

2023



November

Dear Families of God,

To God be the Glory! What a wonderful season of worship, fellowship and service opportunities!

December

October began with our participation in the second annual World Communion Sunday worship, fellowship, and service at Crooked Creek Whitetails Estate in Fairmount on October 1. We were a part of eighteen churches who worshipped together that day. Our district superintendent, Rev. Angie Lee, gave the message on creating spaces based on Jesus' new commandment to love one another and Jesus' prayer for God's people to experience unity. Rev. Angie Lee and Rev. Randy Robinson presided at the Lord's table. The offering collected during the service went to Midwest Mission. As one body, we offered over \$4,000.00 for Midwest Mission. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Following worship on World Communion Sunday, we had lunch and then participated in a mission project. We filled 1,000 rice meals together which will help to feed 6,000 people around the corner and around the world. Thanks be to God.

October 28 was OUMCs Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This was an awesome opportunity for us to serve together. My thanks to all who helped to make this event a success. Thank you for your generous support of missions.

October 29 brought our second fifth Sunday cooperative worship service as Oakwood/Catlin/Hebron came together at Oakwood. It was an amazing day of worship and fellowship. We had 75 people in attendance. The Oakwood sanctuary was full. It was nice to hear the bells ringing and the choir singing. The lunch was awesome too. Thanks be to God to all who contributed to this special worship and fellowship.

I acknowledge that over the last several weeks, worship times have been confusing. We had two Sundays in a row at 10:00am, one Sunday at 10:30am, and three Sundays at our regular worship time of 9:15am. I apologize for the confusion and miscommunication of worship times over the last month and half. I ask for your grace and forgiveness. I am learning.

Thanks be to God for the possibility of these opportunities. God is doing great things in our midst. Let us continue to be open to God's leading in our lives.

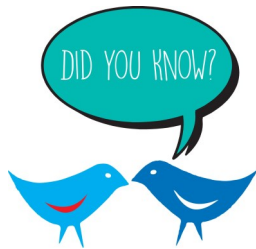
Peace, Pastor Trevor



OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger

Did You Know?



We are the Church working together....

We all know the pastor works 5 days a week, but it's more like 24/7; however, for worship service to be ready on Sunday morning, a bulletin must be written and printed, musician ready to play, power point ready for the congregation to follow on the screens, temperature set for the area to be comfortable, coffee and coffee time prepared, tithes and offering collected and counted for deposit and a record of attendance updated.

Around the church: Plants planted, weeded and watered; repairs made to the church from wind and rain damage, grass cut, and sign kept updated.

Church committees:

- Trustees:** make sure the building is kept up and functioning.
- Worship:** decorate the Sanctuary for special seasons, ready communion on the first Sunday of the month, advise the pastor on worship services.
- Missions and Outreach:** raise money for the missions supported by the church by planning the Yard Sale and Pancake Sausage Breakfast.
- Nurture:** welcome church family and visitors to the church, send letters and cards to members, provide assistance and food to those in need.
- PPRC:** help the pastor with concerns of the congregation, make decisions on hiring of paid church personnel, work with the District Superintendent on pastor performance.

Other activities by the congregation include: keeping our membership list, putting out a newsletter 6 times a year, developing a budget for the year and paying bills, supporting mission trips for ASP, trips to the Midwest Distribution Center, volunteering at the Oakwood Area Food Pantry, participating with ERIC, working with the Boy Scout troops, helping out with VBS and Bible's Cool.

Thanks to all these people who help. If you would like to get involved in any of these activities, please let Pastor Trevor know.



WORSHIP TIMES

Oakwood —9:15 am
Hebron —8:00-am

Virtual: after 2:00 pm
on Sunday
ohumc.weebly.com

Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

Monday — 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Catlin)
Tuesday —2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Oakwood)
Wednesday — 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Catlin)
Thursday — 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Oakwood)

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Facebook: [Oakwood United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/OakwoodUnitedMethodistChurch)
Website: ohumc.weebly.com

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 \$2200 (so far) for our missions.

THANKS AGAIN!!!!



CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 15th
2:00 pm
St. James UMC

Time to present our budget, officers, and plans for the coming year to the District Superintendent.

Please plan to attend.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



We had a wonderful time at the World Communion Service. We worshiped with 18 other United Methodist Churches in our area.

It was a blessing to spend some time with fellow United Methodist from the area, fellowship over lunch and then put our faith into action by filling 1000 rice meal bags for the Midwest Distribution Service.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

The Churches of ERIC are providing food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Oakwood will be supplying Cranberry Sauce and Chicken Broth for Thanksgiving and Sweet Potatoes for Christmas..

Hebron will be providing Christmas Candy for Christmas

The NOW Committee will purchase these items on behalf of the Church. If you would like to make a donation just add a little extra to the noisy bucket.

