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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**

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

St. Francis of Assisi



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## 2020 APPORTIONMENTS

### **Celebrate!!! Oakhurst UMC paid 100% of Apportionments in 2020!**

Praise God! Oakhurst UMC has paid in full all of the 2020 apportionment funds requested for last year. We are currently paid at 100% (\$60,580.00) at the end of December and there were (13) of (13) apportionment funds fully supported by individual pledges and contributions from the Operating Budget.

Considering this good news was due to increased individual pledges in 2020, a continued emphasis to promote more individual Apportionment Funding through our Estimate of Giving pledges in the 2021 Stewardship Campaign is occurring. So far, there are 29 pledges in 2021 for \$16,340 (28% of the 2021 apportionment). There were 31 pledges made in 2020.

**Note:** Good News! The requested **2021** Apportionment Fund totals from the Florida Conference have decreased by \$2,241.00 (a 3.7% reduction) over 2020.

**The total apportionment funding request for 2021 will be = \$58,339.00.**

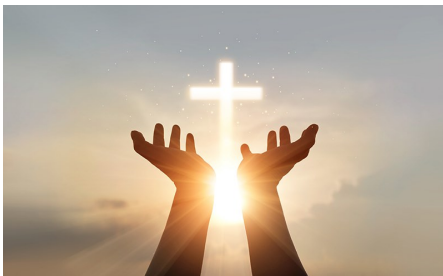
The attached chart is a graphical representation of the progress that has been made over the last several years in order to achieve this 100% goal.

This continued progress each year to get to 100% is a reflection of the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of our congregational members.

It is a reflection of the fair share giving spirit as we are asked to fund many ministries and missions of the United Methodist Church throughout the world.

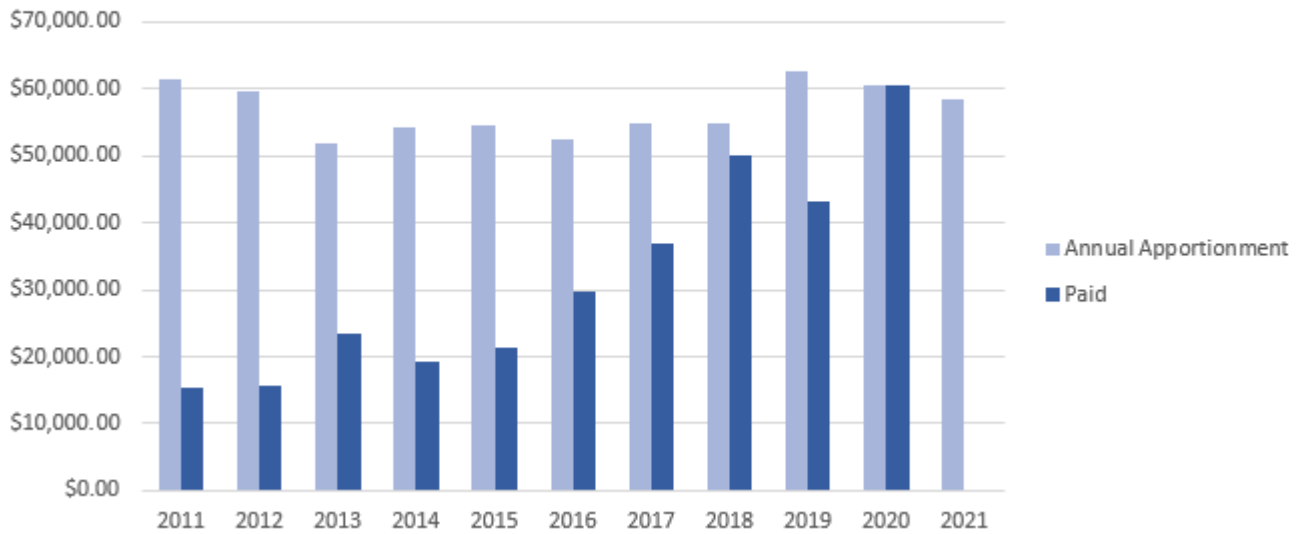
It is a reflection that the membership and Finance Committee of Oakhurst UMC has affirmed that we are a 100% connectional church. Thank you!

Rick Jacobson, Interpreter of Connectional Giving.



Year	Annual Apportionment	Paid	% paid
2011	\$61,372.00	\$15,255.00	24.86
2012	\$59,727.00	\$15,719.00	26.32
2013	\$51,936.00	\$23,455.00	45.16
2014	\$54,373.00	\$19,324.00	35.54
2015	\$54,527.00	\$21,420.00	39.28
2016	\$52,490.00	\$29,803.00	56.78
2017	\$54,760.00	\$36,829.00	67.26
2018	\$54,919.00	\$50,100.00	91.23
2019	\$62,477.00	\$43,266.00	69.25
2020	\$60,580.00	\$60,580.00	100
2021	\$58,339.00	\$0.00	0

## Apportionment History



December 29, 2020

Rev. Dr. Tim Ehrlich  
Senior Pastor  
Oakhurst United Methodist Church  
13400 Park Blvd N.  
Seminole, FL 33776

Dear Pastor Ehrlich:

On behalf of the Interfaith Food Pantry, I want to personally thank you for your generous donations from your food drives. Please share with your leadership and congregation that because of their kindness we are able to feed hundreds of families in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are truly blessed to have your wonderful support. Wishing you a wonderful and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Gloria J.T. Smith (GloriaSmithC21@gmail.com)  
Correspondence Secretary  
& the entire Volunteer Interfaith Food Pantry Team

*Thank  
you*



A yellow and black sign with the text: DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET, LOCK YOUR CAR &amp; TAKE YOUR KEYS, Never Leave Valuables In Sight. The sign is rectangular with a black border and a yellow background. The text is in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The top section has a black background with yellow text. The bottom section has a yellow background with black text. The sign is mounted on a wall with two screws.

