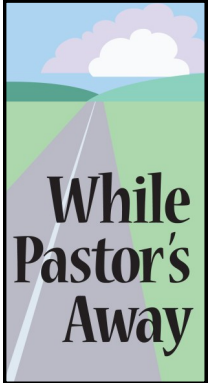




Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

Newsletter

August - September, 2026



“Whoever says that he or she lives in God must live as Jesus lived.”

I John 2:6

More Like Jesus

Let's be honest: following Jesus isn't always easy, but when we don't let family, friends, coworkers, or the political climate blur our focus and we allow Jesus to shine through everything we say and do, we will find more peace of mind and joy in the midst of all those things and those people that try to draw us away from His abiding presence.

Following Jesus isn't just about showing up for church, checking a box, or believing the right things. And it isn't about having the Bible committed to memory so you can pull out just the right verse or story for just the right situation or question.

It's not about performing or pretending. It's not about having the right answers or a flawless track record. Following Jesus IS about letting Jesus shape who we are - from the inside out. Becoming more like Him happens in how we speak to others when we are tired, how we respond to pressure, how we notice those who are overlooked, and how we choose to offer grace when it would be easier to walk away.

There's a word for this in our tradition - sanctification. It means the ongoing process of being made more like Christ. And it's not powered by effort - it's powered by presence. Not about achieving perfection, but about drawing close to the One who changes us as we walk with Him daily. Some days that transformation feels clear and beautiful. Other days, it looks like whispering a quiet prayer in the middle of a mess: "Jesus, I can't do this without You." And that's okay. Growth in Christ doesn't require polish. It requires honesty, focus, and remaining in the presence of the One who loves you more than you could ever imagine.

So, if you're feeling worn down, if you're unsure whether you're becoming who God created you to be - breathe. You're not behind. You're not disqualified. The very fact that you're seeking Him means He's still working in you.

Jesus isn't asking you to be impressive. He's inviting you to be faithful. To show up. To let Him lead. And over time, that slow work of grace begins to reshape everything: your heart, your habits, and your purpose.

You don't have to figure it all out. You just have to stay close. And as you stay close to Jesus, you will find yourself becoming more like Him.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kathy Jury

(Pastor Heidi's Mom)

FINANCIAL NEWS

OCCUMC FINANCIAL CENTER

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - Noon

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Cheryl Clement-Reichling
Nursery Coordinator

Heather Paniagua
Nursery Care Support

		2026	2025
<u>Month of June</u>	General Fund Income	\$37,838.44	\$32,030.65
	Expenses	\$23,790.73	\$30,147.87
<u>2026 Calendar Year</u>	General Fund Income	\$163,274.46	\$90,962.20
	Expenses	\$158,426.66	\$115,023.40
<u>Apportionment</u>	Annual Total Given	\$18,865.05	\$7,658.05
	Annual Goal	\$36,348.00	\$33,846.00

SPECIAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



Every donation helps when we have Special Sunday Collections. As of June, these are the totals you've generously given to the following:

- ⇒ Flowers & Gardens: \$167.51
- ⇒ Hospitality: \$1,329.95
- ⇒ Native American Sunday: \$275.00
- ⇒ Peace With Justice Sunday: \$125.00
- ⇒ The Cathedral Center: \$1,560.00
- ⇒ UM Student Sunday: \$120.00
- ⇒ UMCOR: \$1,960.00



August 30th is United Methodist Student Day which emphasizes the value of education. Contributions on this special Sunday support scholarships for promising United Methodist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Every dollar collected on United

Methodist Student Day goes directly toward these scholarships. These gifts provide financial assistance and spiritual encouragement, reflecting the church's commitment to developing principled leaders for a global community.

Apportionment



We are halfway through 2026 and at 52% of our apportionment goal. Our target is \$36,348 and we've collected \$18,865.05 so

far. Please continue to give to apportionments so we can share the blessings with the important local and international mission efforts of the United Methodist Church.

