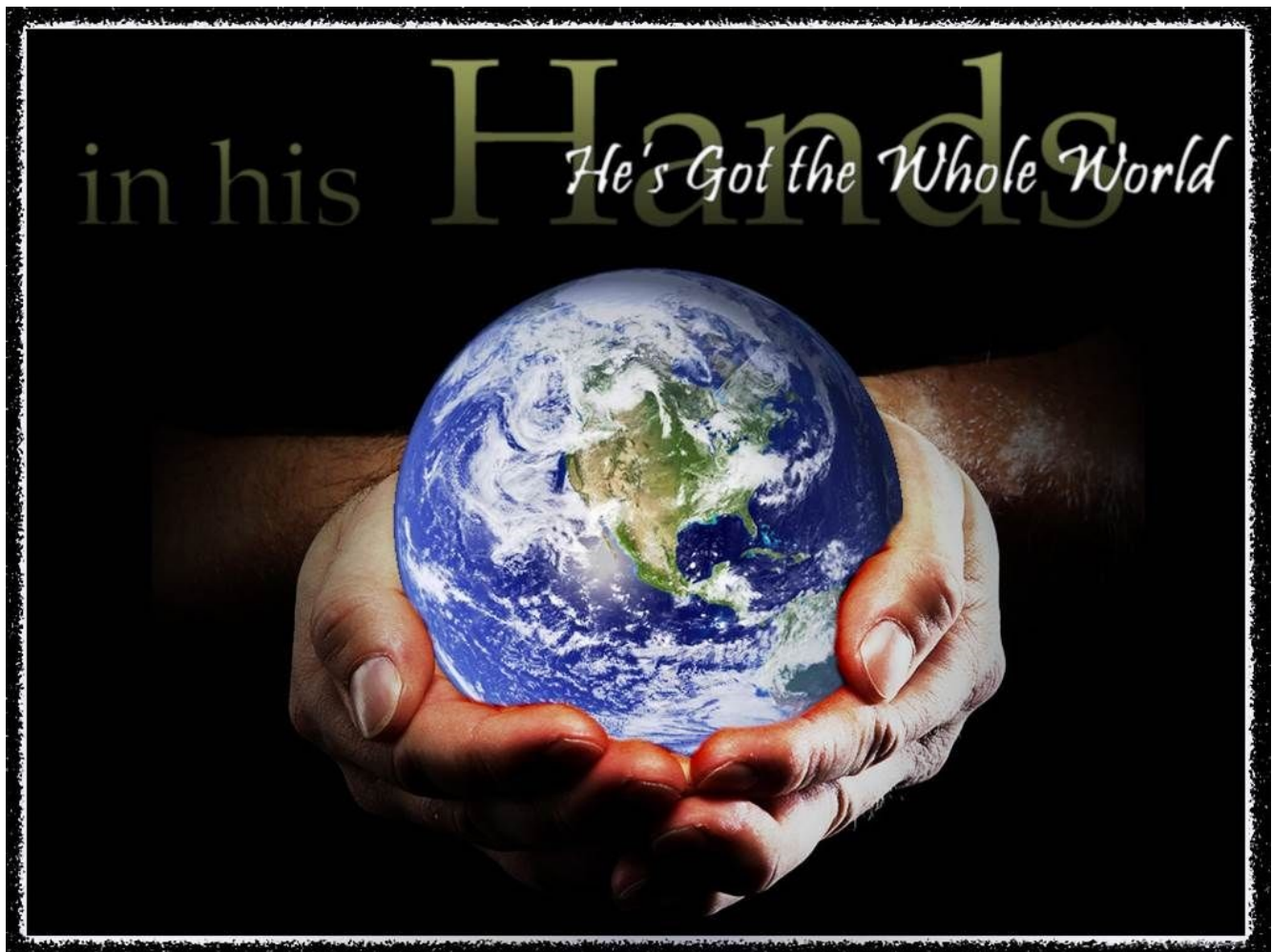


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Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love

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,

It's hard to believe we are actually in the season of Easter on our liturgical calendar. Starting this season with a service on Facebook or YouTube is definitely different. (grumble, grumble, grumble) Maybe it is time to start an **attitude adjustment**. What is your favorite part of a Sunday service? Prayer? Sermon? Songs? Fellowship? Maybe it's time to make your own service at home. After you watch Pastor Tim or Pastor Nathan on Facebook or YouTube first, of course!

