



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Corner

Holy Week Services

You, your family and friends are invited to prayerful ponder the story of the passion and celebrate the joy of Easter with us in our worship services. Recall the sacrificial love of Christ who gave his life and the re-experience the art of the Baptism moment is our awareness that we were “buried with him baptism, (and that) you were raised with him through faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead.” **Colossians 2:12.**

Here is our schedule:

Palm Sunday, March 28th, Music, Palm branches, processions and more will help tell the story of Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 1st, 6:30 p.m.

This service will be markedly different than other holy week services. It will be in Doyle Hall at tables and will have a strong teaching component regarding the Seder Passover Meal that Jesus transformed into Holy Communion. We will be sampling the ritual and food of the Seder Passover meal, but do eat before coming as this will not be a meal to fill you up. We will learn about the origins of the bread and cup that we use in our sacrament as well as recall the Passover experience in which the blood of the lamb saved the Hebrews from the last great plague of the death of the first born (Exodus 12). The service will end with a sharing of Holy Communion and a reminder of the betrayal, arrest and beginnings of the Passion of Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

This service will continue the story of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. Through dramatic reading, choral music and the use of reproaches we will recall the events surrounding the crucifixion that are crucial to understanding who we are as Christian people.

EASTER DAY

7 a.m. Sunrise Service with the Youth

7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast (downstairs hall)

Resurrection Services at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Reach Out will be at 9:30 a.m.,

the Altar Choir in concert at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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Services
8:00 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional

Summer Worship Hours
Starting May 30 thru
September 5
8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:00 a.m. Blended

Services Available
Nursery Care
Elevator

UNITED METHODIST GREAT DAY OF SERVICE – Saturday April 24th

On April 24th United Methodists across the country are keeping a service day to their communities. In our area United Methodist churches are working with Interfaith in helping elderly people still living in their homes. We will provide spring cleaning, yard services and other light duties. This year we will be having church people sign up early so we can let you know early who you will be working with and what service is needed so that you can have the right tools as you head to their home. For those able, we will meet at 8:30 a.m. for prayer to begin the day. In the event of inclement weather, you can follow up at your leisure. Interfaith works with seniors and will be identifying the persons and needs and communicating them to the church. Oliver and Pastor Armstrong will be coordinating on our end. Please sign up in the narthex if you are willing to do this local mission work and enjoy meeting and serving some of the senior members of the area.

COSTA RICAN YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following team of persons who will be heading to Costa Rica May 29th through June 8th. Mallory , Emily , Jordan , Kimberly , Greg , Autumn , Ashley , David , and Pastor Armstrong. The team will be helping to build a church in Carillos, Costa Rica.

CONFIRMATION

Attend Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday April 1st and Good Friday April 2nd services and Easter!

- April 5 Session 23 & 24, Youth Journal p. 121-128, Suffering, the Way of the Cross
- April 12 Session 25, Youth Journal p. 129-132 Communion
- April 19 Session 26 & 27, Youth Journal p. 133-141
- April 26 Parent Activity Night hosted by Davis/Peirce families.

Marriage Enrichment

Why don't we love as fully as we would like to love? Why is it hard to even express the love we have? James tells us that it comes from divisions within, from a heart that is divided. A divided heart makes it difficult to love as Jesus loves.

If this sounds like you, or someone you love, join us for a relationship seminar led by the Rev. Mary Steege, on Sunday, April 25th. We will explore the parts that keep us from showing forth the love of Christ. We will approach ourselves and others with compassion, and let the Spirit lead us in a deeper way of being together. We will chart a path toward greater harmony, within and without. **You'll come away with some new information and some new tools.**

The session runs from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Participants will share pizza at noon then transition into the formal session. A freewill donation for the pizza will be accepted. The gathering is designed as a marriage enrichment process; participants are encouraged to come as part of a couple. Mary is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA, and licensed marriage and family therapist practicing in Racine.

Please sign up in the bulletin if you wish to attend.

