

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
Faith Connections
September 8th, 2024



- 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: Joan K & Abby M and our SPRC Team.
- For Jen S and her sons for continued strength and love during this healing time.
- For The family of Gay Dahlmann, who passed away this past week.
- For Judy D, Ed K, Oliver C & Bonnie C as they recover from surgery.
- For our Preschool teachers and students as they begin their school year.
- For Keith I who is in Hospice Care.
- For Elaine L who is in the hospital.
- For our Cathedral Servers and food preparers.
- For Lucy Richter and her family. She was a long-term OCCUMC member who had two strokes over Labor Day weekend.
- For all Grandparents that they may continue to share their love for and with their Grandchildren.
- For all those affected by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and heat.
- For peace in the Ukraine and Israel.

From Bonnie C: *"I want to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers, and cards. I am so happy to have my shoulder surgery done and feel a little better each day. I am enjoying some days of resting and recuperating in my pjs. Physical therapy is keeping me busy. I miss everyone and can't wait to be with you all again."*

Opportunities for Service

September 10th is the next date for serving dinner at The Cathedral Center! We still need 2-3 workers. Look for the signup sheets in the Gathering Area. We leave church at 5:30 pm and return about 8:30 or 9:00 pm.



The menu consists of a hash brown casserole (recipe available) with salads, fruits, fresh veggies and more. Please refer to the signup sheet in the Gathering Area for more information.



We welcome donations to cover the cost of items not donated. You can include your donation with your regular offering by designating the amount you want donated to The Cathedral Center. You may also give online at occumc.org > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [The Cathedral Center](#).



Tuesday, September 10th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm the Science Café will present "Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business: Know What You Can Do to Save a Life" at Memorial UMC, 3450 South 52nd Street in Greenfield. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Register at is.gd/Sciencecafe.



If feels like we just got back from our 2024 Youth Mission Trip, and already we're looking ahead to the Summer of 2025. That's because youth mission is more than just going on a trip...it's also about planning and building the experience together. Please join us in the OCCUMC Youth Room on **Sunday, September 15th at 1:00 pm** if you are, or know of a youth, in Grades 6-12 who might be interested in our 2025 Mission Trip. No commitment is required at this time, but we will start looking at ideas. Questions? Contact Alex at arc_332@att.net.



September 15th is New Member Sunday! Please plan to attend worship to welcome our new members. Stay after for a bonus Coffee Bistro.



Next week we begin our 2024-25 **Sunday School**. We still need **teachers, co-teachers and substitutes** for all grade levels. If you have interest in serving in this role, please let Jillian Imoehl know as soon as possible at jkimoehl@gmail.com.



There's a Place for You!

A 15-minute **All Church Hospitality Training** will be after worship on Sunday, **September 15th**.

Q: Who is charged with hospitality at OCCUMC? A: Everyone!

Q: How many volunteers do we need to offer hospitality on Sunday morning? A: 5 - 8

Q: Which volunteer position is right for you?

A: Come and learn more at this training.

As a faith community, everyone's time is valuable and needed. Please take 15 minutes to join us for the essential training.



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It's not too late to register your 3-5-year-old at **Oak Creek Community Preschool**. You can make an appointment to tour the Preschool and meet the teachers. We offer 2, 3, or 4-day programs, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Call 414-762-6900 or e-mail occpreschool@gmail.com.



Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am

Facebook: facebook.com/occumc (Live)

YouTube: [@OCCUMCyoutube](https://youtube.com/OCCUMCyoutube) (Recorded)

Please, ['like' us or leave a comment](#) so we know this ministry is beneficial.



We love all the children and welcome them in worship! But if parents/grandparents need care support, we have a staffed Nursery available during service for ages 0 - 4. There are also activity bags available in the gathering area.



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.



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

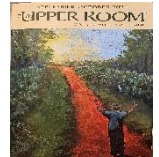
In-Person: place your offering in the blue boxes

Online: www.occumc.org

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

Electronic Funds Transfer: contact finance@occumc.org

The **September October** issue of *The Upper Room* is available in the literature rack in the Friendship Area.



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 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.