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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,
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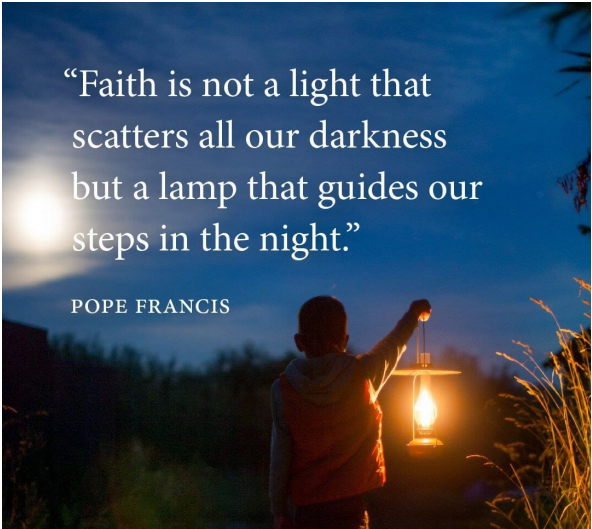
In 1970 a 10-year-old strawberry blond white girl moved to Willingboro, NJ. Having spent the first eight years of her life in Texas and the last two in a small town in Michigan, she had lived a fairly sheltered life. On her first day joining her new fourth grade class the teacher sat her next to Donna and asked Donna to show her the ropes. It just happened that Donna had a different color of skin than this young white girl. The young girl and Donna became friends. They would meet at the crosswalk in the mornings and walk to school together. One morning the subject of race came up. During the 1960's and early 1970's, the word "colored" was often used to describe people with black skin. The young white girl asked her friend, "how should I describe you?" Donna's very proud response was, "I am black!" The friend asked, "So I should say you are black, not colored." Donna's response was, "I'm not colored. I have never gotten why black people are called colored. You have red hair, blue eyes, brown freckles and you blush pink when you are embarrassed. You are colored, not me."

Makes you think.... Some people truly are colorblind. They can't tell the difference between blue and green. However, for most of us color is a fact of life. We use color as a descriptor, "Suzy is white, she wore a blue dress today and had her blond hair up in a ponytail for church." "Janie is African American (black) and is wearing a pretty pink suit today. That's her over there talking to Jim."

God made us all different colors. In many ways we are his living, walking, talking rainbow. None of us can honestly say we don't see color when we look at someone. However, God did not make our skin colors a definition. Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31) That means all neighbors. Jesus also told his disciples "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) He sent his disciples (and us) out to minister to and love all the people of the earth equally. Although the disciples had their own prejudices, Jesus' commandment forced them to give up those preconceived definitions and see everyone as a brother and sister in Christ.

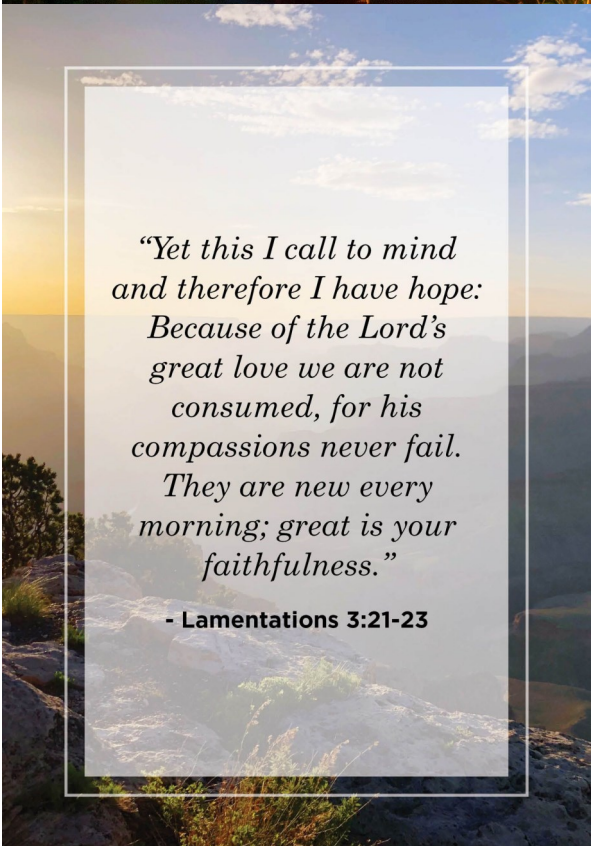
As you walk through your day, allow the color of the skin in the people you meet to be a descriptor, not a definition. Love all of them as you love yourself. See Christ in each of them.

