

THE OAK TREE QUARTERLY

Oakland United Methodist Church



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From The Pastor's Heart: Sowing and Watching

"He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

—Mark 4:26-29

You know how they say a watched pot never boils? Well, I can tell you from experience, the same is not true for watching seeds sprout. Whether planting grass seeds or a garden, I watch closely for the first sprout to break through the ground. Most garden seeds require little expertise to see them sprout; they boldly part the ground. But grass sprouts are more technical. On occasion I have gotten down very close to the ground to look for those fine red hair-like sprouts to sneak their way out of the earth. Either way, I thrill to see new life.

Over the past year, we at Oakland have sown many kingdom seeds, and we are seeing some seeds sprout and grow. With the help of Larry and Joanne Stahl, I am teaching a dozen young people in Confirmation Class who will publicly profess their faith



and join the church on June 5. I am in the second round of the New Beginnings Class series on Wednesday nights. Attendance has been intimate, but new folks are growing in their walk with the Lord.

Last fall in the 40 Days of Outreach we sowed many seeds. Over the Christmas and Easter seasons, we invited, prayed for, and touch the lives of many newcomers to the Church. Our Easter outreach included another community Easter Egg Hunt where 260 children came with 200 adults to receive gifts, crafts, and the Gospel message presented by chalk artist, Rev. Alice Jean Parker.

Jesus once told about the Kingdom of God being like a man scattering seed on the ground. The seeds sprout and grow whether we sleep or watch. The growth of seeds is a mystery (Mark 4:26-29). We plant and water, but somehow beyond our understanding, God causes them to grow. As long as we continue so sow seeds and provide opportunities for watering and nourishment, God will continue growing the kingdom in, among, and through us.

As I look back over the many seeds we have sown throughout the winter months (and the entire past year), I eagerly anticipate the growth of new life. God promises that His Word will not return empty handed but always accomplishes His intended purpose (Isaiah 55:11). Somehow, in ways that only God understands, the seeds we sow and water, will sprout and grow. New life begins in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

In God's kingdom, if we continually sow seeds into the lives of our family, friends, and neighborhoods, everyday should be filled with moments of expectancy. We can hardly wait to see God cause seeds of the Gospel to sprout and grow. As we sow seeds of prayer, love, and kindness liberally, we can wake every day wondering what new life God will bring, whose life will be touched today, and where God's Spirit will move next. If your life seems dull and boring, sow some seeds of faith and join me as we expectantly watch them grow.

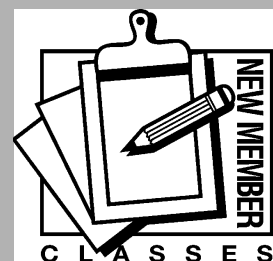
Your Pastor (still sowing and watching),

Pastor Randy



Angels Among Us

Servant Evangelism



Sisters in Christ Luncheon—May 15

Attention Women, Girls, and Sisters in Christ, You are invited to our annual luncheon on **Sunday, May 15, 1:30 p.m.** Ticket prices are:

\$7 Women
\$3 Girls 3-10,
no charge children under 3

and will be available **May 8** in the lower Ferg Street Lobby or call the Church Office at 269-3678. Our heavenly menu is:

“Chicken Divine,”
grilled chicken breast with broccoli, alfredo sauce over a bed of angel hair pasta

Garden Green Salad
Eden’s Fruit Bowl
Fresh Rolls

Angel food cake with Strawberries and cream topping

Rainbow Punch
Coffee & Tea

We have a wonderful afternoon planned for you. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Bodnar at 288-1268 or see one of our committee women: Donna Cartwright, Lois Dunford, Brenda Fockler, Tammy Gress, Evelyn Hartman,

Jucinda Matlin, Colleen Shaffer, or Lee Ann Shaw.

ATTENTION MEN & BOYS:
We need men and boys to help with the preparation, serving and clean up for this event. If you are willing to help in any way, please sign up at both news Tables or contact **Barb Bodnar.**

Servant Evangelism Outreach—May 21

We will begin monthly evangelism outreaches for the summer months on **Saturday, May 21.** Pastor Randy will lead the Confirmation Class and anyone who wishes to join them on a Saturday outreach opportunity.

The Class is brainstorming what exactly they would like to do. We will offer several different options for May 21.

