



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

Reminder

Sunday Worship:

Service at 9:00 AM
& on *Facebook Live!*
facebook.com/occumc
(watch later if you like)

Sunday School:

For all ages. Join us at
10:00 AM the second
Sunday in September
through the Sunday before
Memorial Day weekend.

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon

Our Staff:

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Greetings!

The word that keeps coming to my mind and my heart in prayer these past 18 months is resiliency. With everything that we have been through in the COVID-19 health pandemic and the resulting economic disparities and racial inequities that have been brought further to light, I believe that God is calling us to resiliency as we come through the other side of the effects of this virus and public health emergency.

Resiliency, Lawrence Peers writes in his article, *Resilience and the Practice of Pivoting*, found in the Congregational Consulting Group monthly newsletter, dated March 15, 2021, that “*Resilience is often understood as the capacity to “bounce back,” but (he) prefers to think of it as the ability to return again and again to what matters. In other words, to cultivate resilience, we must practice pivoting.*” Dr. Lawrence goes on to recognize that how we pivot needs to happen psychologically, emotionally sociologically/relationally, spiritually, and organizationally, in wholistic ways. In the face of coming through the COVID-19 health pandemic, I believe that we are tasked with the need to be resilient.

Friends, we have spent this past summer and early fall regrouping after being apart for safety reasons. We have grieved the loss of life, health, and relationships, not to mention economic stability. We have acknowledged how our worries, anxiety, and, yes, even our anger about the virus and its effects, has blocked even our connection with God.

Now is the time for resiliency and a time to return again as we have in the past, to what matters to God and our faith journey together in community. We have opened up the church to welcome folks back into the Sanctuary, Sunday School classes, meetings, and regular administration of the church. We still have more to do as the virus, especially the Delta variant rages in our world. We pray that the virus will, hopefully in the near future, not have as strong a grip on our lives. We have much to do to care for others and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for staying connected and compassionate to those in need!

Blessings,
Pastor Wendee

Sunday Worship

Mission Statement: Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church is a Christian fellowship whose mission is to worship God, love and serve all people, grow in faith and invite others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Worship Schedule - in October

- October 3 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost—Communion Sunday
Stewardship Celebration
Exodus 25:2; Matthew 5:23-24
All Manor of a Good Heart
- October 10 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Speaker—Dr. Patty Amborn
Stewardship Celebration
Ephesians 2:8-10; 4:2-8 & 11-16
My Mother's Quilt
- October 17 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Celebration
Luke 19
Growing Generous Givers
- October 24 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Celebration
2 Corinthians 8-9
Does Our Church Dream Like Jesus?
- October 31 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Celebration
Matthew 6:19-21 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Whole Hearted Giving

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Growing Generous Givers Campaign materials will be mailed the week of October 18th.

Please review the information, pray about your gift, and fill out your Giving Card.

Return the Giving Card by October 31st in the stamped envelope provided for you.

Sunday School Time Change To 10:00 am Beginning October 3rd

Ways to Worship with Us

- ◆ **Worship in the Sanctuary** The procedures we follow include masking and social distancing while in the building. There is no child care available.
- ◆ **Listen to the Weekly Recorded Worship Service Via Your Phone!** OCCUMC has added this resource for you to listen to the weekly worship service via a simple phone call. All you need to do is call 414-253-0437, listen, and enjoy!
- ◆ **Watch our worship services live on our Facebook page.** You do not need a Facebook account. Just go to occumc.org, click on the Facebook link, and then click videos. You can join our services live at 9:00 am Sunday mornings, or view past worship services at this link too.

Worship
with us
from
HOME

Facebook:

facebook.com/occumc

Website:

occumc.org

Recorded Worship:

414-253-0437

Sunday Worship

Worship Schedule - in November

- November 7 The 24th Sunday after Pentecost—Communion Sunday
All Saints Sunday
Mark 12:38-44
The Widow's Offering
- November 14 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 13:1-8
A Warning About Trouble
- November 21 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
Revelations 1:4b-8
A Prophecy From John
- Wednesday, November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Message on Facebook 7 pm
- November 28 The 1st Sunday of Advent
Luke 21:25-36
Praying and Waiting



Thanks
FOR WORSHIPING
WITH US

Sunday Morning
Worship - 9 AM

*Worship in-person in
the Sanctuary*

*Also Facebook Live!
or watch later*

Listen on your phone
414-253-0437

Charge Conference

Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10 am

In-person in Doyle Hall and on-line via Zoom

Join us for our annual meeting where we celebrate our shared ministry, reflect on how God is calling us in mission, and set the budget for 2022. This meeting will last around one hour and will be led by Rev. Mao Her, pastor at Christ UMC Greenfield.

