



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 Adult Sunday
School in person & Zoom
10:15 am Confirmation
Class on Zoom

**NO Preschool—6th
Grade Sunday School
at this time**

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon

Our Staff:

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pastor@occumc.org

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Bonnie Clement
Financial Secretary
finance@occumc.org

Amber Yeary
Asst. Financial Secretary

To the Faith Family of OCCUMC,

Psalm 32:8

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

We congratulate Pastor Wendee on her retirement. She has been a faithful and dedicated servant. Pastor Wendee's faith guidance, friendship, and leadership have made a great difference in the lives of so many here and the churches she has served. We rejoice with her and thank God for sending her to serve in the ministry at OCCUMC.

As it says in Psalm 32:8, *I will counsel you with my eye upon you.* God is present in this place, and we can trust His guiding hand will be with the District and our church, as our Heavenly Father will appoint our next Pastor.

The SPRC team has sent a letter to the District which provides the strengths, objectives, and goals which will serve as a guide to the selection team. We ask for your prayers and support during this journey. The District will make its selection in the next 4-8 weeks, and will then contact SPRC for a get acquainted meeting with the team.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In the joy of a Risen Savior,

Dale Tetzlaff/SPRC Chairman



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 February

- February 6 5th Sunday after the Epiphany — Communion Sunday
Luke 5:1-11 (Jesus Chooses His First Disciples)
Don't Be Afraid... The Nets Will Not Break!
- February 13 6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Luke 6:20-26 (Luke's Version of the Beatitudes)
Blessings and Troubles
- February 20 7th Sunday after the Epiphany
Luke 2:41-52 (The Boy Jesus in the Temple)
Wait! We Lost Him!
- February 27 Transfiguration Sunday
Allan Lindsay, Lay Speaker
Luke 9:28-36
Reflections

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Sunday School in
person & on Zoom

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Confirmation Class
on Zoom

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Ways to Worship with Us

- ◆ **Worship in the Sanctuary** The procedures we follow include masking and social distancing while in the building. There is no child care available.
- ◆ **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!

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Website:

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Attendance



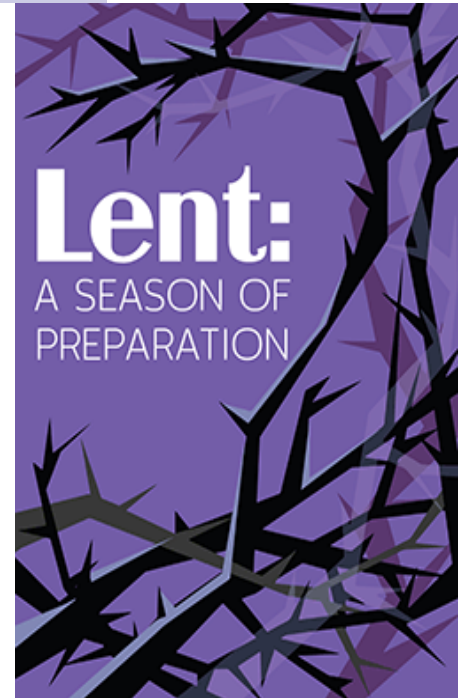
If you are viewing our worship service online, please help us keep track of our faith-family's weekly attendance. **'Like' us, or leave a 'comment' with the names of who is watching.** Or you may click on attendance@occumc.org, type the names of all the people who viewed the service with you in the subject 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.

Sunday Worship

Worship Schedule - in March

- March 2 Ash Wednesday
Pre-recorded Facebook Posting at 7 p.m.
John 2:1-2
Miracles: The Power & Gift of Desperation
- March 6 1st Sunday in Lent—Communion Sunday
Rev. Bonnie Bell
Luke 4:1-13
Wilderness Journey
- March 13 2nd Sunday in Lent
Mark 6:30-41
Miracle of Abundance
- March 20 3rd Sunday in Lent
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mark 4:35-41, Mark 6:47-52, & John 21:1-14
Miracles on the Water
- March 27 4th Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday
Matthew 8:14-17, Mark 6:53-57, & Luke 5:17-26
Jesus Our Healer



Pastor Wendee will be on vacation February 20th thru March 8th.

