

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

September 27th, 2026



Our Hearts
go out to...

ministries: our United Women in Faith members.

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

- From Joanne M: For Carol, her youngest daughter's mother-in-law who is in the hospital. For Joanne who is awaiting test results.
- For Laurie S-M so that she is included in a new blood cancer trial in hopes of a cure.
- From Judi I: For Tracey who is recovering from a rattlesnake bite.
- 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 Joan L: For great granddaughter Embyrlyn (age 11) as she has brain surgery on the 22nd.
- 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 Pete S: For his friend Tom whose wife has passed away.
- 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.

Opportunities for Service



This is the last day to donate new or gently used "walking shoes", i.e. sandals, sneakers or athletic shoes (not heels) for *Soles for Jesus*. Bring what you can to the Donation Center.

Yenh Mikolajewski will be speaking during service explaining the Soles for Jesus ministry.
A pot luck will follow service today in Doyle Hall.



Our Children's Sunday School class will take place during the second half of our 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.



Bible Browsers will meet after worship at 10:15 am downstairs in the Conference Room (L27) **Today**.

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!



The leaves have already begun to turn! October is a perfect time to celebrate the changing of the seasons in God's beautiful creation with a cozy youth retreat to Pine Lake Camp. We'll leave OCCUMC at 9:00 am on 10/17 and return in the evening on 10/18. Youth in grades 6th through 12th are welcome to join us for Fall activities like pumpkin carving and nature walks. Please contact Alex C-R at arc_332@att.net by 10/7 if you have someone interested in going. The cost for this event is \$40 per person.





To welcome Pastor Heidi back from her leave, there will be a pot luck after worship in Doyle Hall on October 4th.



We're collecting Onesies for Midwest Mission! The mission team heading to MM on **October 18th** is collecting **0 – 6-month size** onesies (no camouflage patterns) once again this year. Last year we sent 216 onesies. We have 42 already. Let's see if we can beat that number this year.

Check out the collection area by the Connection Center to see all the cute onesies and keep up on how the count is coming along. Thank you!



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. No audition necessary! **We'll have music waiting for you! Bring a friend!**

We will be serving the dinner at The Cathedral Center on **Tuesday, October 13th**. This is our last service of the year. We **need extra help** for this one as some of our regular servers are not available. We leave church at 5:30 pm and return about 8:30 or 9:00 pm.



Sign-up sheets for volunteering and food needs are on the counter in the Connection Center. Any questions? Please contact Joanne M (414-817-2914).



Isn't it nice to have our Coffee Bistro back after the summer? It is the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month after worship. However, this doesn't happen without volunteers. There is a signup sheet at the Connection Counter. Questions? Contact Merrilee at merrileemahn@gmail.com.

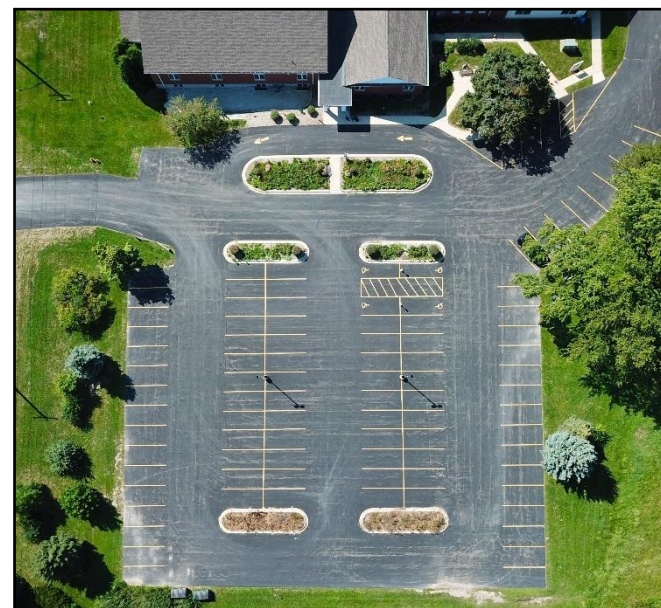
For many years the same group of women have been weeding all around the church, in addition to the six flower boulevards in the north parking lot. It was in 2019, when Pastor Wendee's plan to replace the current boulevard plants with new perennials, that these women were named "**The Blooming Gardeners**".

We have loved keeping the gardens looking nice but due to health conditions, life changing events, and lack of new gardening team members, the Blooming Gardeners have made the very difficult decision to disband.

We don't want to disband and leave the garden boulevards in the out-of-control state they are in, so we are in the process of planning ways to clean out the boulevards. These plans will minimize maintenance but there will still be a need for some weeding.

We will wait until next spring to do anything, so we invite you to take any of the plants from the boulevards from now until spring 2027, when we will share our plans.

If you have any questions or would consider taking over the gardening, please contact Kathy (kbefeller@yahoo.com), Lois (lsdillon@sbcglobal.net), or Shelly (shellyswodzinski@gmail.com).





Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am

YouTube: [@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.



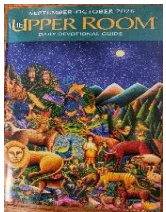
In response to God's love, you may support the ministries and mission of OCCUMC and beyond by giving:

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.