



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

Reminder

Sunday Worship:

- During school year, services at 8:00 am and 10:45 am
- During summer, service at 9:30 am

Communion:

- First Sunday of the month

Sunday School:

- For all ages, join us at 9:30 am

Office Hours:

- Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Services Available:

- Nursery care at 10:45 am Service
- Elevator
- Listening devices

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New Format for OCCUMC's *Reminder*

Recently, Pastor Wendee requested that the Administrative Council consider reducing the number of times the office staff produces the *Reminder*, the church's newsletter, each year. It was suggested that the church move to quarterly distribution. The Council approved the following recommendation:

1. February/March/April covers Lent and Easter
2. May/June/July covers the conclusion of the curriculum year and summer
3. August/September/October covers the upcoming Fall Programming
4. November/December/January covers Thanksgiving, Christmas and Epiphany

Benefits to our church in making this change includes the following:

Time Savings:

A lot of time is spent each month writing, editing, printing, and producing the newsletter. Our recent version of the *Reminder* is in a new information format that states our church's programming information in concise ways. To keep the combined three-month newsletter at reasonable number of pages, the new four-times-per-year *Reminder* will include a welcome page, full calendars of the events for each of the months along with a written list of all activities, worship schedules, upcoming programs (i.e. UMW Luncheon, collection of school supplies, special fund raising events, incidental financial, community, new ministry initiatives, etc.), and a cover page.

Money Saving:

We currently mail 200 newsletters to meet the minimum requirement for receiving the benefit of the lower cost US Post Office Bulk Mail price. We are looking to move to a "pick-up-your-mail+at church system for the congregation. We have other written communications that we can then save postage on also. (Stewardship letters, giving statements, etc.) In addition to saving on the cost of mailing the newsletter (about \$35.00) each time we mail, we will also save the annual fee the US Post Office Bulk Mailer (\$200.00).

Further Savings of Going Paperless:

We want to encourage individuals and families to sign up to receive their newsletter via e-mail, therefore, further reducing printing costs. In summary, creating a new "pick-up-your-mail/newsletter-file" in the Friendship Room will reduce the amount of items mailed out. All remaining items located in the files will be mailed two weeks following the publication of any letters/newsletters. Another use of the hanging file folder system would be for housing name tags. Therefore, the name tag carousel in the Friendship Room will be removed.(Permission from the family of the person who made the carousel has already been given). This will allow more room to move around the coat hanger area. If you have any questions, comments and/or thoughts, please speak with Pastor Wendee or Jenny v H, Admin./Leadership Council. Chair.

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 - February

February 3 Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon: *Power Revealed*, by Guest Preacher, Rev. Christal B, (retired)

February 10 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 1; Hebrews 1: 1-4 and 2: 5-12; Job 1: 1 and 2: 1-10

Sermon: *Someone Who Wouldn't Give Up*

February 17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 4; Mark 10: 17-31; Job 23: 1-9 and 16-17;

Sermon: *The Story of Job - Part Two*

February 24 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 37: 1-11; Mark 10: 35-45; Job 42: 1-6 and 10-17

Sermon: *Job - Part Three*

Worship Schedule - March

March 3 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm

Sermon: Guest Preacher, Jessie G, Pastoral Intern

March 6 Ash Wednesday

Scripture: Psalm 51: 1-17; Joel 2: 1-2 and 12-17; Matthew 6: 1-6 and 16-21

Sermon: *Prayer: An Avenue of Connection with God*

March 10 First Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time

Scripture: Psalm 91; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon: *Tempted*

March 17 Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 27; John 5: 19-21; Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon: *Working*

March 24 Third Sunday in Lent Camping Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 63; Mark 2: 19-22; Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon: *Teaching*

March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 105: 1-11; Romans 6: 1-18; Matthew 20: 17-28

Sermon: *Jesus the Very Thought of You*



**Fall Sunday Morning
Worship Schedule:**
Sunday, September 9, -
Sunday, May 19, 2019
Services at 8:00 am and
10:45 am

**Summer Worship
Schedule:**
Sunday, May 26, 2019 -
Sunday, September 1,
Service at 9:30 am

*Pastor Wendee will be
on vacation from
Thursday, January 31
through Saturday,
February 9, 2019 and
Thursday, April 25
through Saturday,
May 4, 2019*

