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**Our Mission is to make disciples, nurture disciples,
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ADVENT
WILL BEGIN ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
AND ENDS ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24



OUMC Missions: Angel Tree

We continue our OUMC giving tradition with a virtual Angel Tree this year! An e-mail was sent on Sunday with a link to the profiles of the children and their wish list. If you don't get e-mails and want to participate, call the Church Office for assistance.

All gifts should be delivered to the Church Office no later than December 11. If you cannot sponsor a child, please consider a monetary donation as our Missions Team will also be purchasing shoe gift cards and Publix gift cards to go with the wrapped gifts.

If you have any questions, call Jean Campbell at 727-871-0325.

Thank you for your generosity!

Gifts Due Back By No Later Than: Dec. 11



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
WORLD THANK OFFERING PROGRAM VIA
ZOOM

The Zoom Program was cancelled due to
Tropical Storm Eta.

Please send World Thank Offerings to:

Oakhurst United Methodist Church

Attn: Linda Bavaro, UMW

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THANK YOU!



A Message From: Emma Dobies

Our Garden Angel Project

A couple of years ago “Our Garden Angel Project” was started to keep the grounds of our campus neat and clean. The campus gardens and hedges were divided into 16 sections with 19 Garden Angel volunteers working their magic. Signs were made identifying the section number and individuals responsible for these areas. Having so many Garden Angels has made a huge difference in the tranquility and beauty of our campus and we cannot thank the Garden Angels enough. We desperately need 1 or 2 more Garden Angels to take over Garden Numbers 7 & 8, previously taken care of by Randy and Del Lawson before they moved to Virginia. This is the garden between the Foundry and Fellowship Hall adjacent to the Thrift Store. Volunteers needed for other sections too.

Current Garden Angels and their sections:

1. Bob Blain – Hedges bordering the far West parking lot (Park Blvd, 135th St., and fence)
2. Rick & Betty Jacobson – Park Blvd. East & West of Electronic Church Sign
3. **Need Volunteer – Far West Parking Lot: Center Shrubs & Small Trees between Parking Stops**
4. Clive & Carol Bailey – Front Gardens & Shrubs along Sanctuary, West Wing and Gift Brick Pathway
5. Larry & Linda Jones – Shrubs & Garden at West Entrance area
6. Jan Metheny – Shrubs & Garden West end of Fellowship Hall & Thrift Store
7. **Need Volunteer – Shrubs & Garden between the Foundry and Fellowship Hall adjacent to the Thrift Store.**
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9. **Need Volunteer – Small garden area along wooden fence just onside FH to left**
10. **Need Volunteer - East side of Sanctuary Primarily pulling weeds in lighted Rock Garden**
11. Tony & Emma Dobies & Tom Shepard – Prayer Garden
12. Gary Curtis – Hedges West Boundary
13. Gary & Mary Champney – Under Foundry Stairwell
14. Ray & Lin Johnson – South Entrance by Foundry
16. Kathy Lockhart – Foundry Planter

Should any one like to do some weeding or trim hedges but not want to take full time responsibility of a section, we would be only too happy for you to join us. Call Emma Dobies at 727-742-4652 or leave your name at church office and we will contact you. Thank you all for taking pride in our church.



Christmas Advent Calendar

Random acts of kindness

December 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	30 Give someone a nice compliment.	1 Write a nice note to a friend.	2 Tell a joke to make someone laugh.	3 Bake a treat for a neighbor.	4 Invite someone to dinner.	5 Help a neighbor with a chore.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24		26
27	28	29	30	31		

Instead of a weekly puzzle for the month of December, we are asking that you complete a daily "Random Act of Kindness." Each week, we will provide you with more acts to complete.



Nick & Heidi Griffiths **Sharing the Living Water in** **Sierra Leone**

"Come follow Me," Jesus said. "I will make
you fishers of men." Matt 4:19



Meet Our Fabulous Home Team.....

What is a Home Team?

Our Home Team is a small group of precious individuals that are our close friends and who intimately know about our ministry. They are our prayer warriors, encouragers, promoters and confidants as we prepare, serve and return home from the mission field. We meet with our Home Team once a month to pray, plan and discuss our ministry. Some of them were on our Home Team when we served in Kenya and some of them are new to the team. This divinely appointed team, grounds us within our ministry with their love, prayers, insight and honesty and we want you to get to know them.

So, without further ado, we are proud to introduce our beloved Home Team.....

