



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

# Newsletter

June - July 2024



## *Oh, the Places You'll Go*

Sometimes we forget that all the wonderful Biblical stories of healings, teachings, miracles, and love take place against a backdrop of many of our favorite summer destinations: mountains, lakes, beaches, plains, rivers, and so much more.

Summer is a time when many of us step out of the day-to-day routines for some renewal and recharge. Sometimes a change in scenery can bring a much needed change in perspective. Whether it's the rhythm of waves crashing on the shoreline, sitting in the shadow of a mountain, or feeling the breeze roll off the fields at a ball game or a family reunion, being in another location plays a unique role in renewing our souls.

As you travel this summer, I want to provide you a prayer to take with you. Go ahead and cut/rip this prayer off the page, put it in your wallet or on your dashboard, and remember to reflect on the gift of your location this summer. No matter where you go, God goes with you. Let us give thanks!

May the God of peace bless your summer,  
*Pastor Heidi*



## A Prayer for the Places I Go

**Lord, in my work and play I know your goodness and love. Bless me with joy as I am in this place. May it bring me rest and refreshment. Provide gentle weather and peaceful times. Be with me at the meals I enjoy and in the activities I share. In all I do, may I grow in love for you and for others. In the name of the Risen Savior I pray. Amen.**

## WORSHIP

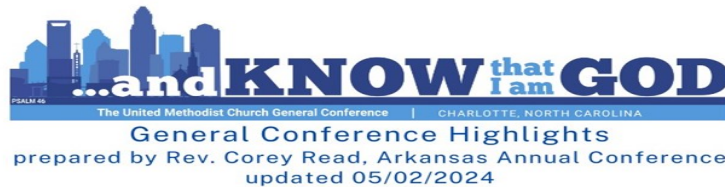
Worship In-Person & online: 9:00 am  
Sunday School, Bible Study, Small Groups: 10:00 am for all ages between Labor Day & Memorial Day



Worship with us virtually Sundays at 9:00 am  
Facebook: [facebook.com/occumc](https://facebook.com/occumc) (Live)  
YouTube: [@OCCUMCyoutube](https://@OCCUMCyoutube) (Recorded)

Please, 'like' us or leave a comment so we know this ministry is beneficial.

## General Conference 2024



### Regionalization Passes by 78%

This means that while we will remain united by our shared doctrine and theology, this legislation will allow each area of the world to do ministry in its own context.

### Full Communion with Episcopal Church Approved

This will allow for the sharing of clergy and recognition of sacramental rights.  
\*Awaiting Episcopal Church Vote

### Lower Annual Conference Apportionments

U.S. Annual Conferences will be asked to pay lower apportionments compared to what delegates passed at the 2016 General Conference. Conferences will shift from the current base rate of 3.29% to a base rate of 2.6% for 2025 and 2026. Then, if the apportionment collection rate is 90% or higher in those years, the base rate will jump to 2.9% for 2027 and 2028.

### First Black Female President of the Council of Bishops

Bishop Tracy S. Malone, resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference, is the first black woman in the history of the worldwide denomination to be elected president of the Council of Bishops!

### First Native American Bishop to Preside at General Conference

Bishop David Wilson, resident bishop of the Great Plains Conference was elected the first Native American Bishop in a historic election in 2022 and thus becoming the first bishop to preside at a General Conference in our history!

### 40 Year Ban on Gay Clergy Lifted

With a 93% approval rate, General Conference votes to remove the ban on ordination of clergy who are "self-avowed practicing homosexuals."

In addition, delegates voted that superintendents are not to penalize clergy or churches for holding -- or refraining from holding -- same sex weddings.

### Social Principles Revised

General Conference delegates supported a revision of the Social Principles that deletes the phrase "the practice of homosexuality... is incompatible with Christian teaching."

### Deacons Granted Sacramental Authority

Deacons can now offer Holy Communion and conduct baptisms where they have been appointed to serve, whether that is a church, outreach ministry or mission.

for more information, visit [umcnews.org](https://umcnews.org)

## MINISTRY NEWS

### Garden Ministry

CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON

As you walked into church these last few months, we hope you enjoyed the daffodils, phlox, and iris. The gardens were early and very welcome. We are working hard to keep the gardens looking weeded and beautiful, but can always use more helpers. Please consider giving some time to help... You can come anytime, work for as long as you want, work on the gardens that you want to... we are very informal!! We appreciate your help. Come join us.



