

2022

January

February

OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

# The Messenger



“Then the one seated on the throne said, Look! I’m making all things new.”- Revelation 21:5

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I hope you are enjoying the holidays with your families. May we be blessed to meet God in Christ at the manger during this Christmas season.

This time of year also marks the beginnings of a new year. The end of one year and the beginning of another year gives us a chance to reflect on this past year. It is a time to share our joys and sorrows before God and one another. We get to thank God for God’s presence with us throughout this year. We keep God’s promise of always being with us close to our hearts in the new year.

I chose a verse of scripture from Revelation in this season because we are just beginning a new year. God is always in the process of making all things new. We learn, grow, and change throughout our lives as human beings. We are all made new in Christ when we commit our lives to the way of Christ.

God is also making our churches new. God through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit is transforming our communities of faith. Our churches are discerning with God about ways God is making us new. God is asking us to try new things.

God is asking us to renew the practices of nurture and outreach. God is asking us to move forward in our faith.

God’s work of making all things new goes beyond our churches, too. God is making all of creation new. All things will be made new in the fullness of God’s Kingdom.

For now, in our corner of God’s Kingdom, may we pay attention to how God is making us new. May we pay attention to the new things that God is doing in our midst.

God is making all of us new. God is transforming our communities of faith. Come and be a part of the work God is doing in our midst. To God be the glory!

Peace, Pastor Trevor



# Did You Know?

## 2022 Oakwood UM Church Officer Roster

### Church Council\*

Chair	2022 Nancy Tyler
Vice Chair/Secretary	John Sudlow
Lay Leader*	Debbie Clow
Church Treasurers	Laura Wittig, Marilyn Elrod
Finance Chair	Brett Wittig
Financial Secretary	Nancy Tyler
Youth Delegate to Church Council	*vacant*
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Marilyn Elrod
Alternate Lay Delegate	To be filled by other churches on charge
Membership Co-Secretaries	Nancy Tyler, Marilyn Elrod
VBS Director	*vacant*

NOTE: All Committee Chairpersons are members of the Church Council; when position is filled, Church School Superintendent is also a Church council member.

\* Lay Leader also has membership on the Finance, Nominations/Lay Leadership, and Pastor Parish Relations Committees

\*\* Indicates chairperson

### Finance

Finance Chair	2022 Brett Wittig
Pastor	Trevor Oetting
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Marilyn Elrod
Church Council Chair	Nancy Tyler
Vice Chair/Secretary	John Sudlow
Pastor Parish Relations Committee	Debbie Clow
Trustee Co-Chairs	Tim Cunningham, John Dudley
Lay Leader	Debbie Clow
Financial Secretary	Nancy Tyler
Church Co-Treasurers	Laura Wittig, Marilyn Elrod

### Nurture, Outreach & Worship (NOW)

2022	2023	2024
Marilyn Elrod**	Laura Wittig**	Tracie Jones
Amanda Sperry	Melanie Goodwin	Jan McFarland
Wanda Plawer**	Farrah Smith	Linda Cunningham
Marty McFarland		Kyle Snyders

### Trustees

2022	2023	2024
Jennifer Stewart	John Dudley**	Vicki Trask
Tim Cunningham**	Brett Wittig	Tiffany Johnson
		Ryan McFarland

### Nominations – Chair Pastor Trevor Oetting

#### Vice-Chair \*vacant\*

#### Lay Leader Debbie Clow

2022	2023	2024
Jan McFarland	Kyle Snyders	Brenda Ludwig
		Jackson Dudley

### Pastor Parish Relations

Oakwood PPRC Chair: Debbie Clow

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Marilyn Elrod

2022	2023	2024
Debi Cronin	Natalie Snyders	Nancy Linn
		David Calkin

### Membership Committee

Marilyn Elrod	Carol Leverenz	Nancy Tyler
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### Christian Education

Superintendent:

VBS Director

### 2022-2023 School Year

Shared leadership among SS teachers

\*vacant\*

# Special news

## DID YOU KNOW?? (Continued)

Hebron 2022 Church Officers

Trevor Oetting, Pastor

Deanna Morton, Ad Board Chairperson

Connie Covington, Treasurer/Financial Secretary

Matt Morton, Trustee

Daryl Grove, Trustee

Oakwood and Hebron, please take a minute to look over to see what committee(s) you are on.

If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Trevor or the committee chair.



*I just want to thank Oakwood and Hebron for their wonderful Christmas gifts. I am so happy to be your pastor and love all of you.*

*Pastor Trevor*

*Oakwood Church,*

*Thank you for the gift –I'm so happy to be able to have the bells ringing again and to be able to share my gift of music with you.*

*Deb*



## OAKWOOD AREA FOOD PANTRY

Your Food Pantry continues to serve the people in our community each week with food and other necessities. It serves around 35 families and over 65 individuals.