In His Joy,
Your Pastors and Staff



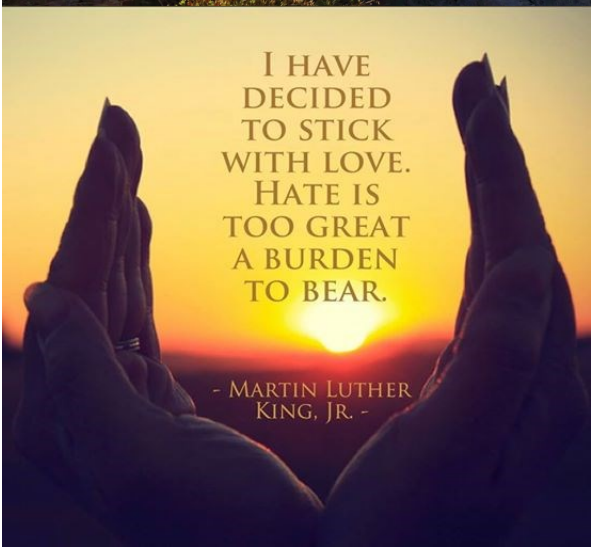
"Faith is not a light that
scatters all our darkness
but a lamp that guides our
steps in the night."

POPE FRANCIS



*"Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's
great love we are not
consumed, for his
compassions never fail.
They are new every
morning; great is your
faithfulness."*

- Lamentations 3:21-23



I HAVE
DECIDED
TO STICK
WITH LOVE.
HATE IS
TOO GREAT
A BURDEN
TO BEAR.

- MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. -

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID 19)

As Pinellas County extends its state of emergency*, residents are asked to be careful and vigilant. The medical director at Pinellas County recommends wearing face masks and continue to wash your hands to protect yourself from Covid 19.

Seek medical attention if you feel your illness is worsening. If you have difficulty breathing or a fever. Also you should be tested if you are in close contact with someone with Covid 19 or are a resident in a community where there is an on-going spread of Covid 19. Call your health care provider and tell them your symptoms and your exposure, they will help you decide whether you need to be tested. Also there is drive through testing available to everyone with or without symptoms.

COVID 19 TESTING SITES IN PINELLAS COUNTY

Community Health Centers of Pinellas: 707 East Druid Dr. Clearwater. Open Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3 pm. You must have an appointment. Call 727-824-8181 select option 0 to make an appointment for drive through or walk in.

Pinellas Park : 7550 43rd St. North
St. Petersburg: 1344 22nd St. South

To find out your test results contact your provider or facility that ordered or collected the test. It may take a lab 24 hours to run your test. But you might not get your results for several days.

*Pinellas County Commissioners voted unanimously June 5, to extend state of emergency through June 19. County Administrator said local state of emergency was needed to continue to be able to take measures to respond to and mitigate effects of COVID-19, to apply for FEMA reimbursements and purchase necessary supplies such as personal protective equipment.

Oakhurst UMC Apportionment Funding Progress for 2020

"To God Be the Glory, great things He hath done! Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!" Fanny Crosby wrote some fantastic lyrics for hymns and we need to celebrate at Oakhurst the great things that God has done through His people. One of those things is the 2020 apportionment funding progress.

We are on track to reach our apportionment goal of being 100% paid by December 31st and we need that positive progress to continue with your financial giving.

As of the end of May, the total OUMC apportionment funding paid to the Florida conference of the UMC = \$30,259.00. That amount is 49.95% of the total of \$60,580 due for 2020. We are basically one month ahead in payments!

Five of the (13) apportionment category funds are paid in full.

There were (32) membership pledges made to apportionment funds during the fall Estimate of Giving campaign for a total of \$20,631.00 pledged! That amount is an increase of \$12,161.00 over 2019. Praise God!

I appreciate the commitment in 2020 of the Oakhurst church family to support our funding of connectional support for the global, conference, and local missions and ministries of the United Methodist Church.

God bless your gifts, and may God bless the giver! AMEN.

And when it rains on your parade, look
up rather than down. Without the rain,
there would be no rainbow.