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UMC in Greenfield will
be on call at 414-421-
0202*

Sunday Worship

Worship Schedule - April

April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Disciple Completion Celebration

Scripture: Psalm 5; Philippians 4: 6-9; 2 Timothy 1: 9-14

Sermon: *Finding Refuge in Communion*

April 14 Palm Sunday

Receiving New Members

Scripture: Psalm 118: 14-29; Philippians 2: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-40

Sermon: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

April 18 Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm

Scripture: Psalm 116: 1-10; 1 Corinthians 13; John 13: 1-17 and 31b-35

Sermon: *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

April 19 Good Friday - 7:00 pm

Drama Disciples

Scripture: Psalm 22: 1-18 and 25-31; Hebrews 10: 16-25

Sermon: *A Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of John 18: 1-19 and 42*

April 21 Easter Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 118: 14-29; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12

Sermon: *Risen*

April 28 Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: *Do Not Doubt But Believe* - Guest Preacher, Larry G



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10:45 am

Summer Worship Schedule:

Sunday, May 26, 2019 -
Sunday, September 1,
Service at 9:30 am

Summer 2019 News

2019 Summer Worship Sermon Series June 23 through September 1, 2019

The Hymns We Love to Sing!

We need your help picking the hymns that we will preach on in worship next summer. One hymn-per-Sunday equates to the need for eleven hymns!

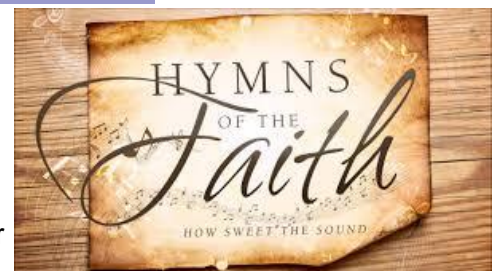
You will find in the worship bulletins on January 27, February 3, and February 10, an insert for you to write your hymn selections to be considered for the summer worship services. You will have the chance to share your three favorite hymns from either *The United Methodist Hymnal* or *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*.

The preacher for the day will give background/context information, theological reflection about the hymn, and possibly personal experience/encounter with the hymn. The preacher may also lead us to understand

how our faith-family can use the hymn to help us live our individual lives

and our faith-family's life together in community with more meaning and devotion to God and Jesus through the Spirit. We will have many different congregation members preaching during the 2019 summer services as Pastor Wendee has been approved to take a six-week renewal leave plus 2-weeks of vacation added on.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with Jenny v H, Council Chairperson or Pastor Wendee. Thank you for your participation in the summer's worship sermon series.



Sunday Mornings

Coffee with the Pastor and Breakthrough Prayer



Most first Sundays of the month, we invite you to join us. Our next gathering will be on March 3, at 9:30 am in the Library.

The following Coffees with the Pastor to be held on:

- No gathering in February
- March 3, 2019
- April 7, 2019
- May 5, 2019

- We enjoy great coffee served in REAL china!
- Prayers focused on individual, community, world, larger church needs.
- Focus on building community and relationships between our existing members and friends and sharing compassion with new folks. Breaking through whatever holds us back from deep and life-giving relationship with the divine.

Hospitality Boot Camp

This fourth Sunday of the month program will be held on March 24, at 9:30 am in the library.

The Hospitality Boot Camp provides information and practice on how to help out with our Sunday morning hospitality. We will be focusing on how to become true vehicles of God's love and effectively share the ministries of:

- Opening/Closing the church for Worship
- Greeters
- Liturgists
- Ushers
- Fellowship

Please see Mary Ann B or Pastor Wendee for more information. We here at Oak Creek Community

Hospitality



United Methodist Church are deeply committed to sharing God's grace through our Welcoming Hospitality Ministries. We need your help to make sure that each person who walks through our doors feels warmly greeted, given a sense of belonging, and encouraged to return soon. Mark your calendar for the remaining meetings:

- No Meeting in February
- March 24, 2019

New Member Class

This one-session class will be held on March 31, 2019 at 9:30 am with joining on April 14, 2019.