It also provides weekend meals for 38 children through the backpack (Packages of Hope) program.

Your continued support for these programs is appreciated. They could not be continued without your help.

The Food Pantry also provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for our families, They will also be providing Easter baskets this April.

If you would like to contribute: make your check payable to the Oakwood United Methodist Church and put Food Pantry or Backpack on the memo line.

We will be sure to see they get the donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THIS OUTREACH TO OUR COMMUNITY.

# Upcoming events



There will be a Lenten Bible Study starting in March.

Please watch the bulletin for additional details.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

(Ash Wednesday comes late this year.

March 2nd)

The service will be a joint service at Broadlands.

Oakwood and Hebron members will meet at the Oakwood Church to car pool for this service.

Times will be announced in the bulletins.



## COACH MAC'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

We are planning for the return of this dinner in February.

Watch for the exact time and date in the bulletin.



All proceeds will go to support our youth on their ASP mission trip this summer.

# Youth News

## COMETLAND YOUTH NEWS

Grades 7-12

Sunday 6:00 –7:15 pm

At: to be announced

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

Cell: 814-969-1766



ASP 2022

*ROOTED IN LOVE, John 15:4*

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

ASP Youth will meet Sunday, January 16th at 2 pm to discuss the coming trip.

Youth ASP 2022 is registered for June but the exact week is still to be decided.

If you have any questions, please call Deb Clow 217-799-0594

CONGRATS GRAD!!!!

**Bennett Sprague,**  
graduated from U of I in December.

He will be moving to South Carolina to beginning a two-year training program to be a commodities trader.

Congratulations, Bennett.  
We wish you well in this undertaking.

## CONTACT information



WORSHIP TIMES:  
Oakwood —10:00 am  
Hebron —11:15 am

### Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

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

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Facebook: [Oakwood United Methodist Church](#)  
Website: [ohumc.weebly.com](http://ohumc.weebly.com)

# Calendar

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## JANUARY

1st	Saturday	New Years Day
2nd	Sunday	Communion
6th	Wednesday	Epiphany
8th	Saturday	Administrative Council Hebron—9 am
9th	Sunday	Administrative Council 1:00 pm (OUMC)
17th	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr Day

February 2022						
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## FEBRUARY

2nd	Wednesday	Ground Hog Day
6th	Sunday	Communion/Boy Scout Sunday
13th	Sunday	Administrative Council 1:00 pm (OUMC)
14th	Monday	Valentine's Day
21st	Monday	Presidents' Day

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

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## OAKWOOD

### January

#### Birthdays:

- 3 Mike Wise
- 4 Audra Tyler
- 5 Carsen Dudley
- 8 Joyce Okeli
- 23 Carol Leverenz

### February

#### Birthdays:

- 8 Beth Sudlow
- 16 Amy Ludwig Rouse
- 20 Judy Steffen
- 24 Miriah Plawer Volmerding  
Nancy Bott
- 26 Marilyn Elrod
- 27 John Dudley
- 28 Trevor Oetting

#### Anniversaries:

- 19 Larry & Nancy Bott

## HEBRON

### January

#### Birthdays:

- 1 Adam Grove
- 12 Daryl Grove
- 25 Erin Pouilliard

### February

#### Birthdays:

- 15 Lori Parker
- 19 Trent Parker
- 25 Dede Doney
- 29 Crystal Davis

#### Anniversaries:

- 11 Darrin & Shelia Fletcher

## 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**

Major Toby Neil  
Still...Stationed in  
Germany

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

[melrodmae@gmail.com](mailto:melrodmae@gmail.com)

Cell: (217) 474-3260

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

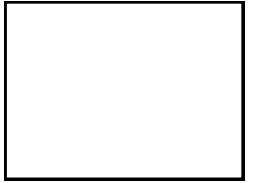
If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, thereby getting it immediately and in color. Please let me know.

Contact — Marilyn at (217) 474-3260 or  
email at [melrodmae@gmail.com](mailto:melrodmae@gmail.com)

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*Clip and Save*

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR  
2022**

January	Vegetable Cups (corn, beans, carrots)* <b>(no PEAS, please)</b>
February	Soup Cups *
March	Fruit Cups (single serving) *
April	Pudding Cups (single serving) *
May	Toilet paper (4 or more rolls wrapped)
June	Hamburger/Tuna Helper
July	Canned meat
August	Vegetable Cups (corn, beans, carrots) * <b>(no PEAS, please)</b>
September	Jiffy Peanut Butter "to go" *
October	Soup Cups (single serving)
November	Cereal Bowls (single serving) *
December	Tuna or Chicken Salad Kits (single serving) *

\*\*\*\* Those marked with the \* are for the Backpack Program and need to be single serving. Presently we serve 14 families with 38 children each weekend with meals for both Saturday and Sunday.  
*(Please consider bring these items to the church for use in this program).*