

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Our Hearts  
go out to...

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: Lois & Steve D and our choir accompanists.

- From Joan L: For her friend Dorothy who had a stroke ,that she recovers quickly.
- From Shelly & Merrilee: For their Aunt Carol who is experiencing health issues.
- For Carrol F as she awaits test results.
- For Jan K who is having hip surgery on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- From Joan K: For Sharon who has had both knees replaced. Speedy recovery.
- For Oliver C as his asthma is acting up.
- From Bonnie C: For brother-in-law Rick & Diana as they continue to navigate through this time of doctor appoints, tests, surgery & recovery.
- For all who are experiencing health issues.
- From Cherie: For her friend Heather K and her baby boy Karter who is in the NICU; For her sister-in-law Lynne S who has a long recovery road ahead of her; For Jackie S as she is awaiting biopsy results.
- From Lisa B: Continued prayers for Randy H as he recovers from open heart surgery.
- For David W as he recovers from a successful surgery.
- 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.
- For all affected by all the rain we've had this month.

## Opportunities for Service



Today is Native American Ministries Sunday. Contributions honor Indigenous peoples, support native congregations, and fund scholarships for Native American seminary students.

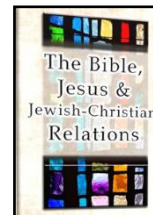
Envelopes are located by the blue boxes. You may add a donation with your regular offering by noting the amount for Native American Ministry, or give online at [occumc.org](http://occumc.org) > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [Other \(Native American Ministry\)](#).



The church gardens are waking up! We have put our **garden collection box** out in the Gathering Area. Contributions are used to purchase annual flowers to enhance our church grounds. The church gardeners thank you.



**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](mailto:occpreschool@gmail.com) or 414-762-4600



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' Parables as Jewish Stories.

More program details can be found at: [adminfumc@firstumcoshkosh.org](http://adminfumc@firstumcoshkosh.org). Please call First UMC Oshkosh (920-235-8430) to let them know you plan to attend. Ask Bonnie or Debbie about carpooling.



We are planning to fill as many of the 222 bags made by GTP as we can with needed student school supplies. As part of the Ingathering collection, we encourage you to donate the needed school supplies (the list of supplies is in the *Newsletter*) by **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. On that day at **2:00 pm**, everyone is invited to help fill up the bags. A basket is located in the Donation Center for the school supplies.

## Ways you can SERVE

We have **spring & summer openings** to fill for our Sunday mornings Hospitality Ministries that are easy and won't take a lot of time. Please consider signing up at the Connection Center, or email the office ([office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org)) and let Jane know when you can help out.



*I offer a profound thanks to each of the 24 who participated in the Lenten studies that Pastor Heidi and I led. I'm glad to know each of you a bit better. You helped my faith grow! As a scholar, I know a lot about religious stuff. But growing one's faith happens when*

*we listen to others.*

Rev. Dr. Thomas O. Garnhart

I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:  
Your sons will prophesy also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. (Acts 2:17-18)



**Have you ever wondered what to do with an extra Bible you no longer use?** Many individuals have Bibles sitting on shelves that are no longer used but are still in great shape. If you are willing to donate a Bible to help place God's Word directly into the hands of someone who deeply needs it, Midwest Mission will take it. Please place the Bible in the basket in the Donation Center and we will send it to the Ingathering in June.



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](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.