Please contact Pastor Wendee for the Zoom link.

**Pastor Wendee
will be on vacation
October 4-10.**

**Rev. Sam
Royappa, pastor
at West Allis First
UMC, will be
available for
pastoral care
concerns. His
phone numbers
are:
work 414-774-5500
cell 608-212-7375**

Daily 9 am Facebook Offerings

Join OCCUMC on Facebook each day of the week at 9 am for the following community offerings*:

- Mondays – Sing-a-long with hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal
Wednesdays – Sing-a-long with hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal
Fridays – Sing-a-long with hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal
Saturdays – Children's book
Sundays – Worship on Facebook Live!

OAK CREEK COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

presents

Award Winning and Chart Topping



GLORYWAY



NOV
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4PM

FREE CONCERT

LOVE OFFERING
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8675 S. 13TH ST.
OAK CREEK, WI

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REQUIRED

Contact Info: Events@OCCUMC.org / 414.762.4600

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women



On Sunday, September 26th, we observed UMW Sunday. Megan F shared the message in worship "The Body of Evidence" from 1 Corinthians 12:12-18. We honored Edith & Larry G with the Special Mission Recognition Award during service at their last attendance in June.

Women's Fellowship

UMW Members: Please plan ahead for the World Thank Offering to be received in November. Remember, back in March you made your *Pledge to Mission*. While you may have been making gifts throughout the year, November is the time to make your pledge in full. Please send your gifts to Kelly D, our Treasurer, by mail at 1719 Michigan Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, or by giving your envelope to your Circle Leader. She can deposit the check for you. Questions? Call Carlene at 764-5034

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. **We are women with a Purpose!***

"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." - 2 Timothy 1:6
As United Methodist Women, we give our gift of God with others through mission.

Our emblem reminds us of our purpose of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. The overall fluid and free flowing shape of the emblem suggests change and mobility. Our foremothers were advocates for change; change and growth continue to be at the heart of United Methodist Women's sisterhood and mission.



Sarah Circle / Thursday Morning Gathering



EVERY THURSDAY at 10:30 am everyone is welcome to meet under the tree in the North Parking Lot. As weather changes we will be meeting in Doyle Hall, where we will social distance and wear masks. We share devotions, concerns and celebrations. We close with a prayer for Peace composed by one of our group. There is no limit to the number of people that come and share with us. Any questions? Please call Carlene W at 414-764-5034.

Tabitha Circle

Tabitha Circle spent a weekend in September at Lake Lucerne Camp to pick up where we left off when we postponed the Women's Retreat. The new date is April 22 - 24, 2022. The theme is *Take Time to Be a Godly Lady*. We are excitedly planning a weekend full of workshops from Bible Study to Cooking, Prayer to Stamping. Watch for the new Registration Form with all the details to come out in January, 2022.



We continue to meet via Zoom the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm. Contact Bonnie C at cc32drc@tds.net if you would like to join us, and she will send you the Zoom meeting link.

OCCUMC Missions 2021 Status

The OCCUMC missions may have been impacted by COVID, but we continue to be a mission-oriented church with a love of reaching out to others and serving God's people. Our missions were modified to fit the COVID restrictions. Prior to COVID we had twenty missions. As of the September 1, 2021, we have nine active missions, two missions that were transferred to other locations, and ten missions that were put on hold. Some of the active missions noted below, have been communicated throughout the year in the bulletin. We are excited to share with you in the section below, how the Layette Program exceeded our expectations this year, in part because of your generous donations.

