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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**

## The Rich Young Man (Mt 19:16-22)



And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"

And He said to him, "Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

## OAKHURST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 11, 2021

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Thanks for your support of the United Methodist Women's Fall and Christmas Bazaar! It was quite a success with its sale of holiday wreaths, home decor and Christmas trees. Our Georgian pecans are SOLD OUT. However, there are still Christmas crafts available in the lobby in front of the Fellowship Hall. Bazaar proceeds benefit UMW's Cornerstone Family Ministries, Regional Missionaries, the NOMADS, and local children's literacy program at Learning Empowered.

We are grateful to you! Have a great week! Lorraine Mayfield-Brown

## Needed for Christmas Worship: small battery operated votive candles



Please leave in donation box by the church office



## Pictures from the Build a Burger Event

## Mission Spotlight

### Oakhurst UMC Mission Spotlight

#### Blue Box:

Gently used clothes for all ages, towels, infant supplies and hygiene items needed. During cold weather months... blankets, bedding, jackets, sweaters, hats, etc. are appreciated for distribution to those in need through our ministries (e.g., St. Vincent's, Clothes for Kids, Cuba, etc.).

The Blue Box is located right outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support. The Missions Team



### An Invitation From UMW

All are invited to wear your ugly Christmas sweater

and join us for some Holiday Fun!

- ⇒ Cooking in Kenya with Deb Ralph
- ⇒ Homemade Soup Bar with Chapati (Naan Bread)
- ⇒ Cookie Exchange

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: 10:30 am—12 noon

Location: The Fellowship Hall

Details and RSVP to Follow!



## General Church Apportionments - The Funds We Support:

1. World Service Fund – This fund is the first benevolent responsibility of the church. It underwrites Christian missions around the world and supports the core ministries and proclamations of our denomination.
2. General Administration Fund – Provides funds for the costs of the General Conference held every 4 years; Provides funds for the maintenance of historic UM shrines and landmarks; compiles and distributes denominational statistics and records.
3. Episcopal Fund – Supports all worldwide Bishop's Salaries and Benefits and their Episcopal Office and Residence, including our Bishop Ken Carter of the Florida Conference.
4. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund – Supports the General Church ecumenical ministries, in mission with other Christian denominations, as an advocate for peace and justice in the world.
5. Ministerial Education Fund – Funds will be made available to all certified candidates who are attending Seminary. 75% of monies received goes to the General Church for seminary students and 25% of monies received remains in the Florida Conference for student aid and continuing education support.
6. Black College Fund – There are (11) historically Black United Methodist-related colleges and a medical college, including Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, FL., which receive funds to support their operational expenses and capital improvement needs.
7. Africa University Fund – In Zimbabwe, Africa for the last 25 years, with over 7,000+ graduates. The university's mission is "to provide higher education of high quality, to nurture students in Christian values, and to help the nations of Africa achieve their educational and professional goals".
8. Jurisdictional Administration Fund – Funds are needed for the Administrative Council and the programs that they support in places such as the Lay Ministry Training Center and the UMC Volunteers in Mission. Funds are also used to support delegates to the 4-day SEJ Conference held every 4 years to elect new Bishops.



## The Categories of the Florida Conference Funds:

9. Clergy Support – This fund pays the salaries, benefits and business expenses of the (9) district Superintendents in the Florida Conference and their Conference Cabinet expenses.
10. Conference Benevolences – This apportionment pays for all campus ministers' salaries and operating expenses at the Florida college Wesley Foundations and any campus ministry facility costs.
11. Conference Services and Administration Fund – This apportionment funds the cost of holding a Florida Annual Conference session each year and pays the operating expenses of the conference center in Lakeland.
12. Equitable Compensation/Mission Support – This fund exists to assist churches and missions who need financial support on a short-term basis.

## Gulf Central District Work Fund:

13. This apportionment provides funding for the operations and missions of our Gulf Central District.

Current OUMC paid status for 2021 = **75.82%**, as of September 30th. Please **mark your pledge** to commit to being a connectional United Methodist Church **on the 2022 Stewardship Campaign Estimate of Giving Card.**

We expect to pay 100% of apportionment funding every year! God bless the connectional ministry and missions of the UMC.

**Any questions, please contact Rick Jacobson. Thank You!**





# BABY BASICS

## of Pinellas County

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Nov/Dec 2021



We are so thankful for the opportunity to help these families in need of diapers.

We are also thankful for our church family that continues to make this possible with your generous donations.



We are dropping in to be the first to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas. And remember our First Annual Fund Raising Luncheon & Fashion Show is March 10, 2022 at the Bayou Club in Bardmoor. Mark your calendars and get your tickets early. (Would make a great Christmas present.)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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*Kent Nash, Principal*

*Assistant Principals: Dr. LaWanda Johnson and Dr. Amy McMahon*

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October 18, 2021

Oakhurst United Methodist Church  
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Seminole, FL 33776

Dear Reverend Nathan and Gary,

On behalf of Seminole Middle School, thank you for your generous support of our school. Your continued participation as a valued Partner in Education helps to support our school's faculty, staff, and students as we work hard toward the vision of "100 Percent Student Success."

Thank you for your donations of *school supplies* for our students. The donations will help support our schools' efforts of providing the necessary tools for our students' academic success. Your contributions are extremely important as many of our students need help with basic school supplies.

Community partners like you, who support public education, play an integral role helping to ensure our students receive exemplary learning opportunities. In addition, our faculty and staff are encouraged by the support you show as a community leader.

We look forward to continued success through this collaboration!

Sincerely,

Michelle Alfred  
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# What am I?

You go at red,  
but stop at green.

**What am I?**

I'm tall when I'm  
young, and I'm  
short when I'm old.

**What am I?**

I have a head and a tail  
that will never meet.  
Having too many of me  
is always a treat.

**What am I?**

I help you from your  
head to your toe.  
The more I work, the  
smaller I grow.

**What am I?**

Two in a corner,  
one in a room,  
zero in a house,  
but one in a shelter.

**What am I?**

No matter how little  
or how much you  
use me, you change  
me every month.

**What am I?**

Until I am measured,  
I am not known.  
Yet how you miss me,  
When I have flown.

**What am I?**



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### What's Happening at Oakhurst UMC/Community:

- \* Nov 11—Veterans Day—Church Office Closed
- \* Nov 14—Charge Conference
- \* Nov 20—Third Saturday Food Drive
- \* Nov 25 and 26—Thanksgiving Holiday—Church Office Closed
- \* Nov 28—Pastor Frank Leeds Preaching Sunday Service

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What am I?

Answer: A watermelon. You eat the red part, and you stop eating at the green part.

I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: A candle.

I have a head and a tail that will never meet.  
Having too many of me is always a treat. What am I?

Answer: A coin.

I help you from your head to your toe. The more I work, the smaller I grow. What am I?

Answer: A bar of soap.

Two in a corner, one in a room,  
zero in a house, but one in a shelter. What am I?

Answer: The letter "R."

No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month.  
What am I?

Answer: A calendar

Until I am measured, I am not known. Yet how you miss me,  
When I have flown. What am I?

Answer: Time