

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

## May 17<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: Kathy Z & Gerry Z and our Finance Team.

- From Cherie: Continued prayers for Craig H as he recovers from brain surgery.
- From Carole L: For her brother David as he leaves Mayo Clinic after 3 months & is moving to a new group home.
- From Marty P: For his nephew Andrew P who was hit by a car & suffered broken bones, and for his wife & children as he recovers.
- For all experiencing health issues, undergoing physical therapy, awaiting test results, and their families.
- From Merrilee M: For her neighbor Rose who is experiencing a long-term illness.
- From Jim W: For his grandsons who are being deployed to the Middle East, that they are protected by God's loving arms.
- From Joan L: For her friend Dorothy who had a stroke, that she recovers quickly; For Tina who fell & broke bones in her ankle.
- For Carol F who is undergoing cancer treatment. Prayers for insurance being agreeable to coverage of treatment plan.
- For Lillian B as she recovers from a heart attack.
- For all of the women and men serving in our armed forces.
- For an end to violence in our cities.

Thank you  
VOLUNTEERS!

## Opportunities for Service



During our current sermon series on *Prayer*, the kneeling rail will be open in the SE corner of the sanctuary. If you sense a need to kneel before God, reflect, or spend a few quiet moments in prayer, you are warmly invited to come forward and make use of this space as you feel comfortable, whether before, during, or after worship.



**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm** stop at the Oak Creek Cousins' on Ryan Road. Enjoy lunch while helping our preschool raise funds for programs.

**Join Tabitha Circle in Doyle Hall TODAY, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** when we'll fill as many Student Kits as we can. Going to Pieces Fiber Artists made 222 one-handed bags for Midwest Mission Student Kits and you donated supplies. After they are filled, the kits will be transported to the Ingathering and sent to Midwest Mission.



We have **spring & summer openings** to fill for our Sunday mornings Hospitality Ministries. These opportunities are easy ways to support the church. 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.



Our garden perennials are waking up! To help supplement these, we purchase annuals each year. There is a **garden collection box** in the Gathering Area for any contributions you might have which we will use to purchase the annual flowers. Thank you.



Believe it or not our next newsletter will be coming out at the end of May. What I'm hoping to get from y'all are articles & pictures of events that have occurred since the last newsletter and upcoming events.

### Ongoing Collections



Through May 31st

Please bring all your donations to the **Donation Center** and they will be transported to the Ingathering at the Annual Conference.

- Any items from the Midwest Mission Kit & Project brochure (found at the Donation Center and at [midwestmission.org/kits](http://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 brochure).
- **Used school supplies** in good condition (see flyer at Donation Center - keep separate from the new supplies if you can).
- **Bibles** in good condition.



*Soles for Jesus* ([solesforjesus.org](http://solesforjesus.org)), a Milwaukee based ministry, that seeks to meet the physical & spiritual needs of people in Africa. Bring **new or gently used "walking shoes"**, i.e. **sneakers or athletic shoes** (not sandals, flip flops or heels) to the **Donation Center**.



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).



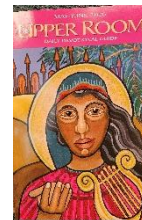
In response to God's love, you may support the ministries and mission of OCCUMC and beyond by giving:

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