

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

September 13th, 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 those on the Relaxation Retreat and our Men's Group.

- For all those mourning the losses on 9/11 and beyond.
- From Lois D: For my friend Nancy as she starts chemo and plans for a possible transplant.
- From Cherie S: For my friend's son Corey C, who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing & pain relief.
- From Michelle G: For my friend Lori's husband who suffered a stroke; For my friend Pat whose husband passed away.
- From Ed & Barb K: Please continue to pray for our friend Debbie and her husband Geoff as they navigate her lymphoma diagnosis and chemotherapy regimen.
- From Jan K: For cousin Steve who was in a bike crash. He has a long recovery ahead.
- From Jane L: For my son-in-law's Uncle Shawn who lost his battle with sepsis over the weekend.
- From Bonnie C: Prayers of joy as Diana F family has welcomed a wee little one on 9-10!
- From Jillian I: For Randy as he has been moved to assisted living.
- For Judie P that she has a successful surgery on September 17th.
- For all who are experiencing the fallout from the tornadoes, wildfires, flooding, extreme heat, hurricanes 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.



Have you finished your 365 Bible readings? The final group meeting will be **TODAY, September 13th at 10:00 am**. Please come and share your thoughts as we conclude this year long event. Even if you haven't come to a group meeting before, or only came to a few, come to this one and share your thoughts.



The OCCUMC Youth Group will meet **TODAY, Sunday, September 13th at 5:00 pm**. We welcome anyone in grades 6 through 12 (inclusive). You do not need to be a member of any church to join. We meet twice monthly in the Youth Room (L5&7) for faith-building discussion, fellowship outings, and service to others. We are always ready to welcome newcomers!



Nope, this isn't a mistake. Going to Pieces is meeting on **Monday, September 14th at 9:00 am** to plan for the November craft fair. We will also be discussing our 2027 mission projects. **All are welcome.** Do you sew, quilt, knit, crochet, build, and/or create other fiber artists crafts? Then we hope you will come. . . and of course we will "Show and Tell" our crafting projects.



Monday, September 14th at 6:00 pm the United Women in Faith will meet in Doyle Hall. This is a planning session where ideas for the April 23rd – 25th Women's Retreat will be discussed. Bring your ideas for a theme, devotions, workshops, and decorations to this meeting. **All women are welcome.**



We need your pictures & articles on events you participated in since the last newsletter (August-September), and upcoming events through the end of the year. Please send them to Jane ASAP this week (office@occumc.org)!



Did you enjoy the music during service today? Would you like to join in the joy this ministry brings to us each week? Then come to choir practice **Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Rehearsal tends to run until 8:30 pm.

We welcome everyone from 9th grade to age 99 who can sing or play an instrument. We sing all types of music from traditional to contemporary. No audition necessary!

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly after worship. Otherwise, just come on Wednesday. We'll be in the Sanctuary. **We'll have music waiting for you! Bring a friend!**



Tabitha Circle will meet on **Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 am** in Doyle Hall. Book club will not meet this month. We will have a **speaker from Hunger Task Force** talk about what they do to support the community. **All are invited to join us.**



For the next 2 weeks (9/13-27) the United Woman in Faith will be collecting new or gently used "walking shoes", i.e. sandals, sneakers or athletic shoes (not heels) for *Soles for Jesus*. We collected 44 pairs of shoes last spring and hope to collect that many or more during the next two weeks. This time we are also accepting sandals. Bring what you can to the **Donation Center**.



OCCUMC's Men's Group next meeting is on **Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 am** in the Community Room (L28-30). We are a small group who meet to discuss life, our relationship with God, and plan events that everyone can be a part of.

If you have any questions, reach out to Clinton P, Eric v H, Jim W, Doug C, Dexter P, Dale T, Brian v H, or Marty P. Or, just come to our next meeting, we'd love to see you.



Our first Children's Sunday School class will be next week, September 20th during the second half of the worship service.

Children will be in the sanctuary for the start of our service. Following the scripture reading, all children will join the Sunday School teachers in the downstairs classroom for a lesson revolving around the scripture reading from that week. Communion Sundays will be a non-Sunday School day because of the importance of taking part in Communion.



Do you enjoy teaching youngsters about our faith? If so, contact Jillian Imoehl (jkimoehl@gmail.com). We still need a few volunteers to help teach. All lessons are planned, so there isn't extra 'work' for you. It will be a rewarding experience for you and the children.



Bible Browsers will meet after worship at 10:15 am downstairs in the Conference Room (L27) beginning **September 20th**. The first lesson will be from John Chapter 10.

Bible Browsers is open to all ages, but is mainly geared for adults. We are a Bible Study group. **ANYONE** can join regardless of how much knowledge you may have of the Bible... from "never read it" to "I know it well". Trust me, we **ALL** learn from the Study Group. Come and Join us!

WALK IN THE PARK SERIES

Sunday, September 20TH @ 11:00^{AM}
Petrified Springs Park
5555 7th St, Kenosha



BEVERAGE PROVIDED

This is the last 2026 walk in the park. We will carpool from church after worship. Let's hope for a sunny, not too hot day!

If you prefer to meet at the park, here are the directions:

Enter I-94 Ryan Rd (East to Chicago)
Travel East approx. 20 minutes,
Exit at Hwy E, Somers - exit #339
Left (East) on E, to Hwy 31 (Green Bay Rd.)
Left at the Light, approx. 1 mi.
Turn Right at 7th St or Junction A,
The Park is first right-hand turn
Follow the Park road to Shelter #4, picnic tables, bathrooms, & walking paths are directly across the street from the parking area.



Raymond Community Church in Franksville is hosting their Annual Family Fall Festival on **September 26th**. There will be music, food, a kid's area, crafters, vendors, a pie eating contest, raffles, a beer garden, etc.

Bring a nonperishable item to donate to the Union Grove Food Bank and receive a free soda or water.



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.



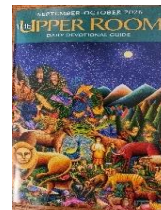
In response to God's love, you may support the ministries and mission of OCCUMC and beyond by giving:

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



The large bulletin board above the hanging file baskets is updated weekly with items of interest. If you would like something posted there, please contact Jane in the office.



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.