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Tabitha Circle Invites You to Join Us

All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle members on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. when we put together **Mother's Day Baskets for United Methodist Children's Services**. We plan to put together 16 baskets. Please bring small items to contribute to the baskets (candles are not allowed). For more information contact Bonnie .

OCCUMC Men's Group

The Men's Group meets the 3rd Saturday morning of each month at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant on Ryan Rd. All men of the church are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Larry or check out the Men's Group website at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OCC_UMC_Men/. Our next meeting will be held April 17 at 7:30 a.m. **Remember the Men's Group 3rd Sunday Food Drive! Every month we will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Items collected will help stock our own food pantry and enable OCCUMC to be more effective in our local community mission work.**

OCCUMC Co-Ed Softball

Believe it or not, the deadline is approaching for us to sign up for another softball season. We are looking for softball players of all ages and skill levels who would like to join us for some fun and fellowship. Games are played on Friday nights at LaFollette Park on 92nd St. just north of Greenfield Ave. Game times are typically 6 or 7 p.m. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please email Mike .



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All discussions take place at 9:00 a.m. on their respective Saturday mornings at the church.

May 1, 2010

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet *by Jamie Ford*

June 26, 2010

Hothouse Flower and the Nine Plants of Desire *by Margot Berwin*

For more information you may contact Mary Ann .



United Methodist Women Events

Lost Boys of Sudan – April 11

The most striking thing Jok said upon **returning from Sudan was, “Now I know why people are so happy to see their family, it is so good!”** Jok Kuol Wel, now **25, hadn’t seen his family since their village** in Sudan was attacked when he was only five. He became part of a group of 40,000 Sudanese boys now known as the Lost Boys of Sudan, who were all traveling opposite their only guide, the sound of gunfire. They walked hundreds of miles from Sudan to Ethiopia, back to Sudan, and finally to a refugee camp in Kenya.

The Lost Boys traveled on bare feet, with no parents, no food, through torrential rains, swam across a branch of the Nile River, and braved attacks by lions and hyenas. It sounds like fiction; even to those that lived through it, but the fact that at the end of the journey only 20,000 remained proved its sad reality.

Please come hear Jok speak at our church on April 11 at 2:00 p.m. This will be open the public community so please invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.

This event is sponsored and refreshments will be served by the United Methodist Women.

Questions? Contact Karen .

Sarah Circle

For the month of March, Sarah Circle was able to put together and deliver eighteen layettes to St. Francis and Children's Hospitals. Each hospital to receive nine packaged layettes. We have been told how appreciative the nursery staff and new moms are to receive these gifts. A BIG THANK YOU to all who make or purchase the items we need to put the layettes together.

Please HELP us continue this project by bringing onesies, sleepers, hats, receiving blankets and regular blankets to church and putting them in the little bassinets on the table in the Friendship area. Sizes for clothing are 3 - 6 months.

UMW Salad Luncheon

The UMW’s Salad Luncheon will be Saturday, May 1 at noon. It is an enjoyable event open to all women. If you have not attended this event in the past we would like to issue you a special invitation to join us this year. The delicious meal includes a variety of salads from fruit to main dish. Goodwill will be bringing us their wonderful **“Weddings of Yesterday” show.** **Tickets are \$12 for the meal and show.** *They will go on sale Sunday, April 11 and only be sold at church after the services in the Friendship Room.* Sorry no phone calls or advance reservations allowed. Plan to get your tickets early, they do go fast. Proceeds will support Mission Projects in the Metro area and beyond. For more information contact Bonnie .

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Parents with Young Children (The current age of children of the families who attend regularly range from birth to approximately 8 years old.)

Join us the *First Saturday of Each Month* for a potluck and playdate:

Some months we meet at members' homes or a park and other months we meet at church. When we meet at church, please come to the lower parking lot entrance as that is the only door we unlock during our gatherings. If you have questions, please contact Jane . These potlucks are a great way to connect with others, make friends and relax in a **supportive atmosphere. Think of it as YOUR 'support group' with parents in similar situations as your own.**

PWYC small group is more than monthly potlucks. We also provide time each week for parents to unload some stress, share in fellowship, and connect with other adults while their children attend Sunday School or are in the nursery. Join us every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. downstairs in room L 27. Generally, parents that attend have children that range in age from newborns up to 8 year olds, but all parents are welcome to share their stories about family, life, and what they are struggling with as parents.



Cares & Concerns

Have You Lost A Friend or Family Member?

Cares and Concerns Group want to help you with your grief. We have obtained a set of four short books called, "Journeying Through Grief". Book 1: A Time To Grieve is to be read 3 weeks after a death; Book 2: Experiencing Grief is to be read 3 months after a death; Book 3: Finding Hope and Healing is for 6 months after death and Book 4: Rebuilding and Remembering is for 11 months after death. These are practical books that present information in a loving, encouraging and helpful way. Would you like to read a book? Please contact Donna or any Cares & Concerns member and we will see that you receive these books.

Food Pantry

Let's care for each other, too. If you know of someone in the church family who would benefit from the kindness of our dedicated committees or may need a few groceries from our food pantry, please call the church office (762-4600).

Message from the Faith & Fellowship Coordinator

I wrote last month about an Evangelism conference Janet & I attended with Pastor Paul. I'd like to share some more information with you about what we learned.

The group continued to explore the question: **“What is Evangelism?”** Some of the responses were:

- ◆ One person in need sharing with another person in need, not forcing it. →
- ◆ Love in action.
- ◆ Inviting people in. But we must remember that the community will change!



I have written in the past summaries of articles regarding wanting the church to grow as long as it is filled with people **“just like me”** and doesn't change too much. So I won't get into that here again. But keep in mind that the church is a community and as a United Methodist Church, we are a diverse community.

As United Methodists, we often have the perception that religion, church, and our relationship with God is a personal and private decision. It is **“no one's business”** if I go to church or if I give money during the offering. But the problem with that mentality is that we lose our sense of community! We fail to invite others to join our community. And the phrase the leader of the training said that stuck with me, which I think we sometimes fail to accomplish is: **“If that's what people want, we'll find a way to give it to them.”** In fact, I fear that too often we say, **“This is what we have to offer. Hope you like it and if you don't, sorry.”** Of course we don't use those exact words, but aren't our actions saying that exact thing? The problem with this approach is that people begin to shop around, as if you were shopping for the grocery store that you liked the best with the best options that fit your needs, instead of looking for a community to belong to and in which to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Does the church evaluate **“What is our message?”** And to look at it from a marketing perspective to appeal to those that are seeking, **“What is our product?”** This is what **“Evangelism”** has evolved into and is that appropriate?



The negative connotation of **“Evangelism”** is that it requires us to go door to door with the mentality of **“I have the truth and you need it.”** We need to move away from this approach and this way of thinking in order to do more **“Faith Sharing.”**

The United Methodist Church has a very inward focus and doesn't go out into the community to share faith or invite others to worship. How can we change that, but still keep people in their comfort zones? Or do we need to step out of our comfort zones?

All of the statistics and quotes were based on the studies conducted by the leader of the seminar. I can share my notes if anyone is interested.

New Pictorial Directory

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family.

The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.

You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing. The program is available at no cost to the church budget. You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your Scheduled appointment time.



If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee. Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The scheduled dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing are:

Thursday, May 20 from 3:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21 from 3:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jay . We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new **pictorial directory won't be complete without you!**

Are you interested in joining the Church?

New Member Classes will begin April 18 and will run 5 Sundays for one hour at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will be available.

If you are interested in attending these classes and are interested in joining the church, please contact Heidi at



faithfellowship@occumc.org. Classes are a great introduction to our church, fellowship & educational opportunities and to learn how to get acclimated to the church.

Greeters and Cookie Callers are needed!

Please consider serving in this special hospitality area of our church. Please see Heidi or email her at faithfellowship@occumc.org if you are interested in serving just ONCE to try it out or on a regular basis.

One person said it best in an email to me: *put me down on your list for post-cards and cookie delivery. I need to step out of my comfort zone more.*

I'll tell you if it's too far out.

Step out of your comfort zone and **just give it a shot. If you don't enjoy it, don't do it again!**

Thanks.



greeters

Community Page



Calling All Green Thumbs

Would you like to help keep the church flower gardens and shrubs looking beautiful this summer? If so, then the Garden Tidy-Up Team is the group for you. A breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. at the church to make plans for this summer.

Please contact Terese or Karen if you'd like additional information.

Trustees Clean Up Day

Please Mark Your Calendars! *May 22* is the Spring Church Spruce up Day from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Cookout and fellowship to follow (bring your own meat).

We need help with the following;

- 4 people to wash windows at ground level, inside and on short ladders.
- **2 people to repair a 3' x 3' concrete walk to include bust out, grade, mix and set concrete.**
- 4 people to edge beds with shovel or sod cutter.
- 4 people rake out of leaves around building.
- 4 people to clean out window wells around lower level of building.
- 1 person to clean out and patch holes at the bottom handrail supports with caulk.
- 2 people to pickup branches from winter.
- 4 people to repair the damaged drainage swale to the retention area north of the parking lot.

Look for sign up sheets soon or talk with a Trustee or church office to volunteer.



Kenna (5 ½ years old) sold Girl Scout Cookies for her first year in her Daisy Troop. All of her family members live in Ohio, so she called each of them up, gave her sales pitch, but **asked each of them to donate to her church's food pantry instead of for their own enjoyment.** Kenna proudly collected almost \$80 worth of cookies to be donated. **Kenna's Daisy Troop meets at the church once a month.**

Let's Recycle!

God's Green Earth

Are you interested in the environment and being a good steward of God's creation? Do you want to help OCCUMC go green? Do you just want to do your part to make the world a better place for future generations? If so, why not help us get a new group going? **If this sounds like it's for you, please email Chris .**

Aluminum cans wanted !!

The Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth have an ongoing fundraiser collecting aluminum cans to help defray cost for their mission trips.

Please drop your cans off at the church office.

If you have any questions at all about this fundraiser please contact Michelle Peirce at 423-6745.

Thank you for your cans!

Bring in your
batteries!

Battery Recycle Program

Batteries that can be recycled are:

- o Alkaline batteries (i.e. AA, AAA, C, D 9-volt, etc.)
- o NiCad (Nickel Cadmium)
- o Ni-MH (Nickel Metal Hydride)
- o Magnesium Carbon
- o Mercuric Oxide
- o Silver Oxide

Batteries that will not be accepted are:

- o Lead Acid (car, motorcycle, etc.)
- o Lithium (common in cell phones, digital cameras, watches, small electronic devices)



Please make use of this program and help take care of God's Green Earth.

OCCUMC

Phone: 414-762-4600

Members are encouraged to bring in their used household batteries and place them in the 5-gallon pail outside of Doyle Hall (next to the ink cartridge recycling container).

CALENDAR

Kitchen Update

The Ad Council of OCCUMC has recommended that we set up a Kitchen that;

- Can be used on a daily basis
- Prepare meals for shut ins
- Prepare meals for small groups of 20 to 50
- Prepare meals for large events like our beef & spaghetti dinners

The Kitchen Committee is starting this informative series to help our church community better understand what we need to do to accomplish these goals. Our kitchen is currently covered by the following codes and regulations:

Similar to restaurants we are regulated by the Wisconsin Food Code (WFC) under the HFS (Dept. of Health And Family Services) Chapter 196, in how we prepare and serve food to the public.

HFS 196.03 Definitions. (5) “Restaurant” does not include any of the following (b) Churches; religious, fraternal, youth, or patriotic organizations, service clubs and civic organizations that occasionally prepare, serve, or sell meals to transients or the general public.

So if we are not a restaurant then what are we? Interpretation by James Mack, the State of Wisconsin Food Safety Program Manager, we fall under HFS 196.03 (6) “Special organization serving meals”. This means we can serve up to 12 dinner type functions per year with one inspection by a State Health inspector. Beyond that we are subject to restaurant status with more inspections because of a higher degree of possible contamination.

Know Your Kitchen

An informative series from the Kitchen Committee.

“Preventing Contamination from the Premises”

Let’s look at the pantry since we have finished that first.

3-305.11 Food Storage

Except as specified in (B) and (C), FOOD shall be protected from contamination by storing the food:

In a clean, dry location;

Where it is not exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination; and

At least 15 cm (6 inches) above the floor.

Food in packages and working containers may be stored less than 15 cm (6 inches) above the floor on case lot handling *equipment* as specified under 4-204.122.

Pressurized beverage containers, cased *FOOD* in waterproof containers such as bottles or cans, and milk containers in plastic crates may be stored on a floor that is clean and not exposed to floor moisture.

3-305.12 Food Storage, Prohibited Areas

Food may not be stored:

In locker rooms;

In toilet rooms;

In dressing rooms;

Under sewer lines that are not shielded to intercept potential drips;
Under leaking water lines, including leaking automatic fire sprinkler heads, or under lines on which water has condensed;
Under open stairwells; or
Under other sources of contamination.

This pertains to the coffee/dinner support area on the first floor.

3-305.13 Vended Potentially Hazardous Food, Original Container
POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD dispensed through a VENDING MACHINE shall be in the PACKAGE in which it was placed at the FOOD ESTABLISHMENT or FOOD PROCESSING PLANT at which it was PREPARED.

This pertains to all areas.

3-305.14 Food Preparation

During PREPARATION, UNPACKAGED FOOD shall be protected from environmental sources of contamination.

Thank you for the support!

Note From Our Trustees

Did you find something at church that looks broken or needs fixing?
A door that won't close or light that doesn't work.

If so, the Trustees have a form to complete so we can take the proper action to get it repaired.

This helps us track what is happening to the building as it ages and helps us remember what needs fixing.

The forms are located in the hall at U19 across from the coffee service area.

A sample form (smaller version) is included.

Kitchen Update

The Kitchen Project is making great progress! We broke the project into 8 phases. Thanks to 10 volunteers contributing 754 hours to date we have saved \$37,700 dollars in labor costs. To date our expenses on equipment and supplies has been \$ 8,973.53.

The first phase converted the former Hermie Bill education office, across from the kitchen, to a pantry with metal NSF (National Safety Foundation) metal shelving, washable walls and ceiling tiles per state health code requirements.

The second phase upgraded the kitchen doors and frames to durable commercial type **doors. The long counter was removed and replaced with two 30" x 48" stainless tables with drawers.** The remainder of this phase will add an electrical panel for the new equipment utilizing a three phase electrical system which is more efficient than the existing kitchen electrical system.

The third phase has moved the coffee service next to Doyle Hall with an area to better support dinner service. Look for a versatile batch coffee maker to be installed in the near future. Included in this will be portable insulated coffee shuttle containers with pouring spouts which will make it possible to have coffee served in other locations. The old parsonage refrigerator will be installed in early April after the floor is sealed. The youth group has supplied a specialty coffee machine in this new coffee area. Please support this fund raising project!

The remaining phases are currently being reviewed based on City and State Health Code requirements for public food preparation. We must bring our kitchen up to current health standards. Surfaces and equipment must be of a type that is easily cleaned. Look for a **newsletter series "Know Your Kitchen". Proposed Kitchen Equipment will have the ability** to prepare large batches of food quickly. Commercially rated equipment is more expensive but is designed to meet the greater demand of large batch cooking and provides years of reliability as opposed to residential kitchen equipment that lacks the specification for long term large batch cooking under extreme wear and tear conditions. Equipment is listed by a testing lab such UL under the conditions it is intended for therefore residential equipment can not be used in a commercial setting. One of our proposed purchases will be a Convection Oven because cooking is more economically done with a Convection Oven that cooks at a temperature of 50 degrees below the temperature of a Conventional Oven and the Convection Oven uses air flow to not only reduce cooking times by 40% but maintain better nutrient value in the prepared food. The Convection Oven has only three dials (fan, temp, time) making it extremely easy to use.

We will be having some fund raising events to help continue our Kitchen Project. Look for further announcements around the church and in this newsletter.

Thank you for the support!

Your kitchen committee

Show Off Your Magnetic Personality!

Sometimes it is hard to put a name to a face. Make it easy to meet other people and let others know who you are with our new magnetic name tags. These name tags are held in place with a magnetic backing. These stylish name tags are gold plated, oval shaped with the UMC logo. Cost is \$10. A non magnetic option is also available at the same price. For more information contact Eileen .

MUSIC -- MUSIC -- MUSIC !!!

P.O.E. --- Pipe Organ Encounter

The Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a POE at Carroll University in Waukesha July 18-25.

Since 1988, Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) have introduced more than 2,000 young people to the organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These week-long summer institutes for students aged 13–18 provide private and group instruction, opportunities for ecumenical worship, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests. Basic keyboard proficiency is required, although previous organ study is not necessary. Local POE Committees may choose to grant special consideration on an individual basis for admission of a potential registrant whose age or training differs from the guidelines.

Information on the event is posted in the Narthex. Registration is scheduled to end on April 30, 2010. Todd is the Registrar for this event, and, can provide detailed information to anyone interested in the event.

Cathedral Center

Our church is responsible for providing volunteers and food for two upcoming days at the Cathedral Center homeless shelter for women and families. The dates are April 29 and May 12. You will find sign-up sheets for volunteers as well as food needed for these dates in the Friendship Room. Please consider helping with this wonderful mission project. If you have any questions, please contact Maryl .

Education News

College Care Packages

What does your College Student need besides their laundry being done? Food, of course!

We are again seeking donations of snack items, such as: granola bars, trail mix, individual servings of soup, hot chocolate and chewing gum or hard candy.

Donations may be dropped off in the friendship room from March 14 thru April 25.

Monetary donations are also being accepted to cover the cost of shipping.

We currently have 12 college students.

Family Camp!

The Wauwatosa Avenue UMC Family Camp week at Pine Lake is July 4 - 10 and OCCUMC is invited.

People can call Megan .

There is flexible "booking" you can stay all week or just a couple of nights. It is a great week that includes family oriented activities such as a water carnival, a karaoke night, candy game night, a talent show, bible studies, cookouts, canoeing, fishing, tie dying and more!





Finance News

First Quarter Giving Statements will be sent out in April. Please check over yours and let the Financial Secretary, Bonnie know if there is anything that needs attention.

It is much easier for us to make revisions now than if we wait until the year is complete. Your statement will show how much was given to each fund. It does not include amounts you receive something in return for such as Easter Flowers, Youth Fundraisers, or Bible Study books. You may contribute to as many Funds at one time as you like—just list each fund and the amount you want designated for that fund. You only need to use one envelope/check. If you do not have your envelope you may use a pew or blank envelope. Members using Electronic Funds Transfers have already designated General and Building Debt Reduction Fund amounts. To contribute to other Funds please use an envelope and place it in the offering plate.

By clearly marking your envelope with your full name, the amount, and what it is for we can make sure your donation gets to the proper place and provide you with an accurate Giving Statement.

Pledged amounts to date for 2010 General Fund and 2010 Building Debt Reduction Fund and how much has been contributed to date will also show on your statement. If you need to make a change in your pledge(s), please let us know as this will help the Finance Committee in their planning.

Thank you for your help in keeping complete and accurate church records.

You Can Save a Life - Donate Blood at the All Church Blood Drive

We need you to make our blood drive a success. Blood donors (at least 17 and 110 lbs.), food donors (bakers or buyers) and helpers (as little or as long as you'd like) are needed at our All Church Blood Drive Monday, April 12 from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

It only takes a few minutes to give blood, about an hour for the entire process which includes sign in and food and drink following.

Sign up in the Friendship Room after services for an appointment, to bring food, or to help that day or contact the Church office to find out how to sign up for an appointment online. Walk-ins are welcome but an appointment assures you of timely service. For more information contact Bonnie or the church office.

Blood, it's in you to give.



YOUTH CELL PHONE COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

Please Donate Your Used Cell Phones

Dear Members,

Our Sr. and Jr. High Youth are starting this fundraiser to help raise money for their upcoming mission trips. There is an easy way for you to participate and that is by donating your extra inactive cell phones to our drive. Most households have at least a couple extra phones sitting in drawers they no longer use. These phones will be put to good use. The phones will raise much needed funds and 100% of the proceeds will go directly to our youth. This drive will benefit your family, our youth, and the environment by keeping the **harmful materials the phones contain out of our landfills (lead, arsenic, beryllium, etc...)**. Also below is a Tax Deductible Receipt for your donation.

Just bring your cell phones to church with their batteries. No chargers or accessories are needed. There is a box in the narthex. Please help make our fundraiser a success. Ask friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers to donate their used cell phones. Every phone helps!

Cut Along Line

Thank you! Your donation of cell phones may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax preparer for information and to calculate value of your donation. Keep this receipt for your tax records. The following information is required by the IRS for tax deductions of \$250 or less.

Date of Donation Donated To

of Items Donated Item Description

Donor's Name Donation Value \$

Donor's Address

Loose Change for Missions

The Sr. and Jr. High Youth are asking that you help support their upcoming mission trips by putting any loose change you have in a bucket out in the Friendship Room on Sundays.

Now through the month of July they will be raising loose pocket change.

A chart on the wall in the narthex will show our progress.



We are hoping to raise \$1,000.

Every penny will make a difference for our youth and the lives of people they touch on their trips.

New Bible Study For Women

HAVING TROUBLE FINDING YOUR BALANCE?

In today's hectic world, it's easy to lose your balance. If you're looking for a way to find and maintain a healthy balance of a busy life and God, then you'll want to join us for "FINDING BALANCE: LOVING GOD WITH HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH".

In this installment of the popular "SISTERS" program, we'll discover how to balance service and worship, duty and devotion, and doing and being by examining the narratives of New Testament women such as Mary and Martha, Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Canaanite woman, and Mary Magdalene.

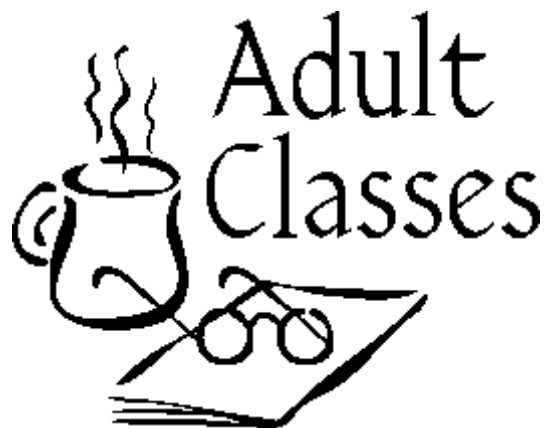
The author, Becca Stevens, brings powerful insight to the program from her work in Magdalene, a residential community she founded for women with a criminal history of prostitution and drug abuse.

Each week, following a DVD presentation, we'll share our thoughts and hear the insights of others in the group as we seek to resolve some of the conflicting impulses in our lives as we seek to follow Jesus Christ.

All women of the congregation are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for this all-inspiring six-week program. Our first meeting will be a short meeting Tuesday, April 20 and will be an introduction to the program. Materials will be available that evening as well.

Our first full meeting will be Tuesday, April 27. Bring a friend! Please use the sign up to indicate that you will be attending and for us to order books. A freewill offering to cover the cost of books will be appreciated. Cost per book is \$9.

For more information, please contact Ginger .



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Donna and Carlene were over for a visit and gave me one of their homemade lap robes. I can't stop wanting to touch its soft material. It was red like valentines one one side, and I just love it. Thank you all.

Gwen

Thank you to Lee, Rod & Lowell for doing the tiling in the kitchenette and as always to Lee & Scott for doing so much work on the kitchen project.

Thank you to OCCUMC for helping make the 24th Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk a success. Please save the date and join us for the 25th anniversary of the Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 10, 2010.

Many thanks to everyone who showed me such love, caring and kindness during my recent surgery. It's wonderful to have such support. May God bless each and every one of you.