Those interested in joining OCCUMC are encouraged to participate in this one-session class in the Library near the main staircase. We will share time getting to know each other, learn about OCCUMC and the United Methodist Church's history. We will go over how to connect with a small group ministry/activity so that you begin to feel a part of the faith-family.

New members will be received on Sunday, April 14. This class is open to anyone, member, friend of the church, or non-member, who would like to learn some of the basics of Christianity, Methodist and OCCUMC history, and how you would like to share your gifts and talents for God through the ministries here at OCCUMC. If you are interested in becoming a member of OCCUMC, please speak with Pastor Wendee at (414) 762-4600 or pastor@occumc.org.



Adult Sunday School

Adult 1 and 2 Sunday School Classes continue until May 19, 2019. All are welcome.

Adult 1 meets in L29 (lower level) and Adult 2 meets in U22 (upper level) at 9:30 am each Sunday

Adult 1 Sunday School class started a new series in January. They are using a DVD study titled "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado. Building Our Lives on the Promises of God.



Adult 2 Sunday School class is lead by Oliver C and in January, they started a discussion on Philippians, Chapter 4. Usual class time is reading a passage from the chapter, then discussing it and comment on how it applies to daily life.

Sunday Afternoons

Compassionate Care Training and Experience

This first Sunday of the month program, Compassionate Care Giving w/Shut-ins, Others-in-Need Training and Experience will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019.

- Do you have the gift of listening?
 - Do you enjoy connecting and visiting with our shut-ins?
 - Are you comfortable visiting people in the hospital?
- If you answered, %es,+to any of these questions, you may want to consider this invitation to join this team. We will meet once a month on the first Sunday of the month following the second service for about an hour. In that hour, we will share conversation, prayer with each other and prayer for the people in our faith-family

who are struggling with health issues, needing connection, and wanting to share their gifts from their homes. We will also be trained in how to do home/hospital visitation ministry. Following each of these meetings, we will then be sent out two-by-two to visit folks. Mark your calendar for this program:

- No February Meeting
- March 3, 2019
- April 7, 2019
- May 5, 2019

Please talk with Pastor Wendee, if you are interested in this ministry or for more information.



Hospitality Team Meeting

The Hospitality Team meets the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday, February 17, at 12:00 pm

We are always looking for people to invite, welcome, and befriend new people here at OCCUMC. If you would like to be a part of this team, please talk with Mary Ann B and/or Pastor Wendee Nitz. Please keep praying for these our hospitality reaching out efforts

and the importance of seeing Christ in each other, especially the %stranger+.



Mark your calendar for these meeting dates:

- February 17, 2019
- March 17, 2019

Lenten Season Services

Lenten Season Services will be held on the following Sundays: March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 and April 7, at 4:00 pm in Doyle Hall

The worship team will be offering worship services during the Lenten season. These services will be held in Doyle Hall at 4:00 pm for 40 minutes each evening.

During this time of worship, we will be learning more about God and experiencing God through prayer

stations, creative activities, contemporary music, fellowship, and times of reflection.



Please join us for this chance to be together in prayer and worship!

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday, April 14 - Services 8:00 & 10:45 am
Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Service at 7:00 pm in Doyle Hall with Communion
Good Friday, April 19 - Service at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 21 - Services at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Breakfast at 9:30 am



Monday

Leadership and Administrative Council Meetings

Leadership and Administrative Meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar for the following meetings dates:

- February 25, 2019 . Leadership Council
- March 25, 2019 . Leadership Council
- April TBD . Administrative Council
- May 28, 2019 . Leadership Council (please note this meeting will be held on Tuesday)

- June 24, 2019 . Combined Administrative & Leadership Councils
- August 26, 2019 . Administrative Council
- September 23, 2019 - Leadership Council
- October 28, 2019 . Administrative Council
- November 18, 2019 . Combined Finance, Administrative, & Leadership Councils
- December - No Meeting

Christian Education Team Meetings

Next Team Meeting will be held March 4, at 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm.

