

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church Faith Connections  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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***Prayer & Praise***

- 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: students, teachers & staff as the school year comes to a close and all travelers this Memorial Day weekend.
- For Joan Alley's family as they prepare for her final service. Visitation will be held at Sunset Options on 904 East Rawson Avenue in Oak Creek on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Her Celebration of Life will follow at 1:00 pm at Sunset Options.
- From Joan L for her friends: Carol who fell and broke 3 ribs; Jan, whose Mom passed away last week; Marge, who fell & broke her ankle; Bob, who is in the hospital with many health issues; for Dorothy as she recovers from pneumonia; for cousins Bill & Julie as they are both fighting cancer.
- For Elaine L as she fell and has other health concerns.
- For Joanne M as she had surgery on her broken arm and is back in rehab for another week or so.
- Begin holding our Youth Mission team in prayer as they prepare for a June mission trip: Abby, Andrew, Brynn, Alex, Susan, Pastor Heidi.
- From Cherie & Keith S for their friend Andy that his spinal surgery is successful so he regains use of his legs.
- From Keith & Judi I: For Cinthia who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and for Leann who is having issues with her cancer treatment; for Judi who is experiencing walking issues.
- From Jen S for her friends Joey and Barb as they endure cancer treatments.
- For Carole L as she is experiencing knee pain.
- For peace in Ukraine.



**Opportunities for Service**



**2023 Annual Conference Ingathering Collection** is underway and will again include items designated for Midwest Mission. Lists are available in the Friendship Room and online at [occumc.org](http://occumc.org), scroll past the weekly bulletin. If you do not wish to collect items, you may donate to cover the cost of a kit by including \$15 (Personal Dignity Kit) or \$20 (Home Care Kit) with your weekly church offering. Please note "Ingathering" on your donation, or donate online at [occumc.org](http://occumc.org) in the "Other" section of giving.



Do you know of someone who is graduating from college, high school, or middle school? Would you like us to honor them at worship in June? Send a note to Jane ([office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org))

**We are looking for volunteers to help us with our summer Music Ministry!** If you like to sing &/or play an instrument and would like to share this gift during worship, please contact Shelly S at 414-801-1940, or speak with her after Sunday worship services.



**The OCCUMC gardens are awake!** If you'd like to help purchase the flowers that adorn the church flower beds and pots, please drop your loose change, or any donation in the box in the Friendship Room. Thanks to your donations, we'll all be able to enjoy beautiful gardens once again this year!

St. Croix Hospice in Oak Creek is looking for a variety of volunteers to assist in writing to patients, assisting in making bereavement calls, tuck-in calls, administrative office tasks/projects, etc. There is a flyer on the bulletin Board in the Friendship Room with more information.



June 4<sup>th</sup> is Peace with Justice Sunday. Donations support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Half of the funds collected on this Special Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to strengthen social justice ministries within the local conference. There is an envelope in the bulletin for your consideration.

## Spring Cleaning? United Methodist Children's Services Needs Winter Gear!



Now that winter is (hopefully) behind us, UMCS has a need for refilling their winter gear bins for next winter! Though there is no longer a clothing bank, they do distribute hats and mittens/gloves as well as new or gently used jackets, coats and snowsuits in good condition. They need men's, women's, and children's items in all sizes. You can drop donations off between 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at the UMCS front desk: 3940 W Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee.

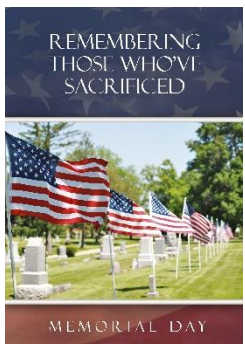


We have been sending a team to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL every year since the facility opened in 2000 (except 2020.) We keep going back because

we are doing God's work and we have so much fun. Plus, we get to use power tools!

This year we are scheduled to be in Illinois the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. You can come for a few days or all five. There are jobs for every skill level from sitting at a table counting items to making desks. Come with a friend or make a new one as you work together on a wide variety of projects. Cost is \$6 per 1/2 day for materials, \$25 per night double occupancy & \$25 processing fee double occupancy. Meals are on your own. We eat breakfast & lunch in the dorm (there is a kitchen to prepare meals) and those who wish to, go out for dinner. Carpooling and scholarships are available. Don't delay if you want a bottom bunk in the dorm.

Contact Bonnie, [bonnieclement05@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieclement05@gmail.com) or 262-497-9969 for more details. **Registration deadline is August 1st.**



On Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>,  
fly your flag for those  
who gave their lives for us.

There will be memorial services  
to honor them  
throughout the county.

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“WE GAVE  
OUR TODAYS  
IN ORDER  
THAT YOU  
MIGHT  
HAVE YOUR  
TOMORROWS.”  
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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](http://www.occumc.org)

**Mail:** OCCUMC 8675 S 13<sup>th</sup> St, Oak Creek, WI 53154

**Electronic Funds Transfer:** contact [finance@occumc.org](mailto:finance@occumc.org)



**Watch our worship services on our Facebook page.** No need for a Facebook account; go to [occumc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@occumc.org) or 414-762-4600).

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



The May-June issue of *The Upper Room* is available in regular and large print in the literature rack in the Friendship Room.