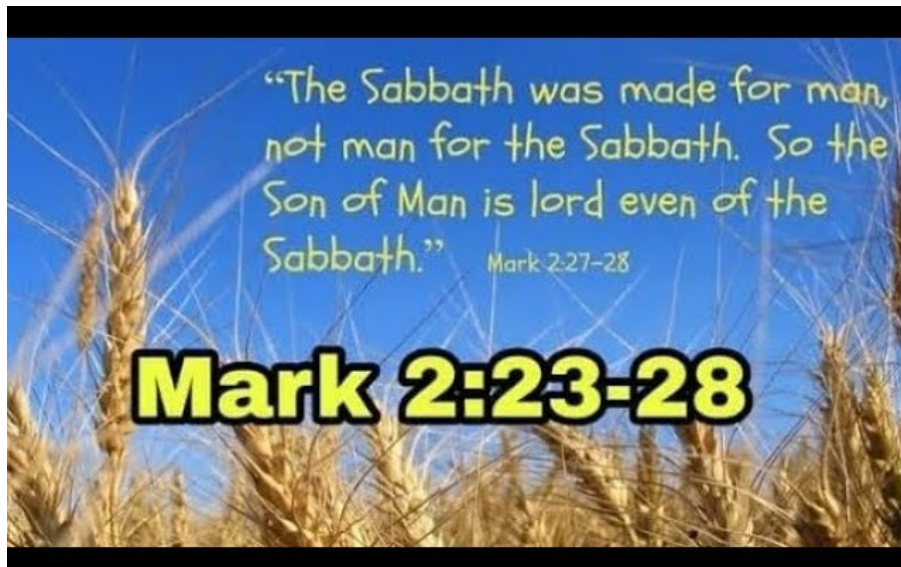


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**A Weekly Newsletter/Bulletin From Your Family at Oakhurst United Methodist Church**



## **OAKHURST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Worship Hours:**

**8:30am-Contemporary & 10am-Traditional**

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

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

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## MAY EVENTS AT OAKHURST UMC AND THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, May 20	Armed Forces Day	
Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 am	Third Saturday Food Drive	Outside of Sanctuary & Winn-Dixie
Sunday, May 21	Celebration Sunday—LIFT Academy	
Thursday, May 25 at 10:30 am	UWF Speaker Event—Water Quality	The Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 25	Last Day of School for LIFT Students	
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day	Church Offices Closed
<b>Weekly</b>		
<b>Mondays</b> ⇒ Tai Chi Class at 4 pm	<b>Tuesdays</b> ⇒ Yoga Class (Intro and Restorative) at 9 am ⇒ AA Big Book Study at 6:30 pm ⇒ AA Meeting at 8 pm	<b>Wednesdays</b> ⇒ Coffee in the Community at 9:00 am ⇒ Bell's Practice at 10 am ⇒ Tai Chi Class at 4 pm ⇒ AA Meeting at 8 pm ⇒ Al-Anon Meeting at 8 pm
<b>Thursdays</b> ⇒ YogaFaith (Chair) at 1:30 pm ⇒ NA Meeting at 6:30 pm ⇒ ACA Meeting at 7 pm ⇒ Praise Band Rehearsal at 7 pm ⇒ Choir Practice at 7 pm	<b>Fridays</b> ⇒ Children's Foster Closet opens at 9 am ⇒ Zumba Class at 1:00 pm <b>Saturdays</b> ⇒ Kathy's Art Class at 10 am (except the last Sat of the month) ⇒ Children's Foster Closet opens at 9 am	<b>Sundays</b> ⇒ Children's Sunday School at 10 am ⇒ Family Life Sunday School at 11:30 am ⇒ New Creations Sunday School at 11:30 am
<b>Save The Date</b>		
Starting June 1 at 10:00 a.m.	The Ninefold Path of Jesus	Virtual Via Zoom
July 10—July 13 from 9am—Noon	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Registration Now Open

Registration for Ninefold Path of Jesus: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aa9a72faafdc34-ninefold>

Registration for VBS: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aa9a72faafdc34-vacation#/>

A UWF Event

Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:30 am

The Fellowship Hall



Come see what is being done in Pinellas County to improve our water quality. Something that concerns each and every one of us.



