

2022

March

April

OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger



“Instead, desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” - Matthew 6:33

The season of Lent has begun. Lent is a time of introspection- a time when we as God’s people turn inward and reflect on our lives. We often associate this season with giving up something or adding something to our lives in order that we might grow in our relationships with God and one another.

One opportunity for participation to help us grow in our relationships with God and one another in this Lenten season is a five-week bible study beginning on Thursday, March 10. We will be examining five different spiritual practices including worship and prayer, studying, serving, giving, and sharing through a study called *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton.

The season of Lent concludes during Holy Week. God will gather us for combined worship for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Maundy Thursday worship service will be held at Hebron and Good Friday worship service will be held at Oakwood. We look forward to these opportunities to worship God together as a charge.

The Easter season begins on Sunday, April 17. Hebron will hold an Easter sunrise worship service, followed by services at the regular times of 8:30am at Broadlands and 10:00am at Oakwood. Let us celebrate our risen Lord and Savior!

There are many opportunities to participate in the life and ministry of our churches. We invite you to come and see what God is doing. Take care.

Peace,
Pastor Trevor



“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

—Mother Teresa

“Always show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling the empty places in someone's heart.”

—Mandy Hale

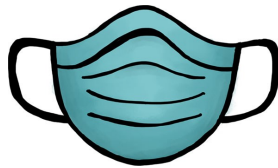
Did You Know?

Debbie Clow Honored

Debbie Clow was honored by "I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE", A collaboration between the city of Danville and Vermilion Advantage to recognize those bringing positive change to their neighborhoods. Debbie has made a difference with the Oakwood Area Food Pantry Board, Oakwood United Methodist Church, ASP, and Oakwood schools. **Congratulations!**



Covid-19 and Mask Update



The Covid-19 guidelines continue to change rapidly. The governor has announced a lifting of the indoor mask mandate effective February 28. Our conference has asked us to follow state and local guidelines as we continue to make decisions in our local congregation. Effective February 28, we encourage vaccinated persons to continue wearing a mask in the building. We will continue to require unvaccinated persons to wear a mask in the building. Please be considerate of those who are immunocompromised and those who are not old enough to be vaccinated in our church family. Vermilion County continues to be in high transmission of Covid-19. We will keep you updated if there are any changes. Thank you for caring for all of your neighbors

Building News

OUMC's new snow blower was used during the February snow storm. The Trustees report that it works very well!!



If you have helped prepare meals in the OUMC kitchen, you know that the electrical breakers routinely trip. The Trustees plan to upgrade the electrical service soon so that won't happen anymore. A big thank you goes out to the Trustees for taking such good care of our church building.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



CONTACT information



Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

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We can be found on Facebook at: [Oakwood United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/OakwoodUnitedMethodistChurch)

And on the web at ohumc.weebly.com

Special News

Ash WEDNESDAY

Join us for our charge-wide Ash Wednesday Worship Service at:
Broadlands UMC
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm for a Soup Supper
Followed by our worship service at 7:00 pm

The soup will be kept warm for fellowship after the service,
for those who are unable to join us before the service.



Joyce Okeli, a member of our church family, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital.

We will have **“A Moment of Remembrance”** for **Joyce Okeli** during worship on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. Memorial gifts given in Joyce’s name will go towards ASP as that was one of her favorite programs at OUMC.

Food Pantry Needs

March Fruit Cups (single serving) *

April Pudding Cups (single serving) *

** Those marked with the * are for the Backpack Program and need to be single serving. Presently we serve 12 families with 26 children each weekend with meals for both Saturday and Sunday.



Complete Serenity



Many of us have heard the first part of what’s called “The Serenity Prayer,” attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.”

Coming Events



Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022 Regular service times

ERIC Holy Week Service - April 10, 2022 at
Oakwood Evangelical Methodist Church, 6:00 pm



Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location TBD; Watch your Sunday bulletin.



Good Friday - April 15, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location TBD; Watch your Sunday bulletin.



Easter Sunrise Service - April 17, 2022, Hebron 7:00 am
Breakfast to follow

Easter Service - April 17 2021, Oakwood UMC 10:00 am

EASTER SUNDAY



Join our 5-Week Lenten Bible Study

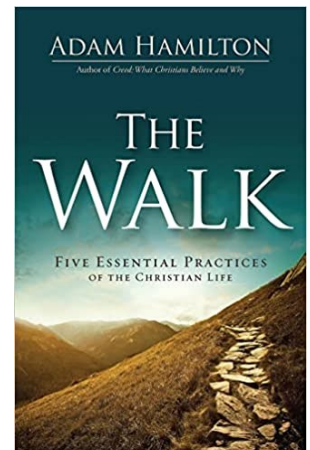
"The Walk"

Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

By Adam Hamilton

Starts Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Oakwood UMC

How do we walk with Christ--daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life. In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. This study will also be available on Wednesday nights in Broadlands beginning March 9th with the time to be announced.