If you have questions or ideas about apportionments, please contact Jenny v H, jennyvonhelms@gmail.com
Michelle G, jeffandmichellegibbs@hotmail.com

FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAMS

TRUSTEES CONTRIBUTED BY CLINTON PEIRCE

There's not too much going on for our Trustee team at the moment, which is pretty typical for the summer months. We resume our meeting schedule in September and will identify any new projects that may have come our way over the last few months..



One major project that is nearing completion is the upgrading of the kitchen in the parsonage. This kitchen, which was installed in the 1950's, was in need of work, and thanks to the leadership and skills that Daryl has provided, the kitchen will soon be modernized and will even have a dishwasher! Through the generosity of members of our congregation, we were able to utilize gifts set aside in the Kitchen Fund to cover the cost of this work.



As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve this community through the work we do to care for our buildings and grounds. If you notice anything that is not working properly, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the trustees.

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

SERVANT LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTED BY JENNY VON HELMS

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social Justice Exploration Group

One of the Servant Leadership Team's 2026 goals is to develop a church response to current social justice issues. As Methodists, we are part of a church that has a long and active tradition of seeking justice for all people. We are called to use our voice and our privilege to speak out and act against racism, war, and other forms of injustice.

Our first step is hosting a gathering of people interested in learning and doing more. We invite everyone to our first gathering on **Sunday, August 16th after worship** in Doyle Hall for an open and honest discussion about working together to promote peace and justice. Our goal is to identify a few ways in which we can work together for a more just community.

If you have questions, please contact Clinton P (cmjdpeirce@gmail.com) or Jenny v H (jennyvonhelms@gmail.com).

SUMMER SERMON SERIES



This summer, while Pastor Heidi is away on a season of renewal, we invite you to join us for a special sermon series, *Walking with Jesus*. Throughout the summer, Tom, Dale, Liz, Clinton, and Cathy will be sharing their unique gifts in worship as we explore what it means to walk alongside Christ in our daily lives.

Through stories of Jesus' encounters with ordinary people - moments of teaching, healing, compassion, and transformation - we will discover how faith grows through experience, relationship, and the journey itself. Come walk with us as we learn together how Jesus continues to meet us on the road of life today.

MINISTRY TEAMS

FROM THE GROUND UP

CONTRIBUTED BY MICHELLE PEIRCE

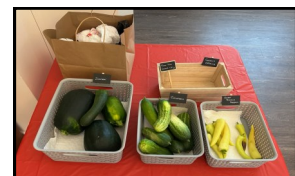


Our From The Ground Up Team has been super busy the past 3 months. We have been caring for our 12 fruit trees, keeping them watered and mulched and trimming off much of the budding fruit to let our young trees focus on establishing themselves. We were truly surprised at how much fruit appeared early in the season.



We also moved onto our second planned phase, establishing a vegetable garden. We assembled and installed 5 large vegetable boxes and loaded them up with garden soil. We mulched around the boxes and installed a fence to keep out curious deer. We also installed a large water catchment system to harvest rainwater.

Our focus is on learning this first season and so have planted multiple varieties of most of our veggies to see what works best in our garden. We are growing tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, eggplant, carrots, lavender and a variety of peppers. The veggies are all well established and doing their best despite the heat and lack of rain.



The veggies from the FTGU garden are being offered to the congregation this season. We hope you enjoy these small packages of love from us to you.

Thank you for all the encouragement and support that has been shared with us, with a special shout out to the Men's Group for their contributions. If you are interested in being part of this budding ministry we would love to hear from you!

Michelle, Clinton and Dexter Peirce, Jim & Diane Wittenberg, Chris Schultz, Michelle Gibbs, Marty Posekany, Diane Lindsay.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY CONTRIBUTED BY JANET PORTE



On July 18th, the United Women of Faith (UWF) held their first ever Christmas in July Rummage Sale, and we proudly announce that it was a great success. Our total for the sale came to \$2,600.

