

2022

JULY

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OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger



Luke 24:49

“Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

Jesus is telling his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they have the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus goes on to call the disciples to go out and share God’s good news with others.

As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ today, we trust that the Holy Spirit has been poured out. For us, this verse means a balance of waiting for God’s lead and going out to share God’s good news. There are moments in our lives as faithful disciples that we are called to wait. We trust that God goes before us. We are called to wait in discernment to see where God is leading us. We are called to pray about where God is leading us. We are called to take time to be still in the presence of God. It is good and faithful to wait.

There are moments in our lives as faithful disciples when we are called to go. We are called to go and make disciples. We are called to go share the love and light of Jesus with others. We are called to share the good news of what God has done for us. It is good and faithful to go.

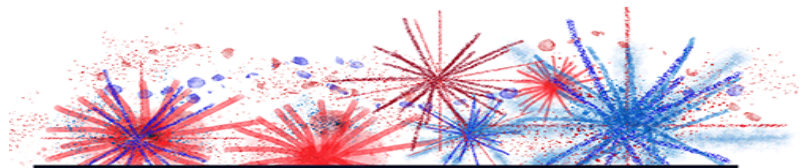
There is a balance of waiting and going. If we wait for too long and never go, then we miss out. If we go without waiting to discern where God is at work, we also miss out.

There are seasons of both waiting and going in the lives and ministries of our congregations. It is good for us to practice waiting to figure out how God is at work. It is good for us to go out when we know how God is at work.

An example of waiting and going is Vacation Bible School. Muncie Baptist discerned that God was calling them to partner with OUMC for VBS this year. After praying about it, OUMC agreed and looked forward to this partnership. We recently finished up our partnership VBS and it went well. God called us to go- to participate and volunteer in the ministry of VBS. We saw 44 different children and youth during the week- praise God! We shared the good news of Jesus. We shared the good news of what God has done for us.

Let us wait for God’s lead, then go out to share the good news. You are invited to come and see what God is doing.

Peace,
Pastor Trevor



WORSHIP TIMES

Oakwood —10:00 am
Hebron —11:15 am

(on-line service at ohumc.weebly.com)

Did You Know?



DID YOU KNOW??

We now have a Children's Church at Oakwood.

After Children's Time during the service, the children will go downstairs for their own service.

We hope your children will enjoy this new program..

A living mystery

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!

Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

CONTACT information



Monday/Tuesday —9:00 am to 4:00 pm
(with a break for lunch)

Thursday—2: pm to 4:00pm

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Special News

VBS update

IT WAS MONUMENTAL

Celebrating God's Greatness



This year VBS was held jointly with Muncie Baptist Church, June 20-24. It was a great, with 44 different children attending during the week.



The mission project this year was to gather new or gently used shoes (all sizes, types and gender) to support a shoe drive by LOVE INC (Love in the Name of Christ). A donation box is provided inside the church if you wish to donate.



PASTOR TREVOR'S COMMISSIONING at Annual Conference



I am grateful for your prayers, support, and love for my commissioning as Provisional Elder. To God be the glory for this next step toward full ordination in a few years.

Coming events



We are planning a trip to the MMDC this summer.

Dates: July 28.....full day

August 18..half day

We will be preparing items to be sent both overseas and at home to help those who are experiencing disasters.

If you are interests in joining for either of these dates, please let Pastor Trevor or Marilyn Elrod know and they can give you more information and details.



ERIC ICE CREAM SOCIAL

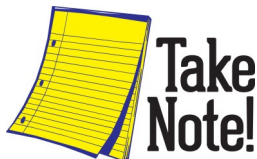
Sunday, July 24th

2-4 pm

(Obie's)

Join your friends for some fellowship and cool refreshments.

ERIC (Eastern Rural Illinois Churches) provides aid to travelers who pass through our community and need help.



Oakwood and Hebron Combined Service

Sunday, July 17

At OUMC 10:00am

Tim Manard from Cunningham Children's Home will be speaking

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 14

10:00am

Youth News



COMETLAND YOUTH

Grades 7-12

Sunday 5:30 to 6:30 pm

At: Muncie Baptist Church

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

Cell: 814-969-1766



– ASP 2022 –

Rooted in Love

“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 2022

We had a great trip! Thanks for all of your support and prayers. Eight adults and fourteen youth traveled to Nicholas Co., West Virginia. Each team was able to form relationships with their families and each other. Each team worked outside building a porch and beginning to build wheelchair ramps. It was fantastic to be back in Central Appalachia.



Dear church,

You have been my family for the past 40+ years. Through good and bad you have helped me grow into who I am. You will be deeply missed but will always be remembered.


Love, Deb

Calendar

July 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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August 2022						
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JULY—Special Dates

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| Sunday, 3rd | Independence Day
Communion |  |
| Sunday, 10th | 2-4 pm
Deb Clow farewell | |
| Sunday, 17th | Combined service with Hebron
Cunningham Children's Home Speaker | |
| Sunday, 24th | Eric Ice Cream Social
2-4 at Obie's | |
| Thursday, 28th | MMDC trip — full day | |

AUGUST—Special Dates

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| Sunday, 7th | Communion |
| Sunday, 14th | Blessing of the Backpacks
Ad. Council (Oakwood) 1 pm |
| Thursday, 18th | MMDC trip-half day (afternoon) |



The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference gathered for its annual conference session June 9-11.

The Annual Conference approved a 2023 budget of \$9,106,853 – a reduction of 18 percent, which means a reduction in our assessments to conference. The campaign for “Our Conference Our Kids” also reached its goal of \$2.5 million, in fact, the IGRC raised over \$3 million for the continued support of the chaplains at these 5 programs. The conference also approved a \$604,280 payment from the Conference reserve Funds as its part of the \$30 million Boy Scouts of America Survivor Trust Fund.

Pastor Trevor was commissioned by the Bishop to be a provisional elder on the way to being ordained as a full elder.

The 2023 Annual Conference will be held June 8-10, 2023, at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OAKWOOD

July

Birthdays:

- 1 Jan McFarland
- 4 Ben Westfall
Kelly Hobbs
- 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
- 19 Mallory Meade
- 21 Eric Hobbs
- 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
Living Away
from their Homes**

Laura Lomax
Pleasant Meadows
Christian Village
400 W. Washington Ave.
Chrisman, IL 61924
(217)269-2369

Remember those in the Military

Capt. Toby Neal
Stationed at Ft. Hood,
when he returns
from Germany.



Corrections

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

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OAKWOOD/HEBRON U.M.C.

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**DEB CLOW
Farewell Party**

**WHEN:
SUNDAY, JULY 10
2:00pm to 4:00 pm
Oakwood UMC Social Hall**

**Deb will be leaving soon to move
closer to her children and grandchildren.
Please join us.**

Open to the entire community.