



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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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with great faith and excitement that I introduce myself and my family. My name is Heidi Loomis. I was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, but at the age of three my parents moved to Montana, and I spent most of my years growing up in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains in Montana's Bitterroot Valley. My husband, Jonathan, and I have been married for 10 years. We share a son, Grayson, who is going to turn 10 in September. I am also stepmom to Ryleigh, 20, Grahame, 18, and Oen 14.

I graduated from the University of Montana in 2002, with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. In 2008, I moved back to Wisconsin and worked for the American Red Cross. During my time there, I provided support on disaster relief operations locally and across the country, as well as public relations for the organization. God called me to ministry in 2012, and I began attending the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in the fall of 2013. I earned my Masters of Divinity in 2016. On July 12th, 2022, I was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church!!

I have been serving as a pastor for eight years, and I rejoice in this call to serve each and every day! Spending time with God is essential to the rhythm and flow of my life, and contributes to the success of my relationships with family, friends, and within the community. Time with family is incredibly important to Jonathan and I. Jonathan drives truck for Jack C. Moss Trucking and is gone most of the day. My stepson, Oen, visits every other weekend and for a few weeks during the summer, so we value those moments when we are all together under the same roof. Grayson is a great teammate in ministry with me. You will see him with me at many functions, meetings, or during office hours. He has a creative soul and is currently rocking a great mullet!

We have a 5-year-old English Bulldog named Ruby, and a 6-month-old Mini-English Bulldog named Simon. After we move, I'll be looking into training both as therapy/ministry dogs. You may see one of them in the office with me from time to time. They are clean, friendly, and loving dogs and Ruby is always happy to meet a new best friend.

My family and I are excited to have the opportunity to serve in the community of Oak Creek and beyond! I am passionate about connecting the church with the community and finding ways to help people see God at work in their lives. We grow in grace through practicing spiritual disciplines: fellowship, witness, mediation, prayer, worship, fasting, time in nature, service, silence, sacrifice, and (if you ask me) potlucks! My goal as your pastor is to help you grow in faith, strengthen your relationship with God, and then find ways to witness to that faith.

I'm looking forward to seeing where God will take us in the coming months and years. May we move forward prayerfully and be faithful to hearing God's call and discerning his work for us in the process.

Blessings and Peace,

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 July

July 3	4th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Guest Preacher, Rev. Bonnie Bell Text: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Sermon Title: The Mission
July 10	5th Sunday after Pentecost Welcome Pastor Heidi Loomis Text: Mark 4:35-41; Philippians 2:12-16 Sermon Title: Why Are You Here?
July 17	6th Sunday after Pentecost Text: Matthew 4:1-11 Sermon Title: How Did Pastor Heidi Get Here?
July 24	7th Sunday after Pentecost Text: Acts 2:1-4 Sermon Title: Road Trip Message Series: Hit The Road
July 31	8th Sunday after Pentecost Text: Acts 2:1-4 Sermon Title: Road Trip Message Series: Worth Stopping For

Rev. Bonnie Bell will be on call during our pastoral appointment change. She may be contacted by calling her cell phone at 262-424-5573 or by calling the Church Office at 414-762-4600.

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with us
from
HOME

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[occumc.org](https://www.occumc.org)

Recorded Worship:
414-253-0437

A WORD OF THANKS — From Pastor Wendee and Jim Nitz

What a joy it was to celebrate our shared ministry together on Sunday, June 19th, 2022. We appreciate all of the time, energy, and effort that was offered to help with the worship service and the luncheon. We have been blessed to walk this journey of faith together for the past eight years. Thank you for the many ways you expressed your love and care for us. Thank you also for opening your hearts and homes to us. We wish you God's love and grace as you transition to sharing ministry with your new pastor Rev. Heidi Loomis.

Specifically, thank you for the generous gift for the Rev. Wendee M. Nitz Endowed Scholarship at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, the beautiful Bulova clock, the commemorative plaque, the gift certificates to two restaurants, the many goofy, fun, and touching gifts from the different ministry teams and groups, and so much more!

Jim and I shared a gift with this faith-family. With the blessings of the Trustees, SPRC, and Leadership Teams, we purchased a Peace Pole from the Peace Pole Project. Check out their website at <https://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/>. We blessed this Peace Pole between the worship service and the celebration lunch on Sunday, June 19th. The Peace Pole is a physical prayer, in the form of a pole, planted outside the front door of the church, with the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth", imprinted in English, Spanish, Korean, and Hmong. May each of us be blessed as we work for peace in our lives and in our world. Make it so, O God!

Peace Out, *Pastor Wendee and Jim Nitz*



Staff Parish Relations Team

To the Faith Family of OCCUMC,

Philippians 1:3 states: *I thank my God every time I remember you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

On June 19th, we celebrated Pastor Wendee's retirement. We thank Wendee for her faith guidance, friendship, and leadership during these past eight years and wish her much joy in retirement.

Sunday July 10th, Pastor Heidi Loomis will begin her ministry at OCCUMC. We ask for your prayers and support in welcoming the Loomis family from the Marshall/Waterloo area of Wisconsin to Oak Creek. To welcome Pastor Heidi, after the service we will hold a coffee bistro with goodies, and share time together as a family, learning about each other.

How we welcome Pastor Heidi may determine how fruitful this ministry will be. As Pastor Wendee mentioned, over 60% of our members have not reconnected since Covid. We will need to establish a ministry of invitation to reconnect with past members and going forward, seeking new members. If you remember the Oreo cookie, the Holy Spirit provides the center to the Father and Son. If we allow the Holy Spirit to enter our lives, we will be filled with complete faith and trust knowing God walks with us in whatever we do.

Suggestions to Welcoming Pastor Heidi:

- Develop a relationship, get to know her;
- Welcome the Loomis family as part of your family;
- Pray with her and for her;
- Communicate with her, being positive;
- Affirm her preaching;
- Accept her role as our faith leader;
- Be thankful for her;
- Work together to grow & spread the Word of God.

Corinthians 15:58: *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

Yours in Christ

Dale Tetzlaff/SPRC



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June 2022 Newsletter

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