Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
November 8th, 2026



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: Abigail, Andrew, Laura & Izzy M and our Finance Team.

- From Jillian: For Randy who passed away on November 5th that he may finally know peace.
- From Joan K: For a peaceful passing for my sister Shirley in CA
- From Sandy T: For my dear friend Sister Ann John who will undergo extensive testing & scans to rule out bone cancer
- From Amanda K-S: For my father-in-law Doug Smith Sr who is in the ICU after suffering another stroke in FL.
- From Rebecca C: For the family of Cliff K who passed away from cancer.
- From Debbie K: For my cousin Noreen who was just diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.
- From Cherie S: For my friend Jennifer as she enters hospice. The cancer has taken over; For Justin S that his job hunt is successful.
- From Joan L: For my friends Errol; for Carol who is beginning dialysis.
- From Jane L: For my nephew Lee who has suffered a brain bleed and is still in the hospital.
- For Joanne M who has thyroid cancer and awaiting more information. For her daughter's mother-in-law who is in hospice.
- From Bonnie C: For Carolyn Gillette whose husband is having brain surgery.
- From Pastor Heidi: for my Mom Kathy as she begins radiation for breast cancer.
- For all veterans.

Opportunities for Service



Have an apple and hear about apportionments! Join us after service **TODAY, November 8th** to learn a bit about apportionments and to hear how close OCCUMC is to meeting our goal for the year. Instead of a Coffee Bistro that morning, we will feature a build-your-own caramel apple bar. Bring your questions and your appetite!



All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle **TODAY, November 8th** at 2:00 pm. We will have our Thank offering program and continue planning the April Women's Retreat.



It's time to start looking at options for our 2027 Youth Mission Trip in June! Join us **TODAY, November 8th, at 5:00 pm.** Youth in grades 6 through 12 who might be interested in going, are invited to attend. This meeting may be conducted via Zoom, so contact Alex at arc_332@att.net for ils. We look forward to seeing you!



The Giving Tree is ready. This year, we are again working with **Rooted and Rising--Washington Park**. 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.

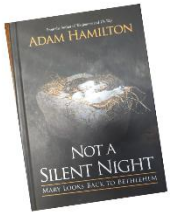
Rooted and Rising supports the Washington Park neighborhood by directly addressing poverty, housing instability, and food insecurity. Requested gifts include cold-weather outerwear, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, small kitchen appliances, and gift cards, all of which will be given directly to families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



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



All women are invited to join Sarah Circle on **Thursday, November 19th**. Book Club will meet at 9:30 am. The Circle meets at 10:00 am and will focus on gratitude, and participation the World Thanks Offering service.



An **Advent Book Study *(Not a Silent Night)*** will take place Sunday's following worship (November 29th, December 6th, 13th & 20th) in the Community Room (L28). Please sign up at the Connection Center. The book for this study is $15. If you are able to help offset the cost, please place a donation in a blue box. The Kindle version on Amazon is $10.



Pictures & articles are needed for events you participated in since the last newsletter (October-November), and upcoming events through the end of the year. Please send them to Jane this week (office@occumc.org)!



Last week's congregation survey results: Of the 37 respondents, 70% chose 5:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.





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.



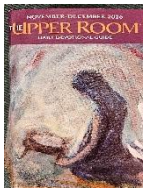
We love all the children and welcome them in worship! If parents/grandparents need care support, we have a **staffed Nursery available** during service for ages 0 - 4. There are also activity bags available in the gathering area.



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.

Going To Pieces



Saturday, November 21st

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Oak Creek Community Center

(on Howell north of the 9th grade building)

Come & see our new creations

We support OCCUMC projects

and community needs with our sales.

For the 3rd year, the OCCUMC Men's Group is providing Thanksgiving meal boxes to families needing extra support this season.

Boxes will include the following:
10 lb turkey for a 4-person meal or a turkey roll for 1-2 person meal, potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, cream of mushroom soup, and a pie.

Meals are limited, so please sign up ASAP.
To signup please contact the church by November 14th:
414-762-4600 or office@occumc.org

Boxes must be picked up at Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church on the corner of South 13th & Puetz
Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 - Noon.