Remember our outdoor prayer sitting area. Come this summer, bring your coffee, book, and bible and spend time in prayer or reflection while enjoying our church grounds.

We also have a wood collection box in the Gathering Area to collect funds for annual flowers and also for new shrubs near the church's front door. This is not a budgeted item. Please help us update our entrance with new bushes. Thank you... Blooming Gardeners (Shelly: 414-801-1940, Lois: [Lsdillon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lsdillon@sbcglobal.net), Kathy B: [kbrekeller@yahoo.com](mailto:kbrekeller@yahoo.com), or Jan K: [jkdeltajan@gmail.com](mailto:jkdeltajan@gmail.com)).

### Music Ministry

CONTRIBUTED BY SHELLY SWODZINSKI



Summer means a little break for the choir, but we still need special music for our Sunday Services! The door is open for any adults or children who would like to add to our services by playing instruments or singing. Every Sunday in June, July and August is open.

Please contact Shelly (414-801-1940) if you are interested. If you need an accompanist or any other help, please let her know. It's also possible to perform with recordings. Have a great summer!

### Welcoming Ministries



**Are you between the ages of 12 & 99? Would you like to help others enjoy our weekly worship services? You can do so by serving as a Greeter, Usher, or Worship Leader!** These are very important roles within our Sunday worship. You will be rewarded with smiles and the knowledge that you are sharing your gifts and helping OCCUMC reach the community. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Pastor Heidi, Dale T, or Jane in the church office.

### Coffee Bistro



Coffee Bistro is shared hospitality on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We need volunteers to bring in food & beverages. If you are interested in serving the faith community with this beautiful ministry, please contact our Summer Coffee Bistro Team Leader Dale Tetzlaff at [DaleT251160@hotmail.com](mailto:DaleT251160@hotmail.com), or sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

### Worship and the Arts Ministry

CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON



Worship and the Arts is challenged regularly to present the congregation with a sanctuary that touches and inspires them. But we embrace that challenge!! New, fresh ideas are always welcome. We hope we reach you in a visual way, along with the message and music, so you leave your worship experience renewed and ready to go out and serve the community.

Any questions? Contact Lois at [Lsdillon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lsdillon@sbcglobal.net)



## BUILDING COMMUNITY

### Just for Men SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN LOOMIS

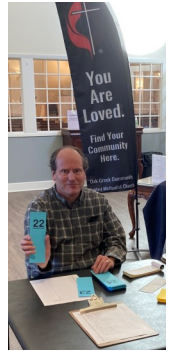


The Men's Group has had a wonderfully productive spring with our soup/chili dinner and live & silent auction. It was fun for all with lots of fellowship and laughter. The **event raised \$3,983** which will be split equally between the men's group and the church general fund. We were also blessed to be able to provide a delicious coffee bistro on Mothers Day.



Thank you to all who helped with, attended, or participated in each event. It's been a great joy to see the spirit move with this newly formed group.

The mission for the Men's Group is to make a safe and loving environment to fellowship with other Christian men of all ages and walks of life. We are here to help during times of joy, pain and needed advice for life's ups and downs.



We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Community Room (L28). All men are welcome. There is no commitment to be there every time or the whole time.



I would like to end with a scripture that comes to mind that helps not just the men's group, but all of us as a loving church family.

Philippians 2:4 NLT  
"Don't look out only

*for your own interest, but take an interest in others, too." Jonathan L*



### Youth Mission Trip CONTRIBUTED BY ALEX CLEMENT-REICHLING

Our youth mission trip to Indianapolis is taking place June 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep the team in prayer: Alex, Andrew, Ellie, Maddy, Izzy & Scarlett.

The group will be working with Youthworks, which offers a wide variety of assignments, but all are focused on relational work. They may help with youth programming such as VBS, work at food pantries and soup kitchens, sort items at clothing distribution centers, or work on simple home repair projects.



