

# Oneco Hope News

## Oneco United Methodist Church

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## May 2022

Dear Family,

Welcome to Summer! (At least it feels like Summer!)  
I pray God's blessings on all of you.

In fact, the main reason I am writing you today is to ask for your prayers.

Only today, it was announced that 107 local churches (about 20%) of the churches of the Florida Conference are beginning the journey of seeking to affiliate with the new, Global Methodist Church. We are one of those churches. (There will be more churches coming.) Family, all that matters is that we seek and do the will of God as best we know. As we move toward this affiliation, we will not be against anybody or any group. We are simply for Christ, for His Word, the Bible, and for the 2,000-year-old, bedrock beliefs of His church. In the Scriptures, in Jude 3 (the next to last Book in the Bible,) Jude tells us,

*"I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints." (Jude 1:3).*

This is what we are seeking to do. And in doing so, we will love everybody and pray for everybody. We will humble ourselves before everyone in gentleness and kindness. We will also pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We anticipate a final congregational vote much later this year.

Family, may I make two very serious and important requests of you? The first is, PRAY. Secondly, If you have any questions or if anyone comes to you with questions about the Global Methodist Church or our



budding relationship to it, please refer them to me, Pastor Gene, at 386-546-2733. This way we can greatly reduce and correct any rumors or misinformation, and all stay on the same page. Keeping our eyes upon Jesus, we walk into the future hand in hand, with the Lord as our Good Shepherd, Savior, Advocate, and Guide. We trust Him in all our ways, knowing He has promised to direct our paths!

God bless us all,

*Pastor Gene*

### CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

05/09	12:00 - 1:00 P	Parenting Matters in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 P	Girl Scouts
	7:00 P	Zoom Finance Committee Meeting
05/10	2:00 - 6:00 P	Avenue941 in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 P	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
05/11	9:00 A	Wesleyan Discipleship Class
	5:00 P	Family Life Dinner (Shepherd's Pie)
	6:30 P	Zoom Prayer Meeting
05/12	9:00 - 11:30 A	Food Pantry
	2:00 - 6:00 P	Avenue941 in Fellowship Hall
05/16	7:00 P	Administrative Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall
05/19	5:00 - 8:00 P	Drug Free Manatee in Fellowship Hall
05/30		<i>Memorial Day - Office Closed</i>

## May Birthdays

5/4 Don Bensen  
 5/4 Kye Ryan Bensen  
 5/5 Rita Carvin  
 5/5 Ruth Dirk  
 5/5 Taylor Harrell  
 5/5 Pete Tihy  
 5/6 Pat Lewis  
 5/9 Christina Hill  
 5/9 Melissa (Clark) Hubbard  
 5/10 Brett Horton  
 5/14 Hilda Shumaker  
 5/15 Gary Davis  
 5/15 Amanda Lombardi  
 5/16 Mary Jane Seigh  
 5/17 Eileen Hawblitzel  
 5/18 Dan Norman  
 5/18 Judith (Vinci) Sperry  
 5/19 Michael Roller  
 5/19 Sandy Ausburger  
 5/20 Leslie Maddox  
 5/20 Mary Lou Nordstrom  
 5/21 Robert Pearson  
 5/22 Laurine Hoffman  
 5/23 Thelma Taylor  
 5/23 Marjorie Moreau  
 5/25 LaVerne Routh  
 5/25 Winifred "Winnie" Steineke  
 5/25 Chck Parsell  
 5/29 Karyla Gill  
 5/31 James Hawblitzel

## May Anniversaries

5/16 Carole & Michael Arnold  
 5/18 Sandra & Gene Albritton  
 5/19 Carolyn & Jim Boyle  
 5/24 Cathy & David Boyd

*Please let the church office know if we missed a birthday or anniversary.*

## AVENUE941 MINISTRY



*We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. (Psalm 78:4)*

## June Birthdays

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  
 6/28 Robert Lohbauer

## June Anniversaries

6/02 Sheryl & Bill Pinkard  
 6/03 BJ & Marvin Lutz  
 6/06 Diane & John Bradbury  
 6/07 Brenda & Russ Rowe  
 6/16 Carol & Gene Hany  
 6/17 Mary & Grady Wilgus  
 6/20 Linda & Tom Hale



If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer to help out with the Summer Reading Challenge, please contact Janet Saver at (941) 812-5352.

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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