

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church Faith Connections
March 26th, 2023 5th Sunday in Lent

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: Alan & Diane L, and our Youth.
 - From Joan L: For Jake, a 19-year-old, who was injured in an industrial accident.
 - From Judi & Keith I: For Judi's cousin Ron & Karen S. Karen's Dad passed away.
 - From Jenny & Eric vH: Eric's Mom, Nancy, needs prayers for her physical and emotional health.
 - From Dona S: For Joan A who had non-invasive surgery this past Friday to repair her mitral valve.
 - From Jillian I: Prayers for Randy who is dealing with a recurring bleeding ulcer.
 - From Judy & Frank E: Daughter Laurie had knee surgery and is in a lot of pain.
 - From Jane L: For her friend Melanie's husband who has been diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer. More doctor visits to come to figure out a treatment.
 - For all who are suffering late winter flu, cold, COVID, and RSV.
 - For peace in Ukraine.
 - If you need time to be apart from others and be alone with God during the week, and struggle to find that space in your daily setting, remember the Sunny Nook is open and available during office hours. May you find this area to be a sacred space for peace and prayer.
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Opportunities for Service



Every Wednesday in March from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Library we have an opportunity to share ideas and thoughts from worship, dig a bit deeper into our scripture for the week, and enjoy Christian fellowship and conversation. There is little preparation needed. Small group worksheets are available in the Friendship Room or can be mailed/emailed by contacting the office. There is no sign-up, please come as you are able.



FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE 2023!!
The "Going To Pieces Fiber Artists" (GTP) asked for you to match their donation, and you have been generous!!



To date, you have donated **\$1,959** for the Oak Creek Salvation Army Food Pantry. GTP will contribute \$1,000. The total SO FAR, is \$2,959! **Let's not stop there!** The need is so great now, that every dollar is needed. We will continue the challenge until Easter Sunday.

Envelopes labeled "Food Pantry Challenge" are next to the blue boxes in the sanctuary. You can include money for this worthy cause with your weekly offering, but remember you must specify the amount for the "Going to Pieces" (**Note: change**). You can also donate online with your offering, again please remember to indicate "Going to Pieces".



April Showers Hygiene Supply Drive to support United Methodist Children's Services - Through the month of April, we will be collecting personal hygiene items for UMCS. Please consider taking a raindrop from the umbrella display in the Friendship Room and purchasing some of UMCS's most needed supplies: shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, and feminine hygiene products. Items can be returned in the box beneath the umbrella through the end of April.



Oak Creek Community Preschool is looking for a preschool teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Join our small, morning only, preschool program! Plan and implement age appropriate activities for preschoolers with special programs throughout the year. Positively interact with families at drop-off and pick-up, and at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Work with no more than twenty 3 - 5-year olds, and two other teachers per day from September through May, and enjoy your summers off! If interested, please contact Stephanie at occpreschool@gmail.com for more information.



Many thanks to Janelle W for her baking expertise last Sunday. The cookies were beautiful and tasted great!! Due to her generosity, we raised \$135 for our Good Samaritan Fund.

Oak Creek Community Preschool

Open Registration for the 2023-24 school year has begun. Tour the Preschool. Meet the Teachers. By appointment. Call 414-762-6900 or e-mail occpreschool@gmail.com We offer 2, 3, or 4-day programs. Monday–Thursday 9:00 am – 11:30 am. There are only a few openings left.

preschool registration



Wednesday, April 5th, from 2:00 – 6:30 pm there will be a Versiti Blood Drive in Doyle Hall. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted. Please call 877-232-4376 or register online at

https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/258188

Holy Week Schedule: April 2nd — April 9th
Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00 am
Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:00 pm in Doyle Hall
Good Friday Worship at 6:00 pm
Easter Sunday at 9:00 am



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 Sundays 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/Prayer & Praise 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.



The large bulletin board above the hanging file baskets is updated weekly with items of interest. If you would like something posted there, please contact Jane in the office.

Please check your hanging file folder weekly. There may be something of interest in it. If your family doesn't have a folder please let Jane know (office@occumc.org or 414-762-4600).

If you need a name badge, please contact Jane in the office.



Don't forget to pick up the March-April 2023 edition of *The Upper Room* which is available in both regular type and large type. It is located in the literature rack in the Friendship Room. If you find this publication useful, please let us know.