

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

April 26th, 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: all Men in our congregation and The Cathedral Center volunteers.

- For Lillian B who is in the hospital, for a speedy recovery.
- 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 as she recovers from surgery.
- From Bonnie C: For brother-in-law Rick as his surgery went well and will be home soon; For Diana as she continues to navigate through this time of recovery.
- From Cherie: For Jackie S as she is awaiting biopsy results.
- For peace.
- For all of the women and men serving in our armed forces.
- For all affected by flooding.

Opportunities for Service



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) and let Jane know when you can help out. **We have many openings in April.**



Have you ever wondered what to do with an extra Bible you no longer use? Recently, *Midwest Mission* received a meaningful request from their partner *Food For The Poor...* to provide 6,000 Bibles for a prison ministry in Jamaica. Now, they need our help to meet it. Many of us have unused Bibles in good condition that could make a profound impact by placing God's Word directly into the hands of those who need it most.

During a 2023 visit to Jamaica, *Midwest Mission* saw firsthand how deeply prison ministries supported by *Food for The Poor* care for both the physical and spiritual needs of those they serve. These Bibles will offer prisoners the opportunity to encounter hope, redemption, and true freedom beyond prison walls. They will also ship alongside disaster relief supplies—including rice, soy blessing bags, and home care kits—as Jamaica continues to rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Melissa.



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 or 414-762-4600



Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th**. We'll start the day with **breakfast at 8:00 am and work through noon**. You are welcome to join us for some of the time or all of the time, whatever works for you. We will have a variety of tasks available ranging from easy, light work to some more demanding tasks. Please come and join us for some breakfast, fellowship and work.



Ingathering 2026 – Let's Help Fill the Truck!

The WI Conference Mission Motivation Committee is again collecting items for Midwest Mission at WI Annual Conference.

We are collecting a number of things for Ingathering during May:

- Any items from the Midwest Mission *Kit & Project* Brochure (found at the Collection Center and at midwestmission.org/kits) These include personal dignity kit items, cleaning supplies, medical equipment, tools, & sewing machines in good working order, emergency fire equipment and gear, bikes, handmade items and much more.
- New school supplies - Tabitha Circle is making Student Kits (see Kit & Project Brochures).
- Used school supplies in good condition (see flyer at collection center - keep separate from the new supplies if you can)
- Bibles in good condition

Donations need to be at church by May 31st.



Tabitha Circle is Collecting NEW School Supplies for Ingathering

The Going to Pieces Fiber Artists have made 222 one-handed bags used for Midwest Mission Student Kits. Wow! As part of the Ingathering collection, we encourage you to donate these school supplies. Join us at our meeting on **Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 pm** when we'll put together as many Student Kits as we can.



Stay After Worship to enjoy:

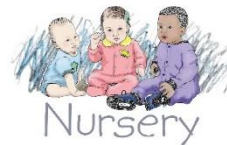
- **Coffee Bistro** in Doyle Hall
- **Sunday School** for our elementary kiddos (L5&7)
- **Bible Browsers** as we discuss Isaiah (L27)
- **Sacred Headlines** which discusses current headlines and how they connect with scripture (L28&30)



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