### The Cathedral Center CONTRIBUTED BY JOANNE MUELLER

**June 11th & July 9th are our next dates for serving dinner at The Cathedral Center!** We would like to have at least six workers, and sign-up sheets will be out soon. We leave church at 5:30 pm and return about 8:30 or 9:00 pm.



The options for you to continue to support the mission are many ... donations of food, finances, or working on our serving team. We welcome donations, as the need is great. You can include your donation with your regular offering by noting the amount you want donated to The Cathedral Center. You may also give online at [occumc.org](http://occumc.org) > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [The Cathedral Center](#).



Thank you in advance for your help with this mission. Any questions can be directed to Joanne M (414-817-2914) or Diane W (414-405-0153).

## OUTREACH

### Going to Pieces Fiber Artists

CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON



Going to Pieces quilt group has a goal of creating and selling items with all profits going back to the church. We all love our craft and enjoy creating beautiful unique things and getting them out into the community. We also help the layette project, by providing baby afghans, blankets, and quilts.

Going to Pieces meets on the second Monday of every month at 9:30 am (September to May) when we plan for other craft fairs or community missions, help problem solve projects that people are working on, have a demonstration and do a "show and tell" which is always exciting and inspiring. We have had several new members this year, and we'd love to have more... all are welcome. 🧵🧶

On May 14<sup>th</sup> several Going to Pieces members and Pastor Heidi presented a check to the Oak Creek Salvation Army for **\$3,700** for their food bank. This is GTP's 4<sup>th</sup> year sponsoring The Salvation Army Food Pantry Challenge. This year the OCCUMC United Women in Faith joined GTP in challenging the church to match the initial seed money.



Pastor Heidi, Captain Dana Bigelow, Judy Evert, Lois Dillon, Jessica Dhuse, Social Ministries Coordinator

Once again, our Lenten food bank challenge was very successful and we thank everybody who contributed. Hunger Task Force will match our donation again this year. The recent United States Post Office food drive, mostly cans and boxed food, was also given to The Salvation Army. Therefore, our monies will be buying fresh fruit, meats, milk, cheeses and bread.

They were extremely happy that their food bank will be very full for the summer. They stated they are very grateful for the partnership that has been created between them and OCCUMC. This has become a wonderful community outreach mission project.

### Rice Meal Packs

CONTRIBUTED BY BONNIE CLEMENT

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, OCCUMC hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rice Meal Pack for Midwest Mission. These meals help meet hunger needs and provide disaster relief meals. One bag feeds 5-6 people and only costs \$2 to make.



As we packed 1,200 bags, we heard laughter and cheering and enjoyed time in fellowship and mission. With three lines of excited workers, we finished in 1-1/2 hours!

Our missional obligation for this event was \$2,800. If you weren't able to attend the event, we are still accepting donations. You can include your donation with your regular offering by noting the amount you want donated to the Rice

Packs. You may also give online at [occumc.org](http://occumc.org) > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [Other \(specify Rice Packs\)](#).



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Graduates



Jillian Imoehl: UW-Milwaukee Master of Science in Administrative Leadership and a Director of Instruction Certificate

Abigail Martin: Franklin High School. Will attend UW-Madison majoring in Industrial Engineering

Johanna Schmidt: UW-Madison Master of Public Affairs, MPA

Nathan Schmitt: MATC Associate Degree: IT and Web & Software Development

Irina Schultz: Oak Creek High School. Will attend MATC for EMT

Brian von Helms: UW-Eau Claire Bachelor of Arts - Political Science

Devin Wiemann: UW-Milwaukee Bachelor of Arts - Film Production

### Blood Drive



The next Blood Drive is **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 2:00 - 6:30 pm. There are 23 appointment slots for whole blood and 5 appointments available for double red blood cells. In March we collected 12 units of whole blood and 2 units of double red cells.

Someone needs blood every 2 seconds.

Donors are at *The Heart of Our Community!*

Remember all blood donated stays here in Southeast Wisconsin.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: [https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/261693](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261693)

### Preschool Supply Drive

Our Oak Creek Community Preschool needs to replenish supplies for the coming school year. We hope you can help them out when the sales come this summer and take things off their list. Please contact Jane in the office for a complete list of supplies ([office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org)). The list will also be in upcoming *Faith Connections* throughout the summer.



