on March 26. If you don't get a chance to drive by and see some of their handiwork, you will see it when we can all be together again. We had 8 hardworking NOMADS, and 9 hardworking volunteers from the church. Some volunteers, Margaret Strickland, Bob Dubois, and Larry Jones were there every single day. Tony Dobies and Kim Hofstra many days, with Tom Shepherd, Bill Fussner, Sandy Fussner, Rick Jacobson helping as well. The following volunteers prepared very delicious lunches every day: Pat Brown, Nancy Fruit, Pam Wedlake, Marge Taylor, Margaret Strickland, Lynda Olsen, Carol Harsch, Barbara Trezona, Mary Champney, Marcine Dubois, Beverly Yerby, Jeff Graves, Lorraine Mayfield-Brown, Jodee Craig; and others: Joanne Nelson, Lynda Olsen, Betty Jacobson, Dawn Curtis, & OUMC staff, contributed snacks, desserts, drinks, etc. We, along with the NOMADS, can't thank everyone enough for all the time, effort, thoughtfulness and love everyone put into making these 3 weeks so meaningful and helpful to all the NOMADS and volunteers.



These are just some of the many tremendous things the NOMADS and volunteers accomplished in just 12 days:

- ◇ On east side of Sanctuary, removed all Holly bushes, removed a 3" layer of dirt, laid landscape fabric & chicken wire to hold 2 yards of river rock. Installed land-scape lighting. A must see at night! This was about a 12-hour job on tired knees!
- ◇ Prayer Garden: Poured a concrete sidewalk in front of maintenance office & removed old landscaping adjacent to it, replacing it with sod and Day Lilies.
- ◇ Pressure washed walls, brick walkway & sidewalks to remove rust stains, etc. Pressure washed all fencing, repaired and/or replaced broken fencing in area behind Fellowship Hall kitchen and dumpster area. Re-stained split rail fence and mailbox post. All look brand new now!
- ◇ Removed dead Sweet Gum tree, trimmed numerous trees and bushes. Hauled 2 loads of tree limbs, bushes, other debris to the dump. We had to order an extra dumpster pick up there was so much left over.
- ◇ Replaced damaged portico fascia trim & drip flashing, caulked and painted.
- ◇ Scraped bubbled paint on Sanctuary walls, sealed and repainted.
- ◇ Made a Day Lily garden around the electronic sign. Spruced up other garden areas.
- ◇ Repaired/redesigned/rebuilt/painted playground equipment.
- ◇ Repaired & painted 10 picnic tables. Repaired & painted bench & deck by playground.
- ◇ Shampooed carpet, stripped & sealed vinyl flooring; patched, primed, painted Room 16. Touched up other classrooms, and various walls throughout church including retexturing & painting a damaged wall by Sanctuary.
- ◇ Bill & Sandy Fussner did a deep cleaning of the Foundry kitchen, pulling equipment away from the walls, cleaned walls, equipment, and pressure washed the floor.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. This would not have been possible without you! Thank you to those who contributed money to defray some of the costs of these projects as well.

Emma Dobies, Chair, Board of Trustees



LOVE OVERCAME

Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive
love
Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travelers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the savior has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven
and earth is complete.
— Julie Palmer

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