

Oneco Hope News

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Greetings Family, and God Bless You.

May I ask, how are you and the "Lord's Prayer" doing?

A few months ago, I was privileged to preach a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. In all my years of preaching, I had never preached on this best of all prayers. I pray that all my sermons will be used by God to impact and transform us, but I am amazed at how much I was personally helped by diving into this prayer. The way I pray the prayer is different than before, as I now stop and listen with each phrase. I no longer simply pray the words in 30 seconds or less. The best part is when I pray the prayer just before going to sleep. I am surprised as to how much peace and joy this brings each night. I'm also starting to begin my days with the Father, by praying the Lord's Prayer. When it comes to prayer, I most certainly am still in kindergarten. But thanks be to God, at least I'm growing. I hope that this type of growth is the desire of each of us - that we are willing to change our habits and practices of prayer to draw closer and closer to the Lover of our souls. May I offer some resources that may be of help to you?

* Please consider joining our Zoom Prayer Meeting from 6:30 - 7:30 on Wednesday evenings. Here, you can use any kind of phone or computer to join us. Our church secretary, Ms. Sheryl will most gladly help you. Just call the church office. For any who do not feel comfortable praying out loud, I promise that you will not have to. We have plenty of room for you!

* I will gladly e-mail you or copy and mail the notes from my sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. Again, please contact our church office.

* Please, please pray for us as we complete our Prayer Room. This room is going to be special! You will be wonderfully amazed when you see the completed version! Pray that those who are working on the room will have the Holy Spirit's inspiration, vision, and ideas.

Family, in this time of COVID when so many other ministries we normally do are curtailed, let us use this time to intentionally focus on our prayer life with our Father. God wants a praying church, with prayer at the center of every meeting and ministry. He wants a church

that is longing for Him so much that we will do whatever it takes to grow toward Him in prayer. He does not want stagnation. He wants growth. And is He ever worth it!

God bless us all,

Pastor Gene



Birthdays

10/2	Kimberly Harrell
10/3	Jack Kopp
10/4	AJ Priebe
10/6	Mark Hanson
10/9	Linda Alley
10/9	Thomas Routh
10/10	Juliann Flood
10/10	Joan Fortin
10/12	Lori Richie
10/16	Marylyn Kunselman
10/19	Wally Lepson
10/23	Kevin Green
10/24	Karen Marcus
10/24	Damian Yates
10/25	Luke Bradbury
10/27	Jean Dix
10/28	Virginia Cheryl Gilmore
10/29	Kimberly Jean
10/29	Dennis Dean
10/31	Taylor Prokosch
10/31	Terri Yates
10/31	Callie Ann Jones

Anniversaries

10/1	Janet & Frank Saver
10/22	Pat & Dennis Miller
10/30	LaVerne & Larry Routh

Staff Appreciation Month

October is normally Pastor Appreciation Month. But Pastor Gene has requested in 2021 we show our appreciation for our staff.

Your church has four lay employees, here they are:



Choir Director: Diane Bradbury. She has been a special part of the music team for over 20 years. She and Greg work together planning music for our services and special events – like Christmas and the Easter Pageant. She leads the worship at the 9:00 am service. Diane is married to John, another familiar face at Oneco.



Organist: Greg Rohr, everyone that attends our church knows Greg, his music, and his accomplishments. He and Diane have worked together for many years. Greg is married to Barbara.



Office Manager: Sheryl Pinkard. We have been so very fortunate to have Sheryl in our office. She accomplishes the work every week with a smile and does a really great job. Sheryl is married to Bill.



Custodian: Matt Walker. Matt is one employee you may never see. He works at night to keep our facility clean and sanitized. He is married with one child and works full time at the Manatee School system.

PLEASE! Show your appreciation with cash or gift cards ONLY.

Do not make out checks to Oneco UMC for the staff. There are designated envelopes and a special collection box. Whatever is received will be divided equally at the end of October. If you choose to designate funds for an individual staff member, write the name on the envelope and it will be given to that employee unopened. Thank you!!



REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMS DeSoto National Park September 19, 2021

The following individuals reaffirmed their baptisms (listed from left to right):

Pastor Gene, Robin Okerman, Judy Colson, Ray Colson, Sharon Stewart, Mary Wilgus, Sue Micciche, Janet Saver and Grady Wilgus.

Announcements

Ministries

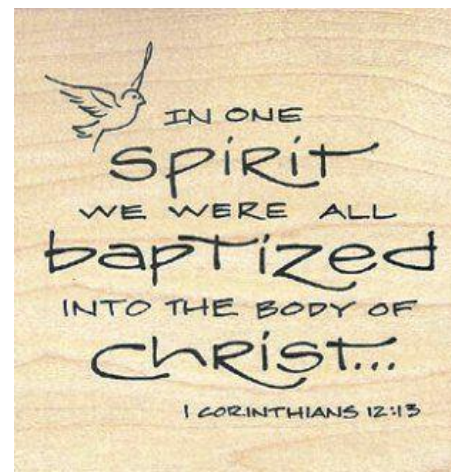
- The food pantry is open on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 AM each week. Next week the volunteers for the food pantry will begin bagging food for ten families in need at Oneco Elementary. If you would like to contribute food items, there is a basket in the rear of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Charge Conference

- Charge Conference packages should be completed and turned in no later than Friday, October 15, 2021.
- The Annual Charge Conference will be held via zoom on Sunday, October 31 in the Fellowship Hall. The time will be announced at a later date.

Office Hours

- Office hours will remain three days a week, Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 until 12:30.



Thelma Taylor has moved to New Hampshire to be close to her family. She is now residing at Langdon Place. If you would like to send cards or a letter, her new address is:

Thelma Taylor c/o Langdon Place
17 Hampton Road Unit 317
Exeter, NH 03833

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME / TITLE

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Janet Saver, Lay Leader
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