Joy House, a division of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission will receive \$2,000. Located on 19th Street in the heart of a hurting community, the staff at Joy House provides immediate and long-term aid and Christian based hope to women and children in need. Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church will receive \$600 to offset the cost of electricity & air conditioning.

Members of our congregation, as well as people from the surrounding communities, contributed to our sale with their holiday decoration donations, purchases, and hours of hard work. The baked goods went fast too. Essential help came from several of our church teams, including Worship and the Arts, Going to Pieces, and the Men's Group, as well as women who are not part of UWF but are women of faith. Working together is how ministry and fellowship happens and the UWF are very grateful.



Missing pictures of the ladies behind the sale.

You know who you are!!!



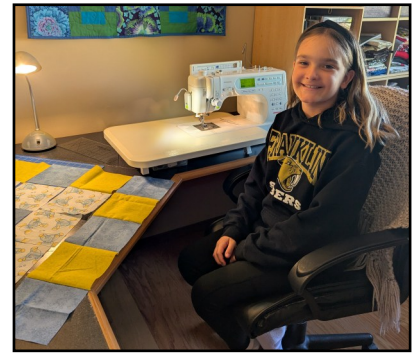
ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOING TO PIECES CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON

Our talented Quilters, Knitters and Crocheters come in all sizes and ages. Please meet our latest addition to suppliers of blankets for our layettes.

Joy Dillon, granddaughter of Lois and Steve, has helped make a few baby quilts for the Layette Mission Project. She started sewing/quilting about two years ago at the age of 8. She has made baby blankets and quilts, bookmarks and bowl cozies. She surely inherited her talent from her grandma!

We are so thankful for all our members and friends who keep this Mission Project successful. At the end of July we delivered 64 layettes to our three recipients in Milwaukee County. We have also given Aurora Sinai Hospital many bags of gently used women's clothing and La Causa several bags of gently used children's clothing. Our third recipient is 16th Street Clinic and each receives a minimum of 8 layettes.



EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITY WITH PRAYERS

Please show your care for members and friends of our congregation who are homebound, ill, having surgery, experiencing anxiety, depression or sadness, or in need of encouragement or support, by using one or all of the below:

- ♦ The Sarah Circle **Card Ministry** has cards available every Sunday in the Gathering Area;
- ♦ Yellow **Prayer Request/Praise Card** are located on the back of the chairs in the Sanctuary. If you are worshipping virtually, please email your information/request to office@occumc.org;
- ♦ **Prayer & Pocket Shawls** are in the basket next to the coat area. You can give someone one of these to wrap around themselves to provide a comforting hug. All we ask is that you let us know who you gave it to, so we may keep them in prayer as well.

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

UPDATES



Please inform the office of a new address, phone number or email address. We don't want you to miss out on anything from us. Contact the office at 414-762-4600 or office@occumc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

CONTRIBUTED BY JILLIAN IMOEHL

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Hello from your youth education coordinator, Jillian Imoehl! We had another fun and successful Sunday School year this year. I am so grateful to our teachers and their dedication to our program. Thank you Liz, Debbie, Alex, and Diane.

One area we would like to improve next school year is in our weekly attendance. I know many of our children and families have so many wonderful activities they are involved in, and making it to Sunday School can be difficult. So, after some careful consideration and brainstorming, we are planning to revamp our Sunday School program.

Instead of Sunday School taking place following the service, we will be including it as part of our Sunday morning service. Children will be in the sanctuary for the start of our service. Following the scripture reading, all children are welcome to join the Sunday School teachers in the 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.