We are also hoping someone knows how to strip and wax the floors in the downstairs preschool area. If you can help with this, contact Jane in the office.

### Community Meals



MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
Health & Human Services

**Senior Dining** is offered at the Kelly (6100 S Lake Drive, 414-481-9611) and Grobschmidt (2424 15th Ave, 414-768-5722) Senior Centers and the Franklin City Hall (9229 W Loomis Rd, 414-427-7696). **Anyone 60+ can enjoy lunch.** Register for a Diner Card (applications are in the literature rack in the Friendship Room). There is a suggested contribution of \$3.00. You can view menus online. Reservations can be made the day before you want to dine in. If you have any questions, call the local center or (414) 289-6995.

A **free** Community Meal is served at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1111 North Chicago Avenue in South Milwaukee on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.** A community organization serves up the meal and benefits from any free will donations. Nothing fancy, just good food and sharing community.





## Upcoming Events

### Free Narcan Training



**Save a Life. Free** training includes a presentation on understanding opioids, recognizing an overdose & how to administer Narcan. There are two sessions:

- ⇒ **June 12<sup>th</sup>** in St. Francis at the St. Francis Milton Vretenar Memorial Park
- ⇒ **July 10<sup>th</sup>** in South Milwaukee at the South Milwaukee Bucyrus Commons

Preregistration is recommended. Go to [southshorecares.org/raise-awareness](https://southshorecares.org/raise-awareness). Click on the session you wish to attend and then click on *register*.

South Shore Cares is a substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiative of the Cudahy, Oak Creek, and South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Departments. This collaboration works to raise awareness of substance use prevention, and mental health resources available to those who work, live, and play in the South Shore region of Milwaukee County.

### United Women in Faith



## Mission u 2024



United  
Women  
in Faith

Join us at **Mission u** as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.

Jesus told his followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us? Dive into these questions and more at Mission u 2024 as we examine Scripture together and join in worship, fellowship, and action.

Mission u 2024 offers three books on kin-dom. Order your copy (14.99 each) @ [uwfaithresources.org](https://uwfaithresources.org)

#### **Adult** — *Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher

The adult curriculum uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom is like making a home with God. Participants are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities as a result of being anchored in the abiding love of God.

Join us for an Overview Day (in Person) at New Lisbon Winding Rivers UMC on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> or 4 sessions on Zoom on **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

To register online go to <https://na.eventscloud.com/798970>. If you would rather mail your registration, there are forms in the Literature Rack in the Gathering Area.

#### **Youth** — *Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom* by Nica Sy In Creation

We see the power of symbiosis, or interdependent relationship. The youth curriculum explores the idea of symbiosis between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. By drawing closer to one another and our world, we draw closer to the kin-dom.


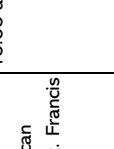

Youth Missions Camp takes place at Pine Lake, July 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> for Grades 4-6 and Grades 6-9. To register online go to [wiumcamps.org/summercamp/yomica](https://wiumcamps.org/summercamp/yomica)

#### **Children** — *Me in the Kin-dom* by Kathy Cook

The children's curriculum uses the Lord's Prayer as a lens to help us see that we are all members of the family of God. Children will begin to understand that the kin-dom is living with Christ and one another on earth as in heaven.

# June 2024

(as of 05/29/24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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<b>2 COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship Graduates Recognition 1:00 pm Students Piano Recital	7:00 pm AA Meeting	6:00 pm Merry Mat Makers	7:00 pm AA Meeting	10:00 am Merry Mat Makers	Pastor at Annual Conference	9:00 am Men's Group	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	
Pastor at Annual Conference	Pastor at Annual Conference	Pastor's Sabbath Day	5:30 Community Narcan Training in St. Francis 7:00 pm AA Meeting	10:00 am Merry Mat Makers	Pastor's Sabbath Day 		
9:00 am Worship Coffee Bistro following worship Noon - Tabitha Circle Picnic	7:00 pm AA Meeting	5:30 pm Cathedral Center 6:30 Trustees Team Meeting	5:30 Community Narcan Training in St. Francis 7:00 pm AA Meeting	10:00 am Merry Mat Makers	Flag Day		
<b>16 FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 am Worship 	7:00 pm AA Meeting	6:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 6:30 pm Finance Team Mtg	<b>19 JUNETEENTH</b> 7:00 pm AA Meeting	<b>20 HELLO SUMMER</b> 10:00 am Merry Mat Makers	Pastor's Sabbath Day	<b>22</b>	
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Youth Mission Trip

