



Here we are in the Fall of the year! Thankful for the days of sunshine, blue skies, and white puffy clouds. The trees are still green, revealing their desire to keep showing off their beauty. Soon, those leaves will begin to turn color, and those vibrant colors will remind us that winter is near. However, there is much ministry to be done! Sunday School has started. We had ten children in the first church service, dressed up and ready to experience their first Sunday School class of Fall.

This is not to say that Sunday School is ONLY for children. We have an adult class that meets in the Parlor. All are welcome! It is a god time for fellowship as well as learning about God's Word, and God's desire for us to walk in His footsteps, leading others to Christ. Please consider not only bringing your children to Sunday School, but staying to experience Adult Sunday School with other believers. Make some new friends and perhaps get reacquainted with friends you haven't seen for a while.

In October, we will be having an evening Bible Study for all who wish to attend. I am currently working on that project right now. More details to follow shortly!

I appreciate being your Pastor, and getting to know you more each week. Thank you all for your kindness and care.



Oakmont United Methodist Church

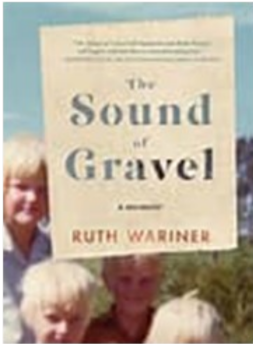
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Blessings,

Pastor Beth



HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, Oct. 12th, at 11:00 in the Social Room. The book to be discussed is *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner. Ruth was the thirty-ninth of her father's forty-two children. Growing up on a farm in rural Mexico, where authorities turn a blind eye to the practices of her community, Ruth lives in a ramshackle house without indoor plumbing or electricity. At church, preachers teach that God will punish the wicked by destroying the world and that women can only ascend to Heaven by entering into polygamous marriages and giving birth to as many children as possible. After Ruth's father—the man who had been the founding prophet of the colony—is brutally murdered by his brother in a bid for church power, her mother remarries, becoming the second wife of another faithful congregant. In need of government assistance and supplemental income, Ruth and her siblings are carted back and forth between Mexico and the United States, where Ruth's mother collects welfare and her stepfather works a variety of odd jobs. Ruth comes to love the time she spends in the States, realizing that perhaps the community into which she was born is not the right one for her. As she begins to doubt her family's beliefs and question her mother's choices, she struggles to balance her fierce love for her siblings with her determination to forge a better life for herself.

Recounted from the innocent and hopeful perspective of a child, *The Sound of Gravel* is the remarkable memoir of one girl's fight for peace and love. This is an intimate, gripping tale of triumph, courage, and resilience. (from the publisher)

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

GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR AUGUST

Balance	7/31	-\$15,960.84
Income		\$11,146.00
Expenses		\$14,909.99
Balance	8/31	-\$19,714.56



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

Audra Assad, Vi Bibza, Charlene Brunner, Randal Burdelski, Barbara Charlton, Emma Lee Crannell, Robert Davis, Mark Dicocco, Lew Ferguson, Gavin Lauffer (Sherry Lauffer's grandson), Sherry Lauffer, Beth Harley, Mark Harley, Garnet Hildebrand, Joann Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Julia Lenkey, Sharen Lenkey, Rose Miller, David Null, Cathy Smierciak, Jane Sykes, Julie Trenn, Linda Cassol Turner, Betty Wilson, Micaiah, Susan, Leslie, Elizabeth

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles are due by October **15th** for the November 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.



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- 25 Leslie Siegle
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Eric McCall
- 28 Jacqueline Kaminsky
- 29 Owen Szallay
- 30 Alexis Ferguson
Sean Provenza

**We apologize if we inadvertently
missed your birthday.**

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



**Church Conference will take place
at 2:00 PM on October 29th
at Bethel UMC in Lower Burrell.**

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 October 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!

Thank You

**The Caring Ministry would like to
thank everyone for their generosity
by providing donations of cards and
stamps. We appreciate the wonderful
support of the congregation!**

Mission Committee News

Do you have



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Consider Light of Life's ministry opportunities. Light of Life vetts volunteers through an application, interview, and orientation process. Here is a partial list of their ministry needs.

Daily:

- Food service
- Office Work
- Child Care
- Prayer Partners

Weekly:

- Food Pantry
- Mentoring
- Tutoring (Math, English, & Computer Literacy)

Monthly: Community Clean Up where volunteers spruce up local neighborhoods.

For more information visit their website: www.lightoflife.org.

The Verona Unit of the Salvation Army needs help at Christmas time with their Red Kettle Drive. A portion of the monies collected goes to the Verona Unit and is used to help pay rent or utility bills for people in need. Please consider ringing the bell this year. If you want greater detail about how to help the Verona Unit of the Salvation Army, please contact Judy Meyers at 412-828-7394.

Twin Boros Ministry needs help with:

Community Dinners for which OUMC is not responsible. Assistance is needed for cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Community Dinners are held the last Wednesday of the month at Verona UMC, and all are welcome.

The Food Pantry at Verona UMC. The Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Saturdays each month. Friday mornings, they need someone strong to help with packing. On Food Pantry Saturdays, they need people who can go up and down steps easily carrying heavy bags of groceries.

For information, contact Shirley Davis at 412-287-3811.

God's Love: Let's keep spreadin' that stuff around!