The organization of the class schedule will be finalized come fall. I am excited to see how this plan works out! Please let me know if you have any questions or if you want to be a part of the Sunday School teacher rotation

Thank you for your support and participation! Jillian Imoehl (jkimoehl@gmail.com)

Youth Group

CONTRIBUTED BY ALEX CLEMENT-REICHLING



The OCCUMC Youth group is for anyone in grades 6 through 12 (inclusive). You do not need to be a member of any church to join. We meet monthly in the Youth Room (L5&7) for faith-building discussion, fellowship outings, and service to others. We are always ready to welcome newcomers!

BIBLE BROWSERS

CONTRIBUTED BY OLIVER CLEMENT



It's almost THAT time of year again!! Winter is just around the corner!! Bible Browsers will be kicking off its fall program on September 13th. We meet after church at 10:15 downstairs in the Conference Room (L27). 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!

If you would like to ensure you receive the emails from class, please be sure to send your email address to: OliverC_occumc@yahoo.com. Not only will you receive updates from me about the Bible Browsers, but you will also receive prayer requests from both members and friends.

We even have our class on "Zoom" if you can't make it into church for any reason. The link will be posted in the email. Direct questions to Oliver Clement at 262-902-5714 or the above email.

August 2026

(as of 07/29/26)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	3 7:00 pm AA Meeting	4 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers	5 7:00 pm AA Meeting	6	7 	8 Pastor on Renewal Leave
9 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am 365 Bible Group	10 7:00 pm AA Meeting	11 5:30 pm Cathedral Center	12 7:00 pm AA Meeting	13 	14	15 9:00 am Men's Group
16 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Social Justice Exploration Meeting in Doyle Hall	17 7:00 pm AA Meeting	18 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers	19 6:00 pm Walk in the Park Froemming Park - Franklin	20	21 National Senior Citizens Day	22 3:00 - 6:00 pm 
23 9:00 am Worship	24 7:00 pm AA Meeting	25 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers	26 7:00 pm AA Meeting	27 Preschool Teacher Work Day	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship	31 7:00 pm AA Meeting					

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Pray  for all Teachers, Staff & Students as they begin the school year	1 Preschool Teacher Work Day 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 7:00 pm AA Meeting	2 9:00 am Preschool Orientation	3 Pastor on Renewal Leave	4 Pastor on Renewal Leave	5	
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	7 OFFICES CLOSED  7:00 pm AA Meeting	8 5:30 pm Cathedral Center 6:30 pm Trustees Team Mtg	9 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm AA Meeting	10 Pastor on Renewal Leave	11  9:00 am Men's Group	
13 9:00 am Worship Coffee Bistro following worship 10:00 am 365 Bible Group Bible Browsers	14 9:30 am GTP Meeting 6:00 pm Women's Retreat Plan 7:00 pm AA Meeting	15 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Marketing Team Mtg 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm AA Meeting	16 Pastor on Renewal Leave	17 Pastor on Renewal Leave	18 Pastor on Renewal Leave	19 9:00 am Men's Group
20 9:00 am Worship with Childrens Sunday School during worship 10:00 am Bible Browsers 11:00 am Walk in the Park Petrified Springs Park - Kenosha Pastor on Renewal Leave	21 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 6:30 pm Leadership Team Mtg	22 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 6:30 pm AA Meeting	23 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm AA Meeting	24 Welcome Fall	25 Pastor on Renewal Leave	26
27 UWF SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship with Childrens Sunday School during worship 10:00 am Bible Browsers	28 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 7:00 pm AA Meeting	29 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Merry Mat Makers 7:00 pm AA Meeting	30 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm AA Meeting	September is Suicide Prevention Month In a crisis: Text, Call or Chat 24/7 (988) 		



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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

GOING TO PIECES FIBER ARTISTS CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON

We hope **Saturday, November 21st** is already on your calendars for the Holiday Craft Fair at Oak Creek Community Center. This is our biggest fundraiser for Going to Pieces, and the funds raised give us the opportunity to contribute to a needed church project. Also GTP will have a presentation in church this Fall on this group's history. We are quite proud of the accomplishments of this group. You will be surprised and amazed.



