

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
Welcome Home
January 4, 2026

**PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT*

No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.

Welcome & Opportunities for Service

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song**

Honor & Praise FWS #2018

Words & Music: Twila Paris; © 1996 Ariose Music / Mountain Spring Music

Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in the language that brings you closest to God.

Choir: Wasn't That a Mighty Day?

Traditional Spiritual; Arranged by Benjamin Harlan; © 1999 by Hal Leonard Corp

Soloist: Gina Vielleux

Pianist: Jeanne Cera

Scripture Ephesians 1:1-14 CEB

Greeting

¹ From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will. To the holy and faithful people in Christ Jesus in Ephesus. ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The believers' blessings

³ Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. ⁴ God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. ⁵ God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan ⁶ and to honor his glorious grace that he

has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. ⁷ We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, ⁸ which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. ⁹ God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. ¹⁰ This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. ¹¹ We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. ¹² We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. ¹³ You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. ¹⁴ The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

L: May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing & understanding of these words.

R: Thanks be to God.

***Song of Preparation**

We Three Kings UMH #254

Words & Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1857

Message: Into A New Year

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Opportunity to Give

***Closing Song**

There's A Song in the Air UMH #249

Words: Josiah G. Holland, 1874; Music: Karl P. Harrington, 1904



THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE

S M T W T F S

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 4, 2026</u>	COMMUNION
9:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Sunday School, Small Groups	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>January 5, 2026</u>	
7:00 pm	AA Meeting	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>January 6, 2026</u>	
2:00 pm	Merry Mat Makers	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>January 7, 2026</u>	
7:00 pm	Choir Practice	
7:00 pm	AA Meeting	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>January 8, 2026</u>	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>January 9, 2026</u>	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 10, 2026</u>	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 11, 2026</u>	
9:00 am	Worship	
10:00 am	Coffee Bistro	
10:15 am	Sunday School, Small Groups	
	365 Bible Group	
2:00 pm	Tabitha Circle	

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