Pastor Mao Her from Greenfield, Christ UMC, will be available for pastoral care concerns. Her phone numbers are:

**Work: 414-421-0202
Cell: 920-562-9609**

Daily 9 am Facebook Offerings

Join OCCUMC on Facebook each day of the week at 9 am for the following community offerings*:

- Mondays – Sing-a-long with hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal
- Wednesdays – Sing-a-long with hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal
- Fridays – Sing-a-long with hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal
- Saturdays – Children's book
- Sundays – Worship on Facebook Live!

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.



Updates

In-Person Gatherings—Covid19

The Leadership Team asked for volunteers to develop a Metric Protocol to follow a safe use of the Church building during Covid-19. The task force uses 'Covid Act Now' as the protocol source as recommended by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The Task Force will adjust the protocol as necessary, on a monthly basis, upon review of county-level data.

Data Source: Covid Act Now (www.covidactnow.org)

Data Location/data duration: Milwaukee — 7-day average

Parameter: Percentage of positive covid19 tests

Status check day: 2nd Sunday of the month

Protocol implementation: 1st Sunday of the month

Below are the Recommendations from the Covid-19 Metric Task Force:

Behavior/Parameter	Unsafe	Safer	Safest
Mask Wearing	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Distancing	6 feet	3-6 feet	Not Required
Singing	No	Yes	Yes
Fellowship/Eating/ Drinking	No	Yes	Yes
% positive covid tests	≥ 10%	10 - 5%	< 5%

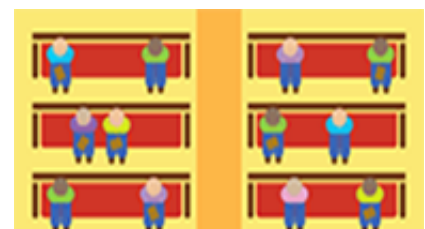
Due to the Positive Covid Tests going above 10% in Milwaukee County, the Covid 19 Metric Task Force has adjusted the Behavior/Parameter to **UNSAFE AS OF JANUARY 2, 2022**. Anything over 10% has been determined by the Wisconsin Council of Churches to be **Unsafe**.

Please Note



While there is a No Risk-free approach to gathering, we strongly recognize the need to provide a safe environment to protect those who wish to attend In-Person worship. The following In-Person worship safety guidelines are now in place.

- Masks are required
- 6-ft. social distancing
- There will be no Greeters
- Coats will be carried into the church
- Programs/Bulletins will be in the pews
- Singing will be provided by the soloist only
- There should be no congregating after the service
- All gathering for groups are limited to Doyle Hall only



We recognize the exhaustion and frustration many of us feel from these two challenging years of the pandemic. We respect your decision to staying home and attending services virtually. Whatever makes you feel safe should be practiced.

We ask for your prayers and patience during these most difficult times.

PLEASE GET VACCINATED.

Ministry Notes

Worship/Worship and the Arts



Thank you to Lois D, Judie P, and Judy E for the lovely Christmas and seasonal art installations in the Sanctuary and on the altar. We shared beautiful worship experiences (remember the Baptism of the Lord display?) that are enhanced by the Worship in the Arts Team!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In 2021, **25 prayer shawls** were gifted by members of the church to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who needed comfort during these trying times. In case you wonder how these shawls affect the recipients



I requested a prayer shawl for my sister-in-law who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the time, she was going through a lot of health issues, including a skin cancer diagnosis. It broke my heart that I was not able to be with her physically so that I could hug her during this difficult time. My daughters and I created a care package for her that included the prayer shawl from church, and we sent it off in the mail with a note letting her know that anytime she needed or wanted a hug from us, she should simply place the prayer shawl around her shoulders and be with God in prayer. We are happy to report that she is completely healthy now, but she still uses her prayer shawl when she needs a pick-me-up!

I have given four prayer shawls or wraps to people who have either been in dire health situations, or who have been the primary care givers to the seriously ill, in 2021. Without exception, the recipient has been thankful, not only for the beautiful and creative skill demonstrated by the work, but for the powerful sentiment behind the gift. Most of the people who have received these gifts from me are not active Christians, but they are amazed that we have a ministry where prayer is acted on in such a personal, creative and intimate way. The giving of these shawls opens the door for me to talk about God's love. If we believe that all tangible things have energy, then the way I understand it is that these shawls and wraps are filled with love. And that love is something that is felt each time the recipient looks at the shawl, or uses it. These shawls are like a lasting hug from God. Sending light and love to all of you, Patty A

Thanks to everyone who quilted, knitted or crocheted shawls. If you sew, knit or crochet, or would like to learn, we are always looking for more people to help with this ministry. The shawls are a tangible gift of prayer from us to you, a loved one, or friend, with prayers woven into each stitch, and blessed upon completion. Please contact Diane L at 414-510-9342 or dianelindsay54@gmail.com if you have time to donate to this ministry. If you know of anyone who would benefit from being wrapped in a tangible prayer, please feel free to pick up a shawl from the Friendship Hall at church. By providing us with a name or brief description of the person who you are gifting with the shawl, we will be able to keep that person in our prayers.

Sarah Circle Thursday Morning Gathering



EVERY THURSDAY at 10:30 am everyone is welcome to meet in the downstairs Conference Room at church, until further notice. We will social distance, and wear masks, while we 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 come and share with us. If you have any questions, please call Carlene W at 414-764-5034.

United Methodist Women

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2021 annual fund distributions were provided to several organizations supported by UMW. The Mission pledge was \$1,000. The following organizations received additional funds from UMW: World Thank Offering, Northcott Neighborhood, Children Services, Legacy, Youth Group and Salvation Army.

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We are women with a Purpose!



Layette Program



We have been very blessed to watch our donations of baby items increase this year. The four recipients: Aurora Sinai Hospital, Sixteenth Street Clinic, United Methodist Children's Services and La Causa have shared **over 118 Layettes** since January, 2021.

We are thrilled to be a part of this much needed and welcomed Mission to help babies and mothers get a gift of new items for their new little ones. If you would like to help with this Mission, we ask for new sleepers and onesies (sizes 0-9 mos.), new blankets, yarn for our crocheters and knitters, and a yard of flannel to hem for receiving blankets. If you have questions, please call Joan K at 414-215-7088.

Thank you to Kim, who makes baptismal cards which we present with the prayer blanket to the parents at the time of baptism.

Tabitha Circle

All women are welcome to join us for the **Women's Retreat April 22 - 24**. The theme is **Take Time to Be a Godly Lady**. We are excitedly planning a weekend full of workshops including Bible Study, Tie Dye, Cooking, Prayer, Stamping, Mindful Movement, Art, Chimes & Nature Walk. There will be plenty of time to enjoy the camp and fellowship together. The cost is \$160 for double or \$230 for single occupancy which includes 2 nights, 5 meals & workshop materials.



The registration form is available on the UMW table by the kitchenette in the Friendship Hall and at <https://wiumcamps.org/retreats/> Contact Bonnie C at cc32drc@tds.net if you have questions.



Tabitha Circle continues to meet 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.

CONTACT information

Rev. Christal B has asked us to let you know her new contact information:

10399 67th Ave Lot 109

christalbindrich@gmail.com

Seminole, FL 33772-6413

414-640-6278



OCCUMC Missions

The Cathedral Center & Friendship House

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The Cathedral Center & Friendship House: Through generous volunteer support and contributions, the meal program provides dinner in shelter 365 days a year. In 2021, this included 16,238 nights of emergency shelter to 224 women and 76 families, including over 160 children.

We continue to accept cash donations so The Center can order food from local restaurants for the Hospitality Meal Program. 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, pick Miscellaneous and enter The Cathedral Center.



The Cathedral Center applies any unused food funds from the Hospitality Program to the Friendship House of Milwaukee (formerly known as the Cathedral Center's Women's Independence Program). This program serves up to 28 unaccompanied women and eight families with children in emergency shelter for up to 90 days, and four unaccompanied women and eight families with children, in flexible housing for up to two years. Families include single mothers, single fathers, two parent households, and multigenerational amalgamations. A workforce development program is also a part of the Friendship House.

A huge thank you to all who were so generous this year. The Cathedral Center team and the women and children of the center greatly appreciate your generosity.

Total donations from February thru December 2021: \$3,515.

Midwest Distribution Center Trip

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER TRIP – August 21-26. It's time to think about signing up for our upcoming trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL.



We have been sending a team to MMDC every August since the facility opened in 2002, with the exception of 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!

This year we are scheduled to be in Illinois the week of August 21-26. 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 a new one, as you work together on a wide variety of projects. Carpooling and scholarships are available.

Don't delay if you want a bottom bunk in the dorm. Contact Bonnie at cc32drc@att.net or call her @ 262-895-2644 for details. **Registration deadline & payment due June 1st.**

Mission Programs

OCCUMC Mission Status 2022

In 2021 the Missions below and a few ancillary missions were made possible with your prayers, participation and monetary contributions.

- AA – Alcoholics Anonymous weekly meetings at church
- Adult Work Mission
- Baptismal Prayer Blankets
- Cathedral Center meal program
- Christmas Family
- Layette Program
- MMDC - Midwest Mission Distribution Center relief efforts
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- UMCS (United Methodist Children Services) - School Supplies & Hygiene Products
- UMCOR Advance Specials (i.e. Haiti, Tornados, Hurricanes & Floods)
- Special Sundays as set by the WI United Methodist Conference
- Women's Retreat



We are happy to announce that this January, Joanne has taken the lead liaison role between **Eras Senior Network, Inc.** and the OCCUMC church family. **Eras** has two offices that cover the Milwaukee and Waukesha areas, and prides themselves in being the nonprofit leader in

creating communities where seniors and adults with disabilities are fully embraced through collaborative partnerships, coordination of services, and intergenerational volunteer activities. If you would like to learn more about **Eras Senior Network, Inc.** check out their website: <https://eras.org>.

If you have any Mission questions or recommendations, or would like to participate in a mission, please contact any Mission Team member (Kathy B, Bonnie C, Alex C, Joanne M, Susan J, Michelle G, Pastor Wendee, Jane L).

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.

United Methodist Committee on Relief

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to disasters in the United States and around the world by working with communities and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts.



While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis. **"Early in and last out" is a guiding principle of UMCOR.** When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding – that disaster response is local – forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response efforts.

Please be there for survivors by including your donation with your regular offering, noting in the memo line of your check the amount you want donated to UMCOR; or by giving online @ occumc.org, pick Miscellaneous, and enter UMCOR (you may choose Where Most Needed, or a specific disaster like Tornado Relief, Wildfire Relief, etc.).

Ministry Notes

Christmas Cookies



On the afternoon of December 12, our youth group gathered to decorate cookies for our shut-ins. We had a lot of fun making various designs out of the frosting (some more detailed than others). Of course, we had to take some cookies home to sample for "quality control", and we confirmed that they were very good! The cookies were delivered to our shut-ins with our warmest holiday greetings.



Our next scheduled youth group activity was to be on Sunday, January 9th. Unfortunately, due to the increased number of COVID cases, we will be postponing until our February meeting. We hope everyone is having a happy and safe holiday season, and we'll reach out with more details on our next activity soon.



We welcome all ideas, so feel free to pass them along to Alex C, Eric vH, & Dale T. These activities are open to Confirmands, & High School youth. Bring your friends. Don't miss the fun!

Gardens

Did you enjoy the beautiful gardens surrounding our church last summer??? They were spectacular!! Not only have we created boulevards in the parking lot that bloom most of the summer, but we also had many annuals along the walkways, in the ground near the front door and in pots around the church building.

Our gardening group is an ambitious group, but we are always looking for more people to keep these areas planted and weeded (young, old, men or women). We are a very casual group as we come and go as we please, do as much or as little as we feel like, and do it when it is convenient for us. We don't have set meetings, but rather wander up when the need is there, and work the gardens ...spending time in nature and fresh air...it is like free therapy!! So, if you are interested, please contact either Shelly (414-801-1940), Kathy (414-762-0977) or Lois (414-870-5034).






This year we want to also put out a call for donations. We really do not have a budget, and last year the cost of most of the annuals planted came out of our own pockets. This year, Russ P is fabricating a small collection box that will be out during the months of April and May. We would appreciate your spare change or random dollars...it all adds up!! Please help us keep our little church on the hill beautiful and blooming!!

Thank You!! The Blooming Gardeners



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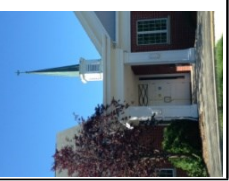
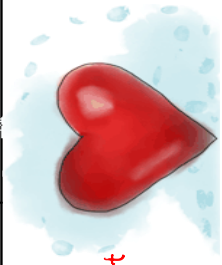
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February is National Heart Month

Learn more about having a healthy heart and many other topics/conditions related to your heart at heart.org

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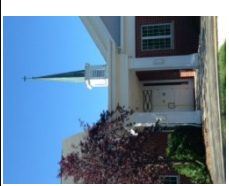



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Adult Education Opportunities

Cudahy UMC Lay Servant Ministries Academy is offering the following Advanced Lay Servant Ministry Courses in March:



UMC Polity – In Person or on Zoom, March 19th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Spiritual Gifts – In Person ONLY, March 19th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
UMC History – In Person or on Zoom, March 20th, from 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

The Basic Course (introductory) is available on zoom during the week leading up to the Academy. The cost for the Basic Course is \$10.

To take one Saturday class and the Sunday class, the cost is \$30, and includes a meal both days if you are in person. The in-person Classes will take place at Cudahy UMC - 5865 South Lake Drive in Cudahy. Direct any questions, and register by email, at cudahyclasses@gmail.com.

Lay Servant Ministries are one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, who then go and make other disciples.

Certified Lay Servant

Serves the local church or charge (and/or beyond) and:

- Provides program leadership, assistance and support
- Leads meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion when requested
- Conducts, or assists in conducting, services of worship; preaches the Word
- Provides congregational and community leadership, and fosters caring ministries
- Assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion upon request
- Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church

Requirements for Certification

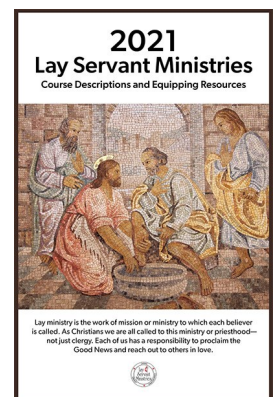
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Complete the 'Introduction to Lay Ministries: The BASIC Course'
- Complete a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course
- District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3) approval

Certified Lay Speaker

Serves by preaching the Word when requested by pastor, district superintendent, or Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1.

Requirements for Certification

- Certified as a lay servant
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Complete track of study including courses on:
 - ◊ New Introductory (formerly Basic) Course
 - ◊ Leading Worship
 - ◊ Leading Prayer
 - ◊ Discovering Spiritual Gifts
 - ◊ Preaching
 - ◊ United Methodist Heritage
 - ◊ United Methodist Polity
- Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with, and recommendation from, the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.