WORSHIP & THE ARTS CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON



These several months while Pastor Heidi is away have given the Worship team a little reprieve also. It's been a quiet summer to enjoy our "new" worship leaders and listen to their messages on "Walking with Jesus". We thank all of them for stepping up to keep us all focused and growing in our faith.

We already have our Fall worship series in place .. the wheels are in motion to hit the ground running when Pastor returns.

If you would like to join our team, please contact Judy (ehomestead02@aol.com) or Lois (lsdillon@sbcglobal.net).

LAYETTE MISSION PROJECT CONTRIBUTED BY JOAN KETCHUM

At the beginning of each year we are hopeful that we will be as successful this year as we've been in the past several years. We are so grateful for all the donations, help and prayers you bring us.



We would not exist without all the beautiful handcrafted blankets and purchased items for each layette. So thank you for your generous donations and please continue with your prayers, creations and purchases.

We currently need more quilts, knitted, crocheted or purchased blankets and flannel (1 yd) for receiving blankets. Eventually, we will need sleepers and onesies (sizes newborn to 9 mos.). Our recipients are the same: La Causa Children's Respite Center, Aurora Sinai Hospital and 16th Street Clinic.

Any comments or questions? Please contact Joan K (414-215-7088 or joanmketchum@gmail.com).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY CONTRIBUTED BY DIANE LINDSAY



There is always a need for someone to receive a little comfort. Do you know of anyone who may be experiencing feelings of anxiety, loneliness, or uncertainty? A prayer shawl may provide comfort and warmth and remind them they are loved. If a prayer shawl is too big, a pocket shawl could provide the same feelings of reassurance. Shawls are available in the basket in Gathering Area.

If you have any questions or suggestions for how this ministry may be more effective, please contact Diane (dianelindsay54@gmail.com) or text/phone (414-510-9342).

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

GARDENS

CONTRIBUTED BY LOIS DILLON



We always hope the church congregation walks a little slower while entering church during the summer to take in the beauty of our church gardens.....(hot, sweaty hours have been spent by the extremely small garden group trying.. and mostly winning the battle of the weeds vs flowers!!! Not to mention bugs!!) ... But back to the beauty of the gardens.. Enjoy....changes are on the horizon!

Our gardeners are hardy and will conquer... but **we need your HELP!** We are a little "thin" this year and would love it if others could find a hour or two to help us.. come when you want, work as long as you want, in whatever area of the gardens that you want.. thank you!

Questions may be directed to Lois at lsdillon@sbcglobal.net.



THE CATHEDRAL CENTER

CONTRIBUTED BY JOANNE MUELLER

We are serving monthly dinners at The Cathedral Center on **August 11th and September 8th**. If you would like to volunteer to serve, please contact Joanne M (414-817-2914) or Diane W (414-405-0153). We would like to have at least six workers for each date. Sign-up sheets for volunteering and food needs are on the counter in the Connection Center. We leave church at 5:30 pm and return about 8:30 or 9:00 pm.



If making food for August 11th, you may bring it to church Sunday the 9th before worship or Monday the 10th & Tuesday the 11th from 9:00 am - Noon and leave it in the kitchen refrigerator. If you are making a hot & ready to eat main dish, please bring it to church Tuesday the 11th between 5:00 & 5:30 pm.



If you are unable to volunteer, please consider supporting the mission financially. We welcome donations with your regular offering. Just designate the amount you want donated to The Cathedral Center on your check in the memo section. You may also give online at occumc.org > [Online Giving](#) > [Donate Now](#) > [The Cathedral Center](#).

Thank you in advance for your help with this mission.

MERRY MAT MAKERS

CONTRIBUTED BY BONNIE CLEMENT

Merry Mat Makers meets 4:00 - 5:30 pm Tuesdays except on the days we go to the Cathedral Center. Join us for time together in conversation and mission. Jobs include sorting, folding and cutting bags, tying bags into weaving strips called plarn (plastic yarn), and weaving on a table top loom. The group also enjoys other social time like going out to dinner or a movie.