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Sunday Worship 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

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with us

Worship on Facebook at 9:00 am  
or watch anytime at:  
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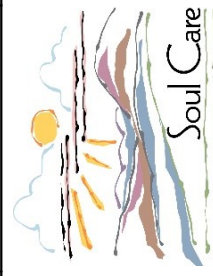




# July 2024

(as of 05/29/24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>GOD BLESS AMERICA</b> 9:00 am Worship Pastor Heidi on Vacation	7:00 pm AA Meeting 6:30 pm SPRC Team Mtg 7:00 pm AA Meeting	6:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 5:30 pm Cathedral Center 6:30 pm Trustees Team Mtg	2:00 pm Blood Drive 7:00 pm AA Meeting 5:30 Community Narcan Training in South Milwaukee 7:00 pm AA Meeting	OFFICES CLOSED 10:00 am Merry Mat Makers	Pastor's Sabbath Day 9:00 am Men's Group	
<b>14 COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship Coffee Bistro following worship	Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm AA Meeting	6:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 6:30 pm Trustees Team Mtg	9:00 am GTP Road Trip 7:00 pm AA Meeting	10:00 am Merry Mat Makers	Pastor's Sabbath Day	
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Sunday Worship 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Worship on Facebook Live! at 9:00 am  
 or watch anytime at:

[facebook.com/occumc.org](https://www.facebook.com/occumc.org)  
 YouTube @OCCUMCyoutube

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### Prayer Shawl Ministry CONTRIBUTED BY DIANE LINDSAY



If you know of anyone who may be going through tough times, feeling lonely, or feeling anxious, give them an equivalent of a hug - a reminder that they are not alone - by gifting them with a prayer shawl. Our shawls have been made with love, prayed over, and are a tangible gift representing God's love and constant presence in their lives. Just let us know who you give them to, so we can pray for them too.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Diane L at 414-510-9342 or [dianelindsay54@gmail.com](mailto:dianelindsay54@gmail.com).

### Sarah Circle Layette Project CONTRIBUTED BY JOAN KETCHUM

Keep the baby items coming!! Through the month of May we've delivered 40 layettes to our three recipients. We need to replenish our supply of blankets, both receiving and outer blankets, plus 3 month size onesies and sleepers. We will need several to be able to supply those recipients in June and July.



Our last recipient was La Causa Crisis Nursery & Respite Center and when I called Karl asking when he could come and pick up the 8 layettes we had ready for him, he said, "How perfect!" He had a call the day before from a neonatal nurse from Children's Hospital asking if he had any to share. He did!

Please continue your support of this Mission and know that all your hard work and financial help are appreciated not only by us, Sarah Circle, but also by all the people you touch through your generosity. Please contact Joan Ketchum @ 414-215-7088 or [joanmketchum@gmail.com](mailto:joanmketchum@gmail.com) with any questions or comments,

### Merry Mat Makers CONTRIBUTED BY BONNIE CLEMENT



Do you have some extra time this summer? Do your kiddos need service hours? The Merry Mat Makers are making sleeping mats, and you can join the fun. Making mats is easy and it's **open to all ages and abilities**.

Stop by OCCUMC on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm or Thursdays at 10:00 am, unless there is a Cathedral Center food serving. We meet in the Loom Room (L09) downstairs.

We'll show you what to do - you can try weaving (which requires standing) or help with folding, cutting and tying bags (where you can sit). If you can't meet at these times, you are welcome to come work on the loom as your schedule allows or take supplies home to work there. It feels good to be doing something in front of the TV!

For more information, contact Bonnie at [bonnieclement05@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieclement05@gmail.com).

### Sarah Circle & Tabitha Circle

All women are welcome to join Sarah Circle and Tabitha Circle, which are a part of United Women in Faith. You do not need to be a member of the church. **Both circles are taking June & July off from regular meetings but would like you to consider joining them when they resume their meetings in the fall.**

Sarah Circle meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Diane L at [dianelindsay54@gmail.com](mailto:dianelindsay54@gmail.com).

