

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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: All Women on International Women's Day & the Coffee Bistro Team.

- For the family of Jean Beffa who passed away.
- From Paula S: For cousin's son Josh who is on active duty in the middle east; and for all military and their families.
- From Joan K: Praise God! Her 5 1/2-month-old great granddaughter Millie is home from the hospital.
- From Joan L: For friend Roger who passed away from cancer; for his family as they travel to California for his funeral.
- From Michelle G: For her friend Mary, who lost a lifelong friend; for Mary's husband who had a major health scare, & her brother who needs brain surgery. Prayers for strength and healing for her and her family.
- For Pastor Heidi's mom Kathy who had a knee replacement this week.

**Opportunities for Service**



All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle TODAY at 2:00 pm at church. We will review the status of preparations for the Women's Retreat (*We Share the Joy of Jesus*) and work on several items for the retreat.

Bring a picture of your favorite way to *Share the Joy of Jesus*.



Food  
Pantry  
Challenge

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Salvation Army Food Pantry Challenge is underway.

The collection runs until Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>). Please be sure to mark any contribution given for the Food Challenge. Online giving is available at:

[occumc.org](http://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 *God the Spirit*.** We will meet in the Community Room (L28-30).



Saluting Our Scouts

**Next Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate Scout Sunday. All former & present Boy & Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniform shirt or a camp t-shirt to worship.

Please complete the interest form included in the bulletin.



Mother & Child Event



We need your pictures & articles on events you participated in since the last newsletter, and upcoming events. Please send them to Jane, [office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org).



Excitement is building and donations are already coming in for the **2026 Men's Group Auction on March 28th!**

If you'd like to contribute, simply bring your donation to the church office during office hours or drop it off at the Connection Center on Sunday.

**What could you donate?** Get creative! Here are a few ideas to spark inspiration:

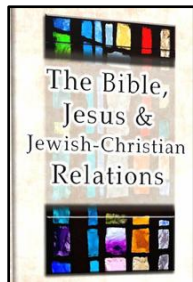
**Themed Gift Baskets:** Game Day Favorites, Fine Dining Night, Book Lover's Bundle, Grill Master Kit, Local Favorites Sampler, Super Fan Gear, DIY Crafter's Box, Coffee Enthusiast Collection, Camping Adventure Pack, Dog Lover's Basket, (and anything else you can dream up!)

**Memorable Experiences:** Museum, concert, or fair tickets, Vacation rental or weekend getaway, Private lessons (music, art, fitness, etc.), Guided nature walk or outdoor adventure

**Personal Services:** Photography session, Gardening or yard work, Child care, Sewing or mending

Every donation makes a difference and helps make this event a success. Thank you for your generosity and creativity!

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



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 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Understanding Jesus & Paul through Jewish practice & belief; Jesus's' Parables as Jewish Stories. More program details can be found at:

[adminfumc@firstumcoshkosh.org](mailto:adminfumc@firstumcoshkosh.org). Please call First UMC Oshkosh (920-235-8430) to let them know you plan to attend. Ask Bonnie about carpooling.



Stay After Worship to enjoy:

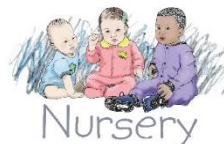
- Coffee Bistro
- Sunday School for our elementary kiddos (L5&7)
- Bible Browsers as we discuss Isaiah (L27)
- Sacred Headlines which discusses current headlines and how they connect with scripture (L28&30)



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