

Oak Creek Community UMC Faith Connections for the 4th Sunday After the Epiphany
January 30, 2022

Prayer Requests

You are invited to pray for the following prayer requests:

- For our shut-ins and those who are in long-term care: Ginger A, Jean B, Jean B, Violet B, Gay D, Kim D, Joseph D, Jeanne H, David H, Kathy H, John H, Jean J, Elaine L, Robert L, Diane P, Eileen S, Gwen S, Pat S and Rick Z.
- For our three-church Confirmation class students, Fionna G, Sydney H, Izzy M, Connor P, Beau V, Conner M, Danny W, Addie C, Delaney C, and Kaylee P, and their teachers, Pastor Kelly F, Wendi H, Pastor Jerry C, Judie L, Allan L, and Pastor Wendee. This group has been meeting together to journey through confirmation via Zoom each Sunday since October. Please pray for God's leading as these young people search for their faith, beliefs, and trust.
- For Wendy B's mother who requires significant support, as she is no longer walking. We pray for God's healing for Wendy's mother and for strength for Wendy and her sister as they care for their mother in this difficult time of transition.
- For the people in the southeast of the US as they dig out of the recent snow and ice storms.
- For the people of eastern Europe, Ukraine, Russia, and the world, may diplomacy work in these times of great tension with the threat of military action. We pray for a political solution to help the countries and leaders address their needs.
- For our WI UMC Bishop Hee Soo Jung and the Cabinet as they discern pastoral appointments for, and with, congregations in our Annual Conference.
- For all those who are grieving losses in their lives, that they may experience God's love.
- Especially for those who suffer from anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses.
- For those who are homeless, that they find shelter during these winter months.
- For medical workers that they can weather this new outbreak and stay safe.
- Continued prayers for all those suffering from the effects of COVID.

Our Faith in Action, Announcements, and Opportunities to Service and Share God's Love:



In response to God's love, if you would like to support the ministries and mission here at OCCUMC and beyond, there are four ways you can give:
1-Electronic Funds Transfer, contact finance@occumc.org
2-Mail your offering to OCCUMC 8675 S 13th St, Oak Creek, WI 53154
3-Online using the Donate button on our church website at www.occumc.org
4-In-Person offering plate found in The Friendship Room outside the Sanctuary



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. You can join our services live at 9:00 am Sunday mornings or view past worship services at this link too.

Worship Service attendance records. If you are viewing this worship service online, 'like' us or leave a comment with the names of those watching with you and we will know you are there. You can also 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 1/2/22). Thank you.

Listen to the Weekly Recorded Sermon/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 1-414-253-0437, listen, and enjoy!



Prayer Requests If you have prayer requests or other office items, please email office@occumc.org. Thank you.

Prayer Shawls Available: A tangible gift of prayer from us to you, a loved one, or friend. We have a collection of quilted, crocheted and knitted prayer shawls crafted by members of the congregation, 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 on the table outside the Sanctuary. 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.



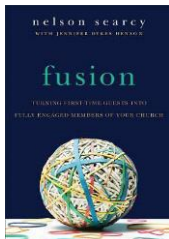
Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NO Preschool—6th Grade Sunday School until further notice

10:00 am Adult Sunday School in person & on Zoom

10:15 am Confirmation Class on Zoom



January 31st 6:30 pm, via Zoom: *Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church*

Fusion offers a step-by-step, biblically grounded, tested, and proven plan for establishing a relationship with newcomers that ultimately prompts them to become fully developing members of our churches. Engaging, informative, and immediately applicable, here is help for setting newcomers on the path toward true life transformation and spiritual maturity. Please contact Pastor Wendee to receive a copy of this book, or pick up a copy in the Friendship Room.



Bishop Jung's Convocation of Laity Leadership 2022

Online via Zoom, Saturday, February 12, 2022,

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

All are invited to join us in connecting with our Conference Lay Leadership. During the event we will:

- Inform everyone of connectional ministries within The United Methodist Church
- Provide spiritual guidance from the Bishop
- Encourage everyone to broaden their God given gifts and talents within their work of the church

Bishop Jung has asked all participants to have read John Wesley's sermon "The Unity of the Divine Being". Registration deadline is February 11, 2022 at noon. No cost to join the event but you need to be registered.

Sponsored by the Conference Board of Laity. For questions about the event, contact Ben Brancel at brancelangus@gmail.com.



Need a calendar?

There are some in the Friendship Room.

Take one home.



January Community Challenge from Going to Pieces (GTP)

COVID, homelessness, joblessness, etc., our quilt group sees a great need for reaching out into the community with funds from our November faire. On January 9th, the Going to Pieces (GTP) quilt group contributed \$250 dollars to a fund designated for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

GTP pledged an additional \$250 as a match, if \$250 more was donated by all the people of our congregation, individuals tuning in to the services, kids, and generally, anyone and everyone wanting to participate. This challenge has been met!



Of course, we aren't turning away any money exceeding our goal. No amount is too small, nor too big.

We have a bucket in the Narthex labeled *GTP Challenge* for you to donate in person. You can also give online or by mail.... just designate your contribution to "GTP Challenge". **The challenge will end on February 6th.**

Is God calling you to help in this way?

You've already sent in \$1,155!

We are so grateful for your donations.

So, with the \$250 match, and the original \$250, the total raised so far totals \$1,655.

We can do more!

Keep sending in your donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Every little bit helps!



Overflowing With Thanks

Senior Stockbox Distribution February 2nd from 8:30-11 am at the Franklin Senior Meal Program 9229 W. Loomis Rd., and every Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 am to Noon at St. Stephen's Church in Oak Creek.

Qualifications: 60+ years of age, a resident of WI, monthly income less than \$1,396 (1-person household) or \$1,888 (2-person household). You must bring your ID as proof of age. Paperwork will be filled out at each site by Hunger Task Force employees. All Stockboxes include cereal, milk, canned veggies and fruits, pasta or rice, protein, fruit juice, canned meats and 2 pounds of fresh Wisconsin cheese.