Watch the bulletin for more info. If you have a special outreach project you would

like to do, either suggest it to Pastor Randy as a possible church-wide outreach or just go for it with your family, friends, or ministry/small group.

Block Party Planning

Please mark **Saturday, August 6 on your calendar.** I guess the Block Party is here to stay... for now. It has been a successful outreach/ blessing to our community and a lot of fun.

This year, we will add a dunking booth to raise money for Imagine No Malaria. We are looking for your nominations and for volunteers to be dunked for

this worthy cause. Pastor Randy, Matt, Jeremy, and Pastor Art are already nominated.

Watch the bulletin for a planning meeting later in May.

New Member Class—May 22

If you wish to become a member of OUMC, C.L.A.S.S. 101 is for you! **This class is required for membership** and provides an opportunity to learn about Oakland United Methodist Church, as well as

what it means to live your life to Jesus. C.L.A.S.S. 101 will be held **Sunday, May 22, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.** Those who attend this class will be received into membership on **Sunday, June 5.**

If you are interested in joining the church, please call the church office at 269-3678 to register for the Membership Class, by **Monday, May 16.**

Commitment Sunday is June 5

Sunday, June 5, is Commitment Sunday. As we observe Commitment Sunday we will receive new members, the confirmation class, and our commitments to serve in various ministries.

We will begin preparing for Commitment Sunday with a PRAYER VIGIL on Saturday, May 21.

On Sunday, June 5, we will

set up displays for Ministry Opportunities for the upcoming year.

If you are currently serving in a particular ministry area and wish to continue, you may contact your captain now. There is no need to wait for June 5. If you're looking for a place to become involved, we pray God will use these three weeks to inspire, inform,

and involve you in the ministry at Oakland.

Please be in prayer for Oakland, the kingdom, and yourself.

Sermon Series

Worship is...

6-Week Sermon Series on Worship—May 8 through June 12, 2011

Pastor Randy will lead us on a journey to better understanding worship. The first two sermons are already in the works, but the last four depend upon you. In Week 1, Pastor Randy will lead us in an overview of worship and describe how worship is the work of the people, everyone's responsibility. In Week 2, we will look into the Scriptures to see God's recipe for worship. Pastor Randy wants you to submit what worship means to you. Below is a response card (they will be included in the bulletin tab on May 8 and May 15 for you to reply.

"Worship is..." Sermon Series.

May 8, Worship is...Everyone's work

May 15, Worship is...It's In There

May 22, Worship is..._____

May 29, Worship is..._____

June 5, Worship is... _____

June 12, Worship is..._____

My response for the "Worship is..." sermon series, May 8 - June 12, 2011

Jesus said, *"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."*—Matthew 4:10

Jesus said, *"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*—John 4:24

Worship to me is _____

Or

I worship best when I _____

Commitment Sunday





SPIRITUAL LIFE
SURVEY

**SURVEY
DEADLINE:
MAY 16**

Your spiritual growth is of vital importance to our church. Whether you're just starting to explore the Christian faith, or you're a long-time follower of Christ, we want to do everything we can to help you on your spiritual journey. That's why we need your help.

We're asking you to use the link below to take a survey that asks questions about your spiritual life and the role our church plays in it. Since the survey touches on a wide range of thought-provoking issues, you should anticipate needing 35 - 40 minutes to complete it.

This survey is completely anonymous. An expert third-party research organization will compile your input with responses from others, so your survey will not be viewed individually. It is very important for everyone to participate so that we can get the most accurate picture of where we are as a church.

Thanks in advance for your time and contribution to this tool that will help us understand our church's role in your spiritual life. Please use this link to access the survey—and pass it along to all your friends who call our church their church home.

<http://www.revealnow.com/slsurvey?uid=6131>

Electronic Giving...
Open your heart without
opening your checkbook

Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:

- Have an automatic check written and mailed to Oakland United Methodist Church by your financial institution.
- No need to write checks or bring cash to church.
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.



*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this Says the Lord of hosts,
“If I will not open the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.”*

Malachi 3:10

Sign up **TODAY** with your financial institution **after Sunday, May 22:**
For more information, please contact our Finance Secretary, Tammy Fiffick
at 814/269-3678, ext. 204

New Day's Prayer Breakfast—May 25

NEW DAY'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST... will be held **Wednesday, May 25**, at the Holiday Inn, downtown. The buffet begins at

6:30 a.m. and the program begins at 7:00 a.m. Special Guest Speaker is **Tim Rigby**, Sports Anchor and Executive Producer for WJAC-TV.

Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained from Cheryl Keafer or by calling New Day at 535-8202.



Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale—May 22

The KENTUCKY MISSION TEAM will be hosting a spaghetti dinner/bake sale in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22.

All proceeds will help team members with their financial obligations for this trip. Tick-

ets will go on sale next Sunday or you may call the Church Office. The cost per ticket is:

\$7—Adults
\$5—Children 2-12 years:
Free—Children under 2

If you are willing to donate baked goods there will be a sign-up sheet at the ticket sale table.



Yard Sale for Kentucky Mission Trip—May 28

A YARD SALE will be held on **Saturday, May 28**, to help fund the YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY. While you are doing this year's spring cleaning, put your "trash" aside... it just might be someone else's treasure. All we ask is that you put a price tag on your

items and bring them to the church. You can bring your items to church the church starting Sunday, May 22, and place them in the downstairs Youth Room 110 (due to the Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall).

If you're looking for bargains, stop by Fellowship Hall on **May 28**. Sales begin at **8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** We'll pack up at 2:00, so shop early!



Children's Baptism—May 29

The next scheduled infant/child baptism will be **Sunday, May 29**. If you wish to have your child baptized, please call the

church office at 269-3678 by Monday, May 23.

A PARENTS' MEETING is planned for **Wednesday, May 25**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.



Arbutus Park Auxiliary Bazaar—June 4

The Arbutus Park Auxiliary Annual Bazaar will be on **Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** in the Community

Room. DONATIONS are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Community Room Thursday and

Friday. For more information, please contact **Irene Kendig**.





Mission News

Mission Report

The Mission Team learns about the work of various mission organizations and chooses which ones to support on behalf of the members of our congregation.

The Team also tries to provide additional opportunities to give to special projects, from collecting peanut butter for UMHS to filling UMCOR Health Kits, and a variety of other ideas. **Any person who desires to ask the people to give to a favorite charity is requested to first present the idea to the Mission Team and Pastor Randy.**

One category of giving is for Local Missions, and this year we have budgeted \$16,300 for 10 missions in our area. Please notice the diversity of the above list. It is a broad outreach.

*Cambria City Mission
New Day, Inc.
Peniel Ministries
Salvation Army, Johnstown
Birthright of Johnstown*

*UPJ Ministries
UM Human Services
Habitat for Humanity
Prison Outreach Ministry
Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

Sharing With You, Christian TV from OUMC



*Sharing With You
is on cable public
access channel 9
every Sunday at
7:30 pm*

Because of the faithfulness of a number of people over the years we have been able to continually present a weekly program for a long time. This is our 27th season! There is a long list of outstanding guests who have been

interviewed. In April Pastor Randy hosted Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn, the new Johnstown District Superintendent. We want to bring to the community of cable TV viewers a local Christian program of testimonies, teach-

ings, and expressions of God's love.

There is always information in the weekly bulletin about current guests, and often the guest represents a mission organization.

2012—OUMC's Centennial Year

It will certainly be a reason and a season to celebrate the church that was planted on the Bedford St. hill 100 years ago. God's hand, His love, and His strength have enabled His people to touch the lives of countless others, and to make a difference in our

community and the world beyond.

We want to plan some special events to remember the history of Oakland United Methodist Church and to think of the future. Anyone who has an idea for the Centennial is asked to put it

in writing, mark the envelope for Jane Naylor, and leave it in the church office. It is important to have input from some members of the congregation. Please do this soon. Share your ideas.

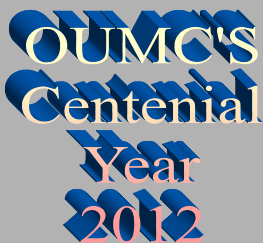
*~ Jane Naylor,
Church Historian*

Pray for the Kentucky Mission Trip

Please pray for the Kentucky Mission Trip from **June 18-26**. Specific prayer requests are: (1) Blessings upon VBS for the children in the community. (2) Preparation of hearts for service at the Bethany Mission Center. (3) Unity

between OUMC and Mt. Hope to glorify the kingdom. (4) Pray for those on the Mission Trip: **Jeremy Barkley, Jim Bickford, Annie Fiffick, Gabby Fiffick, Gloria Hockins, Cheryl Keafer, Joseph Jackson, Garrett**

Keafer, Abby Ketley, Naomi Paluch, Matt Price, Chrissy Rummel, Jessica Shaffer, Richard Shaffer, Kai Steinhage, Justin Thomas, Greg Varner, Linda Varner, Luke Varner, Cody Webb, David Webb.