We appreciate plastic grocery bag donations - keep those coming. The thinner ones break but we love thicker bags, especially colorful ones. And as always the bags need to be clean, dry and empty of all contents. Flattened bags are especially appreciated.

To find out more, stop by the Loom Room (in the east end of the lower level) on Tuesdays or contact bonnieclement05@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLICAL PROGRAM

CONTRIBUTED BY CHRISTAL BINDRICH



TranscenDance Offering

Are you ready to shake off stress, release tension, rejuvenate your body, center your mind and connect with your spirit?

Then join Christal B for a movement modality at 10:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month on Zoom beginning September 8th and the 4th Tuesday of the month in person at OCCUMC beginning September 22nd. This practice is suitable for any fitness or mobility levels. It can be done sitting, laying down or standing up. Register your interest by sending an email to christalbindrich@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Flyers are available at the Connection

WALK & GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

OCCUMC 2026

WALK IN THE PARK SERIES

- Get outside and join in a walk at a beautiful County Park each month.
- Don't forget your walker punch card! Get 3 (or more!) punches on your card and earn a free admission to Boerner Botanical Gardens.
- All parks have parking lots, restrooms, and are dog friendly.



Wednesday, August 19TH @ 6:00PM
Froemming Park
8801 S. 51st St, Franklin

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

Hosted by the OCCUMC Marketing Team

BEVERAGE PROVIDED

PRESCHOOL

CONTRIBUTED BY STEPHANIE PASZKIEWICZ

Open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is underway. Oak Creek Community Preschool offers 2, 3, or 4-day programs, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 11:30 am. We offer a quality preschool, licensed by the State of Wisconsin. Contact our Preschool Director Stephanie at occpreschool@gmail.com or 414-762-4600 to set up a tour.



COME & RELAX



Drink deep and be refreshed at our Fall Relaxation Retreat September 10th - 13th. This is the perfect long weekend at beautiful Pine Lake UMC Camp with over 400 acres to explore. This **retreat is designed for men & women** as a peaceful oasis, a sacred space to pause, breathe, and receive the living water Jesus offers through His word and the Holy Spirit.

We will learn the importance of water for our bodies, taste a variety of waters, learn about Pine Lake, and discover the lessons God provides for us about living water so we can quench our thirst and be renewed.

Enjoy evening vespers at the campfire, plenty of free time, a gorgeous retreat center to stay in, meals cooked for you, and a connection to God's gift of relaxation.

To register: wiumcamps.org/retreat/fall-relaxation-retreat/

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUST FOR MEN



OCCUMC's Men's Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am in the Community Room (L28-30) to discuss life, our relationship with God, and plan events that everyone can be a part of.

We host the annual Men's Group Auction, a Mother's Day Brunch, and Thanksgiving Meal Boxes. Last year we were able to supply meals to 55 families in need.

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.

JOIN THE CHOIR



Choir practice begins September 9th! **Choir rehearsal takes place in the sanctuary every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.** Rehearsals last until about 8:30. We welcome everyone from 9th grade to age 99. We sing all types of music....from traditional to contemporary. We welcome singers, percussionists, and other musicians.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly after worship or call her at 414-801-1940. Otherwise, just come on Wednesday. We'll be in the Sanctuary. **We'll have music waiting for you!**

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Sunday will be celebrated on September 27th, with women leading and helping conduct service that day. We hope to have a speaker talk to us about the mission of UWF, which includes caring for women and children in our community. A time for fellowship and food will follow.

TABITHA CIRCLE & SARAH CIRCLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Remember that all women are invited to attend any event offered by Sarah Circle and Tabitha Circle. You do not have to be a member of OCCUMC. For more detailed information, please refer to the bulletin and the weekly connections.