You are invited to join our Christian Education team that is designed to reach every age on their spiritual journey. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month:

- No Meeting in February

- March 4, 2019
- April 1, 2019
- May 6, 2019
- No Meeting in June
- No Meeting in July
- August 5, 2019



Bible Study

Disciple Fast Track
—Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study - Fast Track

is held on Monday Afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm and Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm.

You are invited to join the class as we study the New Testament/The Christian Scriptures. The class runs from January through March.

Trustees Team Meetings

Next Team Meeting will be held February 11, at 6:30 pm

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month:

- February 11, 2019
- March 11, 2019
- April 8, 2019

- May 13, 2019
- June 10, 2019
- No Meeting in July
- August 12, 2019

Staff Parish Relations Team Meetings

Next Team Meeting will be held February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Meetings are held the Second Monday of the Month:

- February 11, 2019

- No Meeting March
- April 8, 2019
- No Meeting in May
- No Meeting in June

- No Meeting July
- August 12, 2019
- September 9, 2019
- October 14, 2019

Finance Team Meetings

Next Team Meeting will be March 18, at 6:30 pm

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Please see the possible dates as we may not meet every month:

- No Meeting in February

- March 18, 2019
- No Meeting in April
- May 20, 2019
- No Meeting in June
- No Meeting in July
- August 19, 2019

* Additional Meetings in Fall TBD

Team Information

Financial Update

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church Financial Corner



<u>Month of:</u>	<u>December-18</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	Contributions	29,033	
	Expenses	31,919	22,069
	Excess/(Shortfall)	(2,886)	
<u>Apportionments</u>	Contributions	2,710	2,561
	YTD	8,895	30,732
	<u>Fiscal 2018 YTD</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	Contributions	296,927	
	Expenses	306,696	270,074
	Excess/(Shortfall)	(9,769)	

From Finance/Stewardship Team

Thank you to all who returned a commitment card for 2019.

\$177,807 for the ministry of Jesus Christ in Oak Creek.

Having this information helps your Finance Committee plan and budget for 2019. Sixty-two families have committed \$169,591 plus fourteen families have committed \$8,216 toward apportionments totaling

This total does not include money anticipated from those families who give regularly but choose not to return Commitment cards nor income from other sources. - Christal B, Stewardship Chair

From The Apportionment Task Force

The Apportionment is an essential to the life of our United Methodist Church.

Through it we are linked to all UMC churches around the world, and we can do so much together. In 2018, OCCUMC contributed \$8,895 to the greater church. Thank you for setting aside funds, both for our local

ministry, but also over and above that for our global ministry. Please keep the needs of the many in your planning and prayers in 2019. The work goes on. Thank You.



Tuesdays

Bible Study

Bible Study - Fast Track

**1:00 pm to 2:15 pm on Mondays
or 6:30 to 7:45 pm on Tuesdays**

You are invited to join the class as we study the New

Disciple Fast Track

—Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Testament/The Christian Scriptures. The class runs from January through March.

Wednesdays

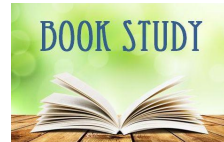
Book Study

**We just started our second Book Study
Still time to join us.**

We are reviewing the Book - *Life of the Beloved*, by Henry Nouwen. We will have our follow-up meeting on Wednesday, February 27, at 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. See Pastor Wendee for a book.

Mark your calendar for the other 2-night book studies:

- March 27/April 24, 2019
- May 22/June 26, 2019 - (Guest leader for the May/June class)



Music Ministry - Altar Choir

**Altar Choir
will be starting Easter Music very soon**

We would like to invite anyone who likes to sing to join us for Easter. We will be starting on Wednesday, February 13, and we will practice the Easter Music from 8:00 p.m., until about 8:45 p.m. That way anyone who just wants to sing for Easter doesn't have to stay the whole rehearsal.

We practice every Wednesday Night and we welcome anyone who is a freshman in high school and older.

If you have any questions, please call Shelly S at 414-801-1940.



