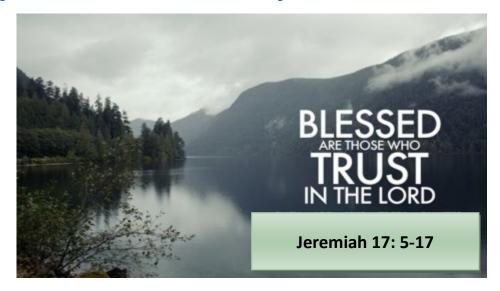


Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love

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



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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 Hello to 727-732-3550 to receive info from Oakhurst UMC.

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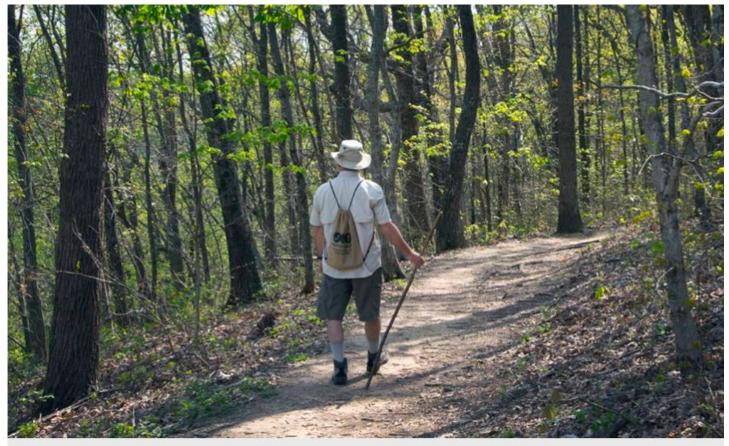
FEBRUARY EVENTS AT OAKHURST UMC AND THE COMMUNITY

| THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
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| Wednesday, Feb 22 | The Season of Lent Is Here | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, Feb 28 at 7:00 pm | Joy Circle | Room 11, West Wing | | | | | |

| WEEKLY | CLASSES IN SESSION | UPCOMING CLASSES | | | | | | |
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| Monday 9:30 am - Craft Creations 10:00 am - Living Well in the Word | Monday 2:00 pm—Ninefold Path of Jesus 4:00 pm—CLM Training Course 6:30 pm—Alpha Course | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 9:00 am - Free Yoga Class: Gentle and Restorative | Thursday 9:00 am - Prayer & Meditation Lab | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 9:00 am - Coffee in the Community with Pastor Nathan and Pastor Phil at Southie Coffee | SAVE THE DATE | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 1:30 pm - Free YogaFaith Class: Chair Yoga | Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 am | Baby Basics Luncheon & Fashion Show at Bayou Club at Bardmoor | | | | | | |
| Friday 9:00 am - Foster Children's Closet Open | Friday, March 24 at 7:00 pm | Suncoast Singers Concert in The Sanctuary | | | | | | |
| Saturday 10:00 am - Kathy's Art Class Every Saturday except the last Saturday of the month. | Saturday, March 25 at 9:00 am | Mini Retreat: Living in the Present Moment in The Foundry | | | | | | |
| Dates/Events Are Subject To Change Without Notice | | | | | | | | |



What is Lent and why does it last forty days?



Lent is a journey of preparation for following the way of Jesus. Photo by Kathleen Barry, United Methodist Communications.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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WEEKLY PUZZLE

The Season of Lent

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