

# Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

## August 16<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: Norm & Joan L and our From the Ground Up Team.

- From Cherie S: For my friend's son Corey C, an over the road trucker, who was attacked, robbed and beat up at a truck stop.
- From Shelly S: Glen Klotz, longtime choir director at Oak Creek Schools, passed away 8-12.
- From Ed & Barb K: Please pray for our grandson Mac as he recovers from a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> brain/spinal cord surgery. Also, please pray for dear friend Debbie who has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is having a difficult time with chemotherapy.
- From Donna W: For Linda W and her family as she enters hospice for her cancer.
- From Jan K: For Ed as they await test results.
- From Jillian I: For Randy as he has been moved to assisted living.
- From Joan L: For Jayne who is recovering from heart surgery; For great granddaughter Embyrlyn as she awaits solutions from her doctor for her medical issues.
- For all who are experiencing the fallout from the tornadoes, wildfires, flooding, extreme heat, and the earthquakes.
- For all experiencing health issues, undergoing physical therapy, awaiting test results, and their families.
- For all of the women and men serving in our armed forces.
- For all travelers so they arrive at their destinations safely.
- For Jane L that her sinus surgery goes well.

## Opportunities for Service

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Today, August 16<sup>th</sup>, after worship, stop in Doyle Hall for an open and honest discussion about working together to promote peace and justice.

One of the Servant Leadership Team's 2026 goals is to develop a church response to current social justice issues. As Methodists, we are part of a church that has a long and active tradition of seeking justice for all people. We are called to use our voice and our privilege to speak out and act against racism, war, and other forms of injustice.

Our goal is to identify a few ways in which we can work together for a more just community.



Wednesday, August 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00<sup>PM</sup>  
Froemming Park  
8801 S. 51<sup>st</sup> St, Franklin

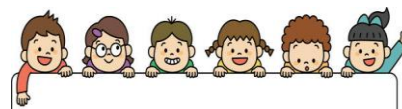
BEVERAGE PROVIDED



Homecoming Picnic

**Church Picnic Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm** for all current and former OCCUMC families and friends. Enjoy food & beverages provided by our Men's Group. Please bring a desert to share.

If so inclined, we'll head over to the Milwaukee Milkmen Baseball Game at Franklin Field at 6:00 pm.



We've compiled a list of supplies and equipment our Preschool needs for the upcoming school year. They will be expanding their program to include a Large Motor Activity Room. Please look over the posters in the Friendship Area and help us out. And bring any items in by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!



Please note that the Office will be closed **Wednesday & Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. Any bulletin or Connections items must be in to Jane by Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks much.

Office hours will resume on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.



Our Sunday Hospitality Ministries need you! We have **many openings in August through the end of the year**. These opportunities are easy ways to support OCCUMC. 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.



**Spread the word** among your family and friends that enrollment for the 2026-27 school year at Oak Creek Community Preschool is open. OCCP is licensed by the State of Wisconsin and offers 2, 3, or 4-day programs, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 11:30 am. To set up a tour, contact our

Preschool Director Stephanie at [occpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:occpreschool@gmail.com)



**Constructive Conversations: Connecting across Religious Differences August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, 7512 S Howell Ave, Oak Creek.** Come explore

the lived religious experiences of your fellow community members in structured, constructive conversation. This fun, interactive workshop hosted by the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Urban Rural Action will introduce the ABCs of Constructive Conversation and then facilitate paired discussions on different religious perspectives. You're guaranteed to sharpen your active listening skills by learning something new about the rich religious backgrounds in our community.

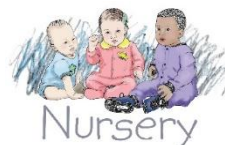
A vegetarian lunch will be prepared for all participants by volunteers from the Sikh community starting at 2:00 pm. The workshop will begin at 2:30 pm. Register at [interfaithconference.org](http://interfaithconference.org)



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

The **July 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>** listing for the 365 Bible Group is available at the Connection Center and online at [occumc.org](http://occumc.org).



If you have any pastoral concerns while Pastor Heidi is away, please call the office during office hours (9:00 – Noon, Monday – Thursday). Outside of those hours, Rev. Christal Bindrich is available at 414-640-6278.