Annual Conference—June 9-12



FUNCTION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denominational churches, Independent churches, churches of all sizes have to be organized in many aspects in order to function and do the work of the Lord in an effective way. The United Methodist Church has definite structures on all levels. What is known in Methodism as the Annual Conference directly affects the local church in many ways.

OUMC is part of the Johnstown District in the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. Every June, this year June 9-12, Annual Conference convenes at Grove City for a time of learning, reporting, worshipping, preaching, praying—an enriching and purposeful experience for all who attend. Each church sends its' pastor and a lay representative as voting members of the conference. They go prepared to vote on conference business and policies. Pastor **Randy;**

Pastor Art; Bill Patrick, Lay Delegate; and Darlene Bain and Velva Patrick, Johnstown District Equalization Delegates, will attend as our representatives. One of their responsibilities is to report back to the congregation the most outstanding features of the conference.

Pray for the conference members, which is important so they may be open to God's guidance.

Graduation Sunday is June 12

IS THERE A GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY THIS YEAR?

We need to have information about our 2011 high school, trade school and college/university graduates. See the below form.

Please complete the form and mail it into the Church Office or place in the "payment/registration box" located on the Oakland News Tables. Deadline for completed forms is **Sunday,**

May 16 so gifts can be purchased.



2011 Graduation Form

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Name of Graduate: _____

Graduate of: _____

If a high school graduate, please indicate future plans. If a higher education graduate, please name the degree received and any special honors:

Form submitted by: _____ Phone: _____



Do you know where they are?

The following is a list of members for whom we have no known address. If you can help us to get back in touch with any of them, please let us know.

Theresa Angelotti
Vicki Baywood
David (DJ) Beatty
Tennille Beatty
Tara Constable
Joe Cruz
Amanda Dawson

Leslie Dawson
Debbie Deal
Thierry Drenning
Darryl Ed
Nancy Ed
Robert Foster
Adam Frick
Joyce Girolami
Brian Griffin
Paul Griffin
Betty Jane Hall
Ronald Helsel
Joseph Herdman
Jamie Hockycko
Gwen Horn

Michael Hovraluck
Carol Ieni
Heather Kopriva
Kimberly Linjeris
Jayne Logue
Tammy Martini
Brooke Mayak
Heidi Mock
Tonya Myers
Helen Oatman
Linda Passantino
Grace Penrod
Jim Penrod
John Piazza
Wanda Piazza

Sharon Pursley
Evelyn Rice
Melissa Russian
George Sauro
Shelly Smith
Craig Stiles
Stephen Tims
Teresa Wagner
Thomas Walko
Ray Waterhouse
Marcie Wattman
Tracie Wesner



Tony Sansone—Counseling Intern at OUMC

A COUNSELING INTERN will be available at OUMC beginning in May. TONY SANSONE, a member of Oakland, is in the final process of complet-

ing his MA work in Professional Counseling through Liberty University. To complete his current course work, Tony will be available

to meet with individuals at OUMC. APPOINTMENTS can be made by calling the Church Office at 269-3678, Extension 246.



Mark Your Calendar!

Pictorial Directory Pictures: July 6-9 & August 15-16

Deadline for August-October Newsletter: July 10

Next Infant Baptism: July 31

Block Party: Saturday, August 6

Annual Church Picnic & Adult Baptisms at the Que: Sunday, August 14



M & M Class

The M & M Class will meet on Tuesday, May 10, June 14 and July 12 at 12:00 Noon.

We meet at Arbutus Park Manor on the second Tuesday of every month at

12:00 p.m. For reservations, please call Irene Kendig.



Guideposts for Hospital Ministry

Have you ever noticed booklets placed in hospital waiting rooms? They often are religious materials that are not biblically sound. Margie Allen has noticed just that and would like to pass out

Guidepost Magazines. You may have some of these magazines gathering dust in your home, or perhaps you throw them away after you read them. If you're willing to give your used Guide-

posts for this purpose, please bring them to the church and place them in the Guidepost Box on the News Table in the Bedford Street Lobby.

