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

All Saints Day: A holy day John Wesley loved



On All Saints Day we remember those who have gone before us in the faith. "All-Saints" 15th century. Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons.

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by Joe Iovino

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. [United Methodists don't believe in saints](#). Right?

Well, [yes... and no](#).

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. [The Articles of Religion](#) that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784, include a statement against "invocation of saints" (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, Book of Discipline ¶104). Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating.

However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

In an All Saints Day journal entry dated Monday, November 1, 1756, Wesley writes, "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" If your 18th century English is as rusty as mine, it might help to know that the word *scruple* means not doing something because you think it's wrong.



John Wesley was fond of All Saints Day. "John Wesley. Stipple engraving by J. Posselwhite" licensed under CC BY 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons.

Mission Spotlight

Oakhurst UMC Mission Spotlight

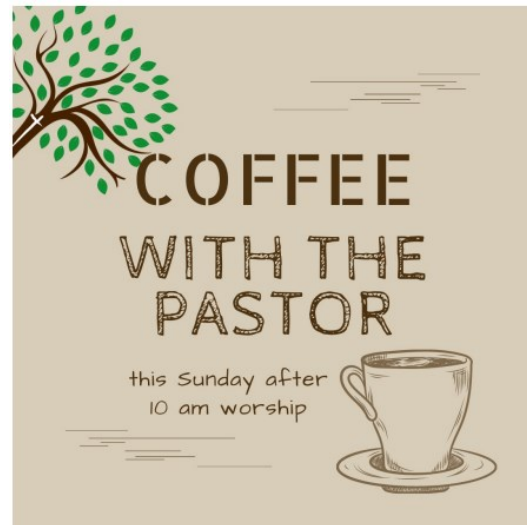
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BB provides free diapers, kindness, and a sense of community to low-income working families.

Currently, BB provides diapers to 40 children, with a wait list of more families in need.

Diapers are distributed monthly from Oakhurst UMC.

For more information about BB and how you can help, please contact Ginny Leeds.



BUILD A BURGER

PRAYER WORKSHOP



**NOV 3 FROM 5:30 - 7 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP



We are looking for volunteers to help set-up our Coffee Fellowship refreshment table in the Foundry on Sundays at 9:30am, and/or to clean-up the tables at 11:30am.

Volunteer teams of two or three folks would need to help only one Sunday a month. Food will be on hand, either pre-purchased or donated, and office staff will prepare the coffee for brewing.

Watch for a Sign-up Genie from Stephanie, and if you have any questions, please call Cathy Mirley at the Church Office on Tuesday Mornings.



The Florida Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Charge Conference 2021

Our charge conference date has been set for November 14 at 4:30pm.

As it was last year, charge conference will be held via zoom this year. The link to register for the charge conference will be made available when we receive it. Pre-registration is required this year. All members of the church are encouraged to attend and are eligible to vote. This is the annual business meeting of the church and your voice and vote matter. Please block off this date and time and make plans to attend.

WE'RE EXCITED!

UMW Will Have A Table At This Event

Holiday Craft Show
Seminole Elks
Saturday
Nov. 6th, 9am-1pm

Open to the Public! Tell your friends!

Local artists, crafts, gifts, bake sale, holiday items, treats,
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coffee, and other items available.

Vendors please contact Pam 727-647-8621 or Laura 401-996-6689 for table
information



In Loving Memory



Pauline Jane Mitchell

Aug. 1, 1920 – Jan. 23, 2021

Pauline “Polly” passed away peacefully at the age of 100 on January 23, 2021 in Newbury Park, California.

