

2021

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OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I would like to introduce myself as I assume my appointment as your pastor.

My immediate family consist of my parents, Lance and Lori, and my sister, Claire. I have grown up in the United Methodist Church and my home church is Monmouth First United Methodist Church.

I am a graduate of United High School and completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Economics at Monmouth College.

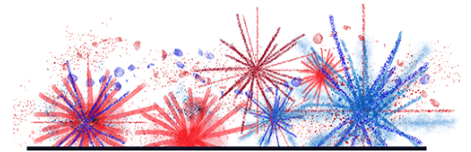
I experienced God calling me to ministry through youth group and a couple of mission trips when I was in high school. I responded to God's call when I was a senior at Monmouth College after a couple of formative internships: one as a chaplain's intern and one as an intern at my home church where I was able to encounter God in many areas of ministry such as music, vacation bible school, and visiting homebound members.

Most recently, I am a graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. I am thankful for the seminary community and for my time of learning and growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to getting to know you all and participating in Christ's ministry for you.

God's blessing and peace be with you.

Pastor Trevor Oetting



NEW WORSHIP TIMES

(starting July 4th)

Oakwood — 10:00 am

Hebron — 11:15 am

Did You Know?

Your Churches have been busy

The Trustees would like to fill you in on their activities for the church over the past few years. Aside from the normal expenses for salary, electricity, water and those expenses necessary to keep the doors open and services provided to our congregation and community, many more activities have taken place.

During this time the Oakwood UMC has:

- replaced the water heater in the church, replaced two back doors,
- installed new heater/AC in the fellowship hall replacing on old window unit,
- installed a security camera with security lock on the back doors of the church,
- installed 4 big TVs and computer with new cables and mixing board as well as new video camera to record sermons in the sanctuary so that they may be uploaded to our web site and services can be viewed remotely,
- replaced the roof twice, once to repair leaking and then as a result of the hail storm. This also allowed us to repair the bell tower to stop leaking and reinforce the floor so the bell can be rung again, and removed the old unused chimney,
- restored, repaired, sealed and cleaned the stained glass windows as well as installing plexiglass to protect them,
- The Fellowship of the Trowel was instrumental in getting new borders installed around the flower beds in the front and back of the church with new flowers and pots to enhance the beauty of our building which allowed us to redirect the downspots to move water off the sidewalk,, and
- a new digital sign is coming this July so we can provide more up to date information quickly and easily.

But work has also been done in the parsonage:

- the HVAC unit was replaced,
- the windows were replaced,
- the siding on the gable end of the building was replaced,
- the bathrooms were updated,
- a new kitchen floor was installed, as well as new carpet in the living room and hallway,
- a new garage door and opener was installed,
- overgrown bushes were removed,
- the roof was replaced as a result of the hail storm, and
- finally a fire pit was built in the back yard..

A big thank you to Tim Cunningham and the members of the Trustees Committee for taking such good care of our facilities.

We could not have done any of these things without the continued support of the congregation.

THANK YOU.

Hebron UMC is planning a remodel of their restrooms and looking into the possibility of installing an elevator that would go from the basement to the sanctuary, making their church handicap assessable.

Special News

REPORT ON THE OAKWOOD FOOD PANTRY

Addition and Backpack Program

The Oakwood Food Pantry is in the process of finalizing plans to build an addition to the Food Pantry building. It will be located where the carport now stands. The present building is growing too small for the additional need to store food for a month at a time for the two programs.

Besides continuing to meet the needs of those in the community with food every week, this year we added the Backpack Program. The year started with serving 24 children and finished the end of June serving 39 children.

It has been a blessing that we have been able to meet this challenge and a big thank you to the churches for their monthly donations.

YARD SALE UPDATE

The Yard Sale was a great success.

We cleared over **\$800**.

All the proceeds will be going to the Oakwood Area Food Pantry to support the Back Pack Program to feed children over the weekends. Presently we support 39 children.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

To all those who donated, helped set up, provided cookies and helped with the sale inside and worked outside to grill and serve the hot dog lunch.



