

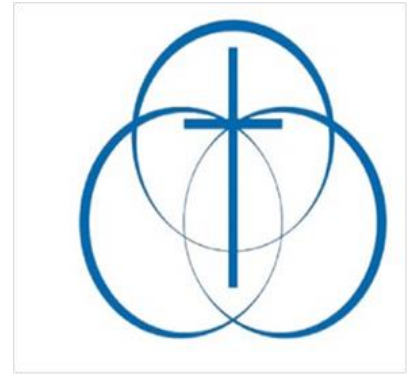
Oneco Hope News

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BLESSED WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church Family!

Welcome to the year of our Lord, 2024. Allow me to share a few prayers with you as we pray the Scriptures together.

Genesis 12:1-4 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing... And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him.

Father, we pray that You will make us to be Abrahams this year! Let us hear Your sending voice. Do not leave us alone! Move us out from where we are to the places You will yet show us. Let us leave and die to all that will hinder us from being completely Yours. We willingly receive all the newness You desire to give us! Bless us, not primarily for ourselves, but rather to make us a blessing to our community and world. And so, teach and lead us into becoming a church of true disciples and a disciple-making people. And, as Abraham, let us go forth according to Your Word.

Genesis 28:16 "Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

Father, let us this year discover and experience Your presence everywhere! Let us know you in sickness and in health, sorrow and happiness, poverty and wealth, anxiety and peace, friendship and conflict, light and darkness, life and death. In Your presence is fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11). Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord. And let us dare to see!

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Father, like Joseph, may we this year see and believe the glory of Your sovereign hand. This world is broken, and we are broken. We will at times fail others and others will at times fail us. But if we will continue – like Joseph - to love You and Your purposes, we will see Your glory (Rom. 8:28).

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 ¹⁴ Whatever we do, it is because Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for everyone, we also believe that we have all died to the old life we used to live. ¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them.

Father, above all, may Your crucified and risen Son, live through me. May His love so control me that I love You as Jesus does and love all others as Jesus loves. Captivate my heart! Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me... daily! Draw me with Your cords of love, for I will never come to Your heart on my own. Break, burn, and dissolve my rebellion and unbelief. Heal, restore, and make whole all within me and our church that falls short of Your glorious image. Let my days be as the loaves of bread and few small fish in Your hands. I give them to You. Multiply them for Your glory! Let me be as the grain of wheat that dies... only to see it come to new life and bear fruit... much fruit for You, Your kingdom, and Your glory, alone.

God bless us all,
Pastor Gene



It's a New Year

It's 2024! The New Year brings a time for a fresh start. Jesus is that fresh start each and every day. Emmanuel, God with us. He is our living Hope. As we put 2023 behind us, the good and the bad, we live in anticipation of the second coming of Jesus.

What does that mean for us as a church? I believe it means to lead people to Jesus as the Father draws them and prepares their hearts. I believe it means to live out our mission, to make disciples of Jesus who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. I believe it means to follow God's Great Commission. *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matt. 28:19.*

God has called us! Will you say yes? I pray that we will all say yes. *Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty, Zachariah 4:6.* Come Holy Spirit you are welcome here. God is moving in our church. Come join us on Monday mornings at 10:30 in the Prayer Room as we pray together. I'm so thankful that so many of you are participating in various small groups. If you want to be involved in a small group or have a desire to serve in some capacity and don't know where to start call me.

God bless,
Janet Saver, Lay Leader
941-812-5352

Alonzo reading to Jacob at our Avenue941 ministry. We thank God that Alonzo gave his heart to Jesus on December 14, 2023!



Remember your pledge to pray every day for Pastor Gene!

Here are some ways to pray. That:

- † He will be an effective instrument in the hands of God:
- † He will consistently be a man after God's own heart.
- † He will surrender daily to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide his every step.
- † He will experience a growing and deepening relationship with the Lord in prayer.
- † The Lord will give him good health, strength, and endurance.

† Please join us for one of our 2 Sunday School Classes at 10:15a.m.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our Christmas Baskets that fed 23 families! Thank you also to those who worked many hours in our Christmas tree lot!

Save the date for our **Great Commission Weekend** March 8-10!!

Please visit our website www.onecohope.com for other upcoming events!

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Our Vision

A church that looks, acts, and thinks like Jesus.

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Birthdays

05	Grady Wilgus
14	Sharon Bilodeau
18	Kathryn Hancock
18	Barbara Allen
26	Annette Stein
27	Barb Jahnke
28	Jim Boyle
31	Thomas Hale

Anniversaries

09	Amanda & Jared Lombardi
19	Ray & Judy Colson
25	Barbara & Craig Ripley