

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

Welcome Home

March 8th, 2026



**PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT*

*No matter where you are on your faith journey,
you are always welcome at OCCUMC
and, most importantly, at God's Table.*

Welcome & Opportunities for Service

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song

God of Grace and God of Glory UMH #577

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, used by permission of Elinor Fosdick Downs; Music: John Hughes, 1907

Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

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

Choir: *Face the Cross*

Words & Music: Ruth Elaine Schram & Scott Schra; ©2003 by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

Scripture

Isaiah 58:3-9 MSG

³⁻⁵ *"Well, here's why: "The bottom line on your 'fast days' is profit. You drive your employees much too hard. You fast, but at the same time you bicker and fight. You fast, but you swing a mean fist. The kind of fasting you do won't get your prayers off the ground. Do you think this is the kind of fast day I'm after: A day to show off humility? To put on a pious long face and parade around solemnly in black? Do you call that fasting, a fast day that I, God, would like?"*

⁶⁻⁹ *"This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,*

being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'

Matthew 6:16-18 CEB

¹⁶ *"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*
¹⁷ *But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,*
¹⁸ *that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

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

R: Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

Sanctuary FWS #2164

Words & Music: John Thompson & Randy Scruggs; © 1982 Whole Armor Music, Admin. By The Kruger Organization

3x – Women, Men, All

Message:

Holy Habits: Fasting

Opportunity to Give

*Closing Song

Take My Life and Let it Be UMH #399

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1873; Music: Louis J. F. Hérolde, 1839; Arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday March 8, 2026

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Coffee Bistro
10:15 am Sunday School, Small Groups,
365 Bible Group
2:00 pm Tabitha Circle

Monday March 9, 2026

9:30 am GTP Meeting
6:00 pm 365 Bible via Zoom
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday March 10, 2026

1:00 am UWF Program at West Allis UMC
2:00 pm Merry Mat Makers
6:30 pm Trustees Team Meeting

Wednesday March 11, 2026

10:00 am Lent Small Group
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday March 12, 2026

6:00 pm Lent Small Group
6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting

Friday March 13, 2026

Saturday March 14, 2026

Sunday March 15, 2026

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School, Small Groups,
4:15 pm See Spot Play

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

OCCUMC Staff:

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| Ministers | All Who Hear the Message |
| Appointed Clergy | Rev. Heidi L |
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| Nursery Care Support | Heather P |
| Office Administrator | Jane L |
| Organist | Todd A |
| Preschool Director | Stephanie P |

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Mission Statement: *Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church is a Christian fellowship whose mission is to: worship God, love and serve all people, grow in faith, and invite others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.*