— Gilbert K. Chesterton

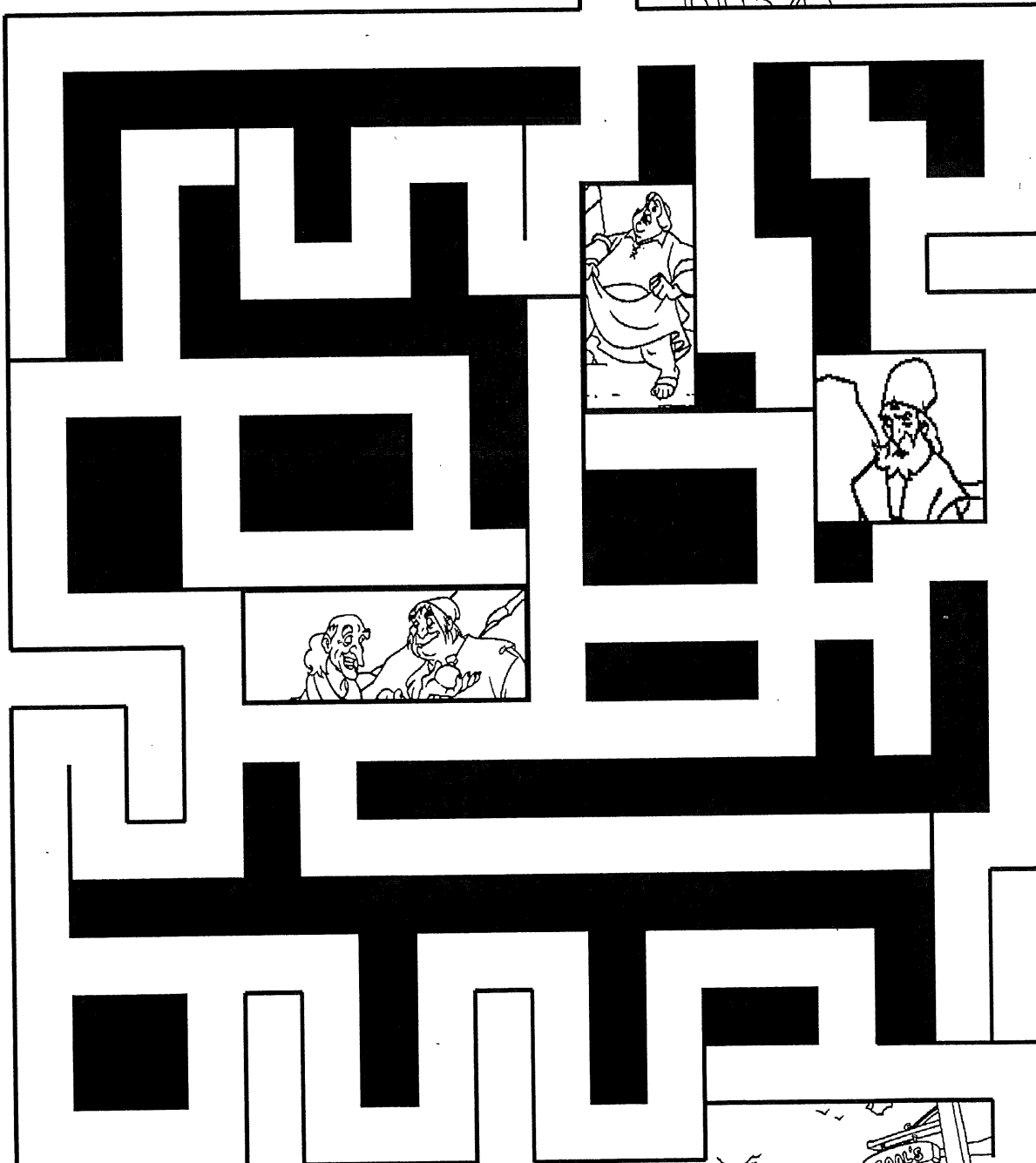
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| <p>1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.</p> <p>2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.</p> <p>3 Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.</p> <p>4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.</p> | <p>5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord,
from my youth.</p> <p>6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you
who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is
continually of you.</p> <p>7 I have been like a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.</p> <p>8 My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all day long.</p> |
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Help the Good Samaritan
get the wounded man
to Gaal's Inn.

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"THE GOOD SAMARITAN" MATCHING GAME

Match the descriptions in the left-hand column with the correct person or item in the right-hand column.

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| 1. ____ Attacked the wounded man. | A. LEVITE |
| 2. ____ Tempted Jesus. | B. WOUNDED MAN |
| 3. ____ Was attacked on the Road to Jericho. | C. GOOD SAMARITAN |
| 4. ____ Received two pence to pay for wounded man's care. | D. PRIEST |
| 5. ____ Told the parable of the Good Samaritan. | E. THIEVES |
| 6. ____ Took the wounded man to an inn. | F. LAWYER |
| 7. ____ First to pass by the wounded man. | G. INNKEEPER |
| 8. ____ Second to pass by the wounded man. | H. JESUS |

(For additional help, see Luke 10:25-37.)

"THE GOOD SAMARITAN" - WORD SEARCH

Look in every direction to find the hidden words below:

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