- AA – Alcoholics Anonymous weekly meetings at church
- Baptismal Prayer Blankets
- Layette Program
- Special Sundays as set by the WI United Methodist Conference
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- MMDC - Midwest Mission Distribution Center relief efforts
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- School Supplies for United Methodist Children Services
- Women's Retreat
- Adult International Work Missions



The Missions Team **THANKS YOU** for your part in sharing in OCCUMC missions not only with your donations but with your prayers, participation and monetary contributions. We hope you have been following the active mission activities in the bulletin and Reminder newsletter. We will continue to share mission information in our bulletins and newsletters. Please contact any Mission Team member with mission questions or recommendations you may have, or if you would like to participate in a mission.

OCCUMC Mission Team: Kathy B, Bonnie C, Alex C, Joanne M, Susan J, Michelle G, Pastor Wendee, Jane L (Admin. Asst.)

OCCUMC Missions supports opportunities for members to do God's work and grow as a faith community. The missions outreach includes local, regional and international efforts.

Layette Program



UPDATE: 73 layettes distributed this year, through the end of August. Please continue to support this worthy project with your handiwork, money (we will purchase items for you), flannel (1 yd), yarn, onesies and sleepers in sizes 0 to 9 months. If you would like to know more, or have any questions about the layette program, please contact Joan K at 414-215-7088.

Mission Notes

Midwest Mission Distribution Center



We sent a team of 8 to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in August. Bonnie C, Joanne M, Pat P & Lois R spent the week while Pastor Wendee, Julie C, Gail N, and Patti A joined us Monday - Wednesday.



During our time there we put together Personal Dignity, Feminine Hygiene, and School Kits.

Included in each kit is a prayer card. We wrote our names as well as family, friends and church member names on the cards. Pat loves working in the desk shop. She showed Bonnie how to make a desk this year. We had fun putting it together using power tools and were thrilled when we turned it over and it was solid. Better yet, we got a "good job" from Roger. Then we labeled it, took it apart and added it to the stack to get ready for shipping.

As always with UM events, there was food and fellowship. We had snack breaks twice a day where the staff shared stories of how God worked to provide materials when needed and helped get the kits to people in need. They even treated us to some delicious popsicles when we made it through all the personal dignity kits (sorry Wendee, you left by then and missed out!) Breakfast and lunch were shared in the dorm and we went out for supper. We played games, completed puzzles and shared lots of laughter.

We were blessed to share a prayer circle as we sent a truck off to Haiti. Thank you to all who have participated in the MMDC trips over the years by going, donating and praying. Think about joining us next year, August 21 - 26, 2022. You can come for the whole week or a few days. Carpooling and scholarships are available. If you would like more information please contact Bonnie C cc32drc@tds.net. There is a presentation on the OCCUMC website if you would like to see more photos.








Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs help! Our shawl inventory is running low. Do you knit or crochet? Please contact Diane L at 414-510-9342 or dianelindsay54@gmail.com if you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, and have time to donate to this ministry. The shawls are a tangible gift of prayer from us to you, a loved one, or friend, with prayers woven into each stitch, and blessed upon completion.










If you know of anyone who would benefit from being wrapped in a tangible prayer, please feel free to pick up one at the church office. By providing us with a name or brief description of the person who you are gifting with the shawl, we will be able to keep that person in our prayers.

October 2021

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3 World Communion Sunday Stewardship Month Begins 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live! 10:00 am Facebook Hymns Post Recorded 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Confirmation Class	4 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm AA	5 9:00 am Preschool	6 9:00 am Preschool	7 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering	8	9
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17 Ramona Grainger Baptism 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live! 10:00 am Facebook Hymns 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 Confirmation Class	18 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Book Study via Zoom: <i>Not Your Parents Offering Plate</i> 7:00 pm AA	19 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Bible Class In Person (see page 11 for more details) 6:30 pm Bible Class in Person (see page 11 for more details)	20 9:00 am Preschool	21 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering	22	23 8:00 am - Noon - Fall Cleanup 
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November 2021

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 1 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm AA	2 Election Day 9:00 am Preschool	3 9:00 am Preschool	4 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering	5	6 GloryWay Concert 4:00 PM 	
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Mission Programs

We would like to share a little background on the organizations that benefit from the Layette Program. In this Newsletter we are sharing our relationship with the Sixteenth Street Clinic and La Causa.

