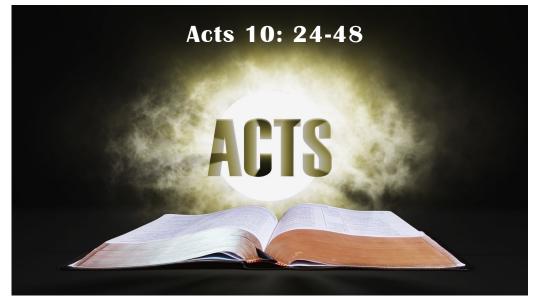


### Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love

A Weekly Newsletter From Your Family at Oakhurst United Methodist Church



## OAKHURST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Worship Hours: 8:30am-Contemporary & 10am-Traditional

13400 Park Blvd., Seminole, FL 33776 www.oakhurstumc.com

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Nathan W. Carlson, Senior Pastor

and

Rev. Phil Vestal, Assistant Pastor

# Our Mission is to make disciples, who make disciples, who transform the World.

**FIRST TIME GUESTS:** 

Text <u>Hello</u> to 727-732-3550 to receive info from Oakhurst UMC.

NOT RECEIVING OUR CHURCH E-MAILS: TEAR AND DROP IN OFFERING

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#### JANUARY EVENTS AT OAKHURST UMC AND THE COMMUNITY

Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Church Office Closed		
Saturday, January 21	Third Saturday Food Drive	Under Portico at Oakhurst		
Sunday, January 22	Dr. Frank Leeds III, Guest Preacher			
Sunday, January 22	Cuban Sandwich Fund Raiser			
WEEKLY				
Every Monday at 9:30 am	Crafts Creations	Fellowship Hall		
Every Monday at 10am	Living Well in the Word	Room 12—West Wing		
Every Monday at 4pm	CLM Training/Course	Room 11—West Wing		
Every Tuesday at 9am	Free Yoga Class—Gentle and Restorative	Fellowship Hall		
Every Wednesday at 9am	Coffee in the Community w/ Pastor Nathan and Pastor Phil	at Southie Coffee		
Every Thursday at 1:30pm	Free YogaFaith Class—Chair Yoga	Fellowship Hall		
Every Saturday at 10am. Except the last Saturday of the Month	Kathy's Art Class	Fellowship Hall		
SAVE THE DATE				
February 2 at 9am	Prayer & Meditation Lab	New		
February 2 at 6:30pm	Alpha Course	No Two Alphas Are The Same		
February 6 at 2pm	Ninefold Path of Jesus	Nine new postures for life.		
February 9 at 7:30am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall		
February 21 at 5pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	The Foundry		
March 9, 2023	Baby Basic Luncheon & Fashion Show	Bayou Club at Bardmoor		
March TBA	Suncoast Singers Concert	at Oakhurst UMC		
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We have rooms available for your meetings/events. Call the Church Office for information.

Sunday, January 22 Cuban Sandwich Fund Raiser





Many thanks for the volunteers who helped set up, organize donations and pack up unsold goods. We depend on donations and our congregation provided them abundantly. The proceeds of \$2,400 are used for local missions, UWF National Institutions and international missions for women, youth and children.

Your continued support is deeply appreciated **!!** United Women in Faith





I am very pleased to announce that the Oakhurst UMC Apportionment funding was paid in full in 2022 at 100% for the 3rd year in a row! (\$52,961.00):

\$28,152.93 was paid from the Operating Budget (10 months at \$2800 and one final payment of \$152.93).

\$940.00 was raised through two Suncoast Singers concerts.

\$1,915 was raised by the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

\$21,953.07 was donated from membership contributions. (\$3,393.07 over the pledged amount of \$18,560.00!)

It is very important that we continue to emphasize in 2023 the importance of paying our apportioned amount to the Florida Conference as a connectional church!

God Bless the UMC missions and ministries that are supported by connectional churches!

Our 2023 amount of apportionment has been reduced by \$4,780.00 to \$48,181.00.

Please save the date for two opportunities for 2023 apportionment fund raising:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5pm to 6:30 pm) on February 21, 2023! (Cooking and serving volunteers needed!)

Suncoast Singers Concert in March (\$15).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow and thanks to all of the hard work and decision making of the Finance Committee!

Rick Jacobson, Interpreter of Connectional Giving

	Please indicate how money is to be divided.	
	Pledge / Tithe	\$
	Foundry Debt	\$
30	Apportionments	\$
Cakhurst	Other	\$
	Total	\$

Giving Envelopes Now Available At Worship Service on Sunday or Church Office



January 12

LET ME PREPARE YOU for the day that stretches out before you. I know exactly what this day will contain, whereas you have only vague ideas about it. You would like to see a map, showing all the twists and turns of your journey. You'd feel more prepared if you could somehow visualize what is on the road ahead. However, there is a better way to be prepared for *whatever* you will encounter today: Spend quality time with Me.

I will not show you what is on the road ahead, but I will thoroughly equip you for the journey. My living Presence is your Companion each step of the way. Stay in continual communication with Me, whispering My Name whenever you need to redirect your thoughts. Thus, you can walk through this day with your focus on Me. My abiding Presence is the best road map available.

# "I have a dream."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

**"THE TIME IS** 

**ALWAYS RIGHT TO** 

DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

<sup>"</sup>only in the darkness

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,

CAN YOU SEE THE STARS.

"What are you doing for others?"

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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### Lower your 2023 Federal Income Taxes

Waiting for word from your financial institution concerning your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2023? This is the amount you MUST withdraw in 2023 from your IRA or qualified retirement account, like a 401k. If you are, did you know that if you have the financial institution send your RMD directly to Oakhurst, you can most likely deduct that amount directly from your taxable income, reducing your taxable income?

Having money sent directly from your IRA or other qualified retirement plan is referred to as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you are interested in making a QCD, you should contact your financial advisor or tax professional to see if a QCD might be a good tax savings strategy for you and to find out what procedures your IRA custodian has in place for making a QCD.

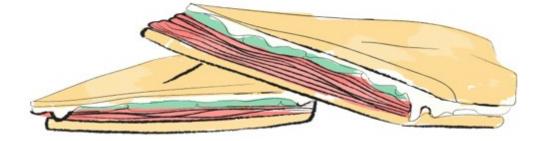
You can contact Tammy Pluskat at Oakhurst for information on where to send the QCD. You can also leave a message at the church office for Bob Blain to contact you if you want more information about QCDs.

The phone number for Tammy or Bob is 727-391-4769.



January 22: Hot Cuban Sandwiches: pre-order today! Eat-in or take-out, Sunday, January 22 from 9:30-Noon. Fill out and drop in the offering plate or church office.

Sandwiches with black beans and rice \$6. Proceeds will go to our sister church in Colon, Cuba.



Name:	I would like to pre-order	Sandwiches for pick
up on January 22.		

### **Contact Us Via E-Mail**

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