Saturdays

Church Spring Clean-Up

**Mark your Calendar!
Church Spring Clean-Up
Saturday, May 18
8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Lunch to follow. (More details will be in our next quarterly *Reminder* May/June/July) We need volunteers to do help with the gardens, trimming the grass around the trees and other hardscape areas, general church maintenance, and lawn maintenance in the cemetery.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office, or any Trustee.



Groups and Activities

Sarah Circle

**Sarah Circle meets on Thursdays
in the Lower Level Room L27.
Our next meeting will be on
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 1:00 pm.**

During Advent, Sarah Circle put together thirteen gift bags for our congregation's shut-ins and friends. We would like to thank all who brought goodies, and

homemade items to fill the bags. A big thanks to all who helped distribute the gift bags and visits that were made to all during this season of giving.

Sarah Circle will also meet on the following dates:
March 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019.

Sarah Circle

Groups and Activities - continued

United Methodist Women General Meetings 2019



All women are invited to join our general meetings and events

Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 am - Tour of the Salvation Army & Food Pantry. We will meet at the Salvation Army at 9:30 am - Main Entrance. Ken Tregellas, Business Administrator, will be our tour guide. We ask that you bring along something for the food pantry. Lunch to follow - place to be determined. There will be a sign up for those who want to do lunch. Contact: Carlene Wintermote at 414-764-5034. Please sign up if you would like to join us for lunch.

Saturday, April 13, - District Meeting at West Allis First United Methodist Church

Friday, April 26 - 28th - Women's Retreat (Lake Lucerne Camp) - *Come to the Table* Registration is due April 1. (See Tabitha Circle for details)

Saturday, May 4, at 12:00 pm - United Methodist Women's Tropical Salad Luncheon

This is an enjoyable event **open to all women**. If you have not attended before, we would like to issue you a

special invitation to join us. We will start with a delicious meal which includes a variety of salads from fruit to main dish to dessert. A musical show will follow the meal featuring TJ and the Ukeladies.

Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale Sunday, April 7 after services. Plan to get your tickets early, they go fast. Proceeds will support Mission Projects in the Metro area and beyond. For more information contact Bonnie C.

Saturday, July 6, at 9:00 am - United Methodist Women's District Connection

Speaker: Suzy C H, District UMW
Hostess: Tabitha Circle

Sunday, September 22, - UMW Sunday

Thursday, October 3, at 6:00 pm - Harvest Supper

Program: Self-Defense by Jay M
Hostess: Tabitha Circle

Saturday, November 2, at 9:30 am - Thank Offering

Program: Ecology by Chris S
Hostess: Sarah Circle

Tabitha Circle

Tabitha Circle

Tabitha's February meeting is **Footloose at Muskego High School on Feb. 24th at 2pm**. Tickets have already been purchased for those who requested them. Remember they are collecting non-perishable items for the Muskego Food Pantry.

All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle for a tour of Ronald McDonald House **Saturday, March 16**. We will carpool from church at 1:00 pm so we can get there in plenty of time for our 2:00 pm tour. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 10, to Bonnie C. so we can give them an accurate count. We will go out for lunch afterwards

Spring Women's Retreat Friday, **April 26-28, 2019** at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center. ***Come to the Table!*** and join women from across the state for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and learning. Each day features enriching workshop choices including stamping, chimes, welcoming church, origami, photography, bible study, herbal cooking, mindful movement, nature walks and more. There's no shortage of fellowship, good food, and time to relax in nature. Registration fee of \$160 covers 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, 3 workshops, and all necessary materials. Registration is limited to 60 participants and spots have filled quickly, so register now! Dead-

line to register is April 1, 2019. Questions about this weekend can be directed to Retreat Leader, Bonnie

All are welcome to join Tabitha Circle on **Sunday, May 19, at 2pm for "9 to 5 The Musical" at the Racine Theatre**. Tabitha Circle invites you to join us as we attend the Racine Theatre Guild's performance of *9 to 5 The Musical* on May 19. We have scheduled our outing for the Sunday AFTER Mother's Day so it will not interfere with your family's celebrations! Put this on your calendar NOW! You can sign up between Sunday, February 24 and Sunday, March 10, by contacting Pat P. Sign-up details will follow.) Tickets are \$20 for Adults; \$18 for Seniors (62+) and \$15 for Students (21 and under). This is a musical based on the popular movie *9 to 5* starring Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda in which 3 fed-up female employees accidentally kidnap their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical, bigot boss, and the workplace makeover that follows. Watch for further ticket information in your Sunday bulletins!