Sixteenth Street Clinics

Sixteenth Street Clinics has proudly cared for the south side of Milwaukee and Waukesha for over 50 years. Through full-service bilingual clinics, a behavioral health clinic, a satellite geriatric clinic, and six in-school clinics, Sixteenth Street cares for nearly 43,000 primarily low-income, Latino or diverse individuals each year. Of those numbers, 81.5% enter prenatal classes and 94.6% of the babies born were at a healthy baby weight.

Our association with Sixteenth Street Clinic started almost a decade ago when one of the midwives came to speak to our United Methodist Women's group and expressed the need for our layettes. They used the layettes in the past as an incentive during their group prenatal care but they are not doing group care any longer. For the past five years Case Managers have given the layettes to women during the post-birth visits that all of their patients receive.

During COVID-19, they suspended home visits for a period of time, but still hand out layettes during clinic visits. Sixteenth Street has told us, "the layettes are wonderful and their patients are always appreciative when they receive one". The United Methodist Women also make a monetary donation at Christmas time.

If you would like to learn more about the Sixteenth Street Clinics, or would like to support them directly, visit their website: <https://sschc.org> or call: **Milwaukee:** (414) 672-1353, **Waukesha:** (262) 408-2530.



Packed for delivery to 16th Street Clinics

LaCausa Crisis Nursery & Respite Center

La Causa – Crisis Nursery & Respite Center division is the only state licensed center care of its kind in SE Wisconsin, for more than 29 years. La Causa is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide support to children from birth to 12 years old when family emergencies arise, such as homelessness, domestic violence, medical needs or more. They care for up to twelve children, up to 72 hours by providing children's basic needs; clothing, food and shelter, at no cost to the family.



Karl from LaCausa speaks to the group

The OCCUMC layettes used for the babies are sent home with them when they leave. La Causa deeply appreciates the layettes.

If you would like to learn more about La Causa, Inc. or would like to make a donation to the Crisis Nursery & Respite Care directly:

see their website: www.lacausa.org

or call: **Milwaukee:** (414) 647-8750

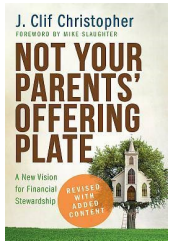
Pamphlets about La Causa are available in the rack in the Friendship Hall.

Opportunities

Adult Education Opportunities

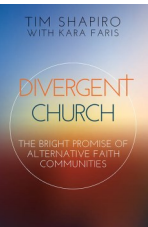
Please contact Pastor Wendee if you would like to join one or more of these discussions.

October 18th 6:30 pm: *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial*



Stewardship *J. Clif Christopher knows what people think as they pass the offering plate. "We give to lots of charities—I don't need to donate to the church." Chances are, many who sit in your congregation think the same thing. Christopher, a former pastor, has consulted with hundreds of churches helping them to discover that people don't give because we fail to capture their imagination with a compelling vision of the good their giving will achieve. In this book, he shows how to demonstrate the impact of financial gifts and offers realistic guidance on how to ask individuals to increase their giving. His instruction is a perfect read for pastors and stewardship teams.*

November 22nd 6:30 pm: *Divergent Church: The Bright Promise of Alternative Faith*



Communities New faith communities are appearing across the U.S.. Many of them bear little resemblance—on the surface—to 'church' in its conventional form. But looking a little deeper, there is continuity with the most deeply rooted practices of the Christian faith in community. What are those practices? What do these unconventional, alternative faith communities look like? How are they indicators of a hopeful new future for the church? And what can we learn from them? Authors Kara Brinkerhoff and Tim Shapiro spent

more than a year researching and exploring these questions, closely examining the life of a dozen alternative faith communities across the country. They go beyond analyzing current trends, to reveal how these communities will shape the church to come, while holding true to the essential practices of our gathered faith.

the above comments were compiled from the book jackets)

Christian Education Opportunities with NO preparation needed for these classes!

Just come as you are, or participate via zoom, and share in the conversation and learning!

More information will be made available in the Sunday morning worship programs.

