

**Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church Faith Connections
for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 2nd, 2022**

Prayer Requests

- As a praying church family, we are called to hold one another in prayer. This week we invite you to hold in prayer these randomly selected members and ministries: the Siepert Families, Gay D, and our Leadership Team.
 - For all those in Florida as they recover from Hurricane Ian. We've been informed that Rev. Christal B is safe and at a friend's home.
 - For Lois D as she is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
 - From Debbie S for her friend Mary, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer.
 - For Jerry R, a former member, who is fighting cancer.
 - From Joan L for Craig who is recovering from knee surgery.
 - From Merrilee M for her friend Cherie who has just been diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer.
 - From Joan L for Dee who has fallen twice, that she is healed.
 - From Jan K for a friend who is working through smoking cessation.
 - From Janet P for Clarence W who faces spinal surgery.
 - From Keith & Judi I for Shelly who has colon issues and for Katie for severe eye pain.
 - For Pastor Heidi's brother Jason and their family. Jason has suffered from severe health issues for several years and has been in the hospital for three weeks trying to heal from another infection.
 - For those affected by recent storms and hurricanes, that they are watched over by God and neighbors, and are keeping safe. 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.
 - 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.
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Opportunities for Service



Altar Choir is back - Join our Music Ministry! No audition necessary! Bring a friend! Altar Choir Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We welcome EVERYONE who loves to sing!!! Bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Swodzinski at 414-801-1940, or speak with her after Sunday worship services.



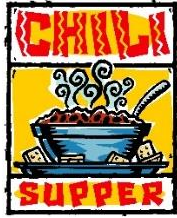
Small Inspirations If you should walk around the north side of the church, or sit in the meditation area, you may find a small inspiration item. There have been small painted stones with little messages on them to, hopefully, lift your spirits or spur you to think. If you find one that “speaks to you”, please feel free to take it along with you. You can keep it, or pass it along to another person. OR leave it along your journey in life, where maybe someone else in need of a good word could find it.

**GTP (Going to Pieces) Quilt Group Fall Vendor Event
Saturday, October 15th; 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Fountain Banquet Hall, 8505 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant**

60+ Vendors for your shopping pleasure including our very own GTP group with a lot of new and exciting fall items. Get a head start on your Holiday Shopping and help OCCUMC. All profits from GTP sales are donated back to the church for special projects. In the past we have helped purchase lighting for the parking lot, new furniture for the Narthex, and library blinds and décor.



After getting your goodies in Sturtevant head over to Franksville for the **Raymond Community Church's Family Fall Festival**. Located at 8217 W 6 Mile Road, the festival offers a pancake breakfast from 9:00-11:00 am with bands, food trucks, a market, and games for all ages from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.



3rd Annual United Methodist Children's Services Chili Fest & Community Resource Fair, Friday, October 14th, 4:00 to 6:00 pm
 3910 W. Lisbon Ave - Chili Cooks, Chili Eaters, and Event Volunteers Needed. This event will include Washington Park area community resource vendors, a chili cook-off challenge, and free chili to all our guests!

If you, or others you know, are interested in volunteering, attending, or cooking a chili, please contact Tara at 414-509-1055.

Pilgrimage - The Wonders of Ancient Israel: Christian Heritage

Rev. Christal Bindrich is excited to lead a tour to Israel, March 2 - March 11, 2024. There is an optional three-day extension to Jordan. Limited spots available. She would like you to join her. If you are interested in learning more, please contact her at christalbindrich@gmail.com or (414) 640-6278.



There will be a Memorial Service for former pastor Carol Miller, October 22nd at 11:00 am here at OCCUMC.

We are looking for someone or two to lead this ministry. If you are interested, we have the information from the last giving tree to share with you. Please call Jane in the office or email office@occumc.org.



A member of our congregation needs help with snow removable from their ramp and driveway this winter. It will need to be done on a flexible schedule, but is required on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays due to medical appointments. If you can help, please call Kathy Z at 414-762-2418 or the office.



In response to God's love, you may support the ministries and mission of OCCUMC and beyond by giving:

In-Person: place your offering in the blue boxes

Online: www.occumc.org

Mail: OCCUMC 8675 S 13th St, Oak Creek, WI 53154

Electronic Funds Transfer: contact finance@occumc.org



Watch our worship services on our Facebook page. No need for a Facebook account; go to occumc.org and click on the Facebook link. Join our services live at 9:00 am Sunday's and/or view past worship services. Please, 'like' us or leave a comment so we know this ministry is beneficial.

Listen to the Weekly Recorded Sermon/Worship Service Via Your Phone! All you need to do is call (414) 253-0437, listen, and enjoy!



Connect/Share/Prayer Cards are located on the back of the sanctuary chairs. Please place completed cards in the blue boxes. If you're worshipping virtually please email your information/request to office@occumc.org.



We are using the hanging file folders again to put any information for you in them. If you have requested a printed copy of the newsletter, please check for it there. If your family doesn't have a folder please let Jane know (office@occumc.org or 414-762-4600).

Did you notice the large bulleting board we've placed above the folder baskets? If you would like something posted there, please contact Jane in the office. We will try to keep this updated weekly.