



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

Reminder

Sunday Worship:

Service at 9:00 AM
& on Facebook Live!
facebook.com/occumc
(watch later if you like)

Sunday School:

10:00 am Sunday
School for all ages
between Labor Day &
Memorial Day

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - Noon

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Divine Nudge

One of my favorite expressions to use is: *Divine Nudge*? Have you heard of it? The phrase is used by many to talk about the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It's the sense of needing to do something. The feeling is formed in love and tends to be quite persistent.

My most common experience of a *Divine Nudge* is when someone's face or name comes to mind. Most of the time, I don't interact with them on a daily basis, but for some reason they're in my head and on my heart. A lot. I've learned to reach out when I had such a sense. I'll send them an email, message, text, or give them a call and ask how they're doing. It's amazing how many times they say "it's weird that you reached out because X just happened." X was generally something hard. They had lost a loved one, or were feeling depressed or alone, or struggling at work. They needed encouragement and grace. And lo and behold, God had offered it...by a loving friend calling them out of the blue. The nudges were gentle. I could ignore them if I wanted to. But I've learned that God uses me to reach people. And God uses others to reach me.

At this stage in our post pandemic society it seems so many of us are craving real connection...a hug, a conversation, sitting with someone in person. We want to be reminded of our community beyond the virtual one. We want real life.

As we've started a new path together on our faith journey, I wonder if maybe God might start nudging us a little. Perhaps prompting us to reach out to one another and reconnect, maybe in ways we've let go a bit since 2020. I want to encourage you to look and listen this week for *Divine Nudges*. Who comes to mind? Who is on your heart? Then give them a call, send them a card, or send them a text. Check in on them. See how they're doing. And, maybe, if you're up for it, ask if there's anything you might be praying about.

You are blessed to be a blessing,

Pastor Heidi

Sunday Worship

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.

Worship Schedule - in August

- August 7 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Text: Matthew 28:16-20
Sermon Title: Road Trip Series: U Turn
- August 14 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: TBA
Sermon Title: TBA
- August 21 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 10:25-37
Sermon Title: Road Trip Series: Road Less Traveled
- August 28 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Psalm 150:1-5
Sermon Title: The Gift of Song
Gospel music by Marcy



Ways to Worship with Us

- ◆ **Worship in the Sanctuary** There is no child care available at this time.
- ◆ **Watch our worship services live on our Facebook page.** You do not need a Facebook account. Just go to occumc.org, click on the Facebook link, and then click videos. You can join our services live at 9:00 am Sunday mornings, or view past worship services at this link too.
- ◆ **Listen to the Weekly Recorded Worship Service Via Your Phone!** OCCUMC has added this resource for you to listen to the weekly worship service via a simple phone call. All you need to do is call 414-253-0437, listen, and enjoy!

Attendance



If you are viewing our worship service online, please help us keep track of our faith-family's weekly attendance. **'Like' us, or leave a 'comment' with the names of who is watching.** Or you may click on attendance@occumc.org, type the names of all the people who viewed the service with you in the subject line and include the date (ex: Jane, John & Johnny Cass attended worship 5/16/21).

This helps us with our annual reporting to the WI Conference. Attendance is used by some lenders to get our refinancing approved, which is done every 3-5 years.

Worship
with us
from
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Facebook:

facebook.com/occumc

Website:

occumc.org

Recorded Worship:

414-253-0437

Sunday Worship

Worship Schedule - September

- September 4 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Text: Luke 15:11-32
Sermon Title: Road Trip Series: Headed Home
- September 11 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Romans 11:36 Proverbs 4:25-27 & others
Sermon Title: Back to School
- September 18 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Ephesians 2:19-22
Sermon Title: Plugged Into Community
- September 25 16th Sunday after Pentecost
United Women in Faith Sunday
Special Mission Recognition Award
Guest Speaker: Rebecca Gregory

**Sunday School begins
September 11th**

**10:00 am Adult Sunday School
in person & on Zoom**

10:00 am Preschool—6th Grade

Altar Choir is Back After Labor Day



Join our Music Ministry! No audition necessary! Bring a friend! Altar Choir Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

You don't have to read music or have an awesome voice.... we welcome EVERYONE who loves to sing!!! Bring a friend!

