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James 4:7- So humble yourselves before God.

Dear Churches,

September and October bring about a change in seasons. The air temperature begins to cool. The daylight hours become shorter. The sun rises later. The sun sets earlier. The harvest begins. The trees begin to change as the leaves change colors and begin to fall onto the ground.

The season of Autumn officially begins on September 23. I follow a website called positively present, and they share these thoughts about Autumn:

-Autumn is the time to gather knowledge and harvest new ideas. -Autumn is the pause needed to embrace true, inspiring gratitude. -Autumn is the knowledge that there is both pain and freedom in letting go.

-Autumn is the reminder that sometimes patience is what leads to growth.

-Autumn is the season of contrast, of holding on and letting go.

This is a good list to get us thinking about what Autumn has to offer. Maybe this is a great season to start thinking of new ideas. Maybe this is a great season to thank God for all that God has provided. Maybe this is a great season to let go of the things that get in our way of our relationship with God and one another, so that we may fully surrender to God.

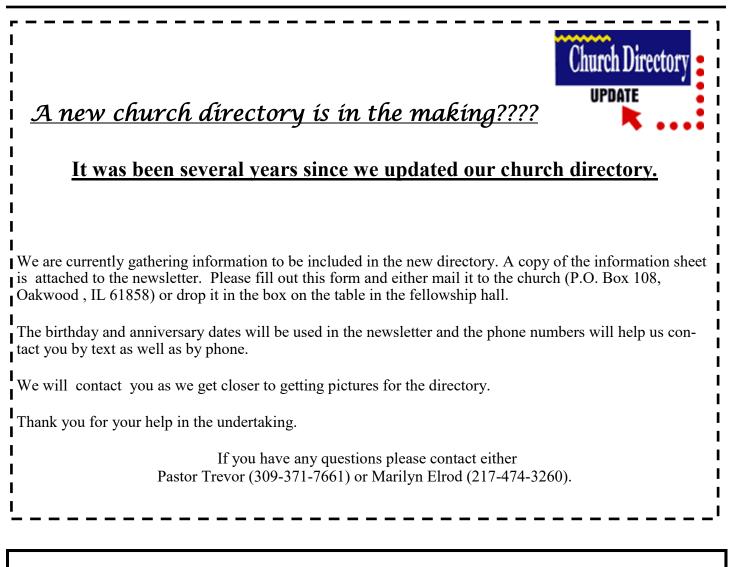
In all that Autumn brings you and me, may we find community. In creating new ideas, may you and I continue to share our ideas with each other. In thanking God, may we continue to express our joys together. In letting go, may we be vulnerable with each other.

Thanks be to God for the gift of the different seasons and for all they teach us. Happy Autumn!

Peace, Pastor Trevor



Díd You Know?





Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

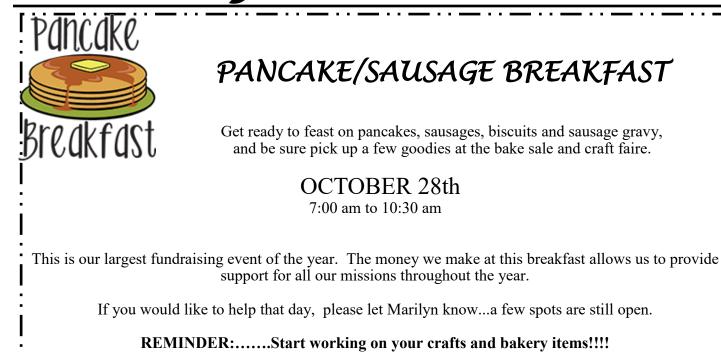
Monday —9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Catlin) Tuesday — 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Oakwood) Wednesday— 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Catlin) Thursday —9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Oakwood)

Cell Phone: 303-371-7661 Email: <u>toetting95@gmail.com</u>

Oakwood 217-354-4950

WEBSITE: ohumc.weebly.com Facebook: <u>Oakwood United Methodist Church</u>

Specíal news





Oakwood Area Food Pantry Update

The food packages given out each week have increased to over 50 bags. We are seeing new customers each week and are thankful to be able to provide for our neighbors. Your continued giving of coins and bills in the noisy bucket on Sunday all go to the Food Pantry to help fill these bags.

The Backpack Program will start shortly and items are being collected monthly to support this program. Your generous donations have meant a lot to be able to provide this needed service to our children in the area.

THANK YOU!!!!





FALL BACK TO CHURCH!!

Sunday, September 11th

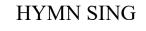
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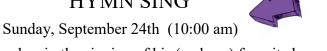
Join us as we kick off the fall season.

Everyone is invited to start the new school year off with returning to church.

All children are invited to join in their own church program following children's time during the worship service.

A celebration of Bubbles and Breakfast will follow the service.





David Calkins will lead us in the singing of his (and our) favorite hymns.

Please plan on joining us for this special Sunday worship and lifting our voices to God.





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1st 10:00 am **Crooked Creek Whitetail Estates**

(13486 N 400 E Road)

Fairmont.

