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August 3 - 7
5:30 - 8:00pm
Preschool - 6th grade

VBS



Oakmont United Methodist Church
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Greetings friends,

I'm the new guy! Nice to meet you!

My name is Pastor Jim Sands and it's so wonderful to be a part of what God is up to in the Oakmont and Faith: Fox Chapel United Methodist Churches. Ministry is given to all of us by Jesus through the Holy Spirit to the glory of the Father. As the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends us into the world to bring the good news to the world of Christ's love for all of us. All of us are called to ministry, and that ministry is defined in various callings and empowered by spiritual gifts. As a pastor, my ministry is defined by the vows of my ordination as a four-fold ministry of Word, Order, Sacrament, and Service. As laity, your ministry is defined by the vows of your confirmation to participate in the life of the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Though our roles are different, they are equally important.

Not one of us is called to be all things to all people. We are called to share each other's burdens. I hope that as time goes by here that I can help you discover where God is calling you to be in service here. Not everyone can do everything, but everybody can do something. I'm looking forward to seeing how God reveals to us where God wants us to go. As you get to know me and I get to know you, we'll find that we will not always agree on what it is God wants us to do. That's okay. Even when we disagree, we have the opportunity to display and experience God's grace and peace in the way we work out our differences.

I can't wait to see what God is going to do in our time together!

God loves you, and so do I!

Pastor Jim

Dawn & Julie wish to thank our Church Community for their generous outpouring of love for Bob in the form of flowers, food, cards, and contributions to the Church. We always knew he was well loved but you all overwhelmed us!

One wonderful volunteer has gone on to his reward. We hope others will step up to fill his shoes, though it will take many.

Yours in Christ,

Dawn Whyte and Julie Whyte Trenn

News from the Missions Committee

The Missions Committee is hosting a Block Party at Roots of Faith on July 23 and the Community Dinner at Verona UMC on September 23. Please consider making a financial donation towards one or both of these events to help defray costs. Please write Block Party or Community Dinner on the memo line of your check or on the outside of your offering envelope. Thank you for supporting Oakmont UMC's outreach and witness to Jesus' love.

News from SPRC

We are excited about welcoming Pastor Jim Sands and his family to our church. His first Sunday will be July 5 and we hope to see lots of people at the service at 9:00 AM. Please mark your calendars to remind yourself of the new schedule. There will only be one service and it will be at 9:00 AM weekly. Welcome Pastor Jim and Kristen along with their children Ryan and Molly.

GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR MAY

Balance	4/30	-\$7,325.96
Income		\$15,057.00
Expenses		\$14,668.20
Balance	5/31	-\$6.937.16



Did you
KNOW?

Did you know that the WPA Conference has moved from working in ten districts to four supervisory areas. The District Structure Task Force was convened to assist the Annual Conference in discerning how best to realign district boundaries and leadership structures in response to changing missional realities, clergy deployment needs, and the faithful stewardship of people and resources. Guided by the Bishop’s vision and in consultation with the Cabinet and Conference leadership, the task force has focused on recommending a reduction from ten districts to four supervisory areas; developing district leadership models that emphasize mission, flexibility, and strong lay involvement; and identifying ways to promote greater consistency in required processes across districts, particularly those related to clergy formation and support. Oakmont United Methodist Church is part of the Southwestern Area with Superintendent Ross Pryor.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for Audra Assad, Terri Aubele, Randal Burdelski, Emma Lee Crannell, Diane Dezzutti, Donald Dezzutti, Lew Ferguson, Beth Harley, Joann Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Julia Lenkey, Sharen Lenkey, Jonathan Lewis, Tom Murray. Marigene Nelson, Janet Parkins, Cathy Smierciak, Ed Smierciak

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

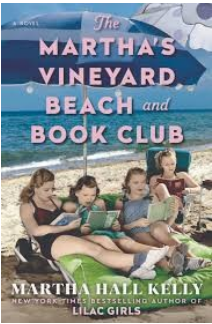
Donations to the general fund in memory of Bob Whyte have been received from Helen Crawford, William Pressler, Hapanowicz & Assoc. Financial Services, Rose Miller, and Thomas Bashor.

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 oakmtumc@gmail.com

BEGINNING JULY 5
ONE SERVICE
AT 9:00 AM



HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Hope Circle will meet in the Adult Sunday School Room on July 9 and August 13 at 11:00. July's book is *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club* by Martha Hall Kelly. In August, it will be *Eleanore of Avignon* by Elizabeth DeLozier.

2016: Thirty-four-year-old Mari Starwood is still grieving after her mother’s death as she travels to the storied island of Martha’s Vineyard, off the coast of Massachusetts. She’s come all the way from California with nothing but a name on a piece of paper: Elizabeth Devereaux, the famous but reclusive Vineyard painter. When Mari makes it to Mrs. Devereaux’s stunning waterfront farm under the guise of taking a painting class with her, Mrs. Devereaux begins to tell her the story of the Smith sisters, who once lived there. As the tale unfolds, Mari is shocked to learn that her relationship to this island runs deeper than she ever thought possible.