Sincere Thank You

My Dear Church Family and Funeral Dinner Team, My sincere appreciation for the cards and coming to pay your respects in the loss of my mother, **Kathryn Landeros**, who passed away February 11. Your love and kindness blessed us so very much. Thank you so much for the wonderful meal we had for my mother's funeral. You did a great job and we were blessed so much during that difficult day. Keep up the good work in this area as it is a very special ministry unto the family and our Lord. God bless you all. Love in Christ, ~ **Barbara Bodnar & the family of Kathryn Landeros**

Dear Oakland Church, Thank you for your prayers and visits from the church during my surgery in the hospital in February.

God bless,
~ **Roberta Delasko**

Dear Oakland United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the wonderful handmade fleece blankets that you graciously made and donated to the Inn in honor of Inn Patient, Gabrielle Fiffick. Our Inn children always love these "cozy" blankets and very likely feel the love that went into making each beautiful creation! We are so appreciative of your generosity, thoughtfulness and support.

Your dedication to Thee Inn helps us provide a home-like residence for more than 1,500 children and their families who stay at the Children's Inn each year. The Inn provides a safe haven for families who spend most of their days receiving medical treatments at the National Institute of Health and need a place to relax and reconnect in the evening. One parent explains the Children's Inn as a place for

"sharing with other families of the world the sorrows and happiness we have with our beloved children. By sharing, our problems fade away.

The Inn assists families by offering all of its services free of charge, which is only possible because of financial and in-kind donations from friends in the community like you. Thanks you for your kind support,

~ **Holly Lotwin,**
The Children's Inn
at NIH



Hospital Updates

Please pray for the miraculous healing power of God upon the following who have been or are still in the hospital:

Don Batiste, Darlene Bowers, Eileen Clites, Janice Fisher, Charles Gilbert, Clyde & Ann Kimmel, Ellen Kirsch, Ray Lehman, Sharon Norman, Hannah Petrunak, Winona Peterson, Richard Sandberg, Kalista & Mitchell Vizzini



If you are admitted into a hospital or are having surgery, please notify the church office at 269-3678



May Birthdays

1
 Art Mack
 Laura Miller
 Mike Miller
 Cody Way
 2
 Coni LoBoi
 Dorothy Rhodes
 Heather Schutte
 3
 Kathy Garretson
 4
 Kaylin Domonkos
 5
 Emma Molnarko
 Hope Ressler
 6
 Kathy Magyar
 Melissa Petrore
 Erdem Pisarcik
 7
 Ameer Mazzarese
 Daniel Platt
 8
 Glen Dougherty
 Linda Scislowicz
 Fred Willey

9
 Sam Reed
 Jeremy Scislowicz
 11
 Adalyn Berkey
 12
 Dick Guyer
 13
 Dave Helsel
 14
 Emma Gress
 Cindy Miller
 15
 Mark Dougherty
 Therri Mazzarese
 Maddie Sprankle
 Emily Way
 16
 Amanda McBee
 Lucy Palmer
 17
 Steve Parker
 Amber Smith
 18
 Ellen Kirsch
 20
 Sara Griffith
 21
 Gloria Hockins

22
 Lawrence Pryor
 Jonathan Thomas
 Brianna Vizzini
 23
 Lucy Bond
 Mike D'Angelo
 24
 Olyvia Opett
 25
 Rachael Linjeris
 Dale Phizacklea
 Barb Smith
 26
 Juanita Mitchell
 Kaitlyn Scislowicz
 Mitchell Vizzini
 27
 Jeff Allen
 Owen Dluhos
 28
 Adam Allison
 Rylan Poraczky
 29
 Joe Kush
 Bob Smith
 30
 Sarah Thompson



Helen Ziants Celebrated Her 99 Birthday

HELEN ZIANTS has the distinction of being our oldest member, as well as a life-time member of OUMC. **She observed her 99th Birthday on March 30.**

We rejoice that Helen was able to be with us at the 8:30 Service on March 27. Oakland Church's "birth" was also in 1912, so next year will be the centennial year.

A card or note expressing love and best wishes may be sent to **Mrs. Helen Ziants.**



New Members

We received the following new members into our fellowship on February 13. Please try to meet them and make them feel welcomed.

Donald, Patty & Nichole Penrod

Benita Pisarcik
 and sons Demir & Erdem

Please call the Church Office for their addresses and phone numbers.

