

Oneco Hope News

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Dear Family,
Greetings and God bless you all!

I give thanks to God for our Lord Jesus Christ and His wonderful work in each one of us.

And thank you for your continual faithfulness to His church. So many of you contribute in so many ways. Thanks be to God!

This is, indeed, a very joyous article to write, for I have exceptionally good news to share with you.

Our Vision Team is beginning the process of creating a "Prayer Room" in Room #8 of our education building. This will be a room dedicated entirely to prayer; not teaching, not meetings, not counseling, but prayer. Jesus has said, "My house shall be a house of prayer." Having a prayer room and using it, will move our church in this prayerward direction. The room will be structured in such a way that its contents will teach and enable us to pray. Down one wall will be the individual petitions of the Lord's Prayer, with corresponding Scripture passages under each one. Thus, we will be able to pray the prayer, one petition at a time, along with the Scripture passages. There will also be approximately five "prayer stations" with desks and comfortable chairs. The stations may include our local church and the church throughout the world, the names of our national, state, and local government officials, our local ministries such as High on Jesus, our Good News Club, and Oneco Elementary School, a constantly updated prayer-list of ill and infirmed, the persecuted church, our Violetta Church in Cuba, and monthly prayer concerns. There will also be a book where we can write what God has done for us. This will bless and strengthen us all. The room will be accessible 24 hours a day, as we will use a push-button combination lock. Any in our church who ask for the combination will be given it.

We want this to be a beautiful, welcoming, and comfortable room. The funds to create the room will come through our "Prayer Room" fund. I am asking as many of us as are able to prayerfully consider making

a one-time contribution to this fund, above our regular giving. Please write "Prayer Room" on the bottom corner of your check or envelope. Our goal is to have the room completed and ready for use by Christmas.



Then will come the most important part! We will need to use this room. Our goal will be to sign up each of us for a 15-minute slot each week. If we will do this, I know that God will bless! And we will significantly grow in prayer - as individuals, as families, and as a church.

Finally, we will need to name our Prayer Room. If you have any ideas, please write them down and give them to Janet Saver.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in this endeavor that we may create a Prayer Room that is truly honoring to our Lord.

God bless you, family.

I love you. Jesus loves you far more!

Pastor Gene

Have you ever had a question you thought you would like to ask our Pastor and really didn't know if you should or how you could contact him to voice your concern or make a suggestion?

Pastor Gene would be willing to speak to anyone for any reason-at almost any time. He will make time to hear your questions or concerns and welcomes your call. There is nothing too small or trite, if you have it on your heart, he would love to hear about it. Call his cell phone number to arrange a time. Pastor Gene's cell number is 386-546-2733. You may also contact our Lay Leader, Janet Saver, if you wish at 941-812-5352.

Birthdays

6/1	Pastor Gene
6/4	Leroy Valentine
6/6	Joyce Bell
6/6	Charlotte Oliver
6/7	Barbara "BJ" Jones
6/7	Dolly Rogers
6/8	Donald Behrens
6/8	Kelly Davis
6/9	Margorie Brown
6/9	Margaret Dhein
6/11	Shelby Harrell
6/14	Barbara Ripley
6/14	Joyce (Alice) Wingard
6/15	Beverly McCall
6/15	Goldie Delilah
6/20	Earsten Spaulding
6/21	Bruce (Wyatt) Haygood
6/22	Cliff Wilson
6/23	Patrick Bates
6/24	Susan Jorena
6/24	Eileen Robbins
6/25	Donna Craig
6/25	William Pinkard
6/26	Fred Bell
6/26	Peter Jeanty
6/27	Shirley Ennis
6/28	Robert Lohbauer

Anniversaries

6/02	Sheryl & Bill Pinkard
6/03	BJ & Marvin Lutz
6/06	Diane & John Bradbury
6/16	Carol & Gene Hany
6/17	Melissa (Clark) & Tennison Hubbard
6/17	Mary & Grady Wilgus
6/20	Linda & Thomas Hale
6/23	Christine & James Prokosch

"God is faithful, who has
called you into fellowship
with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord."
1 Corinthians 1:9

Pastor Gene's birthday is Tuesday, June 1st. If you would like to wish him a Happy Birthday, this is a perfect time to tell him we are praying for him and celebrate his being with us at Oneco UMC.

If you would prefer to mail a card, the address is: 4829 30th St. Ct. E., Bradenton, FL 34203. (If you choose to show your appreciation to him, please do not make checks payable to Oneco UMC)

Announcements

Ministries

- Our food pantry will re-open one day a week from 9:00 to 12:00 beginning Thursday, June 3. If you would like to continue to bring in food items, there will be a box in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall. We are in need of peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in serving our community.
- We are no longer collecting food for the ten families at Oneco Elementary since school will be out May 28.
- We will begin collecting items for the clothes closet at Oneco Elementary. We need children's socks, underwear and uniform shirts and shorts.

We will collect school supplies **later in the summer when these items go on sale!**

Join Team Faithful!!

- Go with us right across the street to Oneco Elementary and make disciples! Help us share Jesus to those precious children. It takes about two hours once a week. Probably Tuesday afternoons from about 3:00 until 5:00 pm. No special skills needed, just the love of Jesus in your heart and a desire to share it.
- If you have any questions, please call me at 812-5352 or see me on Sunday.
- Please prayerfully consider this. Hope to hear from you.

Thank you and God bless you,

Janet Saver

Team Leader, Good News Club

Summer Office Hours

- Summer office hours are Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 until 12:30.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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