1942: The Smith girls—nineteen-year-old aspiring writer Cadence and sixteen-year-old war-obsessed Briar—are faced with the impossible task of holding their failing family farm together during World War II as the U.S. Army arrives on Martha’s Vineyard. When Briar spots German U-boats lurking off the island’s shores, and Cadence falls into an unlikely romance with a sworn enemy, their quiet lives are officially upended. In an attempt at normalcy, Cadence and her best friend, Bess, start a book club, which grows both in members and influence as they connect with a fabulous New York publisher who could make all of Cadence’s dreams come true. But all that is put at risk by a mysterious man who washes ashore—and whispers of a spy in their midst. Who in their tight-knit island community can they trust? Could this little book club change the course of the war . . . before it’s too late? (From the publisher)

Provence, 1347 Eleanore Blanchet is a young midwife and herbalist with remarkable skills. But as she learned the day her mother died, the most dangerous thing a woman can do is draw attention to herself. She attends patients in her home city of Avignon, spends time with her father and twin sister, gathers herbs in the surrounding woods, and dreams of the freedom to pursue her calling without fear. In a chance encounter, Elea meets Guigo de Chauillac, the enigmatic personal physician to the powerful Pope Clement, and strikes a deal with him to take her on as his apprentice. Under Chauillac’s tutelage she hones her skills as a healer, combining her knowledge of folk medicine with anatomy, astrology, and surgical techniques. Then, two pieces of earth-shattering news: the Black Death has made landfall in Europe, and the disgraced Queen Joanna is coming to Avignon to stand trial for her husband’s murder. She is pregnant and in need of a midwife, a role only Elea can fill.

The queen’s childbirth approaches as the plague spreads like wildfire, leaving half the city dead in its wake. The people of Avignon grow desperate for a scapegoat and a group of religious heretics launch a witch hunt, one that could cost Elea—an intelligent, talented, unwed woman—everything. (From the publisher)



Congratulations to Charlene and Jimmy Baker on the birth of their daughter, Lottie Jean, who was born on April 16, 2026.

JULY
Birthdays

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

AUGUST
Birthdays

- 5 Charlie Fox
- 7 Willie DeTurck
- 9 Christa Assad
Heather Fichte
- 10 Scott Ashbaugh
- 13 Sterling Fichte
- 14 Michael DiCocco
- 18 Michele Handyside
- 20 Edwin Allen
Bill Charlton
- 22 Caroline Kelley
- 23 Zane Crowell
Lew Ferguson
- 24 Karen Sweetland
- 25 Carolyn Grimes Hawk
- 27 Lee Dezzutti
- 28 Gayle DiCaprio
John Froehlich
- 29 Ari Crowell
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!



OUMC will have a booth at the
Oakmont Street Sale on July 25th
and we could use your help!
Please return this form by July 19 so
we can plan accordingly

Please consider volunteering in one of the following ways.

_____ I can help with setting up. (8:30 – 10:00 am)

_____ I can help to work the booth.

I am available at the following time(s):

_____ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

_____ 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

_____ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

_____ I can help to take down and clean up afterwards.
(3:00 - 4:00 pm)

_____ I can bake items for the sale. I will drop them off
between 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Friday, July 24
or between 9:00 – 10:00 am at the booth on July 25.
(Please no chocolate or icing since it will likely be hot
outside and package items for sale if possible)

Name _____

Phone # _____

FESTIVAL OF CELEBRATION

Our Country's 250th Anniversary and Honoring Veterans
Also a Fundraiser for Summer Lunch & Fun Camp
Live Music – Food – Games – Basket Raffles - Desserts
Benefitting the Twin Boros Summer Lunch & Fun Camp (grades 1-6)

Hosted by Twin Boros Health Ministries & Verona U. M. Church

When: **Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 12:00pm-7:00pm**

Where: **Railroad Park, Verona**

Why: All proceeds support the Summer Lunch & Fun Camp - that provides free breakfast, lunch, and activities on summer weekdays for local children

Who: Everyone is welcome – adults, families, and kids.

Contact: Verona United Methodist Church – 412-828-8844
Or call Shirley 412-828-3412 or email VUMC1915@gmail.com

Fun for Kids, Adults & Families

Games and activities throughout the day!

Enjoy Live Music, great festival food, basket raffles & a relaxed afternoon in the park – while all proceeds support the Twin Boros Summer Lunch and Fun Camp.

About Twin Boros Health Ministries

Many years ago, a group of volunteers came together with two goals:

Provide programs promoting healthy lifestyles
Provide community assistance free to all.

We serve Verona and Oakmont Boroughs through:

Summer Lunch & Fun Camp
Monthly Free Community Dinners
A local Food Pantry

- Clothes Closet
- Blessings in a backpack

Volunteers and all monetary donations make these programs possible.