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Swodzinski at 414-801-1940, or speak with her after Sunday worship services.

Worship/Worship and the Arts



The Worship and the Arts team will be relaxing during the next few months as the church calendar is in "ordinary time". We are excited to soon meet with Pastor Heidi and plan for the Fall, World Communion, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Our goal is to help enhance the congregation's worship experience. We look forward to combining our time and talents with Pastor Heidi's experiences, to reach this goal.

In-Person Gatherings

The Covid 19 Metric Task Force continues to monitor Covid-19 using the Wisconsin Council of Churches and CDC as its guide. Over the last month, Covid-19 transmission rates and positive cases have increased in Milwaukee County. We encourage everyone to practice social distancing as much as possible. The CDC recommends wearing of masks indoors. If you believe you have Covid symptoms we request you stay home.

We respect your decision if you need to stay home and attend services virtually. Whatever makes you feel safe should be practiced. We pray that you will join us in-person soon.

Sunday Worship Notes

Special Soloist on August 28th



OCCUMC welcomes Marcya Daneille as a guest vocalist on Sunday, August 28th during our 9:00 am worship service. We will have beverages and pastries in the Fellowship Hall after the service where Marcya will join us.

Marcya is a classically trained vocalist, pianist, and a contemporary vocalist specializing in jazz, soul and gospel music. She considers herself a cross-genre singer who can sing her way through classical music, jazz standards, or reach for the heavens with her special brand of gospel music.

Born in Germany to musical parents, Marcya began studying music at the age of seven and began singing professionally at age 15. She earned her B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in vocal performance from Roosevelt University, with graduate studies in vocal performance at Iowa State University. Marcya's performing experience includes being a featured singer with the Lincoln Opera of Chicago, and in New York City where she continued to develop her jazz, soul and gospel styles. She has traveled internationally and spent time studying, performing and teaching in Italy and England. She is currently teaching and performing throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

On Sunday, September 25th, at the 9:00 am worship service, we will be observing United Women in Faith (formerly called United Methodist Women) Sunday. Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Gregory from United Methodist Children's Services. **We will be honoring two couples with a special mission recognition award.**

United Methodist Children's Services of WI, Inc. (UMCS) provides a vital presence in the historical Washington Park area of Milwaukee, celebrating the diversity of its residents, the majority of who unfortunately are challenged by poverty. UMCS understands the interconnected nature of poverty and uses a multi-faceted approach to address the struggles families face. UMCS reduces barriers to basic needs so that families can focus on developing roots in the community, building capacity and meeting their individualized goals. Through housing, childcare, resources and community engagement, UMCS acts as a stepping stone for families on their way towards stability.

UMCS is guided by the fundamental belief in God's love, values the dignity, potential and worth of each individual and creates a nurturing environment and sense of community in which miracles happen. With this in mind, we would like to collect items on their list of High Needs on the 25th to give to Rebecca to take back to her community. The list includes:

FOOD: soup, mac and cheese, canned meat, granola bars, microwave popcorn & crackers

HYGIENE ITEMS: toilet paper, bars of soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste

NEW FAMILY WELCOME GIFTS (New items only): small kitchen appliances (coffee maker, toaster, blender, etc.), dish sets, blankets, pots & pans, kitchen utensils, silverware, & gift cards to Target, Walmart or Amazon to purchase their own items.

The **Tabitha Circle** is coordinating the annual cash for school supplies drive for UMCS, which enables UMCS to purchase gift cards so that every child and adult will have the supplies they need to begin the school year.



There will be a large tote container under the United Women of Faith's table near the south entrance to the sanctuary for all items excluding monies for backpacks and school supplies. A separate place to collect donations for school supplies will be on the highboy in the Friendship area.

