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### **Sundaes on a Sunday**

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### **Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

It is difficult to believe that I have been here for four months already. Time has passed quickly! I want to thank you all for your kindness and care for myself and my parents. I also would like to offer my thanks for the gifts that were presented to me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Your smiles and encouragement have blessed me in many ways since I arrived here.

We are now entering into another new season in the church; a season of thankfulness for our many blessings. There are special events and gatherings to celebrate and participate in, and to spend time in fellowship with one another. Please plan on attending the Oakmont Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar on November 19 from 10 am – 2 pm! Fun, food, and fellowship will be enjoyed by all! The seasons are changing, but God remains the same- ever faithful.

As the days continue to pass quickly, we will soon realize that Advent is at hand. I encourage you to take time to appreciate each day. Stop long enough to realize that God has given you another day to spend in His presence, to grow in your faith, and to share that faith with a friend, a family member, or, perhaps, even a stranger with whom you might share Jesus. We are not on this earth simply to enjoy our lives. We are here to be the bearer of Good News of Great Joy! People need to know who Jesus is. Share the love of Jesus with someone today!



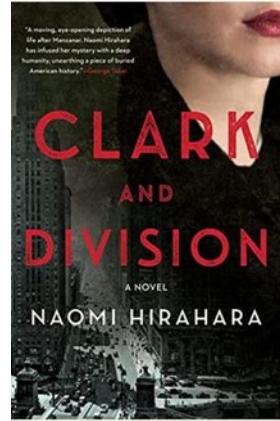
### ***Oakmont United Methodist Church***

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*Pastor Beth*



## HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10th at 11:00 in the Social Room to discuss *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara. Twenty-year-old Aki Ito and her parents have just been released from Manzanar, where they have been detained by the US government since the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, together with thousands of other Japanese Americans. The life in California the Itos were forced to leave behind is gone; instead, they are being resettled two thousand miles away in Chicago, where Aki's older sister, Rose, was sent months earlier and moved to the new Japanese American neighborhood near Clark and Division streets. But on the eve of the Ito family's reunion, Rose is killed by a subway train. Aki, who worshipped her sister, is stunned. Officials are ruling Rose's death a suicide. Aki cannot believe her perfect, polished, and optimistic sister would end her life. Her instinct tells her there is much more to the story, and she knows she is the only person who could ever learn the truth. (From the publisher)

Inspired by historical events, *Clark and Division* infuses an atmospheric and heartbreakingly real crime fiction plot with rich period details and delicately wrought personal stories. Naomi Hirahara has gleaned from thirty years of research and archival work in Japanese American history.

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

## GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER

|                                   |      |              |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Balance                           | 8/31 | -\$16,497.96 |
| Income                            |      | \$11,657.00  |
| Expenses                          |      | \$13,228.20  |
| Transfer In (from Memorial Acct.) |      | \$2,000.00   |
| Balance                           | 9/30 | -\$16,069.16 |



*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:*

*Oakmont United Methodist Church  
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, Lew Ferguson, Jackie Gaughan, Bonnie, Beth Harley, Mark Harley, Joann Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Karen Kemp, 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 Lynn Kittner who passed away on October 17.

*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.*



- 2 Katie Houston
- Mason Rager
- 4 Jennifer Stapko
- 6 Thomas Lewis
- 8 Neyla Hawk
- 10 Lauren Medved
- Robert Whyte
- 11 Laura Sawyer-Villers
- 14 Ella Caruso
- Brian Hawk
- Zoey Hawk
- 15 Jonathan Lewis
- 16 Deborah Casarcia
- Susan Hobaugh
- Connor Rajkowski
- 17 Christine Davis
- 18 Jayne DiEmidio
- 20 Cindy Kircher
- James Lloyd
- 21 Kevin Trenn
- 23 Blair Biery
- Mark Harley
- 24 Robert Mitcheltree
- 26 Murphy Hawk
- Deborah Ormay
- 28 Julie Trenn

**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 Nov. 1st at Freedom Square Diner in Verona. No reservation is needed, just come if you are able. Laughter and lots of good coffee are guaranteed!



**Help Us "Spruce" Up the Church!**

**We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent on November 26 at 10:00 AM.**

**Everyone is welcome to come help.**

**Coffee and donuts will be provided.**

Sunday, November 6th  
12:00pm

# Sundaes on a Sunday

**Youth Group Talent Show Fundraiser**

Join us for an afternoon of ice cream sundaes, fellowship, and a talent show!

Don't forget to stop by the table in the chapel and donate money to vote for the person you would most like to see get a "pie in the face" at the end of the talent show!



A large collection jar is placed at the rear of the sanctuary for coins to be donated weekly. All donations will be directed towards the youth group's SPARK trip each January. SPARK is a Christian-based youth conference in downtown Pittsburgh where the youth group has the opportunity to interact with other youth, enjoy Christian bands, speakers, and conduct community service through workshops. The main cost of the weekend is the hotel stay and your donations weekly will help offset that expense. Thank you for your support!

## *The United Women in Faith*

The United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) are back! At our last annual distribution meeting in 2021, we donated \$5100 to local missions, \$2600 of that to our Church's general fund. We voted this year to donate 100% of our profits to the church's general fund.

We are praying for a great turnout at this year's Christmas Bazaar, which is on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have already committed to work in certain areas, but if you can help on the 19th contact the Church Office or Dawn Whyte directly at (412) 849-6834.

What to expect at this year's Bazaar? Attic treasures are back and items can be dropped off in the primary room any time the church is open. For the bake sale, pre-packaged items in baggies are appreciated but we also have supplies at church to pack them. The UWM will be making Pumpkin, Apple and Cherry pies. Soup, jams, pickles and hard tack candy are ready to sell. Crafts are beautiful and thanks to Nancy Standifur, we have lots of crocheted scrubbies available. The Holiday Luncheon is back, featuring Chicken ala King on homemade biscuits and our wildly popular salad bar. Anyone can drop off a salad the morning of the Bazaar in the kitchen.

Sadly, we are not selling soft caramels this year. The honest fact is we could not get enough help this year. It takes 30 volunteers to fill the 1000 pounds we sell every year. We are hopeful that we can resume making them next year but it all depends on volunteers.

On the horizon, we will be preparing the meals for the Mystery dinner 2023, hosting a Spring indoor yard sale and as always, we offer a funeral luncheon to families of the church if requested.

These time-honored traditions can only continue with the support of volunteers. There was a day when there were four Christmas Bazaars in Oakmont. Due to the lack of volunteers and drop in membership, the other bazaars have dissolved and we are the only one left in town. Please support us so we can continue on supporting missions.

Julie Whyte Trenn, President,  
United Women in Faith (UMW)



## **Adopted Road Clean up**

**Saturday November 5**

We hope you can help us clean our adopted road.

We will meet at the S & T bank in  
East Oakmont at **8:30 am**.

Vests, gloves & bags will be provided.

Any time you can give is appreciated!

*Please call Laura Caruso with any questions*

**412-841-6406**



**November 19, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Articles are due by November **15th** for  
the December/January 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)