Over 8 United Methodist Churches will be joining in the service.

Following the service and lunch, we will join together to make rice meals for the Midwest Distribution Center that will be sent overseas to feed refuges.



CATLIN, HEBRON, OAKWOOD

Sunday, October 29th 10:30 am At Oakwood UMC

Everyone enjoyed the service in July at Catlin so much that they want to do it again and this time at Oakwood.

We welcome everyone to our church and look forward to spending more time with our friends from Hebron and Catlin.

A meal will follow the service.

<u>Please join us !!!</u>





COMETLAND YOUTH NEWS

Grades 7-12 Sunday 6:00 –7:15 pm Oakwood United Methodist Church

Bíble's Cool

Grades 3rd thru 6th after school (when school is in session all day)

3:15 pm — 4:45 pm

Snack – Games – Music Bible Lesson – Activity

Stay in touch with Josh Hunsberger to learn about upcoming activities. Cell: 814-969-1766



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ROOTED in LOVE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

The Youth are already planning their trip for next year. Anyone interested needs to contact Connie Young..217-474-4065.

The Adults will be taking a trip the week of October 15th. If you are interested in joining this group, please let Pastor Trevor know as soon as possible. Deb Clow will be joining us.

Calendar

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<u>SEPTEMBER</u>

3rd	Sunday	Communion
4th	Monday	Labor Day
11th	Sunday	Rally Sunday 10:00 Administrative Council 1:00 pm (OUMC)
18th	Sunday	Back to Church Sunday
23rd	Saturday	First Day of Autumn
24th	Sunday	Hymn Sing (10:00 am)

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<u>OCTOBER</u>

1st	Sunday	World Wide Communion 10:00 am
9th	Monday	Columbus Day
17th	Sunday	Administrative Council 1:00 pm (OUMC)
28th	Saturday	Pancake Sausage Breakfast 7:00 am to 10:30 am
29th	Sunday	World Communion Sunday 10:00 am Crooked Creek
31st	Tuesday	Trunk or Treat Halloween Scott Street in front of the Food Pantry 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

As the school year begins, we want to thank our teachers and educators for all their work in preparing for the new year so our children can learn with their friends.

THANK YOU

Bírthdays & Anníversaríes

OAKWOOD

September

Birthdays:

- 5 Marilyn Hockett Benjamin Sudlow
- Tim CunninghamMelanie Goodwin
- 7 Janis Dunn
- 9 Dawn Lee
- Ron Lee
- 19 Laura Wittig
- 20 Riley Whaling
- 26 Benjamin Volmerding
- 28 Marty McFarland
- Wanda Plawer

Anniversaries:

22 Randy & Farrah Smith

October

Birthdays:

- 3 Matt Trask
- 9 Patti Wise
- 10 Malachi Johnson
- 11 Nathaniel Volmerding
- 13 Matt Volmerding
- 15 Debi Cronin
- 16 Barbara Whaling
- 30 Mikayla Whaling

Anniversaries:

- 7 Kyle & Robin Durand
- 8 Adam & Lauren Plawer
- 15 Carlos & Jennifer Stewart
- 20 Brett & Laura Wittig

HEBRON

September Birthdays:

- Leslie Pouilliard
- 14 John Covington
- 17 Debbie Huddleson
- 19 Thelma Spencer
- 26 David Trowbridge

Anniversaries:

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John & Heather Covington

October

Birthdays:

- Darrin Fletcher
- 5 Matt Morton
- 6 Sloan Morton
- 12 Bo Hayne
- 20 Connie Covington
 - Preslie Fletcher Molly Parker

Anniversaries:

20 Chuck & Melissa Graves

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 Rezatis Liberty Village 3222 Independence Avenue #609 Danville, IL 61832

Remember those in the Military

Capt. Toby Neil Stationed: Ft. Hood, Texas



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

melrodmae@gmail.com Cell: (217) 474-3260

OAKWOOD/HEBRON U.M.C.

P.O. Box 218 Oakwood, IL 61858









Pancake/Sausage Breakfast Bake Sale and Craft Faíre



Saturday, October 28th 7 am to 10:30 am

Our largest fund raising event of the year. Funds go to support our missions throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing you there and bring your friends!!!

Oakwood/Hebron Church Directory Information Form

Please fill out the form below, giving us the contact information that you would like us to have. The information you provide will only be used for church purposes and will allow us to contact you as needed. Please mark yes or no below on whether or nor you would like to have this information in the church directory. (The birthdays and anniversaries are only published in the newsletter.)

Surname	
First Name	Spouse's First Name
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Home Phone	
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Your Birthday	(m/d
Spouse's Birthday	(m/d
Your Wedding Anniversary	(m/d)
Children's Name(s) and Birthday	(m/d)
May we put this information in the	ne public phone directory?
YesNoYes, but	only a portion of any information
We would like to include a photo or we may ask if we can take one Comments:	graph of you and your family in the directory. You may provide one to u at church.