Tabitha Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. For more information, contact Bonnie at [bonnieclement05@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieclement05@gmail.com)

## Missions

### Missionaries

#### Meet Our Missionaries



**#STILLINMISSION** – Are you interested in learning more about United Methodist missionaries? Do you wonder what day-to-day life is like in mission? Get details and register at [umcmmission.org/stillinmission](http://umcmmission.org/stillinmission). Upcoming dates: June 6<sup>th</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am.

### Midwest Mission CONTRIBUTED BY BONNIE CLEMENT

Oak Creek Community UMC is planning our annual trip to **Midwest Mission October 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**. You can be part of our team. We have been sending a team to Midwest Mission in Pawnee, IL every year since the facility opened in 2000 (except 2020.) We keep going back because we are doing God's work and we have so much fun. Plus we get to use power tools!



You can come for a few days or all five. There are jobs for every skill level from sitting at a table counting items to making desks. Come with a friend or make some new ones as you work together on a wide variety of projects.

Cost is \$12 per day for materials, \$25 per night double occupancy & \$25 processing fee double occupancy. Meals are your own responsibility. We eat breakfast & lunch in the dorm (there is a kitchen to prepare meals) and those who wish to go out for dinner. Carpooling and scholarships are available. Don't delay, if you want a bottom bunk in the dorm. **Registration deadline is August 1st.**

Contact Bonnie, [bonnieclement05@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieclement05@gmail.com) or 262-497-9969 for details.

### Volunteers in Mission CONTRIBUTED BY BONNIE CLEMENT

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) provides volunteer opportunities to express Christ's love by helping our brothers and sisters in our local community, across our nation and around the globe through disaster response activities, housing projects and rehabilitation, education, and medical assistance. When we reach out and use what God has given us in the service of others, we have life-transforming experiences.



For more information on the below mission opportunities such as costs and registration deadlines, go to: [wisconsinumc.org/files/documents/ministries/](http://wisconsinumc.org/files/documents/ministries/)



**September 26<sup>th</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup> - Lake Lucerne UMC Camp**, Neshkoro. Join us for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work! Plan to arrive and settle into your room in one of the cabins, then join us for dessert and our first evening together in Ridgewood, where we will share morning and evening devotions each day. Meals will be eaten in the Lodge starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with breakfast on Friday.

Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins (washing windows, sweeping floors), to doing work at the waterfront, to cutting down trees and brush, to roof repairs and laying new sidewalk! We will do what the staff asks us to do -- and more! Fall or spring, Lucerne is a place to appreciate God's creation.

You provide your own transportation to camp. Note – it is now necessary to bring your own sleeping gear and towels. Cost: \$200.00 – includes lodging, meals, work supplies and donation to camp. To insure adequate planning, **registration deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>** with a deposit of \$40 Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp

Questions? Registrar/Coleader: Gail Burgess - 262-945-8578 Email - [hb53104@aol.com](mailto:hb53104@aol.com) Co-Leader: Donna Kiefer - [momkiefer@juno.com](mailto:momkiefer@juno.com) 608-655-3097 (H); 608- 575-9529.

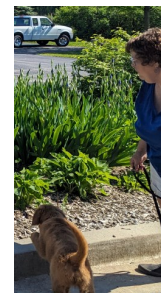
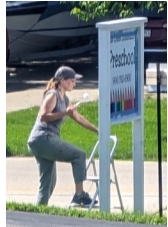


# OCCUMC TEAMS

## Trustees

CONTRIBUTED BY CLINTON PEIRCE

As I write this, we are preparing for Spring Clean-up and hopefully by now you have noticed the fruits of our collective labor as we worked together to keep our church in great shape in order to welcome all of us to worship each week. (There were 23 workers and 1 puppy)



### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am - Noon

### Our Staff:

#### Rev. Heidi Loomis

Pastor

[pastor@occumc.org](mailto:pastor@occumc.org)

#### Jane Lentz

Office Administrator

[office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org)

#### Michelle Peirce

Treasurer

[treasurer@occumc.org](mailto:treasurer@occumc.org)