Prayer – This is sometimes the easiest and sometimes the hardest part. Talk to God. It doesn't need to be as eloquent as our Pastors. Just talk. Give God your hopes, your dreams, your fears. Ask Him for what you need and/or for the needs of others. Be thankful. Thank him for all he has given you. Praise Him. Then LISTEN. Just be quiet. Even if all you hear at first is the hum of the air conditioner, stay quiet and stay open. Let Him fill your heart with what He wants in there. It may be words, it may be love, but let it be God.

Sermon – Open your bible and find a scripture. It doesn't have to be a whole chapter. Start with three or four verses. Follow the notations to wherever they lead. The bible is God's word. This is where He really speaks to you. Again, be quiet. Let God lead you where He wants this sermon to take you.

Songs – Sing any hymn you like even if you don't remember all the words. For those of you with internet access, the Methodist Hymnal is at <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/UMH>. For those of us who can't carry a tune in a bucket, sing anyway. As Psalm 100 says "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

Fellowship – Pick up your phone. Reach out to people. You never know who may need to hear a voice right at that time.

Hopefully we will all be back in our pews sooner rather than later. In the meantime, keep your chin up, be flexible and **adjust that attitude**.

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

In His Joy,
Your Pastors and Staff

Prayer Request

We have a very special prayer request this week. Connie and Jim Lashbrook's son, Cameron, was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. He has had the surgery to remove the mass and is just starting chemo and radiation. Cameron is a United Methodist minister serving Asbury United Methodist church in Maitland, FL. He grew up in our church and the choir sang at his wedding. He is married to Julie, who was our youth director.

Asbury set-up a fund, the Lashbrook Love Fund, to assist Cameron and Julie during this time. If you want more information, please call our office.



¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20:19-23

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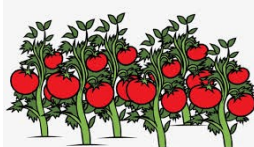
Pack-A Sack News: With the schools closed, Pack-A Sack has had to change to keep up with the times. Please know, that Oakhurst is continuing to serve our young children in the community. Pinellas County schools has designated Southern Oaks Elementary as a distribution center for any child to receive free breakfast/lunch. Parents drive through and can pick up a meals for all children present. So far, Oakhurst has been there once per week to supplement these meals with extra food for the children and family. For the past two weeks, after the family drives through the school line, they were given an additional bag of food along with information about the local food pantry. Oakhurst is using up the current pack-a-Sack supplies and thus far we have added a large box of cereal, package of bologna, and a note from Oakhurst.

The first week, we gave out 20 bags, and this week, we gave out 50 bags. This was one bag per car, and many cars had several children inside. We have committed to do this once per week through the school year.

Here is a note that We received on the Oakhurst website.:

Recipient: Thank you for the kindness! My daughter enjoyed her baggie of goodies! Thank you for being such a blessing to the families and kiddos! Stay safe, stay blessed! Thank you!

"You can buy education, but wisdom is a gift of God"
Author Unknown



*Someone once said:
"Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."*

"A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult."
Proverbs 12:16 (NIV)

A Note from June Jenneke:

I heard from Deb Ralph (prior office manager) in Kenya. She is working at home and has recently moved into her new and permanent home in Kenya. She sent me a video and has a lovely new little house that has two bedrooms and two baths, a nice kitchen with a tiny little refrigerator and gas stove, and a living room. She is setting up the second bedroom for when missionaries come to visit or work. She said there are 17 cases of Covid-19 in the area and so she has wifi so has been able to work from her new location. She has to have things made because there are not stores as we know them, so she had some curtains made, and a couch, and has gotten some stuff purchased and delivered. She is happy and well and prays that we are all safe during this situation.

Thank you for the update, June!

Memory Cafe and Zoom Support Group

For those of us caring for a person with an immune deficiency in the form of dementia Dr. Cate, through the generosity of Arden Courts, Fusion Healthcare and Meridien Research will be offering virtual support and memory cafes via Zoom.

Zoom is a free and user-friendly platform for use by anyone. With a computer, tablet, or smart phone, you can see and hear other participants in the meeting.

No smart phone? No worries--you can hear and talk to others in the meeting using a dial-in phone number and entering the meeting number.

The only thing different--you must RSVP. To RSVP or request more information send an email to: vkcronin1@gmail.com or catemccarty@gmail.com.

Meetings are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Support group meets at 10 am and the Memory Cafe is at 2 pm.

LOST AND FOUND: A black ladies leather jacket was left behind at the Musical "LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!" IF you are missing your jacket, it can be retrieved at the church office.

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and say your prayers,
cuZ' germs and
Jesus are
everywhere!



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