

Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love

A Mini-Newsletter From Your Family at Oakhurst United Methodist Church

A thriving new beginning can be and should be a time for amazing engagement, growth, connections, contributions, and amazing possibilities.

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LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, LOVING LIFE

Our Mission is to make disciples, nurture disciples, and spread the Kingdom of Christ.

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Thank you for all the well wishes for Pastor Tim and his family last Sunday. It was so nice to see so many of you come out to Worship and gather in person. Those that couldn't make it, you were there in spirit.

Pastor Tim's official retirement date is **Sunday**, **June 27th**. It will also be his last Contemporary and Traditional Service. He will continue to do his 11:30 a.m. Prayer Time until then.

He has three weeks until he starts working on the "Honey Do List" and all the other projects he has lined up. He will be truly missed. Thank you Pastor Tim!

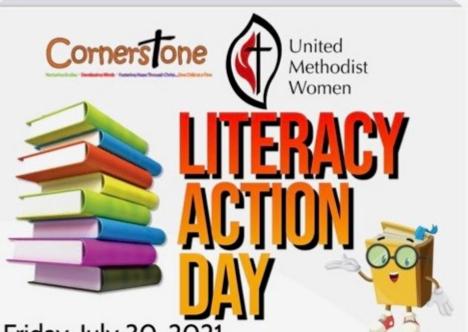












Friday, July 30, 2021

1) Buy at least one copy of the book Sulwe from the UMW 2021 Reading Program to donate to Cornerstone's sponsored Childcare Centers near your church - http://bit.ly/buysulwe

- 2) Have members of your Unit plan to read the book Sulwe via Zoom or in person to one of Cornerstone's sponsored Child Care Centers near your church on Friday, July 30th.
- 3) Collect gently used children's books or purchase books for ages infant to 12 years to be distributed by Cornerstone to their 150 sponsored centers Books can be dropped off to Cornerstone on Mondays from Noon-2pm between June 14th -July 19th

Your Unit can do one of these actions or all three!

Register your Unit Online BEFORE JUNE 30TH for this event: www.CornerstoneFamilyMinistries.org/literacyactionday Gently Used and/or New Books can be dropped off at the Church Office for delivery to Cornerstone.

Thank You! Lin Johnson



Pastor Nathan speaking about Goals and Visions for Oakhurst

UMW Program

September 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Additional info will be provided closer to the date.

Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.

Fred Rogers

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May 21, 2021

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Dear Rev. Timothy Ehrlich,

I am writing to thank you for your faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ by giving 100 percent of your apportionments for 2020. Apportionments are your church's share of the funding of the budgets of The United Methodist Church around the world, the Florida Conference, and your District. These budgets are developed and approved by our elected representatives, either as members of the Annual Conference or delegates to the General Conference.

When every congregation contributes 100 percent of its apportionments, the entire church is able to meet its many responsibilities to mission and ministry. In short, lives are changed because of your stewardship.

- Children are fed at feeding programs.
- Young men and women receive financial assistance towards their education at Florida Southern College, Bethune-Cookman University, and countless other institutions of higher education outside of Florida.
- Retreat and camp settings help grow and make disciples of Jesus by offering invitations to go further in understanding of being a Christian.
- · New churches are planted.
- Existing churches are transformed to better meet the needs of the community.

In 2020 the church was challenged in unprecedented ways. You succeeded in reaching out and ministering to your congregation and community in new and amazing ways. The Conference churches met and rose above these challenges and were able to contribute \$16,109,475 to the overall apportionment total of \$19,377,419. This represents an 83 percent level of giving. This was not done without sacrifice.

Over the years, I have learned that a sign of a healthy congregation is full support of the rest of the connection. You are the ones who have a joy in God's gifts, given in abundance, and who are practicing a spirit of generosity that points to a larger vision of the Church as a communion of congregations in common mission and ministry to the world. We appreciate your continued support in the current difficult times and pray that you and your congregation continue to thrive.

I hope you will pause in one of your worship services and share this letter with the people who made this 100 percent level possible. It truly is a sign of the living God at work in your midst. May the Spirit of God continue to illumine, guide, and empower you to be God's own people.

Sincerely.

Craig Smelser

Treasurer - Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

WEEKLY PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Used the pool
- Closed
- Nuzzles
- Vocalist Turner
- 15. Pledge
- 16. "Carmen," e.g.
- 17. Quality
- 19. Wave type
- Possessive pronoun
- Be abundant
- 23. Space gp.
- Copier's need
- Unsealed
- Franklin Roosevelt
- 31. Made mistakes
- 33. By mouth
- 34. Contemporary
- 36. Provide weapons
- 39. Male heir
- 40. Pelvic bone
- 41. Support
- 42. MGM lion
- Vane letters
- 44. Goes inside
- 46. Must have
- **47**. Pile up
- Soothsayer
- **50**. Nab
- 53. Sub finder
- 55. Hideout
- Flock members
- 58. Box
- Banks of baseball
- 64. Enlarged
- 66. Stately
- 67. Con game
- 68. Tethered
- 69. Internet pest
- 70. Towel inscription
- **71**. A cinch

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Down

- 1. RBI, e.g.
- Accompanying
- Feed the kitty
- 4. Matrimonial
- **5**. Cry noisily
- couture
- **7**. Said
- "Of ___ I Sing"
- Forget-me-
- 10. Stated a point of view
- 11. Family car
- 12. Wipe away
- Lettuce dish
- 18. Remove wrinkles

- 22. Jim ____ of The Doors
- 25. Propose as a candidate
- 27. Await judgment
- 28. Medicine portion
- God of love
- Bowling alley
- 32. Bring up
- Selects
- 36. Actor ____ Baldwin
- 37. Film holder
- 38. Manner
- Skirt edges
- 45. Perfume
- 46. Tell

- 47. ___ photography
- 49. Marathon, e.g.
- Wakeful
- **51**. Less frequent
- 52. Beatle ____ Starr
- Felix's roommate
- 57. Aspiration
- Korea's continent
- Ball holders
- 61. Water whirl
- 63. House extension
- 65. Chambers (abbr.)



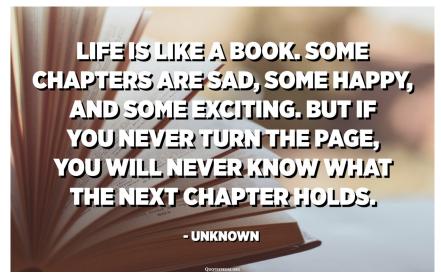
Effective immediately, it is no longer required that you pre-register to worship with us on Sunday mornings! However, the Fellowship Pads will not be used to track attendance, as of yet, so registering is still highly recommended as a great (& easy) way to get your attendance noted.

If you'd prefer not to pre-register, please note your attendance either through our church app, through our Facebook or You Tube page, or by sending an email to any of our church staff.

At this time, we are discontinuing the 'table check-in' with our Parish Nurse(s) as well. We'd like to thank them as they've worked tirelessly on Sunday mornings to keep us healthy!

Visit our Website to Register

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