- 1. Learn about the Bible itself on Tuesday, October 19, 2021—at 1:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.** We will explore the different kinds of literature, discuss the timeline of the writings, and most importantly how we can use this holy book of books in our daily spiritual lives.
- 2. Learn about the many different names for God found in the Bible and other resources on Tuesday, November 16, 2021—at 1:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.** We will share and discuss different scripture texts that lift up various names for God. We will wonder together how we connect or not connect with those names.
- 3. Four week Advent Study, *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, Tuesdays, starting on November 30, 2021, and going through December 21, 2021—at 1:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.** We will learn from a group of Wesleyan scholars about the Advent journey as John Wesley would have taught, practiced, and lived. We will use the disciplines works of piety and works of mercy to imagine and embody how God is calling us to share the Good News with others in our communities. This class will be taught by Rev. Wendee and Rev. Christal B.

Your Teams



Leadership / Finance Team Meetings

Meetings are on Mondays
at 6:30 pm via Zoom

- Monday, October 25, 2021
- **CHARGE CONFERENCE:**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 @ 10:00 AM
- Monday, Dec. 6, 2021



Trustees Team Meetings

Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm via Zoom

- Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021
- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021
- Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021



Marketing Team Meetings

Meetings are held on monthly basis
On Tuesdays at 1:00 pm via Zoom

- Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021
- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021
- Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021



Staff Parish Relations Team Meetings

Meetings are held once a quarter on
Mondays at 7:00 pm via Zoom

- Monday, October 11, 2021
- Monday, November 8, 2021

Many Thanks!

THE
CATHEDRAL
CENTER



Our church participates in the meal program at **The Cathedral Center**. Our goal is \$250 each month to serve about 60 people a warm, nutritious meal. We've just sent another \$505 check for July & August!

That brings the total donations for the year to \$2,465.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital program.

United Methodist Men



UM Men Magazine is an electronic quarterly publication of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. The magazine contains news of activities of UMM organizations around the world, opinion pieces, and feature articles. You are invited to view 54 pages of gratitude;

inspiration (28 stories from 28 locations about men in ministry); history (little known facts about John Wesley); and entertainment (three fun quizzes and entertaining screen characters you didn't know were Methodist). This is too good to keep to yourself; share it with friends.

Visit here: https://www.gcomm.org/files/uploads/UMMen_Fall21_2.pdf

Treasurer's Corner

	Month of <u>August 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	Income	25,023	
	Expenses	20,594	22,913
	Excess/(Shortfall)	<u>4,429</u>	
	<u>Fiscal 2021 YTD</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	Income	156,341	
	Expenses	175,567	189,182
	Excess/(Shortfall)	<u>(19,226)</u>	
<u>Apportionment</u>	Income	2,070	2,693
	YTD	16,513	21,544



2021 Contribution Update—Thru August, 2021

	2020	2021	Difference
<u>General</u>	153,040.46	144,659.95	(8,380.51)
<u>Apportionment</u>	5932.00	16,513.00	10,581.00



Electronic Giving to OCCUMC

Thank you to our members and friends who have been supporting our ministries through the five different ways of giving: offering plate during worship, dropped off at the church office, mailed in, EFT, and online through our website. The first three are pretty clear, but you may want to know more about **EFT** and **online** giving.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is set up by the Financial Secretary. You can request a form from the church office or finance@occumc.org. Contributions through EFT are made from your bank account the 1st or 15th of each month, or both, as you so choose. EFT giving can be changed or cancelled at any time by contacting the Financial Secretary, or submitting a new form.



Online Giving is managed by you from your bank account (ACH) or credit card (CC) by going to our website at occumc.org. Click Online Giving on the upper right, then Donate Now. Create a Profile if you like, or give as a guest. Creating a profile keeps a history of your giving for you to see, which means you don't need to enter your information each time you give and your envelope number will be assigned to your profile. Enter a \$ amount in General, Apportionment, UMCOR, or Miscellaneous. If you pick Miscellaneous you must tell us what you want to contribute to. This can be done as a one time or recurring donation. You may change or cancel recurring donations whenever you like.

