

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025



- 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: Jean B & Oliver C and our Worship in the Arts Team.
- From Janet P: For Luis & Suzanne who are seeking a new home, new jobs & sanctuary in Oak Creek.
- From Clinton P: For Albert, Michelle's Dad, and his family as he journeys through the final stages of life. For Robin, Michelle's step-father as he recovers from surgery and is battling cancer.
- For Merrilee M as she struggles to recover from double pneumonia.
- From Joan L: For Denise as she recovers from back surgery; For Melinda who is recovering from cancer surgery; For Dorothy who is in hospice care; For Roger as he deals with cancer.
- From Merrilee M: For her neighbor Rose V who has many health issues.
- From Linda B: For David C as he goes through a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of PRP shots for hamstring tendinopathy.
- Prayers for Rich I as he recovers from his shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for Pastor Heidi's Uncle Chris who suffered a collapsed lung, broken ribs, and a torn Achilles tendon after a tractor accident.
- For the women who will be participating in their retreat Friday through Sunday that they enjoy this respite and arrive home safely.
- For Pope Francis.

## Opportunities for Service



Oak Creek Community UMC is such a giving community. **Thank you** for contributing to the following fund raisers either through your contributions of items or money or just going out to eat:

Men's Group Chili/Soup Dinner Auction \$6,665  
Salvation Army Food Pantry \$4,430  
Cousins for our Preschool \$352.14



The Wisconsin Conference Mission Motivation Committee will begin collecting items for Midwest Mission on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This year the focus is on Personal Dignity and Home Care Kits. They will once again be collecting sewing machines, adult bikes, medical equipment, tools and sewing notions. We have a poster up on the bulletin board and in the Collection Center.



Don't throw away your CLEAN worn out, holey, single, any size, brand or fabric socks!! **Beginning Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, bring them in and place them in the basket marked Sock Ministry in the Collection Center. **Sarah Circle** and the UWF Wisconsin Conference are collecting these socks and sending them to TerraCycle®. Every shipment of socks sent in earns TerraCycle® points which convert to cash for Northcott Neighborhood House. Northcott hopes to use these funds to fulfill a long-held dream of adding a 24-hour daycare.



**Spring Clean Up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. We'll start the day with **breakfast at 8:00 am and work through noon**. You are welcome to join us for some of the time or all of the time, whatever works for you. We will have a variety of tasks available to complete ranging from easy, light work to some more demanding tasks. Please come and join us for some breakfast, fellowship and work.



Our thoughts are now turning to spring and summer. The church gardens are waking up and looking good. We have put our **garden collection box** out in the Gathering Area asking for any donations for the purchase of annual flowers to enhance our church grounds. The church gardeners thank you and are looking forward to a beautiful summer ahead.



Do you know of any families with 3-5 year old children? Oak Creek Community Preschool offers 2, 3, or 4-day programs, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 11:30 am. We offer a quality preschool. Contact our Preschool

Director Stephanie at [occpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:occpreschool@gmail.com) or 414-762-4600 to set up a tour.



Christ has Risen!! He has risen indeed! Worship and the Arts hopes everyone that attended all the holy week services. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday felt the mood of each service and the presence of Jesus. As busy as those eight days are, our team (Judy, Kathy, Liz, Lois) enjoy the opportunity and challenge to set the tone for these services with our decor in both the sanctuary and Doyle Hall.



**Let's grow something beautiful together!** We're putting together a team to help plan and plant native

vegetation to reduce the amount of lawn space. If you enjoy gardening, have a passion for the environment, or simply want to lend a hand beautifying our space, we'd love to have you involved! No experience necessary - just a willingness to dig in and help out!

To sign up or learn more, please contact Clinton ([clinton.peirce@kohls.com](mailto:clinton.peirce@kohls.com)) or sign up at the Connection Counter.



**Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am**  
Facebook: [facebook.com/occumc](https://www.facebook.com/occumc) (Live)  
YouTube: [@OCCUMCyoutube](https://www.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](mailto:office@occumc.org).



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

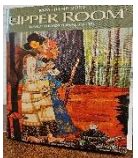
**In-Person:** place your offering in the blue boxes

**Online:** [www.occumc.org](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)

The **May-June** issue of *The Upper Room* is available in the literature rack in the Gathering 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](mailto:office@occumc.org) or 414-762-4600). If you need a name badge, please contact Jane in the office.