

2023

September

October

OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger



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



Did You Know?



A new church directory is in the making????

It was been several years since we updated our church directory.

We are currently gathering information to be included in the new directory. A copy of the information sheet is attached to the newsletter. Please fill out this form and either mail it to the church (P.O. Box 108, Oakwood, IL 61858) or drop it in the box on the table in the fellowship hall.

The birthday and anniversary dates will be used in the newsletter and the phone numbers will help us contact you by text as well as by phone.

We will contact you as we get closer to getting pictures for the directory.

Thank you for your help in the undertaking.

If you have any questions please contact either
Pastor Trevor (309-371-7661) or Marilyn Elrod (217-474-3260).

CONTACT information



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

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Oakwood 217-354-4950

WEBSITE: ohumc.weebly.com

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

Special news



PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Get ready to feast on pancakes, sausages, biscuits and sausage gravy, and be sure pick up a few goodies at the bake sale and craft faire.

OCTOBER 28th

7:00 am to 10:30 am

This is our largest fundraising event of the year. The money we make at this breakfast allows us to provide support for all our missions throughout the year.

If you would like to help that day, please let Marilyn know...a few spots are still open.

REMINDER:.....Start working on your crafts and bakery items!!!!



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!!!!

Upcoming events



FALL BACK TO CHURCH!!

Sunday, September 11th

9:15 am

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.

HYMN SING

Sunday, September 24th (10:00 am)

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 refugees.



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.

Please join us !!!

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

Oakwood United Methodist
Church

Bible'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



ERIC is again sponsoring the annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween,
October 31st...5 pm to 7 pm

It will take place on the 200 block of S. Scott Street by the Food Pantry.

Come with your car trunk decorated and join in passing out candy to our children in a safe place.



ASP 2023

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

September 2023						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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SEPTEMBER

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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OCTOBER

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OAKWOOD

September

Birthdays:

- 5 Marilyn Hockett
Benjamin Sudlow
Tim Cunningham
6 Melanie 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:

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

Anniversaries:

- 9 John & Heather Covington

October

Birthdays:

- 3 Darrin Fletcher
5 Matt Morton
6 Sloan Morton
12 Bo Hayne
20 Connie Covington
22 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





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*Pancake/Sausage
Breakfast
Bake Sale and Craft Faire*



*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 not 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 _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone Number _____ (Gets texts) y _____ n _____

Cell Phone Number (spouse) _____ (Gets texts) y _____ n _____

E-Mail _____

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 public phone directory?

Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but only a portion of any information _____

We would like to include a photograph of you and your family in the directory. You may provide one to us or we may ask if we can take one at church.

Comments:

Return to: OUMC or Drop in the basket at church
P.O. Box 218
Oakwood, IL 61858