**WEEKLY  
PUZZLES**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

**FOOD DRIVE**

donate food here



**HOW MANY 8'S DO YOU SEE**

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## *it's* WORTH REPEATING

Covid-19 is a respiratory Disease. It was first reported in China in December 2019. Because this is a new disease, doctors are still learning about it, so we can expect them to continue to provide new information about it frequently.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath. It is considered a person to have a fever of at least 100.4. These symptoms occur 2 to 14 days after being exposed to the virus. Most people who come down with COVID-19 have mild symptoms. These symptoms can make you feel like you have the flu. However, some people have no symptoms, others have severe symptoms. In some cases, COVID-19 can be fatal.

The most common way to get COVID-19 is by inhaling respiratory droplets that are in the air. If you're within 6 feet of a person you may breathe in those droplets. It can also be shared if you touch a surface an infected person has touched. The germs can get into your body if you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

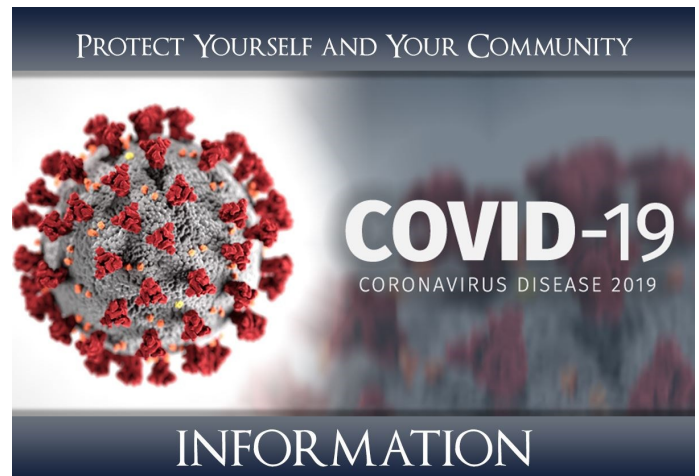
Some people have a greater risk of becoming sick with COVID-19 if you encounter someone who has it. Also, travelers returning from international areas where there are many cases. Also, people who have health issues, such as heart disease, lung disease or diabetes.

The treatment of COVID-19 can be done at home and is like treating influenza. Stay home, stay in a separate room from others in your house. You want to stay away so you don't make anyone else sick. Contact your doctor, they will tell you what to do to treat symptoms.

A vaccine for COVID-19 has been authorized and CDC has recommended the Pfizer vaccine for people 16 and older. They are beginning to administer this vaccine and eventually this will be available for everyone.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed and nervous when thinking about this virus. Here are some steps to keep your stress under control. Your family doctor may also suggest ways you can help your kids deal with stress they're feeling also. Wash your hands frequently. This will help get rid of viruses and other germs on your hands. If you are not near soap or water use hand sanitizer that contains 60% or 90% alcohol. Don't touch your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth. These are areas where a virus can enter your body. Wear a cloth mask in public even if you don't feel sick. This prevents spreading the virus to others. Masks should cover your mouth and nose. Even with a mask continue to keep 6 feet between you and others.

Stay healthy. Eat a balanced diet. Get plenty of sleep. Exercise, don't panic. Do this by staying informed and knowing the facts. If you or someone in your family feels sick, stay home. If you or someone in your family develops a fever, cough and has trouble breathing, call your doctor right away or go to the emergency room.

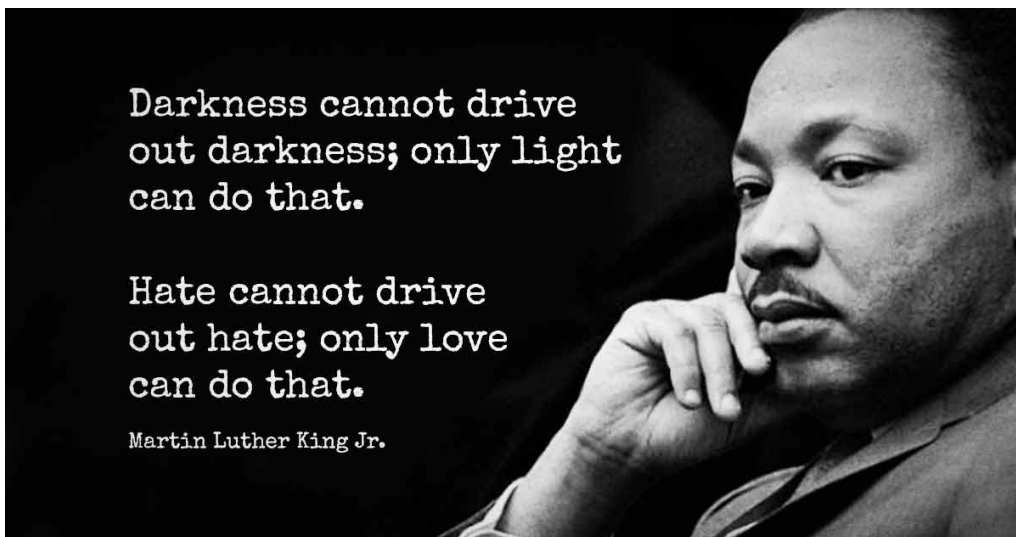


**In observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day, the Church  
Office will be closed.  
Monday, January 18,  
2021**

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can do that.

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