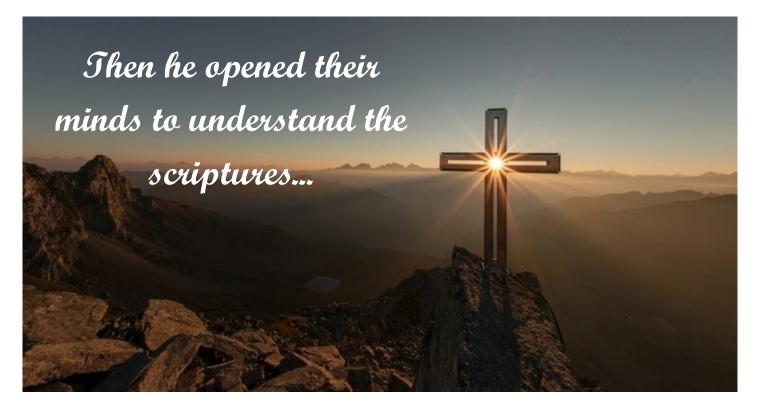


Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love

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



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Volume 5

Hello to our Friends and Family,

OK, who is going stir crazy? Trying to think of things to do to keep yourself, your spouse or your kids busy? Maybe it's time for a little reflection. Remember those eleven disciples of Jesus? The ones who spent most of the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost closed in an upper room? According to Acts chapter one, during the 40 days Jesus was with them, "He ordered them not to leave Jerusalem". In fact it was not just for those 40 days, but until Pentecost which meant 50 days. Most of those days were spent in the upper room. Yes, they did get to go fishing and they made a trek to Mount Olivet, but more about that on another day.

What happened during those 40 (or 50) days? The disciples don't tell us exactly. We do know that they spent the time having their eyes opened to the meaning of all that had happened throughout Jesus time on earth. They spent that time learning and growing in their faith. Thomas had his eyes and heart opened by touching the nail scarred hands. God can do the same for us during our time locked-up in our rooms.

So, in our self-quarantine are we allowing our eyes to be opened? Opened to the glory and blessing of God? The blessings God has given us in our lives. The extra time to play games with our kids. The time to write a letter to an old friend. Time with our spouse, getting to know each other all over again. We even have time to try to find the good in the squabbles between our children. (They are alive, healthy, loved; in case you were having trouble figuring-out that blessing.)

We here at church are being reawakened to how much joy seeing each of you throughout the week brings to our lives. We miss you and look forward to the end of our "50 days" when we can see you roaming the halls on a regular basis.

May God Bless you and Keep you until we meet again.

In His Joy, Your Pastors and Staff



In Memoriam Boyd Rogers (89) 4/22/1930-3/28/2020

Ken Underhill (97) 5/22/1922 - 4/15/2020

Please Remember Boyd, Ken and their families in you prayers.



⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:44-49 (NRSV)

What Have You Been Doing With Your Extra Free Time?

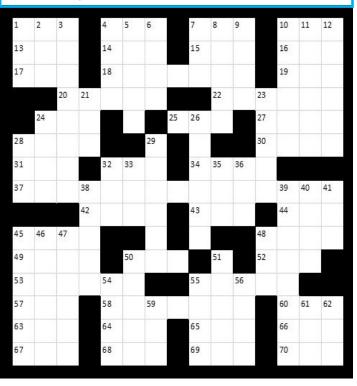


Mrs. L. Jones learned to make shell flowers and mounted the flowers on driftwood or fossilized stone. The leaves are sea glass she found snorkeling. She also made bracelets, mounted pendants and repaired jewelry

Ms. D. Parrey has been having fun with crafts, puzzles, reading, and most importantly, writing her book, an anthology of essays on Sixties, The Journey From and To. (Picture on let)

Mr. L. Jones ordered 5 bags of dirt to mine from Montana. He screened, sifted and washed the gravel. He found over 150 total carats of cuttable sapphires. (picture on right)





Easter Season Puzzle (See extra page for clues)



- \diamond $\;$ Praise God for His mighty power and perfect love. $\;\diamond\;$
- Thank God for promising to always be with us.
- As God to heal those who are sick.
- Ask God to comfort those who are afraid.
- Ask God to protect hose in the medical field.
- ♦ Ask God to give leaders wisdom.

- Ask God to forgive your sins and heal our nation.
- Ask God to use the church to share His love.
- Ask God to bring revival through this time.

Read Psalms 121 out loud to close out your prayer time.

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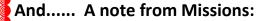
Easter Season Crossword Puzzle Clues

Across

- 1. Trojan college in LA
- 4. New York Giants Baseball's Mel
- 7. Cooking meas.
- 10. Clever remark
- 13. Winter recreational activity
- 14. Goes with Stimpy
- 15. Gorilla or Orangutan
- 16. Cont. home to Zimb., Keny., and Egy.
- 17. Forbid
- 18. Contest forms
- 19. Graduate degree obtained by artists
- 20. Christian symbol
- 22. Small, complete unit
- 24. International monetary and transactional oversight group
- 25. Asian beast of burden
- 27. Often stuck out for others?
- 28. "All Glory _____ and Honor"
- 30. Lays eyes on
- 31. Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
- 32. 4.0 is considered perfect in this academic score
- 34. Fairytale or folkloric creature popular in Tolkien's work
- 37. What Easter Celebrates
- 42. White wading bird frequently seen in Florida
- 43. Used to treat roads
- 44. Building blocks of life
- 45. A room or wing of a hospital
- 48. A type of holt sandwich, frequently with cheese
- 49. The beg. or start of something
- 50. Cooking instrument or flying boy?
- 52. Geographic feature shared by Tampa area and San Francisco
- 53. To remove a cover
- 55. Stray or wild
- 57. Ver.'s neighbor
- 58. Lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
- 60. A mischievous child or fabled creature
- 63. Mary. Neighbor
- 64. Douglas' tree type
- 65. Notable time period
- 66. Nor.'s counterpart in the Civil War
- 67. Simple Messaging Service, not iMessage
- 68. A poem oft dedicated to someone else
- 69. Young boy
- 70. A good round number

Down

- 1. A port of connection for a computer
- 2. A type of music originating in Jamaica
- 3. A rope belt often worn around a priest or monk's waist
- 4. Milk's favorite cookie
- 5. In language, could be present or past
- 6. Explosives
- 7. Often accompanies Chi
- 8. To talk
- 9. Annoyance, often an insect or animal
- 10. Tropical American tree having edible red fruit with yellow flesh
- 11. A workspace
- 12. Follows
- 21. Along with a reel, it's a fishing need
- 23. Beginning
- 24. Scrub
- 26. Warnings
- 28. Allow
- 29. Uncomfortable feeling in the stomach
- 32. Egyptian god of the Earth
- 33. Measure of pressure (abbrev.)
- 35. First name of Glee's Michele
- 36. Device used to watch tapes
- 38. Crest of a mountain
- 39. An optimistic person, guided by virtues rather than practical considerations
- 40. The one and
- 41. Singer and Jazz Pianist King Cole
- 45. Injury by cut or blow, Jesus suffered many that we might be healed
- 46. A city in the central Netherlands that was the site of battle during World War II
- 47. Opponents
- 48. Finance or business graduate deg.
- 50. A pattern or color of fabric
- 51. Popular fish found in many home aquariums
- 54. You used to be able to dial 411 to get it (abbrev.)
- 55. To sense
- 56. Comprehend words on a page
- 59. Anger
- 61. One of the Three Stooges
- 62. A play on words



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