



Somma Pizza Fundraiser Night

Monday, May 16
3 - 9 PM

Youth Sunday

May 22, 2022
One service at 10:00 AM

Bake Sale

Saturday, May 28
10 AM - 2 PM

Pastor Kathleen's Farewell Party

Sunday, June 5
11:00 AM
following a combined service at 10:00 AM

MAY 2022



Acts 16:16-34

16:16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

16:17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."

16:18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

16:19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 16:20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews

16:21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."

16:22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

16:23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

16:24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

16:26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

16:27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

16:28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

16:29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

16:30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

16:31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

16:32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

16:33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

16:34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The power of the Holy Spirit is that we become brave in doing the right thing, even if the culture opposes us. When we walk with Jesus and the Holy Spirit is in us, there is something different about us because we know that there is nothing in this world we have to fear, not even death! Life's stresses still happen to us, and of course injustices still happen, but when we view everything through the lens of the Holy Spirit, it is possible to have joy because the Holy Spirit is the comforter, and we know Jesus is with us in every situation. May the same be said of OUMC's faith!

Rev. Kathleen



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HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, May 12th at 11:00 in the Social Room to discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a newspaper nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer—but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.

An engaging and evocative novel, *The Book of Lost Names* is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of bravery and love in the face of evil. (from the publisher)

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

GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR MARCH

Balance	2/28	-\$1,863.83
Income		\$10,350.89
Expenses		\$17,760.51
Balance	3/31	-\$9,289.45



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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419 Maryland Avenue
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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, Rose Miller, Megan Minyon, David Null, Cathy Smierciak, Julie Trenn, Betty Wilson, Micaiah, Susan, Leslie

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles are due by **May 15th** for the June 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 Lori Huha
- 3 Rich Lear
Scott Ashbaugh, Jr.
- 4 Erin Kennedy
- 8 Allison Klinsky
- 16 Daniel Burdelski
- 18 Sam Steimer
- 19 Kacie Ross
- 22 Christianne McCall
- 23 Abigail Kelley
- 26 Dennis Casarcia
Lillian McCall
- 29 Kim Anderson
- 30 Eric Mannas

We apologize if we inadvertently missed your birthday.

Please call the church office and let us know about your very special day!



FRIENDS TOGETHER

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 May 3rd at Freedom Square Diner in Verona. No reservation is needed, just come if you are able. Laughter and lots of good coffee are guaranteed!



Graduation Sunday is June 5th.

Please let the church office or Pastor Kathleen know of anyone graduating this year from high school, college, or trade school.



Congratulations to the 2022 Confirmation Class of Oakmont UMC!

- Dany Caruso
- Scarlett Fichte
- Jakob Lightcap
- Lukas Lightcap
- Lillian McCall



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A farewell celebration for Pastor Kathleen will take place **June 5** following a combined service at 10:00 AM. We hope you will join us in wishing her well on her last day at OUMC.

Diaper Drive & Period Products Collection

www.wpadiaperbank.org



When: The month of May

Why: One in three American moms struggles to provide clean diapers for her children. Two out of five people have struggled to purchase period products in the last year. Food stamps (SNAP) & WIC don't cover diapers or period products. Families often are forced to make tough decisions regarding day care & employment because they can't afford diapers. Lack of period products results in a list of physical and psychological health issues.

The WesternPennsylvania Diaper Bank partners with local social service organizations to distribute diapers and period products free of charge to families in need in Western Pennsylvania.

Most Needed Items:

Diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6)

Baby Shampoo

Potty Training Pants (i.e., Pull-Ups)

Tampons

Depends (adult L and XL)

Also Needed:

Diapers (all sizes)

Diaper Cream

Baby Wipes

Period Products

If we can help families provide diapers & period products for those in their families then the other resources can be redirected to something else – perhaps food, transportation, or savings. All of which may help alleviate the pressure of poverty and increase the quality of life.



**National
Diaper Bank
Network**



Western Pennsylvania
Diaper Bank



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Take a break from cooking & help the general fund!

*The Oakmont United Methodist Church will receive
15% of all dine-in and takeout orders.*



BAKE SALE

Fundraiser for the General Fund

***please bring items pre-packaged for sale**

**You can drop items off Friday 5/27 between 7 -8 PM
or Saturday 5/28 between 9 – 10 AM**

Saturday May 28th

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM