

2021



November

December

OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

God is faithful. We have noticed God's faithfulness this Fall in the life and ministry of our churches.

Oakwood UMC held Rally Sunday in mid-September. This was a good opportunity for us to reach out to all of our people to let them know we are thinking of them. The Breakfast Club theme was a huge success. My thanks to all who contributed to Rally Sunday. It was a day of rallying us up as a community of faith.

We celebrated the start of Bible's Cool in September. We have six kids who join us on Thursdays after school. So far, we have been learning about the armor of God. Everyone is having a good time! Thanks be to God for this ministry of the Oakwood church.

Oakwood hosted Hebron and Broadlands churches for World Communion Sunday on October 3. It was a joy to be all together to worship God. My thanks to Oakwood for the warm welcome and hospitality provided and to all who contributed to the worship service and meal together. We look forward to God gathering us together for more joint worship services in the future.

Oakwood had an awesome pancake and sausage breakfast! My thanks to all who contributed to the breakfast. It was awesome to serve others as we participated in God's mission.

Hebron has noticed God's faithfulness in worship as God gathers the community faithfully each week. Worship is the primary way of caring for our members. This Fall has been a season of building up the life and ministry of our churches. I look forward to seeing what God will do in the days and seasons to come.

As we look ahead, there are many opportunities to participate in the life and ministry of our churches in November and December. In November, All Saints Sunday (November 7), Thanksgiving (November 21 and November 23), and Hanging of the Greens (November 28). November brings about a time when we remember all of the saints who have gone before us, a time of giving thanks, and a time of preparing for the birth of Jesus.

In December, Advent Bible Study (December 2, 9, 16) and Christmas Eve (December 24). We will be doing an Advent bible study on Joseph and his role in the Christmas story at Oakwood church on Thursday nights starting at 6:30pm on December 2.

Christmas Eve worship will be 5:00pm at Hebron, 7:00pm at Broadlands, and 9:00pm at Oakwood. All are welcome.

We invite you to come and see what God is doing in our churches. Have a blessed holiday season and we hope to see you soon.

Peace,
Pastor Trevor



Did You Know?



FOOD PANTRY Has Expanded!

The Food Panty has completed its new addition to the building. We are now able to provide more space for our neighbors that we serve weekly, as well as a separate room to handle the back pack program.

The Food Pantry presently provides food for 30 families and provides meals for two days to 39 students on the weekend. Your generous support throughout the year has enabled us to continue this much needed service.

The Grand Opening of the new addition will be Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 am. at the beginning of the Turkey Trot 5K race. If you wish to donate or take part in the Turkey Trot, more information can be found at www.feedoakwood.myevent.com

Please drop by and enjoy some refreshment before the race or while others are participating. The Oakwood Area Food Pantry is anxious for all to see this much needed space.

TURKEY TROT and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Saturday, Nov. 20th, 9:00 am

The Food Pantry is once again hosting a 5K run.
Proceeds will go to fund the building.

Registration can be made on line or a copy picked up at the Church.



Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

Monday and Thursday — 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday — 2:00 pm to 4:pm

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Special news



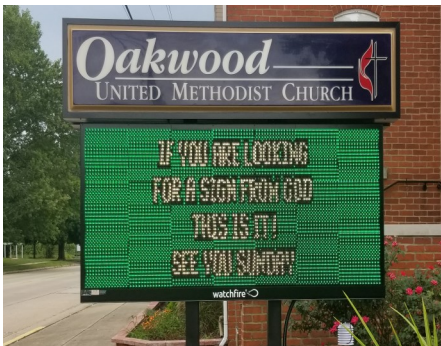
PANCAKE / SAUSAGE BREAKFAST UPDATE

We had a great Pancake Sausage Breakfast this year. It was great to see everyone again and enjoy Christian fellowship as we raised money for our missions.

As a result of all your hard work and donations, we were able to raise over \$1600 (so far) for our missions.

THANKS AGAIN!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!



We have paid off the new electric sign in only a few months.

A **BIG** thank you to all!!!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE



If you weren't able to be with us on October 3rd for World Communion Service and worship with our friends from Hebron and Broadlands, you missed a great time.

We had such a good time with our new friends that we are looking forward to being with them again at their church. Please plan on attending this next joint worship in January.



For laughs (or groans!) around your table

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur.
Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?
It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...
... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...
... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.

Youth News

COMETLAND YOUTH NEWS

Grades 7-12

Sunday 6:00 –7:15 pm

Stay in touch with Josh Hunsberger to learn about upcoming activities.

Cell: 814-969-1766

BIBLE'S COOL

Thursdays, 3:00 to 4:15

3rd thru 6th grades

Have the children come for games, fun and Bible lessons.



BOOKS FOR PRE-K

We are still collecting books for Pre-K students at Oakwood Elementary School. We need at least 51 books. There is a basket on the round table where they can be left.

Thanks for the kids.



ASP 2021 Adults Complete, but not Finished Philippines 1:6

Seven adults left for Jonesville, VA on Sunday October 24 (as the newsletter went to press) and will return on Saturday 30. They are staying at the year-round facility while working on homes in the area.

Keep them in your prayers for safe trip and return.

ASP 2022 Youth

Thank you to John Wilson and family for the pumpkin fundraiser. It was a fantastic experience and I know that John was smiling down on us.

I have registered for two different weeks: June 11 - 18 and July 9 - 16.

If you are interested, contact me. Deb 217-799-0594.

We will meet in January to begin preparing.

Decisions about the week you would like to serve must be made by February 1, 2022.

Upcoming events

ERIC Thanksgiving Worship Service

Tuesday, Nov. 23rd 7 pm
Fithian UMC

Pastor Trevor will be providing the message.

Details will be provided in the bulletin.



Sunday

November 7th

We will be having a service of remembrance. If you have a loved one you would like included in the service, contact Pastor Trevor

We will have votive candles during the service to honor those who have passed. They will be available for \$5 and the person's name and date can be entered on them.

See Laura or Wanda if you are interested.



November 28th

Help us Sunday Morning during and after the service to decorate the church for Christmas.

Traditional soup and sandwiches will be provided.



“Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph”

By Adam Hamilton

This 3-week study will meet at Oakwood UMC on Thursdays at 6:30pm, December 2nd, 9th and 16th

Bring your Bible and learn what the Gospels can teach us about preparing our hearts for Jesus.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW!!!**



Calling all Bell Ringers!!

**I Heard
the Bells on
Christmas
Day**

**Let's play for Christmas
Eve Service (9pm).**

**Practice begins Nov. 14 at
5pm.**

We will be having a joint service with Broadlands and Hebron on January 2, 2022

Broadlands Community Church

10:00am

We will gather at Oakwood at 9:15 am to ride-share to Broadlands for all who wish.

We will be providing salads or sides.

Calendar

SUNDAY,
November 7
2:00 am



November 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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December 2021						
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NOVEMBER

7th	Sunday	All Saints Sunday Communion Charge Conference (1:00 pm)
11th	Thursday	Veterans Day
14th	Sunday	Administrative Council 1:00 pm (OUMC)
23th	Tuesday	ERIC Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm Fithian UMC Pastor Trevor preaching
25th	Thursday	Thanksgiving
28th	Sunday	Hanging of the Greens Advent Begins



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Hebron UMC 5:00 pm
Broadlands Community 7:00pm
Oakwood UMC 9:00 pm

DECEMBER

21st	Tuesday	1st Day of Winter
24th	Friday	Christmas Eve Services
25th	Saturday	Christmas
31st	Friday	New Years Eve



Let Nancy Tyler know if you need an annual giving statement for tax purposes. (354-4787)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OAKWOOD

November

Birthdays:

- 2 Todd Lee
- 3 Chad Sprague
- 5 Mark Leverenz
- 7 Bob Linn
- 9 Katelyn Tellier
- 10 Carlos Stewart
- 14 Parker Lee
- 15 Caroline Culp
- 22 Jackson Dudley
- 23 Linda Cunningham
- 30 Nancy Linn

Anniversaries:

- 13 Wayne & Debi Cronin
- 19 David & Julie Calkins

December

Birthdays:

- 10 Heather Trask
- 12 Connor Smith
- 13 Debbie Clow
- 16 Ryan McFarland
- 21 Meredith Steffen Culp
- 23 Linda Preston
- 25 Tracie Jones
- 26 Katie Lee
Dennis Westfall
- 27 Brett Wittig
- 28 Cameron Lee
- 30 Kendra Westfall

Anniversaries:

- 13 Tom & Melanie Goodwin
- 28 Bob & Nancy Linn



HEBRON

November

Birthdays:

- 3 Dean Grimes
- 9 Mike Pouilliard
- 26 Christopher Johnson
- 30 Allie Covington

Anniversaries:

- 23 Matt & Deanna Morton

December

Birthdays:

- 8 Katherine Huddleson
- 22 Pat Razatis

Remember our Church Family Living Away from their Homes

Laura Lomax
Pleasant Meadows Christian
Village
400 W. Washington Ave.
Chrisman, IL 61924
(217)269-2369

Joyce Okeli
2000 W. John Street. #309
Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 403-0235

Remember those in the Military

Capt. Toby Neil
Stationed—
in Germany

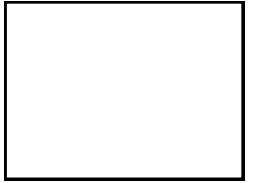
If you have any additions or corrections to the
Birthday/Anniversary list, please let me know.

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Sunday, Nov. 7th

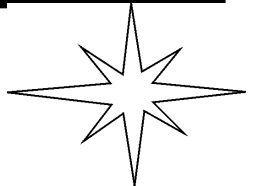
WORSHIP TIMES

Oakwood —10:00 am

Hebron —11:15 am

**Virtual: after 7:15am
on Sunday**

ohumc.weebly.com



Christmas Ornaments

This year the Oakwood United Methodist Church will adorn the sanctuary Christmas tree with ornaments during the Advent and Christmas season. These ornaments can be purchased for a donation of \$6:00 in memory or honor of a loved one. We will display the ornaments during the holiday season, list the names in whose memory or honor they were purchased, and then you may take them home after our Christmas season services. Four out of every six dollars of your donation will support the Oakwood UMC Missions. If you would like an ornament in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the form below and return it with \$6.00 for each ornament to Wanda Plawer or Laura Wittig by Dec. 12th

Additional donations are welcome to support these projects.

In Memory Of (Please print)

1. _____
2. _____

In Honor Of (Please print)

1. _____
2. _____

Given by (Please print)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Additional Amount: \$ _____

