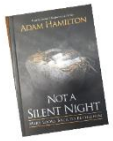
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
November 29th, 2026

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 traveling this Thanksgiving; for our Trustees.

- For Joanne M who has thyroid cancer and is recovering from surgery.
- From Patti W: For Mark W who had hip replacement surgery.
- From Jeanne C: For Uncle Jim who is undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma, which has returned.
- For all family pets experiencing health issues.

Opportunities for Service



Our Advent Book Study, *Not a Silent Night,* begins today and every Sunday through Dec 20th following worship. Please meet in the Community Room (L28).



Advent begins TODAY. *Christmas at Home* invites us into each Gospel's unique telling of the Christmas story and helps us rediscover the wonder, hope, joy, and love of Christmas.



Everyone is invited to come Caroling with the choir on **Saturday, December 5th**. We will be going to 3 assisted living places in Oak Creek and leaving church around 10:50 am, and returning by 1:15. Words to all of the songs will be provided. It's a great way to start off the season!

If you have questions, please contact Shelly at 414-801-1940.

Toy Shop Parents & caregivers in Milwaukee County are invited to register to receive toys for children in their care **ages 0-12 years old**. Registration is required. You will need your photo ID, proof of address & proof of age for each child. Check www.SAMilwaukee.org or call 414-464-2971.

Register online until November 29th @ www.SAMilwaukee.org
Register in person until December 4th on Wednesdays between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm at the Salvation Army Centennial Church & Community Center on Howell Avenue by Target.

The Toy Shop will be held in Oak Creek December 17th & 18th. Information will be emailed/mailed to all who are confirmed. Winter coats for all ages will also be available.



Do you enjoy puzzling or just socializing? Join us for our holiday puzzle social on **Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 – 4:30 pm**. We will meet in the Copy/Mail Room in the office wing. Beverages and cookies will be provided.



Our OCCUMC Annual Charge Conference will take place on **Sunday, December 6th** @ 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

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Apportionments support missions here in Wisconsin (UMC camps, Northcott Neighborhood House and Rooted & Rising Washington Park, and education and support of clergy through the Wisconsin conference). Additionally, our apportionment giving helps international programs like UMCOR, Africa University, and service missions worldwide.

Please help us meet our congregation's goal of $36,348. How close are we to our 2026 Apportionment goal of $36,348? Check the progress in the Gathering Area.



Blue Christmas Service will take place **Sunday, December 6th at 11:30 am,** lead by Cheryl C-R. Please join us downstairs in the Conference Room.



The Giving Tree still has a few tags on it. We are asking for all gifts to be returned by 10:00 am on Sunday, December 6th, so that they can be delivered in time for the organization's Christmas gathering later that week.

Rooted and Rising supports the Washington Park neighborhood by directly addressing poverty, housing instability, and food insecurity. Requested gifts include cold-weather outerwear, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, small kitchen appliances, and gift cards, all of which will be given directly to families in need.



December 13th Advent Bingo
December 20th Christmas Sweater Sunday
December 24th @ 5:00 pm Candlelight Service



All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle for our next meeting, **December 14th at 2:00 pm** for our Christmas party. **Bring a dozen or so cookies to share and a small, inexpensive gift to exchange**.

2027 Calendar



We've received our 2027 calendars. Feel free to take one home. They are at the Connection Counter.



As we prepare our church home for Christmas, we invite you to bring an ornament from home to add to our sanctuary tree! If your ornament has a fun, quirky, or meaningful story, we'd love to hear it. Email your story to office@occumc.org with the subject line **"Ornament Story."** We look forward to sharing your stories as we decorate together!



Gratitude Chain…Last week, Sarah Circle started a Gratitude Chain, which is now hanging in the Library. This Advent season, take a moment to stop by and add your own link of gratitude and thanksgiving. No matter what our lives look like, gratitude is something that connects us all. Let's see how long our chain can grow as we share the things we're thankful for!



Oak Creek Community UMC is a place where you can see how your Christian faith can change your life, and how, in turn, that can transform the world.

We have five expectations of our members: worship, study, serve, give, and share. These five essential practices are designed to become a part of the rhythm of life on your faith journey toward becoming a deeply committed Christian. We believe fulfilling these practices will change your life in powerful ways, bringing you meaning and joy.

If you're interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Heidi pastor@occumc.org.





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.



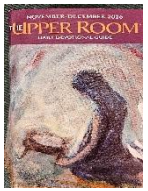
We love all the children and welcome them in worship! If parents/grandparents need care support, we have a **staffed Nursery available** during service for ages 0 - 4. There are also activity bags available in the gathering area.



Connect/Prayer & Praise Cards are located on the back of the sanctuary chairs. Please place completed cards in the blue boxes. If you're worshiping 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 **November-December** 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.