THANK YOU



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



**JOIN US
AFTER
SCHOOL**

BIBLE'S COOL

Thursdays, 3:00 to 4:15

3rd thru 6th grades

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



TURKEY TROT

The Food Pantry is once again hosting a 5K run. Proceeds will go to fund weekly food needs.

Saturday, Nov. 18th, 9:00 am

The run will be around Oakwood and the Kickapoo Trail.

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



ASP 2024

The **adult trip** to ASP was cancelled this year due to Covid. Two people came down with Covid 19 and another had to cancel because of work; however, we are all planning on making it next year with even more going.

The **youth** are already planning for the summer of 2024.

Please stay in touch with your leaders or Connie Young (217-474-4065) for upcoming events.

Upcoming events



*Sunday
November 5th*

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. If you would like to honor someone, let Laura or Wanda know.

We ask that you donate to the noisy bucket as a sign of remembrance.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

ERIC

Tuesday, Nov. 21st
Muncie Baptist Church

6:00 pitch-in Thanksgiving dinner followed by the worship service.

We have been asked to bring desserts. Turkey and ham will be provided by



November 26th

During Sunday Morning Worship we will have the Hanging of the Green and hear about their meaning.

Plan to stay after the service for Soup and Sandwiches.



**WATCH
NIGHT**

Related to the Longest Night.
A time to honor those you have lost and share with others who have experienced grief.

December 21st

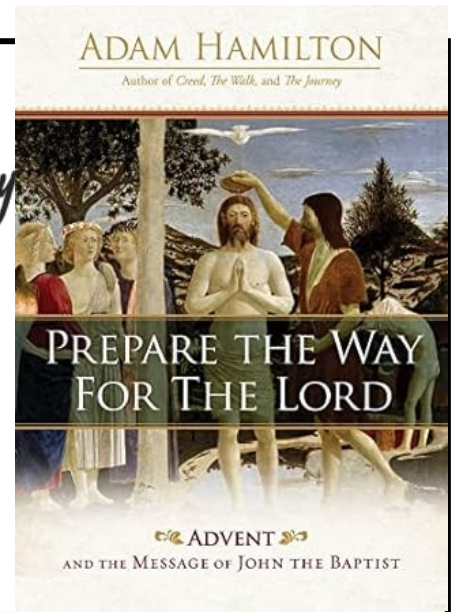
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**CHRISTMAS
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**



Tuesday
November 28th
6:00 pm



*Christmas Eve
falls on a Sunday
this year.*

Plans are still being finalized as to times for morning worship and Christmas eve services.

Please check your bulletins and face book for information.

Calendar



SUNDAY,
November 5th
2:00 am



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24th—Sunday

Oakwood UMC TBA

Catlin UMC TBA

Check the bulletin/facebook for times.



Let Nancy Tyler know if you need an annual giving statement for tax purposes.

217-354-4787

November 2023						
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December 2023						
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NOVEMBER

5th	Sunday	All Saints Sunday Communion Charge Conference (2:00 pm)
11th	Saturday	Veterans Day
12th	Sunday	Administrative Council 1:00 pm (OUMC)
21st	Tuesday	ERIC Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm
23rd	Thursday	Thanksgiving
26th	Sunday	Hanging of the Greens Advent Begins
28th	Tuesday	Bible Study, 6:00 pm

DECEMBER

21st	Thursday	1st Day of Winter
24th	Sunday	Christmas Eve Service
25th	Monday	Christmas
31st	Sunday	New Years Eve

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:

- 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

Pat Razatis
Liberty Village
3222 Independence Avenue
#609
Danville, IL 61832

They would love to hear from
you by card, call or visit.

Remember those in the Military

Capt. Toby Neil
Stationed—
Fort Hood, Texas

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

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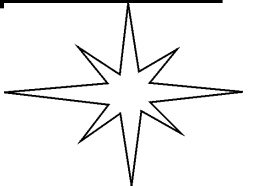
P.O. Box 218

Oakwood, IL 61858



Sunday, Nov. 5th

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. 17th

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: \$ _____



OAKWOOD AREA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR 2024

January –	Vegetable Cups (Green Beans, Corn, Carrots (NO Peas) *
February--	Soup Cups *
March --	Fruit Cups (single servings) *
April --	Bennie Weenies/Chef Boyardee cups (single servings) *
May--	Toilet paper (4 or more rolls wrapped together)
June--	Canned Fruit
July--	Canned Meats
August--	Vegetable Cups (corn, green beans, carrots (NO Peas)) *
September --	Jiffy Peanut Butter “to go” *
October--	Soup Cups (single servings) *
November--	Cereal Bowls (single servings) *
December--	Tuna or Chicken Salad Kits (single servings) *

**** Those marked with the * are for the Backpack Program and need to be single servings.