Groups and Activities - continued

No Page Left Unturned



2018–2019 Reading Selections

All discussions take place at 9:00 am on their respective Monday mornings at Panera Bread.

March 4, 2019

Before They Were Ours, by Lisa Wingate

Two families, generations apart, are forever changed by a heartbreaking injustice in this poignant novel, inspired by a true story, for the readers of *Orphan Train* and *The Nightingale*.

April 15, 2019

The Kitchen House, Kathleen Grissom

When a white servant girl violates the order of plantation society, she unleashes a tragedy that exposes the worst and best in the people she has come to call her family. Orphaned while onboard ship from Ireland, seven-year old Lavinia arrives on the steps of a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen house. Under the care of Belle, the master's illegitimate daughter, Lavinia becomes deeply bonded to her adopted family, though she is set apart from them by her white skin.

May 20, 2019

A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon . the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell". But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness.

Our reading group is growing and we are always looking for more participants. Join us on the specified dates at 9:00 am at Panera Bread and share in the discussions; they're light and lively! Do you have a special book that you would like to share and discuss? Let us know and we can add your selection to the 2018 . 2019 schedule or bring it with you when come to the next get-together.

For more information contact Mary Ann B.

Ageless Wonders

Next Luncheon will be held on
Tuesday, February 5, at 11:30 am

at Melrose Restaurant 6840 S. 27th St. Oak Creek

On Tuesday, March 5, at 11:30 am we will meet at Charcoal Grill, 111 W. Ryan Rd in Oak Creek.

On Tuesday, April 2, at 11:30 am we will meet at Benny's Café / Family Restaurant, 5354 S. 27th St. Milwaukee. Please look for the sign up sheet in the Friendship Room for reservation purposes. Contact Carlene W. with any questions.



Our Harmony Club

Next *Our Harmony Club* Session
Tuesday, February 19 at 9:30 am

Our Harmony Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at OCCUMC from 9:30am . 3:30 pm. Mark your calendars for the following Tuesdays; February 19th March 19th and April 16th.

Our Harmony Club Inc. is a local 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization that caters to the elderly members of our community whom have age-related

ailments or may have social isolation. Our program is aimed at providing a safe and stimulating environment for them, while also providing their caregivers with 6

hours of respite time, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The cost for a client to attend each club meeting is \$30.00. An offering of \$3-4 for lunch is appreciated.

This social day program focuses on keeping clients socializing with each other while doing both physical and engaging mental activities. While the caregiver receives much needed and deserved respite time.

Additional locations are available through the week in Sturtevant, Lyons and Racine. For additional information please contact Director: Dawn Vlach at 262-880-3501 or Assistant Director: Christine Scott at 262-221-7654.



Groups and Activities - continued

Cares and Concerns

Cares & Concerns

Next meeting will be held on
Monday, February 18,
and then again on Monday, April 15, 2019.
The meetings will be at 9:00 in the copy room.

The Care and Concerns Committee sent out seventeen gift cards to our college students and those in service to

remind them that we were thinking of them during the Advent season, and inviting them to stop in and visit church. We continue our reach out ministry with our cards, phone calls, and visits, to those in our congregation who are in need.

Cathedral Center

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
Supports The Cathedral Center on a
monthly basis from April through October
by serving a meal.

Our first trip this year will be on
Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 pm

Please consider donating your time and a food item as they leave church at 5:30 pm with a prepared menu of food items. A sign-up sheet is located in the Friendship room a few weeks prior to the date to coordinate the necessary items and how many people are helping. When donating food, please remember that they feed around 60-65 people.

The committed dates for this year are: May 28; June 25; No gathering for July; August 27; September 24; and October 22.

If you have any questions please Contact Joanne M.

