

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
February 22nd, 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: Lowell A & Jean B and our Worship in the Arts Team.

- Doug & Oliver's sister Diana F's husband, Rick is dealing with heart issues waiting to hear how doctors want to proceed.
- Lamar Franklin, the chair of the Northcott Neighborhood House Board of Directors, recently passed away last week. The funeral will be next Tuesday. Lamar has been a pillar at Northcott for all of its 60 plus years.
- From Ed K for Jan who is recovering from foot surgery
- From Jan K: For Ed, her faithful caregiver.
- For Laurie S-M who is awaiting test results
- From Shelly & Merrilee: For their Aunt Carol for continued healing.
- From Fred S: For his nephew John who has suffered a stroke.
- From Cherie S: For her sister-in-law Lynne who suffered a stroke, for her quick recovery.
- From Sara H: For her stepdad as he has been diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer.
- For peace in our world.
- For all who are experiencing depression.
- For all affected by wild fires and storms.

Opportunities for Service



The 5th Annual Salvation Army Food Pantry Challenge is underway. We challenge the congregation to match the initial \$1,300 (up from the Newsletter article) from The Going to Pieces Group & the United Women in Faith.

The collections run through Lent until Easter Sunday (April 5th). Please be sure to mark any contribution given for the Food Challenge. Online giving is available at: occumc.org > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [Other](#) > [Food Challenge](#). There are also envelopes near the blue giving boxes in the Sanctuary to put your monies in when you worship in person.



Tom Garnhart and Pastor Heidi are leading a program for adults who want to review the basics of our faith as United Methodists. You don't have to attend every session. Join us Wednesday morning, 10:00-11:30, or Thursday evening 6:00-7:30.

Dinner will be provided on Thursday nights. **The topic this week is Jesus of Nazareth.** We will meet in the Community Room (L28-30).



Come and join the **Volunteers in Mission** annual pilgrimage to Pine Lake, **May 10th - 15th**, as we get the camp cleaned up for the busy summer season.

Registration deadline is April 25th, with a deposit of \$50. Projects will include installing docks & piers, getting watercraft ready, cleaning cabins, and washing windows. There will probably be wood cutting, splitting, stacking, chipping & general ground clean-up. You are encouraged to come for a day or two if you can't stay for the whole week. VIM Trip details can be found at wisconsinumnc.org/volunteers-in-mission Questions? Contact Wes Hurlburt @ 608-783-2652 or weshurlburt@gmail.com; or Don Mevis @ 608-296-2827.

Join Bonnie, Joanne & Debbie for a free 2-day series of events on the **Biblical Teaching & Lectures with Biblical Scholar Amy-Jill Levine @ Oshkosh: First UMC** on April 21st & 22nd. Understanding Jesus & Paul through Jewish practice & belief; Jesus's' Parables as Jewish Stories, and more. program details can be found at <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/event-detail/19598593?month=4&year=2026&day=1&display=m>

Donations needed for the Men's Group Auction on March 28th. You may bring them to the office or drop them off on Sunday before/after worship. **What can you contribute to the auction?** Here are a few ideas:



Basket ideas: Game day, fine dining, book lovers, grill master, local sampler basket, super fan, diy, coffee, camping, dog lovers, etc.

Experiences: museum/concert/fair tickets (professional teams have already been contacted), vacation rental, weekend getaway, private lesson, guided nature walk.

Personal Services: photography, gardening/weeding, child care, sewing.

For more information or questions, contact: Clinton (cmjdpeirce@gmail.com)



Stay After Worship to enjoy:

- Coffee Bistro in Doyle Hall
- 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.



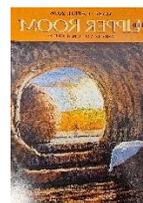
In response to God's love, you may support the ministries and mission of OCCUMC and beyond by giving:

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