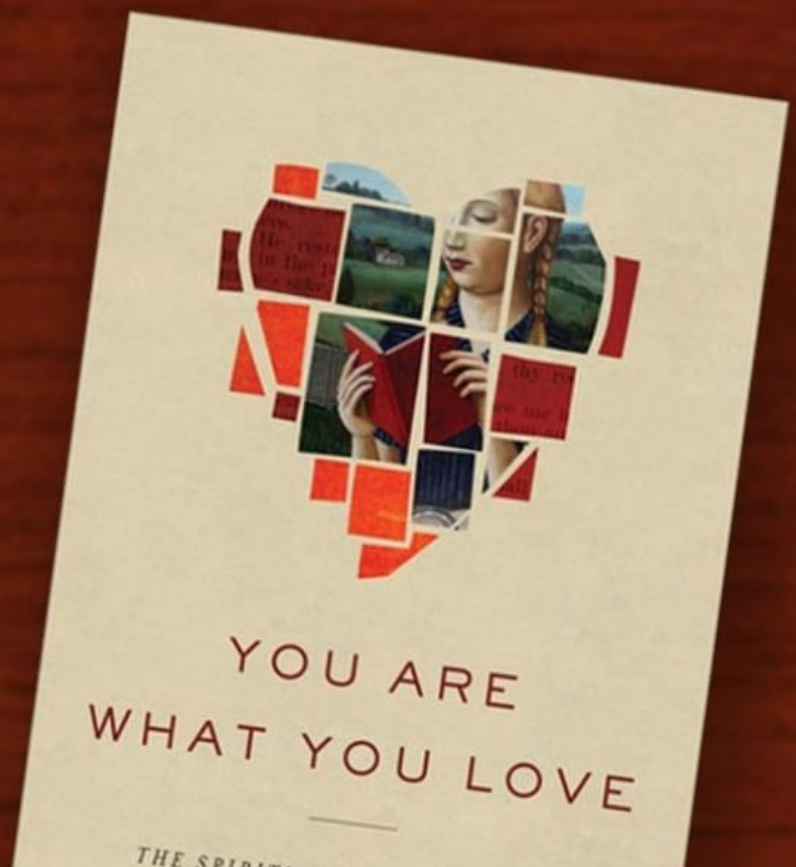
Oakhurst UMC is recognizing all the 2023 Graduates in your family on Sunday, June 4th.

Send us a picture with the graduates name and a brief description of what school he/she graduated from and what's next for them to the Church Office. E-mail to Lety at [officemgr@oakhurstumc.com](mailto:officemgr@oakhurstumc.com)

**Weekly Book Study**

**Starting June 12th at 2:00 pm**

**You Are What You Love  
The Spiritual Power of Habit**



## Office of the Treasurer

450 Martin L King Jr Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33815



May 11, 2023

Oakhurst UMC  
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Seminole, FL 33776-3507

Dear Pastor Nathan Carlson:

I am writing to thank you for your faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ by giving 100 percent of your apportionments for 2022. Apportionments are your church's share of the funding of the budgets of The United Methodist Church around the world, the Florida Conference, and your District.

When every congregation contributes 100 percent of its apportionments, the entire church is able to meet its many commitments to mission and ministry. In short, lives are changed because of your stewardship.

- Children are fed at feeding programs around the world.
- Young men and women receive financial assistance towards their calling to become ordained clergy serving the church.
- Retreat and camp settings help grow and make disciples of Jesus by offering invitations to go further in understanding of being a Christian.
- New churches are planted.
- Existing churches are transformed to better meet the needs of the communities where they are planted.

Local churches in 2022 were challenged in many ways. You succeeded in reaching out and ministering to your congregation and community in new and amazing ways. Florida Conference churches met and rose above these challenges and were able to contribute \$13,992,894 in apportionments. This was not done without sacrifice.

I believe a sign of a healthy congregation is full support of the rest of the connection. You are the ones who have a joy in God's gifts, given in abundance, and who are practicing a spirit of generosity that points to a larger vision of the Church as a communion of congregations in common mission and ministry to the world. We appreciate your continued support and pray that you and your congregation continue to thrive.

I hope you will pause in one of your worship services and share this letter with the people who made this 100 percent level possible. It truly is a sign of the living God at work in your midst. May the Spirit of God continue to illumine, guide, and empower you to be God's own people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Smelser'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Craig' being more prominent than the last name 'Smelser'.

Craig Smelser  
Treasurer – Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church



## Foster Closet Volunteer Opportunities

The Foster Closet at Oakhurst UMC is a great resource for Foster Families. We provide gently used clothing, shoes, furniture and much more. To continue to provide these resources, we need volunteers like you.

At least one-hour a week time commitment, if you can provide more of your time, that would be greatly appreciated. How can you help?

### List of Duties:

Collect Donations

Shelf Items

Weekly Foster Agency Reminder

Sort Donations

Wash Clothing

Facebook Publicity

Dispose of Unwanted Donations

Scheduling Coordinator

Volunteer When the Closet Is Open (Friday and Saturday Mornings)

Please contact Grace Williams or the Church Office, if you can help. Thank you!

## Pictures from The Sidewalk Spectacular



## WEEKLY PUZZLE

# Angels

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TEN THOUSANDS  
CREATED  
MICHAEL  
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HEAVEN  
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SUBJECT TO GOD  
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