



JULY/AUGUST 2022



July 3

10:00 AM Combined Service

July 10

10:00 AM Combined Service

11:00 AM Welcome Reception for Pastor Beth

Vacation Bible School

On the Case VBS

August 1 - 5

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Greetings to all at Oakmont United Methodist Church! As I begin to say goodbye to my congregations here in Elderton, I realize, once again, how difficult it is to end relationships that have been nurtured and growing in the past three years. I have grown as a pastor during my time here, and will miss those with whom I have learned from, grown with, and ministered to.

My parents, who are now living with me, are a little anxious about moving and learning where everything is in a different town. However, we know that God has a plan for us in Oakmont, and I am excited to see and experience all that God has in store for all of us as we join

together to serve the community together in the name of Jesus! I have slowly been learning of all that will be taking place in the weeks ahead. I look forward to Vacation Bible School, spending time with children of all ages, and becoming acquainted with our new home and church family!

We have been packing our house for the last couple weeks, and now live surrounded by boxes! In 15 days, our boxes will be delivered to the parsonage in Oakmont. Time is passing quickly. It will not be easy to leave here, but I am ready to continue to learn and grow together as brothers and sisters in Christ!



Oakmont United Methodist Church

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May God bless each of you,

Pastor Beth

Please join us on Sunday, July 10 as we welcome Pastor Beth Meier into the Oakmont United Methodist Church family! There will be a combined service at 10 am followed by a reception in the chapel.

Pastor Beth grew up in North Huntingdon and attended Christ United Methodist Church with her family. In high school she began to experience a call to ministry. She attended Grove City College and majored in Biblical studies, preparing to further her education in seminary. Life took her down a different path for several years but God persisted in calling Beth to ministry. She attended Licensing School and began her first appointment at Saltsburg UMC in 2015, later adding New Alexandria UMC while attending seminary. In 2019 she was appointed to The United Charge for Christ, a three-point charge in Elderton. The mother of three grown children and grandmother to three boys, Beth will live in the parsonage and will be joined there by her parents.

We look forward to participating with Pastor Beth as she leads worship, officiates weddings, conducts baptisms, presides over funerals, and performs the multitude of functions for which she is eminently qualified. Come along for the first step of the journey on July 10 as we launch an exciting new era for our church!

On The Case VBS

**August 1 - 5
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Preschool through grade 6**



To register call 412-828-9499 or email oumcyouthdirector@gmail.com

Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Take a five-day journey with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others. They'll discover that the answers have been there all along: spend time with God, spend time with others, use your gifts, and share your story.

GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR MAY

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| Balance | 4/30 | -\$13,572.51 |
| Income | | \$19,461.20 |
| Expenses | | \$15,907.99 |
| Balance | 5/31 | -\$10,019.30 |



Thank you for your continued support of the Oakmont United Methodist Church during this difficult and challenging time. Your offering can be sent by mail to:

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for Charlene Brunner, Randal Burdelski, Barbara Charlton, Emma Lee Crannell, Robert Davis, Lou Ferguson, Bonnie, Beth Harley, Mark Harley, Joann Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Lynn Kittner, Sharen Lenkey, Rose Miller, David Null, Cathy Smierciak, Julie Trenn, Betty Wilson, Micaiah, Susan, Leslie

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Bill Peoples who passed away on May 30.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles are due by **August 15th** for the September newsletter.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please call the church office or send us a message at oakmontumc@gmail.com

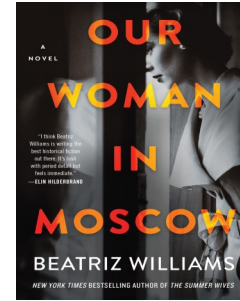
The purpose of the Oakmont United Methodist Church is to grow in our dedication to the worship of God, the teaching of God's word and the caring ministry of Christ. We do this through Jesus' grace, mercy, and love which we share with the world through our daily living.



