

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

February 1st, 2026



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: Bonnie C & Joanne M and our Servant Leadership Team.

- From Jillian: For Randy who is had surgery on his liver to treat his cancer.
- From Cherie S: For her sister-in-law Lynne who suffered a stroke for her quick recovery.
- From Marty P: For Phyllis P who has been diagnosed with 2 types of cancer.
- From Sara H: For her stepdad as he has been diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer.
- From Bonnie: For Isaiah and Barb who are now home and recuperating.
- For Judi I who is recovering from illness.
- For Judie P who is recovering from knee replacement surgery at home.
- For Carol S & Rose V who need healing while recovering from long term illnesses.
- For all who are experiencing physical therapy and surgeries, that they recover swiftly.
- For all immigrants.

Opportunities for Service



Due to a shortage of salt, our snowplow company will be mixing salt and sand to use on our property. Please use extra caution as there is increased risk of ice forming and remaining on cold surfaces.



What's a great way to stay warm in these cold winter months? Enjoying a bowl of soup, of course! Stop by our table after worship on **February 8th** to pick up your very own handcrafted soup! All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip, which this year is going to our very own Lake Lucerne Camp. Don't forget to grab an extra one for a friend!



The Healing Power of Soul Stories will be presented from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm on **Saturday, February 7th** at Unity Church, 1717 N 73rd Wauwatosa. Rev. John Sumwalt will speak about mystical experiences including Angels, Visions, & Healing Dreams. He will be joined by *Six Minutes in Eternity* author, Philip Hasheider, and Jodi Blazek Gehr, Benedictine Oblate and Soul Collage Facilitator.

Registration: \$50 in advance, \$55 at door. Lunch will be provided.
REGISTER: wisconsinareaffiliates.regfox.com/john-sumwalt-020726



Can you survive the storm? Join us in an escape room at **60 to Escape** on **Sunday, March 15th** to see if you can solve the puzzles and riddles! All youth grades 6 through 12 (inclusive) are welcome, so bring a friend! The cost for this event is \$35 per person. We need to make a reservation, so contact Alex C-R at arc_332@att.net by **Sunday, February 8th**, if you are interested.



Our next fundraiser is at Cousins on Ryan Road in Franklin **February 15th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Thank you for helping our preschool by enjoying meals at Cousins. All funds earned with these fundraisers help support our preschool program.



Do you like to smile, talk with people, spread the word? Then consider being one of our volunteer greeters, ushers, &/or worship hosts. There is a description of these opportunities in the Hospitality Booklet on the counter in the Connection Center.



There is a chill in the air and someone may need a little comfort. Do you know of anyone who may be experiencing feelings of anxiety, loneliness, or uncertainty? A **prayer shawl** may provide comfort and warmth and remind them they are loved. If a prayer shawl is too big, a pocket shawl could provide the same feelings of reassurance.

Shawls are available in the basket in Gathering Area.



Tom Garnhart and Pastor Heidi will lead a program for adults who want to review the basics of our faith as United Methodists. Six sessions will be held **beginning on February 18th**. Join us Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30, or Thursday evenings 6:00-7:30.

Dinner will be provided on Thursday nights.

We will meet in in the Community Room (L28-30). Sign-up sheets are at the Connection Center.



As the new year begins, our **Oak Creek Community Preschool** has full and part time openings for 3-5-year-olds. Maybe your child reached age 3 recently, and you are looking for a quality preschool. Contact our Preschool Director

Stephanie at occpreschool@gmail.com or 414-762-4600 to set up a tour.



Add Your Voice!

The Altar Choir **rehearses in the sanctuary every Wednesday at 7:00 pm**. Rehearsals last until about 8:30. We welcome everyone from 9th grade to age 99. We sing all types of music and sometimes sing with other instruments and percussion. If you have any questions, please

contact Shelly after worship, or just come on Wednesday. We'll be in the Sanctuary. **We'll have music waiting for you! Bring a friend!**



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)



Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am

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



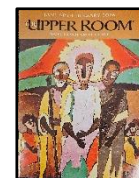
In response to God's love, you may support the ministries and mission of OCCUMC and beyond by giving:

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: finance@occumc.org



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