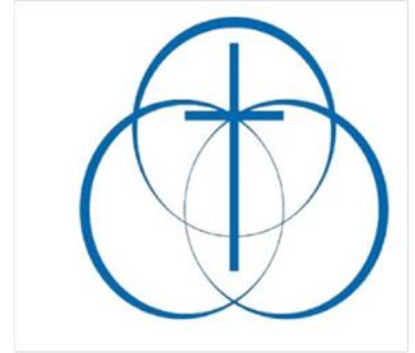


# Oneco Hope News

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## August 2023



Dear Family,

Greetings and God bless you.

I just got home from Jacksonville about two hours ago. As you may know by now, our grandson, Maddox Joshua Meyers, was born on July 28<sup>th</sup> – now, a **red-letter day** for the Maddox family.

And I thought I remembered. And I did – kind of. Our last two grandchildren were born about 10 years ago. I was blessed to be at Shane's birth. (I was out in the hallway.) I will forever wish I could have been at Luna's birth.

I was pretty sure I knew what to expect when I held Maddox for the first time, since I remembered when I first held Shane. But the experience of holding Maddox was far beyond any expectation I could have had. Because, honestly, with the passage of time, I had somewhat forgotten some of that inexplicable something that I'd experienced when I first held Shane.

Truth is, we can only remember so much. For while it is very possible to remember things in our head, we all too easily forget the past experiences of our heart. That is why there is nothing like a fresh, up-to-the-minute experience. Just go and hold a newborn baby today – you'll see!

May I relate this to the Lord's Supper?

Jesus understood the importance of remembering. The entire Bible continually reminds us to remember.

At the Lord's Supper, we "Do this in remembrance of Me." And we remember the Cross; we remember that Jesus' body was broken, and His blood was shed for us. And we give thanks – great thanks. But there is more, because when it comes to our relationship with Jesus, remembering is never enough. We simply must experience Jesus, afresh. Describing what the Lord's Supper can be, Charles Wesley wrote,

*Our hearts we open wide, to give You, Savior, room.*

*And lo! The Lamb, the Crucified, the sinner's Friend is come!*

*Your presence makes the feast; And now our hearts can feel*

*The glory not to be expressed, The joy unspeakable.*

There is nothing about remembering here! It is all present tense. We open our hearts wide to Jesus only to discover that Jesus has already come. And "His presence makes the feast." And our "hearts feel" unspeakable joy and glory! This is God's gift to us, every time we receive the Lord's Supper. Our remembering only takes us so far. So, God, through the Supper offers us a fresh experience of Himself. And both our heads and our hearts are touched and renewed.

By the way, we're celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Let us remember His Cross, and let us come to Him, together and individually, and open our hearts wide. He will surely meet us!

God bless you, family,

Pastor Gene

Dear Church Family,

As your Lay Leader I would share this quote from a writing of Teresa of Avila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus.

Christ has no body now but yours.  
No hands and feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on the world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands through which he blesses the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet.  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body on earth but yours.

Holy Spirit fill us, lead us, and guide us in the building of your Kingdom. To God be the Glory.  
In Jesus name, Amen. God Bless You. Janet.



### *Its Back to School Time!*

Our Avenue 941 ministry will be starting in September. We need volunteers who love Jesus and love Children! We have the children on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:15pm-5:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Saver at 941-812-5352. Avenue 641 will be hosting an all day training session on August 15, 2023. Lunch will be included!

### **UPCOMING EVENT**

The first ever GMC event in Florida is being held Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. from 9:30am.-3:30pm. It will be held at New Hope Church, 213 N. Knights Avenue, in Brandon, FL. The cost \$15.00, per person, which includes lunch. Please go to our Facebook Page (Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church) to register. If you need assistance registering, and/or for **car-pooling options**, please reach out to LaVerne at 941-755-5943.

### **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **Birthdays**

02	Sue Micciche
03	Carol Rankin
06	Helen Case
07	Debbie Hanson
08	Elsie Andersen
10	Linda Bussey
15	Janet Saver
16	Sharon Stewart
18	Peggy Rebstock
21	Thomas Bensen
21	Christopher Bensen
22	Mary Markle
22	John Bradbury
24	Barbara Mehl
25	John Benson
26	Linda Hale
28	Aleksander Cram
29	Bill Leytham

### **Anniversaries**

02	Elaine & James Hawblitzel
02	Claudia & Nelson Kellogg
05	Renee & John Paxton
27	Fern & Paul Hency
28	Mary & Cliff Wilson