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AT ONECO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2-1 Life Touch Photos—12-7 PM F.H.
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- 2-3 Trustee Mtg.—7 PM
- 2-4 Staff Mtg.—9 AM
- 2-8 Boy Scouts 3—8 PM F.H.
- 2-10 Finance Mtg. 7 PM
- 2-12 Choir Turkey Dinner at 5 PM and 6 PM/ followed by prayer/bible
- 2-17 Office Closed—Presidents Day
- 2-17 Admin Council Mtg. 7 PM
- 2-26 Ash Wed. Svc. 6:00 PM
- 2-29 11:00 AM Brunch with Garry Ingraham in Fellowship Hall

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/01 Sheri Lohbauer
- 2/02 David Boyd
- 2/05 Calvin Horton
- 2/09 Betty Camp
- 2/11 Diane Bradbury
- 2/13 Terry Dhein
- 2/15 Jay Cassidy
- 2/18 Sheri Goodchild
- 2/20 Janie "Echo" Letham
- 2/21 Juanita Mann
- 2/26 Don Diers
- 2/28 Earnest Keller



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/04 James & Denise Bryington
- 2/10 John & Connie Kubilis
- 2/14 Kenrick S. Eyre & Ruth Young- Eyre
- 2/16 Terry & Margaret Dhein



Dear Family,

Greetings and God bless you.

Our Lord has "loved us with an everlasting love" and commanded us to love one another as He loves us.

As Methodists, we have been given this great heritage. It begins with Old Testament, reaches its climax in Jesus, and is illustrated through countless lives of Christians over the last 2000 years. Our own John Wesley called this heritage, "Perfect Love." And he believed and preached that this "Perfect Love" was to be the ongoing daily experience of the people called Methodists. Such love, he said is poured out by the Holy Spirit into the hearts of God's sons and daughters. It is the same love with which God so loved the world that He gave... This holy, redemptive love both hates the sin and loves the sinner. This holy, redemptive love knows no boundaries and no limits. Recently, God has seriously convicted me as to how empty my love has been toward certain people – especially the members of the LGBT Community. God's perfect love does not exclude anyone. And neither can I. And neither can we. Don't you want to love as Jesus loves? I know you do!

And so I am beyond grateful to share with you that Garry Ingraham, of "Transforming Congregations" <https://transformingcongregations.org/> will be coming to Oneco United Methodist Church to minister and share with us. Years ago, Garry had been living the gay lifestyle, but God delivered him out of that lifestyle, and He is now married to his beautiful wife, Melissa. They have two sons. Garry ministers nationally, sharing the transforming and healing grace of God, especially regarding human sexuality and all its brokenness. I pray that the Holy Spirit will pour out on us His holy, redeeming love for the LGBT community. I pray that through Garry, our Lord will teach us how to welcome, reach out, and act redemptively. Garry writes,

Jesus Christ deeply loves broken sexual sinners and provides hope for transformation. Jesus coupled a heightened ethical demand with a loving outreach to violators to lead them to repentance. The grace of God offered in Jesus Christ is not merely a pardon for one's sins but also an empowerment by the Spirit of Christ to a new life lived for God. For some, this transformation may take shape as a significant reduction of unwanted sexual desires. For others, it may mean the grace to live in obedience in spite of ongoing urges to do what God forbids. Either way, Paul gives believers assurance that those who "walk in the Spirit will not carry out the desire of the flesh". "These things some of you were".

Garry will be both speaking and answering questions at our church-wide brunch in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 29 at 11:00 AM. Garry will then speak at our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday morning. On Saturday, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM, and Sunday, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM Garry will also be available for personal counseling regarding any issue you would like to discuss.

I'm asking you right now to go to your calendar and set this weekend apart for God. Plan to come to the brunch. Bring your heart and bring your questions. After Garry speaks, there will be a question and answer time where you may ask any and everything relevant.

Church, God is once again challenging us. I ask each one of us, "How will I/you respond to God?"

May God bless us and make us a blessing to all people.

Pastor Gene





"Thank you to our church family for all the prayers for Bill before, during and after his surgery. For Pastor and Janet for sitting in the waiting room during surgery and for all the calls and texts every day checking on his progress. We both cannot express our appreciation and love for each of you. You are all an example of God's love. Each of you have touched our hearts forever. Bill and Sheryl Pinkard"

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JESUS

Fridays at
7:00 PM



Pastor Gene will be at Fiona's Restaurant to administer Ashes on Ash Wednesday Feb. 26th from 7:00 AM—8:30. We will be having an Ash Wednesday Service at Oneco United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM.

Lifetouch will be in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, Feb. 1st and Monday Feb 3rd from noon to 7:00 pm for our 2020 Church directory. A FREE 8X10 and a free directory to everyone who has their photo taken. **We will have a table before services in the narthex for your scheduling convenience and at the Wed. Family Life Dinners.** We hope to have all members and those who attend our church regularly participate. Please call Barb Jahnke 756-6950 for more information or to schedule an appointment

Help Needed

We need your help with our Churchwide Brunch on Feb. 29th at 11:00 AM. If you would like to bring a dish or help set up please contact Janet Saver 941-812-5352



Care Net

OUMC CAMPAIGN

February 23rd to April 5th

Once again this year OUMC will be hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net. These bottles may be filled with loose change (or bills) and returned by Palm Sunday, April 5th, 2020. They will be in the Narthex beginning Feb. 23rd.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Sunday:	Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. Casual Service : 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall) Discipleship Class: 4:00 pm (Video Room)
Wednesday:	Discipleship Class: 9:00 a.m. Family Life Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/ Prayer 6:45 p.m.
Thursday:	Choir Practice: 6:30 p.m.
Friday:	"High on Jesus" Addictions Recovery: 7:00 p.m.
Office Hours:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Food Pantry Hours:	Mon., Tues., Thur.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00

Name/Title

Dr. Gene Maddox, Pastor

Janet Saver, Lay Leader

Diane Bradbury, Choir Director

Don Benson ,Admin Council

Carolyn Boyle, Lay visitation/Prayer Chain/Teddy Angels

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