- 1 Nathan Delo
- Leanna DiMatteo
- 4 Bonnie Pahlman
- Nicole Whigham
- 7 Marie Lewis
- 8 Nancy Morrison
- Maddox Rager
- 10 Isabella Walsh
- 12 Laura Biery
- Darleen Eden
- Sarah Jane Lacey
- 14 Julie Chapa
- 15 Kwynn Ross
- 16 Marsha Wycich
- 18 Tracy Provenza
- 19 Donna DeTurck
- 21 Barb Pellegrino
- 22 Jane Sykes
- 24 Scarlett Fichte
- 26 Jason Kelley
- 31 Donald Nelson

- 1 Bill Hall
- 5 Charlie Fox
- 7 Willie DeTurck
- 9 Christa Assad
- Heather Fichte
- 10 Scott Ashbaugh
- 13 Sterling Fichte
- 14 Michael DiCocco
- 16 Sandra Macpherson
- 18 Michele Handyside
- 20 Edwin Allen
- Bill Charlton
- 22 Caroline Kelley
- 23 Zane Crowell
- 24 Karen Sweetland
- 25 Carolyn Grimes Hawk
- 27 Lee Dezzutti
- 28 Gayle DiCaprio
- 29 Ari Crowell
- 30 Shannon Hatcher
- Ron Kircher

**We apologize if we inadvertently missed your birthday.
Please call the church office and let us know about your very special day!**

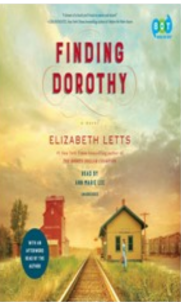


HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, July 14th at 11:00 in the Social Room to discuss *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams. In the autumn of 1948, Iris Digby vanishes from her London home with her American diplomat husband and their two children. The world is shocked by the family’s sensational disappearance. Were they eliminated by the Soviet intelligence service? Or have the Digbys defected to Moscow with a trove of the West’s most vital secrets? Four years later, Ruth Macallister receives a postcard from the twin sister she hasn’t seen since their catastrophic parting in Rome in the summer of 1940, as war engulfed the continent and Iris fell desperately in love with an enigmatic United States Embassy official named Sasha Digby. Within days, Ruth is on her way to Moscow, posing as the wife of counterintelligence agent Sumner Fox in a precarious plot to extract the Digbys from behind the Iron Curtain. But the complex truth behind Iris’s marriage defies Ruth’s understanding, and as the sisters race toward safety, a dogged Soviet KGB officer forces them to make a heartbreaking choice between two irreconcilable loyalties. (from the publisher)

On August 11th, the group will discuss *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. This richly imagined novel tells the story behind *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the book that inspired the iconic film, through the eyes of author L. Frank Baum’s intrepid wife, Maud.

Hollywood, 1938: As soon as she learns that MGM is adapting her late husband’s masterpiece for the screen, seventy-seven year old Maud Gage Baum sets about trying to finagle her way onto the set. Nineteen years after Frank’s passing, Maud is the only person who can help the producers stay true to the spirit of the book - because she’s the only one left who knows its secrets. But the moment she hears Judy Garland rehearsing the first notes of *Over the Rainbow* Maud recognizes the yearning that defined her own life story, from her youth as a suffragette’s daughter to her coming of age as one of the first women in the Ivy League, from her blossoming romance with Frank to the hardscrabble prairie years that inspired *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Judy reminds Maud of a young girl she cared for and tried to help in South Dakota, a dreamer who never got her happy ending. Now, with the young actress under pressure from the studio as well as her ambitious stage mother, Maud resolves to protect her - the way she tried so hard to protect the real Dorothy.



Please consider trying Hope Circle for an hour of fellowship and book discussion.

Dear Oakmont Church,

Thank you for the heart-felt send-off on Sunday, June 5th. Lunch was delicious, and the company even sweeter. I want to thank the congregation for the very generous cash gift. It will help offset some of the expenses in the moving process. I also want to thank you all for the beautiful blue stole. I thank Sherry L. for the cross-stitch of Josh. 24:15. I also wish thank those that sent me cards with personal notes about our time together.

God Bless You all!

Kathleen Schoeneck



Friends Together is an informal small group that is open to all who enjoy a meal with friends and good conversation. The group will meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on July 5th and August 2nd at Freedom Square Diner in Verona. No reservation is needed, just come if you are able. Laughter and lots of good coffee are guaranteed!

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Kent State University

Paige Fichte - BS Early Education and Special Ed,
Point Park University

Dylan Hawk - BFA in Digital Media Arts,
Youngstown State University

Katie Houston - Masters in Public Health,
University of Pittsburgh

Charlene Jacka - Masters of Education with PA
Certification in Pre-K - Grade 4,
Point Park University

Diaper Drive & Period Products Collection



The Local Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Diaper Drive / Period Production collection! We collected:

1,354 diapers

460 period products

28 adult incontinence products

4 packages of wipes

1 baby shampoo