The Cathedral Center continually works to engage the community to diversify streams of revenue, recruit volunteers, and secure in-kind donations, all of which enable them to make a sustainable impact on critical issues such as homelessness and hunger by raising awareness and inspiring action. Cathedral Center is located at 845 N. Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202 <https://cathedral-center.org>



We Appreciate Your Help!

Bags and Containers

Thank You to those people who have contributed containers and plastic bags to the St. Ben's Feeding the Homeless program. Your contributions are much appreciated. Thank you, especially, for cleaning them out thoroughly, since they are put to use directly.

The collection container is located in the Friendship Room, next to the UMW table. Keep up the Good Work! You are making a difference!



We Appreciate Your Help!

The Worship and the Arts team will now be using the aluminum can collection/recycling as an ongoing fund raiser for supplies to continue to make the worship experience on Sundays meaningful.

Please save your cans and then bring them up to church and place them at the side entrance door to the garage.

We thank you in advance.

- Worship & the Arts



Upcoming Events

Oak Creek Community Preschool

Open House!

Wednesday, March 6, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Tour the Preschool!
Meet the Teachers!**

Register for the 2019-2020 School Year!

Their 2, 3 or 4 day programs are offered Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 11:30am. At the Open House, parents and children will be able to tour

the Preschool, meet the teachers and register for the upcoming school year.

**Located at the corner of 13th and Puetz Road
Oak Creek Community Preschool
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Tea at Two for Twenty

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Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm - Friendship Room

Come enjoy an afternoon English Tea party on Saturday, March 9, at 2:00 pm. Sandwiches, scones, cakes and various British teas will be served. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth under 12.

Come and invite a friend as well. All are welcome. Sign up by Wednesday, February 20, on the sign up sheet located in the Friendship room. Space will be limited to the first 20 respondents. Presented by the Apportionment Task Force.



Summer Camp 2019 Registration

Camp Sunday is on March 24. Visit the website WIUMCamps.org to read about all the options for planning your best week of summer. With two beautiful camps (Lake Lucerne and Pine Lake), they offer inspiring natural settings for all people. Join them

for faith formation, time apart, spiritual growth, and renewal surrounded by the wonder of God's creation and among the community of God's people.



Pizza Fund Raiser for Youth Missions

**Youth To Make Pizzas
Again This Year!**

Keep a look out for the order form and due date of our scrumptious pizza fund raiser.

Majority of their mission trip funds comes from this event.



Midwest Mission Distribution Trip

**Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
Supports Midwest Mission Distribution Center
from Sunday, August 18 through
Friday, August 23, 2019**


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. 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

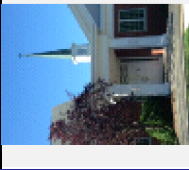
Illinois the week of August 18 -23. You can come for a few days or all 5. There are jobs for every skill level from sitting at a table counting items to making desks. Come with a friend or make a new one as you work together on a wide variety of projects. Carpooling and scholarships are available. Don't delay if you want a bottom bunk in the dorm.

Contact B. for details.



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor Wendee on Vacation January 31 - February 9	2 9:30 am United Methodist Women - Tour of Salvation Army
3 - Communion Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am No Coffee w/Pastor 10:45 am Worship	4 9:00 am Preschool 11:30 am Ageless Wonders Lunch Melrose Restaurant 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #4 3:00 pm No Intern/Pastor Supr'v 7:00 pm AA	5 9:00 am Preschool 11:30 am Ageless Wonders Lunch Melrose Restaurant 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #4	6 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Women's Retreat Meeting 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	7 9:00 am Preschool	8	9
10 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 2:00 pm Bay View Bell Choir	11 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #5 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg 6:30 pm Trustees Team Meeting 7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Mtg 7:00 pm AA	12 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #5	13 9:00 am Preschool 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	14 9:00 am Preschool 7:00 pm Bay View Gaylynn Lea	15	16
17 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Pastoral Intern Site Mtg 12:00 pm Hospitality Team Mtg	18 9:00 am Preschool 9:00 am No Page Left Unturned 9:00 am Cares and Concerns Mtg 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #6 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg 7:00 pm AA	19 9:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Our Harmony Club 1:00 pm Pastor at Circuit Meeting 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #6	20 9:00 am Preschool 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	21 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Sarah Circle Meeting	22	23
24 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 2:00 pm Tabitha Circle Event	25 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #7 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg 6:30 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm AA	26 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #7	27 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Book Study Recap 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	28 9:00 am Preschool		




