

## Mark your calendar!

### Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

March 1 - 29

### Friends Together

March 7 at 9:00 AM

### Hope Circle

March 9 at 11:00 AM

### Egg Hunt

March 26 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM



2023

As we enter into this season of Lent, we prepare our hearts and lives to remember who Jesus is, and what He has done on our behalf- even though we did not deserve it. Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, walked this earth as an ordinary human man. He could have remained in Glory with God His Father. Instead, He chose to become a human being just like us. He gave up His place of privilege at the right hand of the Father. Why? Because He chose to live among us, to endure the difficulties and struggles that we encounter daily. He experienced the same difficulties we experience, suffered the same types of illness, the negative reactions of other humans, the trials we encounter as well as the joys.

Most importantly, Jesus came to earth because He was the only one who was able to take our place, to willingly die a horribly painful death nailed on a cross to pay the penalty of our sinfulness. Because of what He did on our behalf, when we humble ourselves before God, and seek forgiveness for our sins, we are forgiven. Even though we may not deserve God's forgiveness, God sees as clean, holy in His sight, forgiven.

Don't let this Lenten season pass by without daily taking time to thank God for the gift of His one and only Son. We are not worthy of Christ's amazing gift to us. Spend time in the presence of Jesus in the coming days. Offer your thankfulness for what He has done for you. Tell someone else about the God you serve, for they may have never heard of Christ's gift waiting for them. Forgiveness is a prayer away!



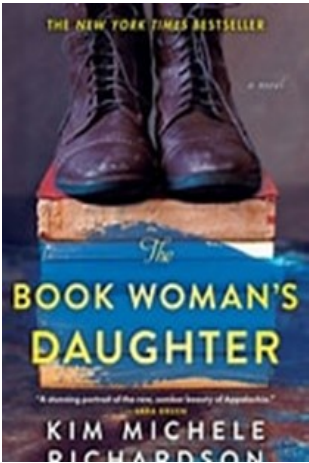
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## HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 in the Social Room to discuss *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good.

Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia. Honey is looking to prove that she doesn't need anyone telling her how to survive, but the route can be treacherous, and some folks aren't as keen to let a woman pave her own way. If Honey wants to bring the freedom that books provide to the families who need it most, she's going to have to fight for her place, and along the way, learn that the extraordinary women who run the hills and hollers can make all the difference in the world. (From the publisher.)

Please consider Hope Circle, a place to enjoy fellowship and discussion.

## GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR JANUARY

Balance	12/31	\$3,904.98
Income		\$15,792.30
Expenses		\$16,307.57
Balance	1/31	\$3,283.84



*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 Audra Assad, Vi Bibza, Charlene Brunner, Randal Burdelski, Barbara Charlton, Emma Lee Crannell, Robert Davis, Lew Ferguson, Jackie Gaughan, Beth Harley, Mark Harley, Garnet Hildebrand, Joann Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Karen Kemp, Sharen Lenkey, Rose Miller, David Null, Cathy Smierciak, Julie Trenn, Betty Wilson, Micaiah, Susan, Leslie, Elizabeth

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles are due by March **15th** for the April 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](mailto: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 Diane Dezzutti  
Tyler Handyside  
Stephen Lenkey
- 2 Mackenzie Marotta
- 3 Emma Briggs
- 4 Daniel Ross
- 6 Cindy Gaughan  
Kaitlyn Lacey
- 7 Dan Chapa
- 9 Nicolette Casarcia  
Nina Crannell
- 10 Alyssa Crawford
- 15 Braeden Mechesney
- 19 Jim Sykes  
Dawn Whyte  
Betty Wilson
- 23 Evelyn Ferguson  
Risdon Ferguson  
Raymond Rogers  
Ian Simmers
- 24 Jack Ross
- 27 Elaine Grimes
- 29 Max Orbin
- 31 Carol Lacey

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



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 March 7<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Square Diner in Verona. No reservation is needed, just come if you are able. Laughter and lots of good coffee are guaranteed!

## Baptism

Liam George Lesterick was baptized in the sanctuary on February 26. Liam is the son of William and Nicole Lesterick and he is the brother of Sophia and Grace.



Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead one hour  
on March 12!



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