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**A Weekly Newsletter/Bulletin From Your Family at Oakhurst United Methodist Church**



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

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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.**

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS AT OAKHURST UMC AND THE COMMUNITY

February 2 at 9am	Prayer & Meditation Lab	New
February 5	Communion Sunday	
February 6 at 2pm	Ninefold Path of Jesus	Nine new postures for life.
February 6 at 6:30pm	Alpha Course	No Two Alphas Are The Same
February 9 at 7:30am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
February 14	Valentine's Day	
February 17 at 6pm	UWF Volunteer Thank You BBQ	Fellowship Hall
February 20	President's Day	Church Offices Closed
February 21 at 5pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	The Foundry
February 22 at 7pm	Ash Wednesday Worship	The Sanctuary
February 28 at 7pm	Joy Circle	Room 11, West Wing
<b>WEEKLY</b>		
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 Friday at 10—2pm	Foster Children's Closet Open	West Side Entrance by Foundry
Every Saturday at 10am. Except the last Saturday of the Month	Kathy's Art Class	Fellowship Hall
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>		
March 9 at 11:30am	Baby Basic Luncheon & Fashion Show	Bayou Club at Bardmoor
March 24 at 7pm	Suncoast Singers Concert	at Oakhurst UMC
<b>Dates/Events are Subject to Change without Notice</b>		



Name	Birth Date	Name	Birth Date
Glenna Clouser	02/01	Michael Cox	02/13
Larry Jones	02/04	Nancy Pritchard	02/16
Vicki Sandtner	02/05	Gordon McMillen	02/18
Kathy Lockhart	02/06	Beverly Rhyneanson	02/20
Edwina Baker	02/07	Karlin Wood	02/21
Judi Cunningham	02/08	Jo Redman	02/22
Tony Dobies	02/08	Mary Wirth	02/23
Reta Kocses	02/09	Bob Mackay	02/24
Edgar Wills	02/09		

### Baby Basics in Need of Baby Wipes!

Baby Basics provides free diapers to low-income working families. During the monthly distribution, besides the diapers, we provide baby wipes and laundry detergent that are donated to Baby Basics.

We need your help... Our family count is growing but our resources are limited. Would you consider purchasing baby wipes that you can donate to Baby Basics. Please bring them to worship on Sunday or drop them off at the church office during the week.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated by Baby Basics and the Families.

Thank You Very Much.





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OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Re: 100% Paid Apportionments 2022

Dear Members of Oakhurst UMC,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your church paying 100% of the 2022 Apportionments. It is an effort that is greatly appreciated and benefits all of us.

Apportionments are a key part of our connectional system. These dollars fund the ministries and administrative work that we see day to day. This system is set in place to bring us together, and thanks to churches like yours we will now have more opportunities to do this.

I know that it isn't always easy to pay 100% apportionments, especially when so many other needs are pressing, and when church finances may not be as strong as they were coming out of a pandemic and natural disasters. This makes me all the more grateful that you and your church leadership team have placed such a high priority on paying your full apportionments in 2022.

A sincere thank-you to you, your leadership team, and the members of your congregation who gave financially to your church this past year. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Sincerely,

*Emily Hotho*

Gulf Central District Superintendent



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21, 2023 Walk-In**

**Location: The Foundry**

**Time: 5 pm – 6:30 pm;**

**Cash Donation for Apportionments**

What does it mean . . .? Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than pigging out on pancakes or taking part in a public pancake race. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots.

### **Penitence**

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shriving, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. In the Catholic or Orthodox context, the absolution is pronounced by a priest. This tradition is very old. Over 1000 years ago a monk wrote in the Anglo-Saxon Ecclesiastical Institutes:

In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him.

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shriving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off.

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning Fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

Thank you for supporting our Oakhurst United Methodist Church commitment to raise apportionment funding that supports many missions and ministries of the UMC throughout the world! As connectional churches, every United Methodist church in the world is asked to pay a fair share of apportionment in order for these missions and ministries to be successful in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ! AMEN!!!

Rick Jacobson

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Can you help or know someone who can?

Oakhurst is looking for a few more teachers to serve the children at Sunday School during the Traditional Worship Service! We are looking for people willing to serve once per month (or even every 6 weeks).

The curriculum is written and provided to teachers so you do not have to write your own lessons. We need teachers for both the younger kids and the older ones.

Reach out to Pastor Phil ([pvestal@oakhurstumc.com](mailto:pvestal@oakhurstumc.com)) if you are interested or have questions.

You are guaranteed to both be a blessing and be blessed by these amazing kiddos!

Thank you!

You Are Invited!

UWF Volunteer Thank You Barbeque

February 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

If you volunteered or contributed in any way with the UWF garage sale in January we would love to thank you with this special night. Without you this event could not have been such a great success!





*Baby Basics of Pinellas County presents*



*"Babies in Bloom" Luncheon & Fashion Show*

**Baby Basics 2nd Annual Luncheon**

**Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Bayou Club in Bardmoor**

**7979 Bayou Club Blvd., Largo**

**Lunch, Silent Auction, Fashion Show**

**Tickets—\$60 per person**

**For Tickets, Please Call**

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of Pinellas County

*Because every baby deserves the basics*

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Black History Month

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