Ministry Notes

Sunday School Rally Day

The Christian Education Committee has begun formulating a plan for this fall's Sunday School Program. **This year's Sunday School will kick off on Rally Day, September 11th.** Third Graders will receive their Bibles at the 9:00 am service, and Sunday School will start at 10:00 am. For adults and school aged children. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Heidi or the office.



Because we value having three or four teachers per class, there is the need for 15 to 20 teachers. Our Sunday School curriculum considers our faith family children's spiritual, educational and social needs.

Sunday School teacher training will be on September 1st, 6:30 pm at the church.

Teachers will be able to spend time to set up their rooms that night if they wish. Please keep all of these efforts in your prayers and consider volunteering to be a teacher this year! You will grow so much from the experience!



The Cathedral Center & Friendship House



We will not be going back to serve food at the Cathedral Center until 2023. We feel the COVID-19 numbers in Milwaukee County have to come down. So, for the safety and health of all, we will wait. We also need to rebuild our team members. One of our team has died, some have had Covid, and some are getting older. So, until next year, we will continue to support the center with monthly donations. Peace. *Joanne M*

To refresh your memories, the Center orders food from local restaurants for the Hospitality Meal Program. Any unused food funds from the Hospitality Program are used by the Friendship House of Milwaukee which serves unaccompanied women, and families with children in emergency shelter, and those in need of flexible housing for up to two years.

You may include your donation with your regular offering by noting the amount you want donated to The Cathedral Center in the memo section of your check. You may also give online at occumc.org, pick Miscellaneous and enter The Cathedral Center.

Women's Retreat Planning



Our September meeting will be **September 17th-18th** at Lake Lucerne Camp. We will do Women's Retreat 2023 planning. Our theme is *Baskets Full of Blessings*. Please think of ideas for workshops, decorations, songs, activities, etc. to discuss at this meeting. Cost is \$70 per night for a room. If you share a room you each pay \$35.

We will carpool from church and stop to eat on the way. We will bring food to share for supper and breakfast and stop again to eat on the way home. We have one cabin reserved which has six rooms. So we have room for 12 if we double up. Please let Bonnie C (cc32drc@tds.net) know asap if you plan to come and if you want a single room. If there is a great turnout she can check into getting a second cabin.

Mission Programs

OCCUMC Missions support opportunities for members to do God's work and grow as a faith community. The missions outreach includes local, regional and international efforts.

Sarah Circle Thursday Morning Gathering



EVERY THURSDAY at 10:30 am everyone is welcome to meet in Doyle Hall at church. We will share devotions, concerns and celebrations. We close our gatherings with a Prayer for Peace composed by one of our group. There is no limit to the number of people that can come and share with us. If you have any questions, please call Carlene W at 414-764-5034.

Tabitha Circle



Tabitha Circle meets via Zoom, the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm to share fellowship & devotions. Contact Bonnie C at cc32drc@tds.net so she can send you the Zoom meeting link.

Layette Program



Our United Women in Faith group is so thankful for your continued prayers and support, as we strive to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. It only works with God's blessing and your help and support. We continue to deliver layettes to La Causa, Aurora Sinai Hospital, and the 16th Street Clinics.

Our pool of contributors to our Layette Mission has grown within and outside our congregation. That means more blankets being crocheted, quilted and knitted; and more purchases of flannel for receiving blankets, and more sleepers and onesies to complete each layette. If you would like to help, we can use: 1 yard of flannel, and newborn to nine months size sleepers and onesies.

In addition to baby layettes, we contribute gently used women's tops, pants and coats to Aurora Sinai Hospital, which has a closet for their new mom's in need. Also, we've given several bags of washed and gently used children's clothing to La Causa, as they are a 24/7 emergency housing facility for families in crisis who can stay overnight for a short period of time.

If you would like more information please contact Joan K @ 414-215-7088.

Going to Pieces



We were happy to see so many existing and also some new quilters at our June meeting! We are growing! Everyone is welcome with any skill level as we are constantly learning from each other. We had a wonderful demonstration by Judy Evert on free motion quilting along with reviewing the differences in all the threads and needles on the market. We had our usual "show and tell" of our latest projects and finished with some swapping of material.

Our next meeting is **Monday, September 12th at 9:30 in Doyle Hall**. We have also signed up to participate in a holiday Vendor Faire Saturday, December 3rd at Oak Creek Community Center. Mark your calendars! As usual, all our profits are brought back and reinvested in OCCUMC.

Missions

Midwest Distribution Center Trip



MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
midwestmission.org

12 people make up our Midwest Mission Distribution Center team this year. We will be heading to Pawnee, IL near Springfield, on August 21st- 26th. Some of us will be leaving after worship on Sunday, August 21st. Please come send us off with blessings.

This year OCCUMC members Bonnie, Pat, Joanne, Janet, and Jeanne will be spending time with former members, Suzy and Judy, and friends Julie, Patti, Lois, Mary Lou and Rick. We have been going to Midwest for years, and love seeing the people there each time.

In addition to the great feeling we get knowing we are helping others, we have lots of fun. Pat can show us how to microwave corn on the cob to perfection! Suzy, Jeanne and Bonnie enjoy morning walks before the work day begins. Joanne will get us laughing so hard while playing Rummikub or SkipBo, that we can't see our pieces. Everyone helps put a puzzle or two together during the week. Jeanne will tickle the ivories and get us singing. We will share work, meals, laughter and there will be numerous stops at the Twice Giving gift shop.



While there, we work with the MMDC staff and other volunteers from around the country putting together kits of all kinds - Health, School, Cleaning, Birthing. We also make patterns, sort and count items, roll garbage bags, and much more. One of our groups' favorite tasks is making desks.

Please keep us in your prayers during our trip.

InGathering 2022

What an awesome job with Ingathering 2022. We are grateful for everyone who generously donated kits, supplies and money for Midwest Mission. While in Wisconsin the Midwest Mission truck delivered supplies to United Methodist Children Services and Northcott Neighborhood House.

Totals for the 2-day collection in Green Bay, and what was sent to the Conference Office during May are:

\$8,585.73

1,642 Personal Dignity Kits

683 Home Care Buckets


And much more, including supplies to make more kits, school bags, layettes, blankets, working sewing machines...

We have two permanent drop off sites available for donations throughout the year. Check Midwest Mission's website <https://www.midwestmission.org/midwest-mission>. *Kits, Projects & Patterns* tab and *Donate* tab list the current needs.

THANK YOU for your help in showing God's love in practical ways.




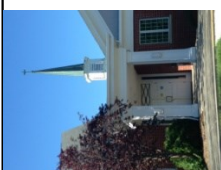

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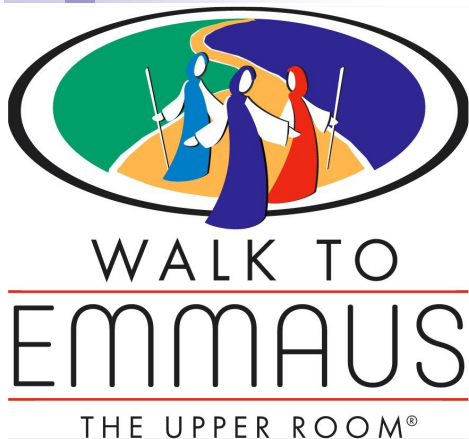
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Pastor's Day Off 7:00 pm AA	Pastor @ Institute of Congregational Development	6:30 pm Sunday School Planning Meeting in Doyle Hall	10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live!	6:30 pm SPRED Team Meeting 7:00 pm AA	6:30 pm Trustees Team Mtg	2:00 - 6:30 PM BLOOD DRIVE	Pastor Heidi on vacation 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering		
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live! Midwest Mission Send-Off	7:00 pm AA	Midwest Mission Center Trip		10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering Preschool Work Day	Pastor's Day Off	
28	29	30	31	<p>While Pastor Heidi is on vacation, the Rev. Bonnie Bell will be on call for any pastoral emergencies. She may be contacted by calling her cell phone at 262-424-5573 or by calling the Church Office at 414-762-4600.</p>		
9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live! Marcya Danielle Performs	7:00 pm AA					
 <p>Dak Creek Community United Methodist Church 8875 S. 13th Street (corner of 13th & Puetz Rd) Oak Creek, WI 53154 www.occumc.org 414-762-4600</p> <p>Church Office Hours - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Monday-Thursday office@occumc.org</p>		<p>Sunday Worship 9:00 am In-Person Worship on Facebook Live! at 9:00 am or watch anytime at facebook.com/occumc.org OR Listen to the recorded service at 1-414-253-0437</p>			<p>WORSHIP <i>with us</i></p>	

September 2022

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				1 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering	2 Pastor's Day Off	3
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11 RALLY DAY 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live! 10:00 am Sunday School 9/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 9:00 am Preschool 9:30 am GTP meets in Doyle Hall 6:30 pm SPRC Team Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting	13 9:00 am Preschool 4:30 pm Marketing Team Meeting 7:00 pm Trustees Team Meeting	14 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm Choir Practice	15 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering 	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 Tabitha Circle Planning for Spring Retreat at Camp Lake Lucerne
18 Golden Cross Special Offering Sunday 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live! 10:00 am Sunday School Tabitha Circle Planning for Spring Retreat Concludes	19 9:00 am Preschool 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm AA Meeting	20 9:00 am Preschool	21 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm Choir Practice	22 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Thursday Morning Gathering	23 Pastor's Day Off	24
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come walk WITH Jesus!

Women's Walk October 20-23
Men's Walk October 27-30
Camp Lake Lucerne
W6460 County Road YY Neshkoro

Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus
P.O. Box 12541 Green Bay, WI 54307
foxvalleyemmaus.com

The walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk to Emmaus begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of 15 talks by lay and clergy volunteers on the themes of God's graced, disciplines of Christian discipleship and what it means to be the church.

It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Heidi or Jonathan Loomis.

Lay Servant Class Offering

Leading Public Prayer Lay Servant Course at Cudahy UMC:

Cudahy UMC is offering the Leading Public Prayer class on October 9th & 16th, 2:00 - 6:00 pm. This will be a hybrid class, with a registration fee of \$10. We will be using the book "Shaping the Prayers of the People" by S. Wells & A. Kocher which is available in paperback from Cokesbury, and paperback or Kindle on Amazon.



Please email cudahyclasses@gmail.com to register.

Your Teams

Trustees Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Tuesday, August 9th
- Tuesday, September 13th
- Tuesday, October 11th
- Tuesday, November 8th
- Tuesday, December 13th

Leadership Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Monday, September 26th
- Monday, November 28th
- Monday, January 23rd, 2023

Marketing Team Meetings @ 4:30 pm



- Tuesday, August 16th
- Tuesday, September 13th
- Tuesday, October 11th
- Tuesday, November 8th
- Tuesday, December 13th

Staff Parish Relations Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Monday, August 8th
- Monday, September 12th
- Monday, October 10th
- Monday, November 14th
- Monday, December 12th

Finance Team Meetings @ 6:30 pm



- Tuesday, August 15th
- Tuesday, October 10th
- Tuesday, December 13th

Have you thought about participating in one of the below ministries?

We welcome your help in any of the ministries.

Contact Pastor Heidi or any of the team leaders and let them know of your interest.

