

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
April 5th, 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: Pastor Heidi and United Women in Faith.

- From Carrol F: For her Husband's brother who passed on. Prayers for his family.
- From Joan K: For Sharon who has had both knees replaced. Speedy recovery.
- For all who are experiencing health issues.
- From Cherie: For her friend Heather K and her baby boy who is in the NICU; For her sister-in-law Lynne S who is home now with 24-hour care and has a long road to recovery.
- From Lisa B: For Randy H as he undergoes open heart surgery.
- For David W as he recovers from a successful surgery.
- From Jane I: For my nephew Joe who is now on a feeding tube; for my landlord who is experiencing health issues.
- From Suzie M: For Melissa who has terminal cancer.
- For peace in our world.
- For all of the women and men serving in our armed forces.



THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Men's Soup/Chili Dinner & Auction. This year we raised over \$6,000!

Opportunities for Service



TODAY is the last day for you to match the \$1,500 Salvation Army Food Pantry Challenge

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.



United Women in Faith

The 6th Annual Social Action Day, is **Saturday, April 11th from 9:00 am – Noon.** A **Watch Party** sponsored by the OCCUMC United Women in Faith will be presented in our

Sanctuary. The program is open to anyone interested in the topics: *Responding in Love* and *Immigration in Wisconsin – Standing Up for Due Process.*

Registration deadline is April 6th. Forms are available at the Connection Counter or you may register online at: wisconsin-reg.brtapp.comUWinfaithsocialactionday2026. If you have any questions please contact: Diane Lindsay 414-510-9342 or dianelindsay54@gmail.com.



Open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year has begun. Oak Creek Community Preschool offers 2, 3, or 4-day programs, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 11:30 am. We offer a quality preschool, licensed by the State of Wisconsin. To set up a tour contact our Preschool Director

Stephanie at occpreschool@gmail.com or 414-762-4600



The *April-May Newsletter* is available online at occumc.org. If you've requested a printed copy, please check your hanging file. There are also extra copies at the Connection Center.



April 14th is the next date for serving dinner at **The Cathedral Center!** We need six workers. Look for the signup sheets on the counter in the Connection Center. We leave church at 5:30 pm and return about 8:30 or 9:00 pm.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering and food needs are on the counter in the Connection Center. This month's main dish is a Hasbrow Casserole and the recipe is also on the Connections Center counter. Questions? Contact Joanne (414-817-2914) or Diane (414-405-0153).

If you aren't able to help serve or donate food items, donations are also welcome. You can include your donation with your regular offering by designating the amount you want donated to The Cathedral Center. You may also give online occumc.org > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [The Cathedral Center](#).



The Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal Area will offer **Safe Sanctuaries®** training on **Saturday, April 25th, from 9:00 am to Noon via Zoom**. Safe Sanctuaries® allows our sanctuaries, classrooms, mission encounters, camps, retreats, and all spaces where we gather to worship and serve God to be

places of trust.

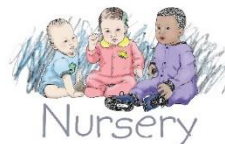
To register on line: <https://bit.ly/4bof:x9> Cost is \$15 and includes the required background check. Attendance for all three class hours and a background check must be passed before the completion certificate is issued.

Transparency meets trivia! The Servant Leadership Team is sharing *Financial Fun Facts* throughout the year.

- * **Financial Fun Fact #1:** \$14,000 - total spent on snow removal between mid-December & mid-February.
- * **Financial Fun Fact #2:** \$321.00 – amount saved on electricity* for the parsonage after the new roof & windows were installed. (*compared to same 4 month period in prior year.)
- * **Financial Fun Fact #3:** \$1,343 – amount spent on church garbage & recycling services in 2025.



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.