

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

## August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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### *Prayers & Praises*

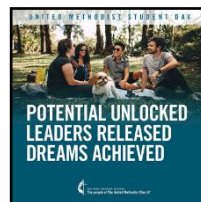
As a praying church family, we are called to hold one another in prayer. This week we invite you to hold in prayer these randomly selected members and ministries: Devin W & Tamra S and our Sunday School teachers.

- For Evander on his baptism and his family and Godparents as they support him.
- From Joan L: For Roger's family as he has passed away; For Doris' Family as she has passed away; For her sister-in-law Deb as she has a port put in and starts cancer treatments; For Deann as she deals with her flood damaged house.
- From Bonnie C: For her brother-in-law whose sinus surgery has been rescheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup>; Prayers are very much appreciated as they are the best gift. Thanks so much.
- From Shelly: For Nichole who had a double mastectomy.
- From Jane L: For my brother Jim who is back in the hospital.
- For all who are going through physical therapy after surgery that they continue to heal quickly.
- For all teachers, including our Preschool Teachers, who are getting ready for the new school year this week.
- For all affected by the flooding as they get their lives back together.



**Only a few more weeks to take Little Jesus on a summer excursion!** Take pictures and email them to [office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org).

### **Opportunities for Service**



Today, Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrate United Methodist Student Day. The purpose of this collection is to support students as they pursue their undergraduate & graduate degrees. 100% of funds collected goes to funding over 70 scholarships administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM).

You may include a donation with your regular offering by designating the amount you want donated to the United Methodist Student Fund, or by giving online ([occumc.org](http://occumc.org) > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [United Methodist Student Fund](#)).

Scholarship applications open in January. To be notified when applications open for 2026, sign up at [gbhem.org/scholarships/](http://gbhem.org/scholarships/)



**Want to hear more about our OCCUMC *From the Ground Up* effort?** Please join us after service **TODAY Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** to hear about our recent progress and to chat about how to tackle upcoming next steps. All are welcome! Thank you for all of the ideas and interest in this exciting effort.



**Metamorphosis September 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fall Relaxation Retreat weekend at Pine Lake Camp.** We'll focus on self-care, both physically, nutritionally, and mentally. Activities include yoga, hikes, meditation, tea time, water activities, Christian music, crafts, and a prayer labyrinth. You'll enjoy evening vespers at the campfire, plenty of free time, a gorgeous retreat center to stay in, meals cooked for you, and a connection to God's gift of relaxation given to us all, because he loves us. To register go to: <http://wiumcamps.campbrainregistration.com>  
For more information contact Bonnie Clement ([bonnieclement05@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieclement05@gmail.com) or 262-497-9969).



**September 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> @ Lake Lucerne UMC Camp, Neshkoro.** Everyone is invited for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work! Arrive Sunday evening and settle into your room in one of the cabins, then join us for dessert and our first evening together. We will share morning and

evening devotions. Meals will be eaten in the Lodge, starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with breakfast on Friday. Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins, to working at the waterfront, cutting down trees & brush, roof repairs, and laying new sidewalk!

Bonnie C is planning on attending this service opportunity. Lucerne is a place to appreciate God's creation. This is a drive-to camp with a cost of \$200, which includes lodging, meals, work supplies and a donation to the camp. **Registration deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Questions? Contact Gail Burgess (262-945-8578 or [hb53104@aol.com](mailto:hb53104@aol.com)); or Donna Kiefer (608-655-3097 or [momkiefer@juno.com](mailto:momkiefer@juno.com)).



United  
Women  
in Faith

**South East District Annual Fall Gathering**  
**United Women in Faith, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wauwatosa Avenue UMC**  
9:30-1:30 (lunch included)

Let's Gather in a Sisterhood of Grace.

2025 Theme: *Practicing Hope Together Learning, Singing, Worship, Lunch & Fellowship*

Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Cajiuat, pastor of West Allis First UMC

**Registration Fee: \$23.00 due by September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

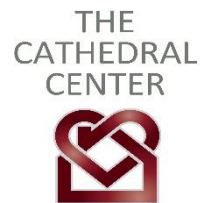
Registration Form is available at the Connection Center.

*Blue means faith, green means sisterhood, orange stands for action and yellow is the light of Christ. We are always in the light of Christ.*



**Oak Creek Community Preschool** is licensed by the State of Wisconsin, and offers 2, 3, or 4-day programs, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 11:30 am. Do you know of any families with 3-5-year-old children? We still have openings

in our preschool for the 2025-26 school year. Classes begin September 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact our Preschool Director Stephanie at [occpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:occpreschool@gmail.com) or 414-762-4600 to set up a tour.



### Cathedral Center Shelter Update:

We're pleased to share that we have successfully transitioned into a longer-term shelter solution while restoration work continues on our Emergency Shelter. This has allowed us to provide stable support for women and families without interruption. Repairs to our primary facility are still underway, and we remain committed to reopening as soon as it is safe and ready.

### The Current Priority Needs:

- Flexible Gift Cards – *Visa, Amazon and grocery store gift cards (Aldi, Metro Market, Walmart, etc.)*
- Financial Donations – *Your monetary support helps us respond quickly to unexpected challenges and assists with replacing essential household appliances, such as washers and dryers.*
- Fans & Dehumidifiers – *High demand continues for these items as families work to recover from water damage and improve living conditions.*
- New Bedding and Linens – *We need new pillows, bath towels, wash cloths, and hand towels.*
- Cleaning Supplies – *bleach, mold/mildew remover, and laundry detergent.*
- Small Household Appliances – *items like microwaves, air fryers, and coffee makers.*



There is a basket in the Donation Center for any of the above donations.

Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has also responded to our flooding. You may include a donation with your regular offering by designating the amount you want donated to The Cathedral Center, or by giving online ([occumc.org](http://occumc.org) > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [Cathedral Center](#)).



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Remember, 100% of your donation goes to the relief efforts.

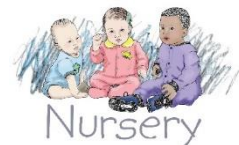


Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am

YouTube: [@OCCUMCyoutube](#)

Facebook: [facebook.com/occumc](#)

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



We love all the children and welcome them in worship! 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

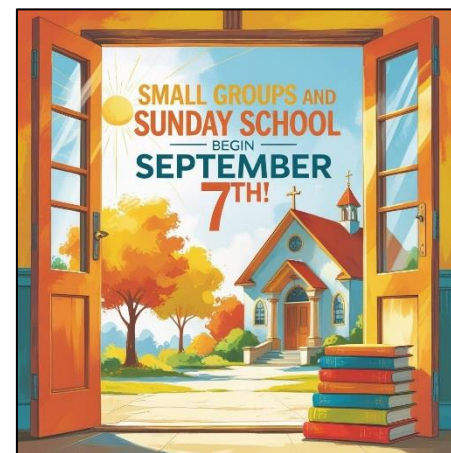
**Electronic Funds Transfer:** contact [finance@occumc.org](mailto:finance@occumc.org)

The **July-August** 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.



### THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>August 24, 2025</u>
9:00 am	Worship Evander's Baptism
<u>Monday</u>	<u>August 25, 2025</u>
7:00 pm	AA Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>August 26, 2025</u>
4:00 pm	Merry Mat Makers
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>August 27, 2025</u>
7:00 pm	AA Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>August 28, 2025</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>August 29, 2025</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>August 30, 2025</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>August 31, 2025</u>
9:00 am	Worship

*Pastor Heidi will be on vacation  
August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*If you have an urgent pastoral need please contact  
Rev. Christal Bindrich (414-640-6278) or the office.*