#### Ed Kubes

Assistant Treasurer

#### TBD

Financial Secretary

[finance@occumc.org](mailto:finance@occumc.org)

#### Amber Yeary

Asst. Financial Secretary

#### Shelly Swodzinski

Altar Choir Director

#### Todd Anderson

Organist

#### Lindsay Gardenier

Choir Accompanist

#### Devin Wiemann

Media & Technology

#### Cheryl Clement-Reichling

Nursery Coordinator

#### Heather Reichling

Nursery Care Support



If you've tried to travel south on 13<sup>th</sup> from Drexel, you have no doubt encountered the road closure signs and all of the activity related to the road work being done. This is phase 1 of 2. Phase 2 will come our way later this year. As previously suggested, consider using the Puetz entrance as you come and go from church during the construction period, which is likely to run through October.

We do not have any major projects planned for the remainder of this year and we will continue to address specific needs as they arise. Enjoy the summer!!

May God continue to bless the work we do together, Clinton P, Daryl B, Ed K, Eric V, Fred S, Jane E, Keith S, Kathy B, Rich I, Terry P

## OCCUMC Financial Center

2024		2024	2023
<b><u>Month of April</u></b>	General Fund Income	\$14,813.45	\$17,226.45
	Expenses	\$25,406.99	\$20,654.37
<b><u>Fiscal / Calendar Year</u></b>	General Fund Income	\$77,470.73	\$82,657.43
	Expenses	\$103,404.85	\$94,538.55
<b><u>Apportionment</u></b>	Annual Total Given	\$8,931.95	\$7,396.65
	Annual Goal	\$31,884.00	\$31,680.00

# MINISTRY TEAMS

## Trustees Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

## Servant Leadership Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Marketing Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

## Staff Parish Relations Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

## Finance Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

## Memorial Team Meetings @ 10:00 am



- Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**How can you use your gifts to further the mission and ministry of OCCUMC?**

**We welcome your help in any of these ministries.**

**Contact Pastor Heidi or any of the team leaders to say "YES! Count me in!"**

Altar Choir Director	Shelly Swodzinski	Men's Group	Jonathan Loomis
Altar Choir Accompanist	Lindsay Gardenier	Missions	Clinton Peirce
Blooming Garden Group	Lois Dillon	Nursery Coordinator	TBA
The Cathedral Center	Joanne Mueller	Nursery Care Support	Cheryl Clement-Reichling
Certified Lay Speaker	Diane Wittenberg	Prayer Shawls	Heather Reichling
Computer Support	Allan Lindsay	Preschool Director	Diane Lindsay
ERAS	Doug Clement	Preschool Liaison	Stephanie Paszkiewicz
Financial Team	Joanne Mueller	Staff Parish (SPRC)	Janelle Wagner
Financial Secretary	James Wittenberg	Treasurer	Dale Tetzlaff
Asst. Financial Sec.	TBA	Asst. Treasurer	Michelle Peirce
Going to Pieces	Amber Yeary	Trustees	Ed Kubes
Lay Leader	Lois Dillon/Judy Evert	United Women In Faith	Clinton Peirce
Lay Member to AC	TBA	Tabitha Circle	Diane Lindsay
Lay Speaker	Allan Lindsay	Sarah Circle	Bonnie Clement
Leadership Team	Liz Imoehl	Website Support	Diane Lindsay
Marketing Team	Doug Clement	Worship in the Arts	Kathy Brekeller
Media & Technology	Dale Tetzlaff	Youth Education Leader	Lois Dillon
Member-at-Large	Devin Wiemann	Youth Leader	Jillian Imoehl
Memorial Gifts	Janet Porte	Youth Team	Alex Clement-Reichling
Office Administrator	Judy Dordel		Alex Clement-Reichling
	Jane Lentz		Eric von Helms

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Food Pantry



We support our community and neighbors in need by supporting the Salvation Army. Please drop off non-perishable food items at the Salvation Army or visit their website to make an online donation at <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/oakcreek/>

The **Oak Creek Centennial Corps Food Pantry on Howell and Centennial Drive** also provides a 2-3-day supply of emergency food to neighborhood individuals and families in these zip codes: 53129, 53130, 53132, & 53154, on **Wednesday & Thursdays: 9:00 am - Noon**. The food is given on the day it is requested and represents breakfast, lunch, and dinner for all members of the household. Those receiving food are also informed about how they can participate in supplemental food programs so they can move beyond visiting food pantries.