OCCUMC group/team leads:

Administrative Assistant	Jane Lentz	Memorial & Gifts	Janet Porte
Altar Choir Director	Shelly Swodzinski	Missions	TBA
Christian Education	TBA	Preschool Director	TBA
Computer Support	Doug Clement	Sarah Circle Thursday Morning Gathering	Carlene Wintermote
ERAS	Joanne Mueller	Staff Parish (SPRC)	Dale Tetzlaff
Financial Team Chair	TBA	Tabitha Circle	Bonnie Clement
Financial Secretary	Bonnie Clement	Treasurer	Judie Peterson
Asst. Financial Sec.	Amber Yeary	Asst. Treasurer	Ed Kubes
Facebook Support	Devin Wiemann	Trustees	Kathy Brekeller
Blooming Garden Group	Lois Dillon	United Women In Faith	Carlene Wintermote & Joan Ketchum
Lay Leader	TBA	Website Support	Kathy Brekeller
Lay Member to AC	Allan Lindsay	Worship in the Arts	Lois Dillon
Lay Servant	Liz Imoehl	Youth Team	Alex Clement-Reichling, Dale Tetzlaff & Eric von Helms
Certified Lay Speakers	Dr. Patty Amborn & Allan Lindsay		
Leadership Team Chair	Doug Clement		
Marketing	Dale Tetzlaff		
Member-at-Large	Janet Porte		

More Information

Trustees

We are blessed!

The new roof on the church is complete, new LED lights shine on the newly sided steeple, asbestos was removed in the basement, boiler valves were repaired, AED machines were maintained, and the annual boiler, fire and elevator inspections were completed. And, a big thank you to the eleven volunteers that came on clean-up day and worked in the rain to complete 15 tasks... & we were done by 11:00!



As we prepared to welcome Pastor Heidi and her family into our Church community, the Trustees did some general work to the parsonage to ensure that it was ready for them. We're grateful to have had a few tenants over the last number of years and are excited to open the parsonage doors to Pastor Heidi and her family.

What's next?

In August, the exterior of the church will be painted, and then it's time for us to get ready for the colder temperatures. It is also the time we will be looking for replacements for the Trustees whose term will end. Being a Trustee is a rewarding way to serve our Lord and the Trustees would be happy to welcome you as a Trustee member. If you would like to learn more about being a Trustee, please contact any Trustee.



Peace & continued blessings,

Kathy B, Clinton P, Terry P, Steve D, Daryl B, Eric V, Keith S, Ed K, Fred S

Versiti Needs Blood Donors



One of our missions here at OCCUMC is sponsoring blood drives through Versiti, which serves hospitals throughout southeastern Wisconsin. The upcoming blood drives are: Wednesday, August 10th and Wednesday September 28th. Both are from 2:00 - 6:30 pm. Appointments are preferred. To make an appointment for the August 10th drive visit: <https://bit.ly/ocmethodist8> or call 877-232-4376.

Volunteer to Clean Up Storm Damage



Volunteers Are Needed To Help Clean Up Camp Storm Damage Pine Lake Camp in Westfield and Lake Lucerne Camp in Neshkoro, sustained considerable damage to buildings and trees during the storm in mid-June. The camps are ready to welcome any and all help.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own food, as the camps don't have the capacity to feed everyone right now. The good news is that the WIUM Camps have received an UMCOR disaster grant, so expenses, food and mileage can be reimbursed. Financial donations are welcome through the camps website <https://wiumcamps.org>.

If you want to help in other ways, contact Sue D'Alessio, sdalessio@wisconsinumc.org, or (262) 389-9351 who is coordinating the help. Our Wisconsin UMCOR (Volunteers in Mission) are also coordinating full work teams. Contact Wes Hurlburt at weshurlburt@gmail.com for more information about those groups.

Treasurer's Corner

	<u>Month of June, 2022</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	Income	13,739	
	Expenses	21,299	25,610
	Excess/(Shortfall)	<u>(7,560)</u>	
	<u>Fiscal 2022 YTD</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	Income	96,471	
	Expenses	137,028	150,700
	Excess/(Shortfall)	<u>(40,557)</u>	
<u>Apportionment</u>	Income	692	2,640
	YTD	7,078	31,680



Please Note:

Use only 2022 envelopes. Envelope numbers from prior years may be assigned to someone else. If you need envelopes, please contact finance@occumc.org.

You only need to write one check. You can designate amounts to different funds on the envelope. This will save us bank fees.