Love,
Jean

On behalf of our children and families, thank you very much for supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin with a donation of snacks and cleaning supplies. Your generosity will help these families as they face some of life's greatest challenges.

Ronald McDonald House

Thank you to Walt & Edith
& Galen for sponsoring this
month's reminder.

***It costs about \$40.00 to mail the
Reminder newsletter each month. We
are looking for folks who are willing
to help defray the cost of production.***

***If you can sponsor the Reminder,
please use the sign up sheet in the
bulletin and someone from the office
will contact you.***

April 2010 Birthdays

Samuel	4/1
Emily	4/3
Alex	4/4
Enrique	4/5
Ralph	4/5
Jeff	4/6
Kenna	4/6
Pam	4/7
Kim	4/7
Jean	4/8
Linda	4/8
Sherry	4/9
Ray	4/9
Paul	4/10
Linda	4/10
Steve	4/10
Maryl	4/10
Laura	4/10
Pat	4/10
Trinity	4/10
Addison	4/10
Michelle	4/11
Andrew	4/12
Bill	4/13
Haley	4/14
Billy	4/15
Jillian	4/15
Trudi	4/15
Brittany	4/18
Taylor	4/19
Rick	4/19
Fayth	4/19
Bill	4/19
Lillian	4/20
Scott	4/21
Morgan	4/23
Noah	4/23
Dan	4/25
Gwen	4/27
Jay	4/27
Mauria	4/28

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Joe & Jean
Email:

Kurt
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Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy goes out to Pastor Paul and his family on the death of his grandmother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations!

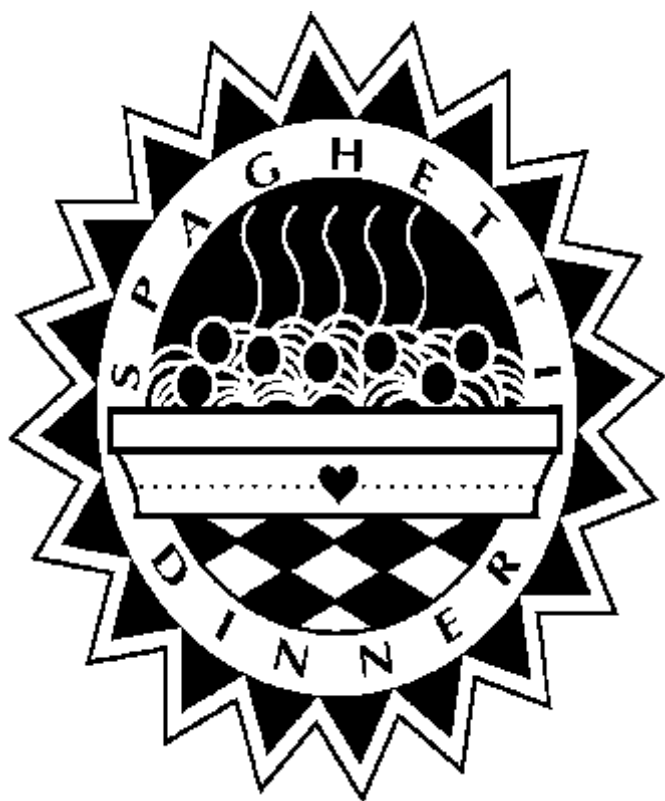
Congratulations to Sarah & Dieter on the birth of their son, on March 1. He weighed 7 lb 6 oz. Big brother and sister. Beaming grandparents: Cherie and Tom !



YOUR APRIL 2010 REMINDER
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
8675 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI 53154

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DATE SENSITIVE MATERIAL



Spaghetti Dinner

*Please plan to join us
Saturday, April 24 from
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
for our annual
Spaghetti Dinner.*

*All proceeds will fundraise up-
coming mission trips of our
youth this summer.*

Please support this event!!!

TICKET PRICES:

Adults	\$9.00
Seniors	\$7.00
Child (4-10)	\$5.00
Families	\$30.00 Max
Under 4	Free
Takeouts	\$9.00