

2023

MAY

JUNE



“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”- 1 Corinthians 12:12

“I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together.” I love this understanding of the Church- the church is the people of God, the body of Christ. The church is more than a building, though a building is a helpful holding space for many ministries of the church such as worship and vacation bible school.

Perhaps as we journey through Easter and look toward the day of Pentecost and ordinary time, we need this reminder that we are the church together. God does not send out as individuals into the world to participate in Christ’s ministry. God sends us out as the Church- as Christ’s church together as one body- to do the work God has asked us to do.

During the Easter season, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ invites us to rise with him into new life.

Easter also brings to our minds our responsibility of sharing the good news of the resurrection with others. Maybe Easter gives us new inspiration to go out and share the good news. We share the good news of Easter when we are the church- when we love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength; when we love our neighbors as ourselves, when we treat others the way we want to be treated.

Pentecost marks 50 days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost is a sign of unity through the power of the Holy Spirit- when all of the disciples received the Holy Spirit. Pentecost invites us to receive the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives once again. We might pray, “Come, Holy Spirit!”

Pentecost also marks the birth of the Church as the Holy Spirit unites all believers in Christ. We are the church together through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as we participate in Christ’s ministry in the world.

May we continue to be the church together. May we continue to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in our communities.

Take care,
Pastor Trevor

OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger



Did You Know?



Beginning July 1st, Hebron and Oakwood will be joining with Catlin UMC, as a 3 point charge.

The new worship times will be:

Hebron	8:00 am
Oakwood	9:15 am
Catlin	10:30 am



Pastor Trevor will continue to be our pastor and live in the Oakwood parsonage.

This is an exciting time and we are looking forward to this move, although we will miss our friends at Broadlands who are joining with Homer UMC. However, we are sure that our paths will continue to cross in the new year.

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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WORSHIP SERVICES: Oakwood UMC — 9:00 am
Hebron UMC — 10:30 am

Special News

**CHURCH
WORKDAY**



Work day planned to get the flower beds in shape and spruce up the church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Saturday, May 6th

9:00 am until——

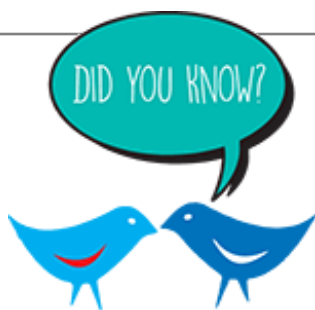
Come to help for as long as you can and when you can. Regardless of physical abilities or skills, we have projects that you can help with.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 8–10, 2023
Peoria Civic Center

Pastor Trevor and Marilyn Elrod (your lay delegate) will be attending . Please keep them and our church in your prayers.



ERIC

(Eastern Illinois Rural Churches)

(Fithian UMC, Hebron UMC, Muncie Baptist Church, Oakwood EMC, Oakwood Christian Church, and Oakwood UMC.)

SPRING FLING...

SATURDAY, June 3rd

1 pm to 3:30 pm at Oakwood Evangelical Methodist Church
Games, bouncy house, snacks!!!

Neighborhood kids and families are invited for an afternoon of fun!!

Coming events

Pentecost Service

Sunday, May 28th

Joint with Hebron and Broadlands

We will have fellowship and brunch afterwards.



TONGUES OF FIRE — Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.



Oakwood United Methodist Church and Muncie Baptist Church will again be joining forces to host Vacation Bible School –

STELLAR—”Shine Jesus’ Light”

VBS – June 19th—23rd, 1 – 3:30 PM at Oakwood United Methodist Church

Preschool – Current 7th graders

Volunteers needed – station leaders, decorations –

Contact Laura Wittig if you are able to help.

Youth News



HIGH SCHOOL:

Kyle McFarland is going to Indiana State University to major in business.

JUNIOR HIGH:

Carson Dudley

COLLEGE UPDATE:

Reed Sperry graduates from DACC and continues at the U Of I in the Fall

Katie Reffett has been accepted to the Radiology Training Program at DACC.



– ASP 2023 – Rooted in Love

"Love the Lord 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

June 11-16, 2023

ASP Youth will be heading to Breathitt County, Kentucky on Sunday, June 11. There will be 8 adult leaders and 17 youth. In April the youth did a fundraiser with Danville Gardens and on April 30th the youth will complete their construction training. They built a picnic table with two separate benches that will be auctioned off (date TBD). Stock letters have been sent out and donations are coming in.

A big thank you from the APS group for the unbelievable donation from The Coach Mac's Spaghetti Dinner.

Remember to keep them in your prayers for a safe and rewarding experience.



COMETLAND YOUTH NEWS

Grades 7-12

Sunday 6:00 to 7:00 pm

At: Muncie Baptist Church

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

Cell: 814-969-1766

Bible's Cool

Has moved to Wednesday's, same time and same place.

They continue to have a great time learning about the Bible.



May 30th

Calendar

May 2023						
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			

June 2023						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

May—Special Dates



- National Day of Prayer — May 4, 2023
- Church Work Day –May 6, 9 am until
- Mother's Day — May 14, 2023
- Ascension of the Lord — May 18, 2023
- Day of Pentecost —May 28, 2023, Joint Service
- Memorial Day — May 29, 2023

June--Special Dates



- Trinity Sunday — June 4, 2023
- Annual Conference—June 8-10, 2023
- Church Yard Sale –June 10 , 7am to 2 pm
- ASP —June 11-16, 2023
- Flag Day — June 14, 2023
- Father's Day — June 18, 2023
- Juneteenth — June 19, 2023
- VBS (Shine Jesus's Light) June 19-23
- Summer Begins — June 21, 2023

Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OAKWOOD

May

Birthdays:

- 3 Amanda Shareef
- 6 John D. Montgomery
- 11 Lauren Plawer
- 24 Madison McFarland
- 26 Luca Shareef

Anniversaries:

- 7 Shawn & Lara Conklin

June

Birthdays:

- 1 Brenda Ludwig
Tom Goodwin
Courtney Linn Dudley
- 23 Robin Linn Durand
- 27 Janice Lee

Anniversaries:

- 9 Ryan & Amy McFarland
- 10 Ron & Janice Lee
- 21 Matthew & Heather Trask
- 26 John & Beth Sudlow



HEBRON

May

Birthdays:

- 1 Sue Fletcher
- 5 Dave Parker
- 6 Dennis Divan

June

Birthdays:

- 6 Lauren Covington
Xander Draper
- 17 Shelia Fletcher
- 28 Jane Sprague

Remember those in the Military



Major Toby Neal
6609 Serpentine Dr.
Killeen TX
Fort Hood



Corrections

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

Remember our Church Family Living Away from their Homes

Laura Lomax
Pleasant Meadows
Christian Village
400 W. Washington Ave.
Chrisman, IL 61924
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Pat Razatis
Liberty Village
3222 Independence
Avenue, #609
Danville, IL 61832



Write or Visit Our Homebound

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 UMC YARD SALE

Saturday, June 10th

7:00 am to 2:00 pm

We will be also be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, water and cookies at the sale.
(Hint...we need the congregation to provide homemade cookies for the sale.)

Start going through your garage and attic to see what “treasures” you may find.
(Please price all items.)

We will keep you informed of more information through our web pages and the bulletin.

If you can help with the Yard Sale or with the cooking, etc., please contact Marilyn Elrod or Laura Wittig.