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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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Joy. What does that word mean to you? According to the Merriam Webster it means "the emotion evoked by wellbeing, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires." According to Pastor Rick Warren, "Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation."

Those learned sources have great definitions, but where is the excitement and energizing emotion?

Again, what does Joy mean to you. Think about "David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals" (2 Samuel 6:5) Talk about joy! Or think about the Apostles in the upper room when Jesus appeared to them after His crucifixion. After the initial shock and fear.... Joy to see Jesus! Shall we say jubilation?

Of course, there are also the quiet joys in life. The joy of sitting on the porch watching a sunset. How much joy do you feel spending quality time with your spouse and/or your kids? There is joy in the ringing of the telephone when you know a loved one is on the other end of the line.

The phrase "make a joyful noise" occurs many times in the bible. Our very own Jackie Marschall leads us in making a joyful noise to the Lord every Sunday. Even better, she sings in the halls all the time. Her joyful singing brings light and joy to all of us every day. There is the joy brought to us by our Praise Band and our Chancel Choir.

Celebrate your joy! Let it out so that it may spread to all those around you. Celebrate God with joy and laughter and music and love.

In His Joy,
Your Pastors and Staff

In His Words

Galatians 5:22-23

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Psalms 66:1-2

'Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Psalms 95:1-2

'O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!



Spotlight

Sierra Leone: Provide financial, provisions and spiritual support for missionaries Nick and Heidi Griffiths for their 5 year mission. Ministering with clean water/wells and health

Back to School Backpacks: Provide new backpacks and school supplies to children through local school. Financial assistance needed in 2020.



Our book drive is continuing. There is a box by the church office if you wish to drop books off. Lynda is in the office from 9:00 to 12:30 to receive them.

For additional information, please call Lorraine at 398-7098.

GIFT BRICK PROGRAM

The gift brick program is a wonderful way to celebrate an accomplishment, a birthday, an anniversary, remember a loved or honor a veteran.

You can have a custom engraved message on a 4"x8" or an 8"x8" brick paver on our celebration walkway in the front of our church.

If you are interested and/or have any questions about purchasing one of these beautiful pavers, please contact the church office - 727-391-4769 or Kim Hofstra - 727-393-1477.



DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DRIVE

The Oakhurst United Methodist Church

is sponsoring a Touchless Food Drive on

Saturday, August 15, 2020

From 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

at

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If you drive through and pop your trunk we will pull out your donations.

The Trustees will also be selling Car Wash tickets.

Back to school Backpacks

We do not know what will happen with back to school this year, but children will still need school supplies. Missions pre-ordered 150 backpacks with school supplies to distribute to our local schools. If you would like to help a child, each backpack filled with supplies cost

\$9.50 We will give packs to local children who are identified through guidance counselors and teachers. Consider funding school supplies with a donation through Oakhurst UMC.com and mark your contributions "backpacks." Checks can be mailed to the Church at 13400 Park Blvd, Seminole 33776.



I've got the Joy Joy Joy Joy
By George William Cook

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay

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