

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church Faith Connections
for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 7th, 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, Barbara B, Jean B, Jean B, Gay D, Kim D, Joseph D, Jeanne H, Kathy H, John H, Jean J, Elaine L, Robert L, Diane P, Eileen S, Gwen S, Pat S and Rick Z
- For Carl S and his family during this time of uncertainty as his cancer has spread, and Carl and his family have decided he will not continue with chemo.
- In thanksgiving for our gardeners: Jan K, Janet P, Kathy B, Lois D & Shelly S who are taking such good care of our plants this summer.
- From Laurie for Ray who had knee replacement surgery this week, that his recovery goes smoothly.
- From Joan L & Lori in thanksgiving for 4-year-old Eleanor who is recovering from heart surgery. She has been taken off the breathing tube and has started physical therapy.
- From Shelly for Jerry R, a former member living in Sturgeon Bay, as he is awaiting biopsy results from surgery last week. Prayers for a negative result.
- From Joan L for Roger who is recovering from a fall and is now home.
- For those feeling lost and in need of mending relationships.
- For those, amid inflation, having to make difficult decisions on what to spend money on, and what to cut out.
- For those affected by storms, wildfires and the heat, that they are watched over by God and neighbors, and are keeping safe. Especially for those in the Philippines (earthquake recovery) and Kentucky (floods and rain). May they be surrounded by support and care as they care for the grieving, the injured, and those now needing to rebuild.
- For the people of Ukraine and other regions of the world where there is conflict, unrest or oppression. We pray that reconciliation will overcome hatred, peace will conquer war, and hope will replace despair.

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- Prayers for healing for all who need the compassionate and loving touch of God, whether they are recovering from COVID-19, an illness, surgery, loss of family &/or friends, or other tragedy; and those who suffer from anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses.
- May we all take our faith into the world each day and make a difference for God by sharing the love of Jesus Christ with each person we meet.

Announcements



This year's **Sunday School** will kick off on **Rally Day, September 11th**. Because we value having three or four teachers per class, there is the need for 15 to 20 teachers. Sunday School teacher training will be on September 1st, 6:30 p.m. at the church.

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Pastor Heidi.



There is an urgent need right here in our community for all blood types! OCCUMC is sponsoring a Versiti Blood Drive on **Wednesday, August 10th, from 2:00 – 6:30 pm.**

When you donate blood, you will save LOCAL lives. Every blood donation helps up to three patients with red blood cells, platelets and/or plasma. Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin is the only provider for the local hospitals in SE Wisconsin. It takes less than an hour to donate. Whole blood donors are eligible every 56 days and dual red donors 112 days.

Donors should sign up online for an appointment at <https://bit.ly/ocmethodist8> or call: 877-232-4376. Walk-ins may be welcome.

Stay hydrated! Donate and receive a Versiti water bottle and sticker sheet, while supplies last. Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

OCCUMC welcomes Marcya Daneille as a guest singer on August 28th during the 9:00 am worship service. Marcya is a classically trained vocalist, & pianist, specializing in jazz, soul, and gospel music. We will have beverages & pastries to follow in the Fellowship Hall after the service where Marcya will join us. All are welcome.

Would you like to help others enjoy our weekly worship services? We are looking for additional Liturgist/Worship Hosts. What is needed for this ministry? Someone who is friendly and able to speak clearly. You will help the congregation follow along with the worship program and read the scriptures. As you feel led to do so, you are also welcomed to write and read the Prayers for One Voice. If you are interested, please contact the office or Pastor Heidi.



Welcoming Ministries We are also looking for additional members to help in our worship welcoming ministries at OCCUMC. Greeters & Ushers are the first persons who welcome people into our community on Sunday. If you would like to find out more about how you can help in these ministries, please contact Dale T (DaleT251160@hotmail.com) It won't take a lot of time on your part, but you will reap the benefits and maybe get to know a few new people.