Katherine Huddleson

December 1929

May 16, 2021

CONTACT information



Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

Monday/Tuesday and Thursday—

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

(with a break for lunch)

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We can be found on Facebook at: Oakwood United Methodist Church

And on the Web at: ohumc.weebly.com

WORSHIP SERVICES: Oakwood UMC —10:00 am
Hebron UMC — 11:15 am

Coming events

VBS IS HEADED YOUR WAY



ROCKY RAILWAY

“Jesus’ Power Pulls us Through”

July 19-23, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

To get a free t-shirt, register by July 7th

INFORMATION ON:

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One Sunday morning, the priest noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small U.S.A. flags mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly, “Good morning Alex.”

“Good morning father,” he replied, still focused on the plaque. “Father, what is this” he asked the priest.

The priest said, “ Well, son, it’s a memorial to all the young men and women who died in service.”

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, “Which service, the 9:00 or the 11:00?”

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.



– ASP 2021 –



Onward 2021

The ASP Youth spent the week of June 13 in Knott County, Kentucky. Our group was 8 youth and 4 adults. The Tunnel of Glove replaced a porch deck on a home and The Great Snail Race began a HUG system on a mobile home. We had great weather and a fantastic trip. We will share our experience at church in August. Thanks for all of the support!!

ASP Adults are planning a trip to Central Appalachia the week of October 3 – 9. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Deb Clow as soon as possible. (217-799-0594).

Calendar

July 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JULY—Special Dates

Sunday, 4th

Independence Day
Communion

M-F, 19-23

VBS (1pm to 3pm)



August 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST—Special Dates

Sunday, 1st

Communion

Sunday, 8th

Ad. Council (Oakwood) 1 pm



The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference gathered online for its second virtual annual conference session June 11-12. Slightly more than 930 attended annual conference from home and another 90 attended through one of the remote sites and voted manually

The Annual Conference approved a 2022 budget of \$11,040,909 – a reduction of 1.48 percent .

The Clergy Session approved the election of one elder in full connection and three deacons in full connection. They also approved the commissioning of seven provisional elders and one provisional deacon; and celebrated the graduation of three local pastors from Course of Study. Ordination and Commissioning Services were held at Champaign Faith UMC on Saturday, June 19. Commissioning at 11 a.m. and Ordination at 2 p.m. Pastor Jess was among those being commissioned a provisional elder.

The 2022 Annual Conference will be held June 9-11, 2022, at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria.

Bishop Beard closed the conference urging a need for a revival. But not one that calls for us to feel good, to look good. Its not about self-improvement, self-advancement, self-promotion or self-preservation.

Revival is a time to allow self to take a back seat. Revival only happens when an individual cries out in the words of the old spiritual, it's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, I'm standing in the need of prayer. It's not my brother, it's not my sister, but it's me, O Lord."

Revival starts when people in the church pews get saved and set on fire.. We need a revival!!!!
(paraphrased from Bishop Beard's sermon)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OAKWOOD

July

Birthdays:

- 1 Jan McFarland
- 4 Ben Westfall
- 5 Kyle McFarland
- 6 Patrick Rouse
Claire Trask
- 8 Quinn Sperry
- 9 Amanda Sperry
- 11 Bailey Westfall
- 16 Amy McFarland
- 21 Nancy Tyler
- 29 Damon Shareef
- 30 Vicki Trask
- 31 Lara Conklin

Anniversaries:

- 1 Tim & Dawn Lee
- 10 Amy & Patrick Rouse
- 14 Tim & Linda Cunningham
- 27 John & Courtney Dudley

August

Birthdays:

- 2 Laura Lomax
- 5 Reed Plawer Sperry
- 9 Kira Conklin
- 10 Bennett James Sprague
- 12 Jason Whaling
- 13 Tim Lee
Hailey Tellier
Natalie Snyders
- 26 Jameson Lee Sprague

Anniversaries:

- 2 Todd & Sonna Lee
- 7 Dennis & Kendra Westfall
- 10 Greg & Amanda Sperry
- 22 Marty & Jan McFarland



HEBRON

July

Birthdays:

- 20 Ryan Parker
- 24 Connor Morton

Anniversaries:

- 18 Leslie & Mike Pouilliard

August

Birthdays:

- 26 Dan Grimes

Anniversaries:

- 12 Dave & Lori Parker

Remember our Church Family

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Living Away from their Homes

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Remember those in the Military

Capt. Toby Neal
Stationed—
in Germany



Corrections

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

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