Robert & Angie Bliss – attend Jodeco Road UMC, GA



Angie and Robert have been longtime friends of ours and this is their 2nd round on our Home Team. They felt called to serve as our re-entry coordinators when we served in Kenya. They opened their home to us when we returned from the mission field. They blessed us with their amazing hospitality and “soft place to land” mentality as we re-acclimated ourselves to the US. So happy you are with us again, Robert & Angie!!

Mike Broome – Pastor at Hiram UMC, GA



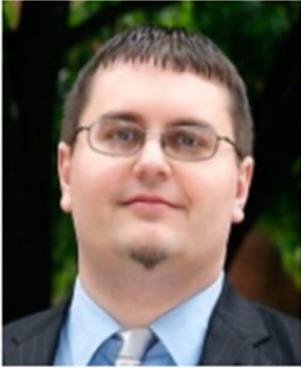
Mike is new to our Home Team. Mike and Chris Mullis are to blame for our calling into full-time missions -LOL. Years ago, we went on our first mission trip to Guatemala and Mike and Chris were the team leaders. We call Mike, Mission-Man-Mike because of his huge heart for missions! Mike has been an intentional advocate for us and our call to Sierra Leone among the United Methodist Churches. Welcome aboard, Mike!!

Kerry Brown – attends FUMC St. Pete, FL



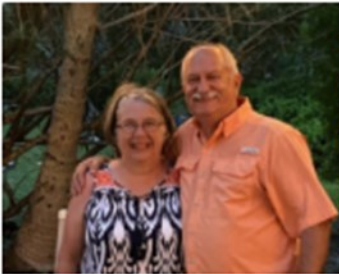
Kerry is new to our Home Team and served with us on the Foundry ministry team of FUMC St. Pete. A neat fact about Kerry, he loves Abe Lincoln! He grows-out his beard each year and visits local elementary schools as Honest Abe and tells tales of this honorable fella. Kerry has a huge passion for missions and serving others in his community. Welcome to the team, Kerry!!

Nathan Carlson – Pastor at Oakhurst UMC, FL



Nathan is new to our Home Team and serves as the co-Pastor at our home church. He has made it easy for our home church to get to know us better and is always willing to speak about our ministry within and beyond the church walls. He has been a huge help in assisting us to cross the denominational lines and share about our ministry throughout the community. It's a blessing to have you on the team, Nathan!!

Jan & Lee Holland – attend Bethany Baptist, GA



Jan and Lee served on our Home Team last-time around. Jan and Lee were missionaries with Campus Crusades years ago. They speak into our lives with a, “been there, done that” flare. Jan and Lee attended some of our required classes with us before our departure to Kenya and they helped us get settled in our new place after we returned home from overseas. We are honored to have you on the team again!!

Pat & Pam McCann – attend Jodeco Road UMC, GA



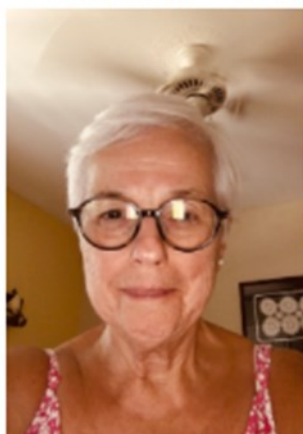
Pat and Pam served on our Home Team when were in Kenya. A sweet fact about Pam and Pat: they were married by one of our favorite people – the late Rev. Gene Sheffield. And, if you know Pat and Pam, you know that they have the love of Christ beaming from them. Pat and Pam were on the missions team with us at Jodeco Road UMC and we served together on various mission projects throughout our community. Welcome back, Pat and Pam!

Chris Mullis – Pastor at Pleasant Gove UMC, GA



Chris is no stranger to missions or our Home Team. Remember, it was him and Mike Broome that set our hearts on fire for full-time missions! Chris has always been great council for us and our ministry. He is usually the person that we reach out to when we have a major shift in our ministry – which has happened in the past. He is a serious prayer warrior and a brown belt in Jujitsu – you could say he's a Ninja Pastor! Thanks for being on the team again, Chris!!

Donna Rall – attends St. James The Apostle Catholic Church, GA



Donna is Heidi's mom and we call her Meme. Meme served as our co-leader with the late, Rev. Gene Sheffield last-time around. Being Heidi's mom, Meme serves as the official worrier of the Home Team. But this often leads to much needed prayer for us as missionaries. Meme has been that tender support that we needed especially as our calling has shifted and morphed from Kenya to Sierra Leone. There is nothing like a mother's love to lead the team. Thanks for blessing us again, Meme!!

++++++ THANK YOU HOME TEAM!!! ++++++



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