**The following are required in order to be eligible:**

- Client picture ID (Must have current address and be shown every time)
- School record, Birth Record, Birth Certificate, for children in household. If you do not have this information you will only be served for yourself and not the other household members
- 2 proofs of residence (Mail and utility bill from the last 30 days ).

### Mobile Market

The Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that travels throughout Milwaukee County with grocery staples, such as fruits, vegetables, milk (dairy & non dairy options), chicken, beef, pork, deli meat, cheese, yogurt, etc. Canned items or processed foods are not sold here. The market is an active store, not a food pantry or donation center. Prices are 50% off Piggly Wiggly prices. The market accepts debit cards, credit cards and Quest EBT, but no cash. Hours and days vary at locations in South Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy and Franklin.



For sites & times go to: [hungertaskforce.org/what-we-do/mobile-market/](http://hungertaskforce.org/what-we-do/mobile-market/)

### Senior Stock Box Distribution

Hunger Task Force is distributing a box of free, healthy food for seniors at different spots around Milwaukee County. All stockboxes include cereal, milk, canned veggies and fruits, pasta or rice, protein, fruit juice, canned meats and 2 pounds of fresh Wisconsin cheese. Qualifications are:



- 60 years or older (Bring an ID showing your age)
- Monthly household income of less than \$1,580 (1 person) or \$2,137 (2 persons) **(NEW)**
- Be a resident of Wisconsin
- Paperwork will be filled out at each site by Hunger Task Force employees.

- ⇒ 1st Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Greenfield City Hall, 7325 West Forest Home Avenue;
- ⇒ 1st Friday of the month from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Milwaukee;
- ⇒ 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:30-1:30 pm at Franklin Senior Meals in City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road;
- ⇒ 3rd Thursday of the month from 12:30-1:30 pm at the Kelly Senior Center, 6100 South Lake Drive, Cudahy
- ⇒ Every Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 am till Noon at St. Stephen Church, 1441 West Oakwood Road in Oak Creek.



## OFFICE NOTES

### Compassionate Care - Send them a note!

Please show your care for members and friends of our congregation who are homebound. You can contact them via the phone and/or by sending them cards. Please call the church office if you need someone's contact information.

Have fun sharing God's grace with those who may feel like they need a good word! Thank you for caring!

#### List of our OCCUMC homebound:

Lowell A	Jean B	Gay D	Jean J	Elaine L
Eileen S	Pat S	Alicia W	Kathy Z	Rick Z

We always thank  
God for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.

### Connect/Share/Prayer Cards Requests



**Connect and Praise Report/Prayer Request 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).

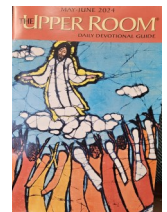
### Embracing Our Community

The Sarah Circle has expanded its **Card Ministry** to include the congregation. Cards are available every Sunday, in the Friendship Room, for you to become a part of this ministry. When you sign the card, you are sharing your concern and prayers for those receiving the card. The yellow **Prayer Request/Praise Cards** on the back of the chairs in the Sanctuary let us know who in our church family needs prayer.



### The Upper Room

The May-June issue of *The Upper Room* is available in regular and large print in the literature rack in the Friendship Room. Please let us know if you find this publication useful. The July-August issue will be available the 1st week of July.



### Membership Information - Name Badge



Do you have a name badge? Our badges are white with gold frames. Please wear one at events and worship. Contact the office if you need a new badge or have misplaced yours, [office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org)

### Mailings



Please inform the office if you move. We still mail out statements and special correspondence. The post office doesn't always give us the forwarding information. We don't want you to miss out on anything from us.

We also mail out information such as bulletins and newsletters to our members and friends who are not online. Contact the office at 414-762-4600 or [office@occumc.org](mailto:office@occumc.org) if you, or someone you know, should be added to the list of those being mailed materials from the church.



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***No matter where you are on your journey,  
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***Mission Statement:***

***Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church is a Christian fellowship whose mission is to worship God, love and serve all people, grow in faith, and invite others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.***