Upcoming Sarah Circle Schedule:

- ⇒ August 20th we are meeting for lunch. Bring your reading program logs
- ⇒ September 17th Meeting at 9:30 am for Book Club & 10:00 am meeting
- ⇒ September 27th UWF Sunday
- ⇒ October 15th Meeting at 9:30 am for Book Club & 10:00 am meeting



Upcoming Tabitha Circle Schedule:

- ⇒ August we are NOT meeting
- ⇒ September 14th at 6:00 pm will be Retreat Planning
- ⇒ September 27th UWF Sunday
- ⇒ October 11th we are NOT meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

CONTRIBUTED BY BONNIE CLEMENT



September 20th - 25th @ Lake Lucerne UMC Camp, Neshkoro Join us for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work! You'll stay in one of the cabins and share morning and evening devotions. Meals will be eaten in the Lodge starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with breakfast on Friday. Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins to working at the waterfront to cutting down trees & brush.

This is a drive-to camp with a cost of \$250 which includes lodging, meals, work supplies and a donation to the camp. **Registration deadline is August 10th.** Questions? Contact Gail Burgess @ 262- 945-8578 or hb53104@aol.com; or Donna Kiefer @608-655-3097 or momkiefer@juno.com.

A poster for a Church Picnic with a red and white checkered border. At the top, two birds are flying. The text "JOIN US FOR A" is in small black letters, followed by "CHURCH" in large red letters and "PICNIC" in large blue letters. Below this, it says "Welcome All Current and Former OCCUMC Families and Friends!". The date and time are "SATURDAY, AUGUST 22" and "DOYLE HALL 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM". It mentions a baseball game at 6:00 pm at Franklin Field. There is an illustration of a basket of fruit and a slice of pie. The sponsor is "OCCUMC MEN'S GROUP". It lists "Food and Beverages provided" and "Attendees can bring desserts". It says "GAMES & FAMILY FUN!" and "Bring your enthusiasm, and let's enjoy time together!". The church name and address are "Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church 8675 S. 13th St. Oak Creek, WI 414-762-4600".

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CHURCH PICNIC

Welcome All Current and Former
OCCUMC Families and Friends!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
DOYLE HALL
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Followed by a Milkman Baseball
Game at 6:00 pm - Franklin Field.

SPONSORED BY OCCUMC MEN'S GROUP

- Food and Beverages provided.
- Attendees can bring desserts

GAMES & FAMILY FUN!

Bring your enthusiasm, and let's enjoy time together!

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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** provides a 2-3-day supply of emergency food on **Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 - 11:45 am and the 1st Monday of the month from 2:00 - 5:00 pm**. No appointment is necessary. 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).
- Resident of ZIP Codes 53129, 53130, 53132, 53154.

MOBILE MARKET

The Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that travels throughout Milwaukee County with grocery staples: 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 25% off Piggly Wiggly prices. The market accepts debit cards, credit cards and Quest EBT, but no cash.



- ⇒ 1st Thursday of the month at Lake Forest Apartments, 8471 S Chicago Rd, Oak Creek;
- ⇒ 3rd Tuesday of the month at Williamstown Bay Apartments, 3400 E Ramsey Ave, Cudahy;
- ⇒ 4th Friday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am at Thompson Meadows Apartments, 3120 E Norwich Ave, St. Francis.

Check hungertaskforce.org/what-we-do/mobile-market/ for times as they may change each month.

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 \$1,957 (1 person) or \$2,664 (2 persons)
- Be a resident of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
- Receive SANP, FDPIR, SSI, Low Income Subsidy Program &/or Medicare Savings Programs

- ⇒ 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Franklin Senior Meals in City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road;
- ⇒ Friday, August 21st from 10:30-11:30 pm at the Kelly Senior Center, 6100 South Lake Drive, Cudahy.

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*No matter where you are on your faith journey,
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and, most importantly, at God's Table.*



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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.