Her family is inviting you to her service on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Moss-Feaster Funeral Home in Largo
Pastor Nathan will be the Presiding Minister.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Voluntary Service

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
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Bay Pines, FL 33744-8200

October 12, 2021

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of backpacks.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

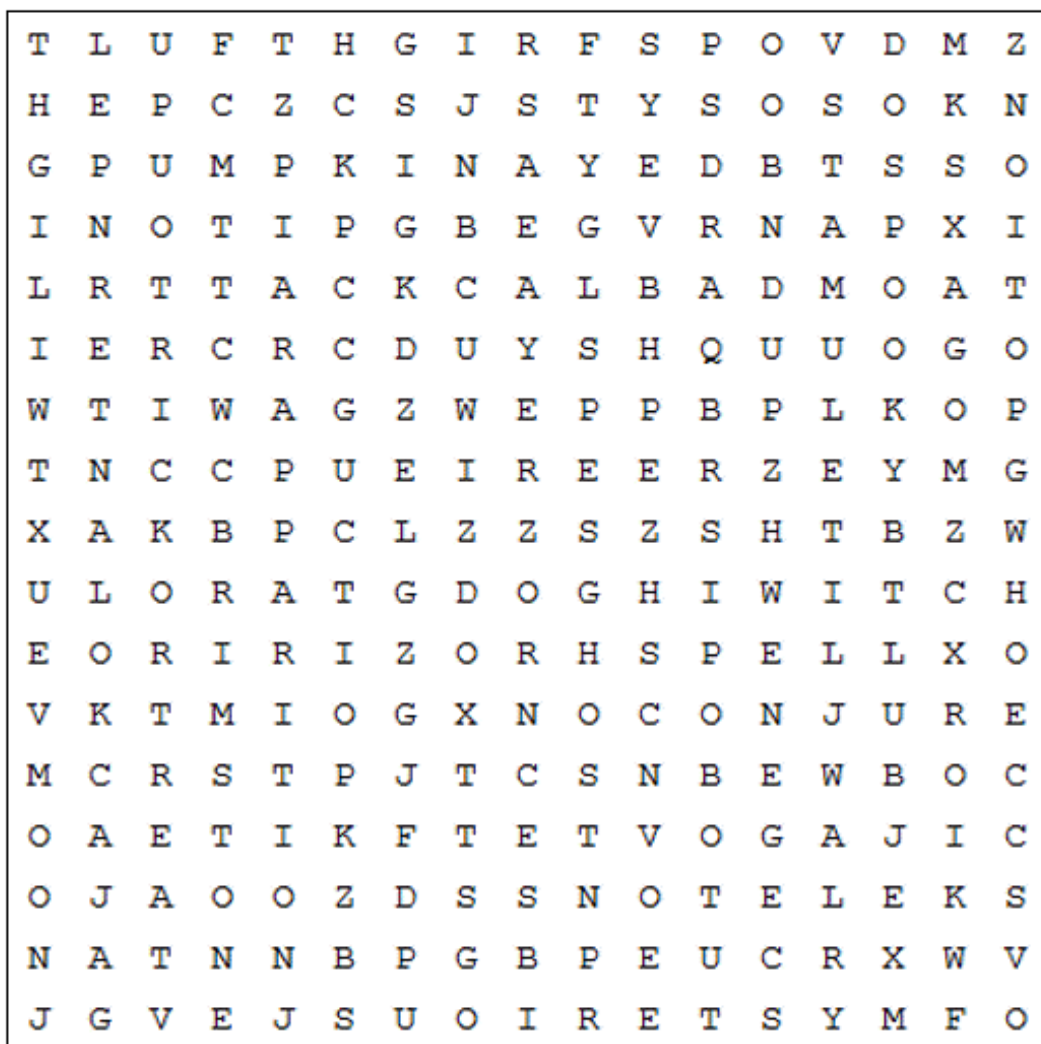
Sincerely,

Frank Jones Acting Chief, Voluntary Service

WEEKLY PUZZLE



Happy Halloween



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What's Happening at Oakhurst UMC/Community:

- ◇ Oct 29—Field of Screams at Seminole Rec Center
- ◇ Oct 31—All Saints Day Mass
- ◇ Oct 31—Children's Home Sunday
- ◇ Oct 31—Coffee with the Pastor
- ◇ Oct 31—Halloween
- ◇ Nov 1—All Saints Day
- ◇ Nov 3—Build A Burger, Prayer Workshop

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