Contributions



OCCUMC members are a giving community. Every month contributions are received for various organizations. For 2022, the totals are as follows:

- ⇒ The Cathedral Center—\$2,755.00
- ⇒ Native American Sunday—\$400.00
- ⇒ Peace With Justice Sunday—\$60.00
- ⇒ UMCOR—\$4,760.00
- ⇒ Human Relations Sunday—\$120.00
- ⇒ Flowers & Gardens—\$265.00

Golden Cross Offering—September 18th



The Wisconsin Conference has 14 **Health and Welfare Ministries** serving persons of all faiths and races as an outreach of The United Methodist Church. The Ministries group is divided into three categories: **Family & Children's Services, Senior & Disability Services, and Health Services.**

One of the important ways to support these ministries is through the **Annual Golden Cross offering.** Your gift to Golden Cross is truly a mustard seed gift. Our organizations use these gifts as matching funds to secure foundation funding and other grants that are two, three, or even four times larger than the match.

These ministries .serve people all over Wisconsin. In the Milwaukee area Northcott Neighborhood House, United Methodist Children's Services, and the Village at Manor Park. You may include your donation with your regular offering by noting the amount you want donated to Golden Cross in the memo section of your check. You may also give online at occumc.org, pick Miscellaneous and enter Golden Cross Offering.

Please prayerfully consider a donation.

Fighting Hunger

Food Pantry



Because we no longer operate a food pantry here at OCCUMC, we encourage you to drop off non-perishable food items at the Salvation Army. Or, you can 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 to neighborhood individuals and families who are hungry. 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 charity food pantries.

Items Needed Year-round:

Fruits: fruits canned in own juice, or 100% fruit juice

Grains: whole-grain foods like brown rice, oatmeal, cereal (no sugar added), multigrain pasta

Dairy: boxed skim & 1% milk, or milk alternatives like almond & soy milk

Condiments: healthy and salt-free flavors of salsa, oil, mustard, seasonings

Vegetables: low sodium, canned vegetables, pasta sauces

Protein: lean sources of animal and plant-based protein - canned chicken, tuna, peanut butter, dried or canned beans

Snacks: healthy, low in fat foods for on-the-go, like granola, nuts and seeds, breakfast bars, graham crackers

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. Please share this information.



Qualifications are:

- 60 years or older (Bring an ID showing your age)
- Monthly household income of less than \$1,396 (1 person) or \$1,888 (2 persons)
- Be a resident of Wisconsin
- Paperwork will be filled out at each site by Hunger Task Force employees.

- ⇒ 1st Wednesday of the month from 8:30-11:00 am at Franklin Senior Meals in City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road;
- ⇒ 1st Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Greenfield City Hall, 7325 West Forest Home Avenue;
- ⇒ 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:00 am at the Wilson Park Senior Center, 2601 West Howard Avenue;
- ⇒ 3rd Thursday of the month from 12:00-1:30 pm at the Kelly Senior Center, 6100 South Lake Drive, Cudahy;
- ⇒ 4th Monday of the month from 10:30-11:30 am at the Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15th Avenue in South Milwaukee;
- ⇒ 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!

You are invited to show your care for those members and friends of our congregation by contacting them via the phone and/or sending them cards. Please call the church office for our shut-in'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 shut-ins:

Ginger A	Barbara B	Jean B	Jean B	Gay D	Kim D
Jeanne H	John H	Kathy H	Jean J	Elaine L	Robert L
Joanne M	Diane P	Eileen S	Gwen S	Pat S	Rick Z



Prayer Requests, etc.



If you have prayer requests, or other office items, please email them to office@occumc.org

Extra Keys



Do you have any church keys you no longer are using? If so, you can bring them to the office Monday-Thursday between 9 am and noon, or place them in the collection basket after worship on Sunday. Thank you!

Membership Information—Name Badge



Do you have a member badge? Our badges are white with gold frames. We would like to have everyone wear one at events and when worshiping. Please contact the office office@occumc.org to place your order.

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. Please contact the office at 414-762-4600 or 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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Mission Statement:

***Oak Creek Community
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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.***

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No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.