Adult Education Opportunities (cont'd)

Certified Lay Minister

As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergy person:

- Conducts public worship
- Cares for the congregation
- Develops new faith communities
- Preaches the Word
- Leads small groups
- Establishes outreach ministries
- Serves as a class leader
- Engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training
(e.g. United Methodist parish nurse, lay missionary/church planter, men's ministry specialist, children's faith formation, HPH/LM lay missionary)
- Assists in program leadership



Requirements for Certification

- Certified as a lay servant, lay missionary
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Complete a track of study as defined by Discipleship Ministries or the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry
- District Superintendent recommendation
- Appropriate screening and assessment
- Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with, and recommendation from District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Requirements for Renewal



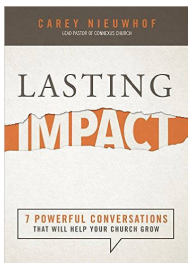
- Annual report
- Recommendation of church council or charge conference
- Certified Lay Servant and Certified Lay Speaker must accumulate in every three years at least ten approved hours of advanced Lay Servant Ministry courses to renew certification
- Certified Lay Servant must have the approval of the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure
- Certified Lay Speaker must have approval of the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries every three years after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries
- Certified Lay Minister must:
 - ◇ Attend in every two years an advanced course or approved continuing education event
 - ◇ Receive District Superintendent recommendation
 - ◇ Obtain approval of the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries every two years after interview with and recommendation from District Committee on Ordained Ministry

You are encouraged to take courses as often as you wish. This allows you to grow in more than one area, or to concentrate in one area of your gifts.

Download the [2021 Lay Servant Ministries Catalog](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/lay-servant-ministries-catalog) (PDF) for more information on the Lay Servant program. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/lay-servant-ministries-catalog>

Adult Education Opportunities

Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations that will Help Your Church Grow, by Carey Nieuwhof. Book Study on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom (link to follow).



You've probably noticed ...
Churches aren't growing.
Young adults are walking away.
Volunteers are hard to recruit.
Leaders are burning out.

And the culture is changing faster than ever before. There's no doubt the church is in a moment in history for which few church leaders are prepared. You can look for answers, but the right response depends on having the right conversation. In *Lasting Impact*, Carey Nieuwhof leads you and your team through seven conversations that will help your church grow and have a lasting impact.

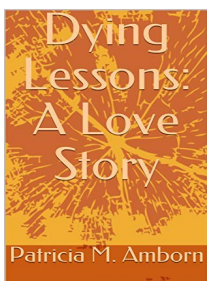
What if ...

Having the right conversations could change your trajectory?
There was more hope than you realized?
The potential to grow was greater than the potential to decline?
Your community was waiting for a church to offer the hope they're looking for?
Your best days as a church were ahead of you?
Maybe the future belongs to the churches that are willing to have the most honest conversations at a critical time.

That's what *Lasting Impact* is designed to facilitate.

(the above comments were compiled from the book jacket)

Please contact Pastor Wendee if you would like to join this conversation.



Dying Lessons: A Love Story, weaves the story of my challenging childhood, having been born seven weeks after my father died, with my research on the dying experience for Wisconsin senior citizens, and offers a view into my experience as the primary care giver for my dying mother. Shining a light on how American senior citizens are dying, most often in environments they would not have imagined, nor desired, I ask the reader to consider how we got here as a society, how we allow medical professionals to be the key players in our beloved seniors' dying experiences, while we anxiously watch from the hallways or call in our concern.

In early 2022, I am planning on hosting book clubs to create safe spaces for this difficult conversation to begin. We will talk about options for end-of-life care, the importance of advanced care directives, and the challenges of navigating grief, but more importantly we will talk about dying as a universal experience, that when viewed as a sacred one, brings us closer to God.

My book is available through Amazon, and if you access this link, you can read the first 2 ½ chapters for free. https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08HCH3RF6/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=amborn&qid=1599138532&s=digital-text&sr=1-1

Please contact me at 414-750-1575 or email me at pamborn1@wi.rr.com to reserve a spot. We can start whenever we have at least four participants, and I am open to conducting these sessions either online or in-person and will host these conversations for as long as there is a need.