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER midwestmission.org Our Midwest Mission Team of 12 will be leaving Sunday, August 21st to spend several days sorting, counting, putting together kits, making desks, and more. You can help by keeping us and those we serve in your prayers. You can also help by donating items or money for supplies. Please place items in the Midwest Mission Bin in the Friendship Room and we will take them with us when we go. Monetary donations can be included with your offering, made on our website: occumc.org, or their website: midwestmission.org.



MIDWEST MISSION is in URGENT need of:

- Liquid Laundry Soap: any size
- Liquid Dish Soap: any size
- Rulers (12" long with metric)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- Scissors (student size)
- Monetary Donations to buy kit items in bulk

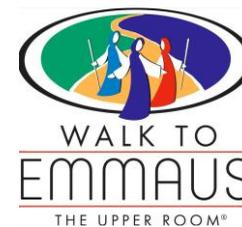
Tabitha Circle is collecting \$ through August 14th for School Supplies for United Methodist Children's Services. Your donation will go toward the purchase of gift cards that will help the families living in UMCS Supportive Housing buy the supplies they need as they return to school. You can include your donation with your offering. Clearly note how much you want to go to School Supplies. You can also give online at occumc.org, pick Miscellaneous and enter School Supplies. Thank you for your help with this vital mission.



United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) is there when a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts.

While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis. **"Early in and last out" is a guiding principle of UMCOR.** This basic understanding – that disaster response is local – forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response efforts.

Please be there for survivors by including your donation with your regular offering, noting in the memo line of your check the amount you want donated to UMCOR; or by giving online @ occumc.org, pick Miscellaneous, and enter UMCOR (you may choose Where Most Needed, or a specific disaster like Flood Relief, Tornado Relief, Wildfire Relief, Ukraine etc.).



**Women's Walk October 20-23; Men's Walk October 27-30
Camp Lake Lucerne**

The walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.

Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Heidi or Jonathan Loomis.



UMW Retreat Planning Overnight reservation deadline is September 1st. We are meeting at Lake Lucerne Camp September 17th – 18th to plan our 2023 Women's Retreat. The theme is *Baskets Full of Blessings*. For the one-night lodging, the cost is \$35 with a shared occupied room, and \$70 for a single occupied room. Please let Bonnie C (262-895-2644 or cc32drc@tds.net) know if you would like to join us, so we can give the camp a final count.



September 8th – 11th Fall Relaxation Retreat Finding Harmony – How music helps us to find peace, and bring us closer to God.

Join us for our 2nd Annual Fall Relaxation Retreat! Enjoy a time away with as much or as little activity as you need. This year's activities include: Yoga, Drums, Tea, Forest Bathing, Hiking, Swim, Fish, Boat, Crafts, Chocolate Meditation, Gratitude, Prayer Labyrinth, Scavenger Hunt, Sound Immersion, Christian Music, and more!

What to bring: Journal or Notebook and Pen, Yoga Mat, and or blanket (Sound Immersion is 90 minutes and worth every second. We will be lying down). Percussion instrument if you have one, (we are bringing lots). Favorite Christian song to share. A favorite tea if you'd like to share (a variety will be provided). Rain activity or craft. Christian Video if you have one you'd love to share on a rainy day. IF you want to fish, you'll need to purchase a license prior to camp. We will have experienced anglers on hand to help you, and provide gear and bait, and even help you clean the fish so you can bring a meal home!

To register, go to <http://wiumcamps.campbrainregistration.com>



We have a new Preschool Director for 2022-23! Stephanie Paszkiewicz has worked with children/teenagers in both the classroom and behavioral health settings over the past 20 years. She grew up in Oak Creek, and is a big Wisconsin sports fan, who enjoys traveling and kayaking. She is married and just had her first child, Noah, in May. She is excited to be here at OCCUMC Preschool.

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 Sanctuary near the center doors at the back of church.



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.