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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 - Communion Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Coffee w/Pastor & Prayer 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Compassionate Care Mtg	4 9:00 am Preschool 9:00 am No Page Left Returned 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #8 3:00 pm No Intern/Pastor Supr'v 4:00 pm Worship of 'Arts Set up 6:30 pm Christian Education Mtg 7:00 pm AA	5 9:00 am Preschool 11:30 am Ageless Wonders Lunch Charcoal Grill 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #8	6 - Ash Wednesday 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Open House - Preschool 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm Altar Choir	7 9:00 am Preschool	8	9 2:00 pm Tea at Two for Twenty
10 - Daylight Saving Time 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 4:00 pm Vesper Lenten Service	11 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #9 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg 6:30 pm Trustees Team Meeting 7:00 pm AA	12 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #9	13 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Woman's Retreat Meeting 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	14 9:00 am Preschool	15	16 1:00 pm Tabitha Circle Tour of Ronald McDonald House
17 - St Patricks Day 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Pastoral Intern Site Mtg 12:00 pm Hospitality Team Mtg 4:00 pm Vesper Lenten Service	18 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #10 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting 7:00 pm AA	19 9:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Our Harmony Club 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #10	20 9:00 am Preschool 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	21 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Sarah Circle Meeting	22	23
24 - Camp Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Hospitality Boot Camp 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 4:00 pm Vesper Lenten Service	25 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Disciple FastTrack #11 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg 6:30 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm AA	26 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #11	27 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Book Study 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	28 9:00 am Preschool	29	30
31 - UMCOR Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am New Member Class 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 4:00 pm Vesper Lenten Service						






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April 2019

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	1 9:00 am Preschool	2 9:00 am Preschool 11:30 am Ageless Wonders Lunch Benny's Café	3 9:00 am Preschool	4 9:00 am Preschool	5	6
7 - Communion Sunday Disciple Completion Celeb. 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Coffee w/Pastor & Prayer 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Compassionate Care Mtg 12:00 pm Pastoral Intern Site Mtg 4:00 pm Vesper Lenten Service	8 9:00 am Preschool 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr.v Mtg 6:30 pm Trustees Team Meeting 7:00 pm Staff Parish Rel. Mtg 7:00 pm AA	9 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Disciple FastTrack #12 7:00 pm AA	10 9:00 am Preschool 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	11 9:00 am Preschool	12	13 8:30 am Worship of Arts Set up 10:00 am UWM District Mtg
14 - Palm Sunday New Members Received 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Youth Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	15 - Newsletter Deadline 9:00 am Preschool 9:00 am No Page Left Unturned 9:00 am Cares and Concerns Mtg 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr.v Mtg 7:00 pm AA	16 9:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Our Harmony Club	17 9:00 am Preschool 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	18 - Maundy Thursday 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Sarah Circle Meeting 1:00 pm Worship of Arts Set up 7:00 pm Maundy Thurs. Service	19 - Good Friday 1:00 pm Worship of Arts Set up 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	20 8:30 am Worship of Arts Set up
21 - Easter Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am No Youth Choir 9:30 am No Sunday School 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:45 am Worship	22 9:00 am No Preschool 3:00 pm Intern/Pastor Supr.v Mtg 7:00 pm AA	23 9:00 am No Preschool 5:30 pm Cathedral Center	24 9:00 am No Preschool 6:00 pm Book Study Recap 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Altar Choir	25 Pastor Wendee on Vacation From April 25 to May 4 9:00 am No Preschool	26 Women's Retreat	27 Women's Retreat
28 - Women's Retreat 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am No Youth Choir 9:30 am No Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	29 9:00 am Preschool 3:00 pm No Intern/Pastor Supr.v 7:00 pm AA	30 9:00 am Preschool				



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