Dr. Patty A

Your Teams



Leadership/Finance Team Meetings

**Meetings are on Mondays
at 6:30 pm via Zoom**

- Monday, February 28, 2022
- Monday, March 28, 2022
- Monday, April 25, 2022
- Monday, May 23, 2022
- Monday, June 27, 2022



Trustees Team Meetings

**Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm via Zoom**

- Tuesday, February 8, 2022
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- Tuesday, June 14, 2022



Marketing Team Meetings

**Meetings are held on monthly basis
On Tuesdays at 1:00 pm via Zoom**

- Tuesday, February 8, 2022
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- Tuesday, June 14, 2022



Staff Parish Relations Team Meetings

**Meetings are held once a quarter on
Mondays at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

- ~~Monday, February 14, 2022~~ (cancelled)
- Monday, March 14, 2022
- Monday, April 11, 2022
- Monday, May 9, 2022
- Monday, June 13, 2022

If you need to contact someone and don't know who is the OCCUMC group/team lead, here's a chart to help you:

Administrative Assistant	Jane Lentz	Sarah Circle Thursday Morning Gathering	
Altar Choir Director	Shelly Swodzinski		Carlene Wintermote
Christian Education	TBA	Staff Parish (SPRC)	Dale Tetzlaff
Computer Support	Doug Clement	Tabitha Circle	Bonnie Clement
Financial Chair	Dr. Patty Amborn	Treasurer	Judie Peterson
Financial Secretary	Bonnie Clement	Trustees	Kathy Brekeller
Facebook Support	Devin Wiemann	Website Support	Kathy Brekeller
Gardening Group	Lois Dillon	Worship in the Arts	Lois Dillon
Leadership	Dr. Patty Amborn	United Methodist Women	
Marketing	TBA		Carlene Wintermote & Joan Ketchum
Memorial & Gifts	Janet Porte	Youth Team	
Missions	Kathy Brekeller		Alex Clement-Reichling,
Preschool Director	Kara Pendzich		Dale Tetzlaff & Eric von Helms

Treasurer's Corner

	<u>Month of December 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	Income	19,403	
	Expenses	20,236	25,146
	Excess/(Shortfall)	<u>(833)</u>	
	<u>Fiscal 2021 YTD</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	Income	245,241	
	Expenses	266,884	285,524
	Excess/(Shortfall)	<u>(21,642)</u>	
<u>Apportionment</u>	Income	1,502	2,693
	YTD	32,316	32,316



2021 Contribution Update—Thru December, 2021

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>General</u>	225,761.46	224,734.70	1,037.76
<u>Apportionment</u>	9,610.00	32,164.00	22,554.00



Apportionment



We are pleased to announce that our Apportionment for 2021 has been paid in FULL! This is the first time in 15 years that OCCUMC has met our Apportionment fair-share.

Apportionments help us to be a connectional church, working and sacrificing together to dream big dreams for God's people. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping us to help make God's love work at home, and around the world!

Donations/Fundraisers

Planning to do a fundraiser, or asking for donations? Please check with our Financial Secretary, Bonnie C. at finance@occumc.org. She can help by seeing if we already have a fund to use, or if we need to set up a new one.



There are Collection Envelopes, located in the mailroom, for you to use in certain cases. You do the collection, then turn in the \$ for deposit to the Counters so they know how to handle it.

If you want people to get credit for their contribution, we need to know who it came from. The submission form has a place for this, as well as a place to let the Counters know what fund to put it in. We will look up any envelope numbers if you provide the name of the member.

Please let us know about special collections ahead of time so that we can make the Counters aware of them and where the contributions should go. Thank you for your help.

2021 Summary and New Members

Per the United Methodist Church Discipline, the Board of Trustees is charged with the supervision and maintenance of all property and equipment owned by the Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church (OCCUMC). This includes creating policies for the use of such property and equipment, receiving and administering all gifts made to OCCUMC, overseeing investments, maintaining all legal documents, maintaining proper insurance coverage, and developing appropriate risk management policies.



This team consists of up to nine people. We held our first meeting of the year on January 11th to elect officers and welcome our new members.

The Trustee Team for 2022 is:

Officers: Kathy B. – Chair, Clinton P. – Vice-Chair, Terry P. – Secretary
Members: Daryl B., Keith S., Steve D., Eric vH.
Other affiliates: Fred S. – community and fire inspections,
Ed K. – insurance, Doug C. – IT

Edith G. moved away in summer of 2021, and Doug C. rolled off as Board of Trustees members at the end of 2021. **There are currently two Trustees spots open.** If you are interested in being part of this active ministry in the church, contact the church office, or the pastor.