No book needed.

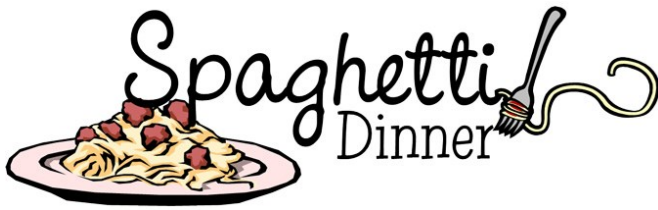


Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Remember to set your clocks forward!

Youth News



COACH MAC'S 'THE WORKS' Spaghetti Sauce

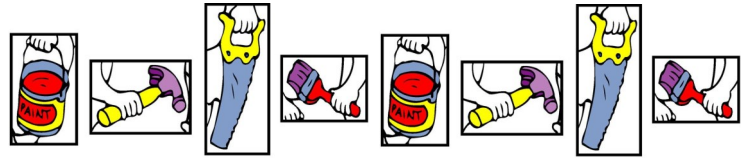
At OUMC

Saturday, February 26, 2022
4:00 to 7:00 PM

FREE WILL DONATION

All proceed go to the
OUMC Appalachia Service Project group

For more information call
354-4950 or 799-0594



– Youth 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."*

- John 15:4

June 11 - 18, 2022

Junior High and High School

3 teams are registered (13 youth and 9 adults)

Check out the website: asphome.org.

The ASP group may sell Texas
Road House rolls for Easter.
Check with Debbie or one of the
youth if you are interested in
purchasing some.



Bible's Cool!

We have been bless with 10 kids who studied
the fruits of the spirit and will soon begin
lessons on the Season of Lent.

(ask Pastor Trevor if he wants to add
anything else)

*"Better to do something imperfectly than
to do nothing flawlessly."*

—Robert Schuller



COMETLAND YOUTH NEWS

Grades 7-12

Sunday 6:00 – 7:00 pm

At: Muncie Baptist Church

Extra activities are planned as
restrictions are being lifted.
Stay in touch with
Josh Hunsberger to learn
about these upcoming activities.

Cell: 814-969-1766

Calendar

March						
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MARCH—Special Dates

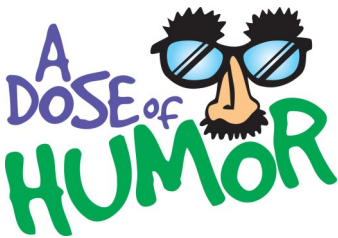
- Ash Wednesday, *March 2, 2022*
- World Day of Prayer, *March 4, 2022*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 13, 2022*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2022*



April						
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APRIL—Special Dates

- Holy Week, *April 10-17, 2022*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 10, 2022*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 14, 2022*
- Good Friday, *April 15, 2022*
- Easter Sunday, *April 17, 2022*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 27, 2022*



Holy Hilarity!

More churches lately have been resurrecting (pardon the pun!) the early-church tradition of celebrating the second Sunday of Easter as Holy Humor Sunday, affirming the season's joy.

Need some jokes for April 11? Try these:

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Knock knock. *Who's there?* Hatch. *Hatch who?* God bless you!

What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? *Eggs-ercise!*

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? *It might crack up!*

An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So *that's* why no one was in church today."

Birthdays

OAKWOOD March

Birthdays

- 12 Greg Sperry
- 17 Christina (Clow) Byers
- 26 Todd Lomax
- 31 David Calkins

April

Birthdays

- 7 Brodie Lee
- 5 Jennifer Stewart
- 10 Adam Plawer
- 15 Sonna Lee
- 22 John Sudlow
- 24 Julie Calkins
- 26 Stella Trask
- 27 Larry Bott
- 29 Logan Lee
Nathan Stewart



HEBRON March

Birthdays

- 6 Mitchell Pouilliard
- 11 Allison (Fletcher) Klint
- 12 Kelsey Razaitis
- 18 Abby Johnson

April

Birthdays

- 9 Bryce Draper
- 16 Deanna Morton
- 19 Alexa Morton
- 30 Kristen Hayne

**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



**Write or Visit Our
Homebound**

Remember those in the Military



Major Toby Neal
CMR 414 Box 225
APO AE 09173

Stationed—in Germany

*“Spring shows what God can do
with a drab and dirty world.”*

—Virgil A. Kraft

Corrections

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

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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

OAKWOOD/HEBRON U.M.C.

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Oakwood, IL 61858



Resurrection Butterflies

This Easter Oakwood UMC will again adorn our Sanctuary with Resurrection Butterflies. These butterflies can be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone who is special in your life. The cost is \$6.00 per butterfly. The money is used to support the mission work of our church. Fill out the form below and put it with your check in the offering plate by Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. The butterflies will appear on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.



In Memory Of (Please print)

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In Honor Of (Please print)

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Given by (Please print)