Our EFT and online giving is done through Vanco Payment Solutions. There is a cost for us to use this service. We're happy to provide EFT, ACH and CC giving, as it makes it convenient for you to contribute. For those of you who have asked, the additional costs for each type of transaction are: Bank account cost: is \$0.45 plus 1%; MC or VISA cost: 2.75% plus \$0.45; American Express cost: 3.50 % plus \$0.45. You have the option to cover the costs of these transactions. There is a box you can check when you finalize your gift.

If you have any questions about these costs or your giving, contact our Financial Secretary, Bonnie C at finance@occumc.org.



Trustees Update

What Are The Trustees Doing?

Often, Trustees working on tasks in the background that others are unaware of. The following are a few of the tasks that have been or are being addressed since the last newsletter.

Grounds:

- Checking on lawn care costs.
- Getting bids for snow removal
- Replacing/adding outdoor lighting with LED lighting
- Optimizing our garbage/recycling pickup service



Building Exterior:

- Watching over the roof to prevent water damage due to storms with high winds
- Organizing exterior painting
- Replacing/adding outdoor roof lighting with LED lighting

Building Interior:

- Adjust cleaning service activities
- Fix leaking faucets and toilets
- Replace lighting as needed
- Keep in contact with the flooring installer to address issues as they come up
- Repair/replace/adjust sound system components such as mics.
- Maintain computer system and contact IT company when needed
- Organize periodic HVAC maintenance service
- Organize Elevator Maintenance/Inspection and conduct necessary repairs
- Conduct emergency/exit lighting inspections and replace faulty fixtures



Legal/Insurance/Budgeting:

- Keep on top of Boy Scouts class action suit as it unfolds
- Budget for next 2022's projects and regular expenses
- Keep in contact with the County regarding 13th Street 2023 expansion project
- Verifying Insurance coverage for different potential issues
- Work with internet service provider regarding costs and potential upgrades
- Look over Elevator maintenance contract

Summary:

There are other items as well that are addressed day to day. As you can see from the list above, many skills are needed on the Trustees and no one Trustee has them all. Think about where your skills might find a home with the Trustees. The Trustees are looking for new members to replace those that moved away or are rolling off this year.



If you would be interested in helping out as a trustee, please contact Doug C at dc_church@tds.net or Pastor Wendee at pastor@occumc.org.

Office Notes

Membership Records



We have received **87 of the 151** updated member information sheets from the mailing in mid-June. This mailing contained your family's membership information that we currently have on record. Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address, gotten rid of your landline, had a baby, gotten married ... ? Even if you have had none of these events in your life, we may still be missing some of your information. Please help us by reviewing the information, correcting and adding to that information, and even if there are no additions or corrections, please return it to the office. Or, you can email or call the office at office@occumc.org with that information.

Prayer Requests



If you have prayer requests or other office items please email them to office@occumc.org.

Compassionate Care - Send them a note!

You are invited to show your care for those members and friends of our congregation by contacting them via the phone and/or sending them cards. Please call the church office for our shut-in's contact information.

Have fun sharing God's grace with those who may feel like they need a good word! Thank you for caring!



List of our OCCUMC shut-ins:

Janice B	Jean B	Violet B	Gay D	Kim D	David H
Jeanne H	Jean J	Elaine L	Robert L	Diane P	Ginger P
Dorothy S	Eileen S	Gwen S	Pat S	Rod S	Rick Z

Mailings



We mail out information such as bulletins with prayer requests, newsletters, etc. to our members and friends who are not online. Please contact the office at 414-762-4600 or office@occumc.org if you, or someone you know, should be added to the list of those being mailed materials from the church.

Attendance



If you are viewing our worship service online, please click on attendance@occumc.org to help us keep track of our faith-family's weekly attendance. Type the names of all the people who viewed the service with you in the subject line and include the date (ex: Jane, John & Johnny Cass attended worship 5/16/21). This helps us with our annual reporting to the WI Conference. Attendance is used by some lenders to get our refinancing approved, which is done every 3-5 years.

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Mission Statement:

***Oak Creek Community
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is a Christian fellowship
whose mission is to
worship God, love and
serve all people, grow in
faith and invite others to
become disciples of
Jesus Christ.***

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No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.