The following were some of the Trustees accomplishments for 2021:

Replaced flooring in the West Wing, Doyle Hall, Library, Nursery, and Narthex
Upgraded the computer systems including 5 computers, server, MS Office,
and Wi-Fi access.

Upgraded email system

Upgraded Webpage – www.occumc.org

Painted all rooms in West Wing, Doyle Hall, and Nursery

Retightened and put new feet on all the pews

Painted exterior of parsonage including re-glazing the windows.

Changed Snow Removal company – Ray F retired

Changed Elevator Maintenance company – saving 40%

Upgraded road sign lighting to LED

Repaired garage brick facing

Replaced all 10 thermostats – now all the same, easier to use

Upgraded North parking lot lights to LED

Repaired Steeple lighting fixtures and upgraded to LED

Replaced mail boxes

Added/replaced/removed some office furniture including filing cabinets, shelving, chairs, etc.

Repaired wind damaged shingles and soffit

Cleaned out SW garden

Other miscellaneous church and parsonage repairs and cleaning

If you notice something that you think the Trustees need to know about, contact the church office email at office@occumc.org or the general Trustees email at trustees@occumc.org .

Board of Trustees



Thanks

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

The Trustees Team would like to thank Doug for his excellent Trustee leadership over the past six years. Doug never missed a meeting, and we were amazed at how well he kept track of everything... as in every minor detail!

Although he will still be around,
we will miss his leadership, faith, and quick wit.



UMCOR

Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

Dear Friends in Mission,

The dear people you helped with your gifts to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be — Thank You!

Through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries, in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds, and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

2021 Gift Total: \$3,165.00

UMCS

United Methodist
Children's Services
of Wisconsin, Inc.



Thank you for your continued support of United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) and our mission to support the housing and social service needs of families in the Washington Park Community. Your commitment to our work is inspiring, and I am extremely thankful for your support.

Warmly, Rebecca UMCS, Milwaukee

2021 Gift Total: \$1,075.00

United Methodist Men



UM Men Magazine is an electronic quarterly publication of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. The magazine contains news of activities of UMM organizations around the world, opinion pieces, and

feature articles. You are invited to celebrate the silver anniversary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. Take a 25-year back in time to visit with the first staff members and get a view of the future with an article by Greg Arnold, newly elected chief executive of the commission. This is too good to keep to yourself; share it with friends.

https://www.gcumm.org/files/uploads/Winter2022-2.pdf?mkt_tok

Office Notes

Membership Information—Name Badge



Do you have a member badge? We will be placing an order soon. Our badges are white with gold frames. We would like to have everyone wear one at events (hopefully coming soon) and when worshipping. Please contact the office office@occumc.org to order one.

Prayer Requests



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

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	Jean B	Jean B	Violet B	Gay D	Kim D
David H	Jeanne H	John H	Kathy H	Jean J	Elaine L
Robert L	Diane P	Eileen S	Gwen S	Pat S	Rick Z

Church Library



Did you know that OCCUMC has a church library? It is in the fireplace room, open whenever the church is and operates on the honor system. Each book should have a library card, but if it doesn't, you can sign your name and the book's title on a pad of paper located near the pencil box.

We have a small, but diverse collection (from left to right on the shelves): fiction, mostly remnants from the UMW Reading Program; Christian concerns, controversies, questions, stages of life from marriage to parenthood to dealing with grief; church history including Methodism and OCCUMC; biblical studies, reference books, various versions of the Bible; and the holy books from other religions, the Torah and the Koran. Finally, there is a well-selected collection of children's books.

Along the long wall, between the windows, is an assortment of Bible studies, ideas for special times in the church calendar, and even the manuals for Kerygma classes. You could review what you may have forgotten, or self guide your own study of something new.

Feel free to browse and borrow.

Many thanks to Janet P for organizing the library after the church renovation!



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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.