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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

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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and spread the Kingdom of Christ.**

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Hello to our Friends and Family,

This week we have an essay from one of our staff members.

LIFE IN THESE FOUR WALLS

When Pope John Paul II died, the quote I heard most often repeated was "I plead with you - - never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." One of my favorite hymns is written by Bob Dufford, S.J., Be Not Afraid. I'm sure some of you know the lyrics:

"Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow me, and
I will give you rest."

Yes, I know, many people consider that a song for funerals. However, it is really about life. If you follow Jesus, let the Holy Spirit live within your soul, God will free you from your fears.

As we all spend extra hours at home dealing with frustrated parents, rambunctious kids, (and dogs and parents.....), boredom and claustrophobia (maybe if I paint these four walls a different color....) sometimes the fear of what is out there (Coronavirus) can be a little overwhelming. Then I think of those words: **BE NOT AFRAID**. There are many verses in the bible where God, Jesus, or an Angel use the words "fear not" or "don't be afraid". They are all telling us to give our fear to God. Then, after you do that, you move forward to do what you can to keep you and your family safe and healthy with a lighter heart.

My prayer each day is "God please fill me with your light and love that it may shine out on all with whom I come in contact." With all that love filling me, there is no room left for fear. Not that I manage to live that way 100% of the time, or even 50% sometimes. At those times, I pray it again (and again and again!)

Today, find your own prayer, one that works for you. One that takes away your fear, anxieties and worries. One that leaves you smiling and filled with God's light and His love. And in the words of another great hymn, "To God be the Glory, great things He hath done!"

Keep praying, keep smiling!
Keep loving, keep laughing!

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

In His Joy,
Your Pastors and Staff

33 VERSES ABOUT FEAR AND ANXIETY

Isaiah 41:10
Psalm 56:3
Philippians 4:6-7

John 14:27
2 Timothy 1:7

1 John 4:18

PSALM 94:19

Isaiah 43:1

Proverbs 12:25

Psalm 23:4

Joshua 1:9

Matthew 6:34

1 PETER 5:6-7

Isaiah 35:4

Luke 12:22-26

Psalm 27:1

Psalms 55:22

Mark 6:50

Deuteronomy 31:6

ISAIAH 41:13-14

PSALM 46:1

Psalms 118:6-7

Proverbs 29:25

Mark 4:39-40

Psalm 34:7

1 Peter 3:14

Psalm 34:4

DEUTERONOMY 3:22

Revelation 1:17

Mark 5:36

Romans 8:38-39

Zephaniah 3:17

Psalm 91:1-16

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Happy Birthday,

Patrick!



What Have You Been Doing With Your Extra Free Time?



O Most High, ³ when I am afraid, I put my trust in you. 'In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid

Psalm 56: 3-4

Forks in the Road



At a time when we are all sheltering in place it is hard to be positive. From the class I teach called Legacy Writing, I ask students to create a lifeline, a list of the turning points in their life. It is road map of events starting with childhood and parents, school and the experiences along the way. The new outlooks that graduation, jobs, marriage and family brought along the way.

It is a way to open the memory bank to the positives, joys and blessings in life, perhaps the negative from which they learned. The forks in the road.

Now with time on our hands, share your experiences with family and loved ones. it is a cherished gift.

Submitted by Pat Brown

THINGS I CANNOT CONTROL



Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2

Church Online
NOT CANCELED

Quiet Time With God
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Praying For The Sick
NOT CANCELED

Checking On A Friend
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Helping Others
NOT CANCELED

Being The Church
NOW MORE THAN EVER

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

Looking for an aluminum welder who can help us get our Methodist Cross and Flame welded to be able to install it hopefully in the near future. If you know anyone, please contact Emma Dobies, 727-391-2264



A Special Time

by Karla Wright

It's spring and the summer's sunshine is on the horizon

It's a wonderful time

Warm hands reaching out to heavens

Grateful for the joy

Grateful for the peace

Grateful for the blessings

It's faith in a picture frame

Season's changing

Smiles drifting in dreams

Whispering prayers among the sun's rays

Believing, life is full

Being a soaring spirit

Touches the heart

Awakening the senses

To stroll through a path lead by God.

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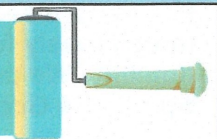


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Easter Season Crossword Puzzle

Answers to last week's puzzle

