

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

## November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



As a praying church family, we are called to hold one another in prayer. *Please feel free to fill out a yellow card located on the back of the chairs and place it in the blue box* This week we invite you to hold in prayer these randomly selected members and ministries: our Homebound Members and our Leadership Team Members.

- From Linda B: For Dave C as he continues with health issues with hamstring tendinopathy; For Dan K who is in hospice waiting for God to call another angel home.
- From Chris S: For his sister Sue Niemi who passed away from stage 4 bladder cancer. Prayers for her family, especially her children and grandchildren as they grieve.
- For healing for Ed K as he broke a bone in his shoulder.
- From Joan L: Prayers of thankfulness for my sister-in-law Deb as her first week of radiation treatments have brought no ill effects.
- From Jillian I: For Randy who is having surgery to determine the next steps in his cancer treatment.
- From Rich I: For Tim K who is recovering from an ATV accident where his arm was shattered.
- For Cyndi Long and her family as she passed away on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- For all of those affected by food insecurities.
- For all who are experiencing mental health issues.

### **Opportunities for Service**



Have you brought in your 2026 Estimate of Giving Card? Be sure to pick your cutting board as thanks for returning the card before November 30<sup>th</sup>.



New Member Class **TODAY** at 10:15 am in the church library.



Going to Pieces quilt group and fiber artists will be selling items **TODAY** (Sunday) in the Gathering Area. Remember, 30% of profits will support the Salvation Army Food Bank.



On short notice y'all purchased 28 dozen egg rolls from ChristWay UMC in Milwaukee! Please pick up your orders after worship today at the Connection Center. Thank you for supporting their mission project in Laos.



We are collecting items for the Oak Creek Salvation Army Food Pantry. Please bring: **peanut butter, jelly, and canned meat** (like deviled ham, chicken, spam, corned beef, Vienna sausage, various kinds of fish, luncheon loaf). Please place donations in the Donation Center basket marked with the Salvation Army logo.



The finish line is swiftly approaching. Please prayerfully consider helping OCCUMC reach our annual goal of \$33,846. We need about \$10,000 to win this race.



The 2026 youth mission trip will be **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. This trip is open to youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the spring of 2026 through seniors who have graduated in the spring of 2026.

If you know of any youth who might be interested in this trip, please contact us at [arc\\_332@att.net](mailto:arc_332@att.net). Make sure to include the name of who will be participating and what grade each participant will complete in spring of 2026. In order to ensure we do not run out of spots, we are asking for a **commitment by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.



**Cookie Walk & Decorating Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Sign up by December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Please help fill our cookie tins for the homebound members of our church. Bring a plate of cookies to take part in the cookie walk, and extra cookies for the homebound. Decorate your own cookie, have hot chocolate, and sign the Christmas cards for the homebound.

Everyone that brings a plate of cookies will go home with a plate of cookies. If you bring more than one plate, you can leave with the number of plates you brought; each plate of cookies gives you one ticket for the walk. Please be sure to label all cookies by what type they are.



Brought to you by youth ministries. If you have questions please talk to Alex or Cheryl Clement-Reichling.



Our OCCUMC Annual Charge Conference will take place on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.



**The 2025 Christmas Giving Tree** is here! This year we are collecting for two organizations:

**Rooted & Rising - Washington Park:** Rooted & Rising always has a need for cold weather items for the families in their programs. They also have requested hygiene items and gift

cards (so that parents may choose gifts for their children themselves). OCCUMC is collecting new or gently used and cleaned winter coats, snow pants, fleece hoodies, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and winter boots. These tags are **RED**.

**The Cathedral Center** offers support to women and families in crisis. We are collecting specifically-requested items to support the families in their care. These tags are **GREEN**.

Follow the instructions on the information sheet by the tree. Please **return all items by 10:00 am, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. You may place them under/near the tree.



Stay After Worship to enjoy:

- **Sunday School** for our elementary kiddos (L5&7)
- **Bible Browsers** as we discuss Isaiah (L27)
- **Sacred Headlines** which discusses current headlines and how they connect with scripture (L28&30)
- **Coffee Bistro & Art by David** in Doyle Hall

**Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am**

YouTube: [@OCCUMCyoutube](#)

Please, 'like' us or open the chat to 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:** [finance@occumc.org](mailto:finance@occumc.org)

The **November-December** issue of *The Upper Room* is available in the literature rack in the Gathering Area.

We have extras this time, so feel free to share a copy with friends & family.