June Birthdays

1
Thomas Miller
Bekah Sansone
4
Carol Moffat
Shirley Schlosser
5
Tamia Green
Norman Lord
6
Joann Greene
Diane Long
7
Irene Kendig
8
Sara Baker
Richie Shaffer
9
Sophie Sprankle
11
Lisa Singer
12
Courtney Ickes
Linda LaMantia
Lillie Sprankle
Joanne Sukenik
Becky Valente

13
Judy Keiper
Bonnie McClelland
14
Dee Guyer
Doris Helsel
Betsy McDannell
Kevin Singer
Ian Valente
15
Ron Lindrose
Sharon Streletz
16
Myrna Gilbert
Janet Griffith
Donnie Kline
Bill Luther
17
Scott Gress
Lucy Kaufman
Josh Penatzer
18
Darlene Arthurs
Ken Domonkos
19
Cameron Dluhos
Jim Fiffick

Rosie Plaza
Mike Yeager
20
Betty Fisher
Jack Miller
Dick Shaffer
21
Stephanie Schutte
Fiona Stuart
24
Rodger Jamison
25
Judy Treece
26
Georgia D'Angelo
Heather Kush
27
Sarah Bennett
Dottie Brown
Tom Oldham
28
Carlie Garland
Terry Reese
29
Joy Baker
Tammy Selders



BLESSINGS

July Birthdays

1
Seth Kukola
Grace Ressler
2
Garrett Keafer
5
Judy Beneigh
6
Evan Oswalt
9
Gen Mack
Art Moffat
10
Dave Long
11
Patty Herter
12
Donna Bray
Cody Platt
13
Demir Pisarcik
Dylan Slaventa

14
Matt Facci
Eva Wingard
16
Rob Allison
Larry Hoover
Ron Jones
Eva Lord
Karen Plowman
17
Ryan Hirko
Rick Roth
Luke Varner
18
Ron Baker
Dave Charkins
Barb Paluch
Don Speicher
Danny Wagner
19
Atticus Price
20
Alicia Marks

21
Sheree Speicher
Dave Sprankle
22
Bill Thomas
23
Randy Bain
Becky Guyer
Callie Parker
24
Peter Donkor
Aiden Young
25
Bob Hartman
Elvie Wagenbach
26
Vikki Hester
27
Donna Boast
31
Dave Hirko
Ida Mae McLeod





Remember Our Shut-ins

MAY:

Winonna Peterson

JUNE:

Grace Thomas

JULY:

Jodi Reese



Our sympathy, love and prayers are extended to the following families and to all who lost loved ones but we were unaware of their loss.

Those Who Lost Loved Ones

Barb Bodnar's mother, Kathryn M. "Kitty" Landeros, passed away February 11. Kathryn was the grandmother of Adam, Chris, & Chad Domonkos and Becky Valente.

Dennis Deyarmin's mother, Betty Marie Deyarmin, passed away February 15.

Mary Sauro's husband, George W. Sauro, Jr., passed away February 26. He was

also the father of George Sauro III.

Betty George's husband, Maurice E. George, passed away March 23. Maurice was the father of Darlene Bain, the grandfather of Tonya and Ryan and the great-grandfather of Gavin and Addie.

Gale Ramsdorfer's husband, Thomas E. Ramsdorfer, passed away March 20.

Gale is the daughter of Sarah Berkebile and sister of Pam Berkebile.

Ann Petrunak's father, Jacob J. Psioda, passed away April 11. Jacob was also the grandfather of Hannah.



Directory Update

Batiste, Don & Janet

Luther, Bill & Becky

Gomulka, Fran

Smith, Amber; Isabella

Gomulka, Jessika; Caleb & Haley Beisel

Please call the church office for their addresses and phone numbers.

Sunday Mornings for Children

8:30 & 11:00 AM Sundays during Worship Service
 Children’s Church & Nursery
 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages



Wednesday Evenings—LIFT:KIDS

6pm-Dinner for all
 6:30pm (1st Hour) - All be working on art projects for the Art Gallery to be held during the month of June (4 years-6th grade)
 730pm (2nd Hour) - Small groups by age (4 years-6th grade)

Summer Events

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events to be held during the summer months. To receive a schedule when it is available, contact Joy at oaklandkids@atlanticbb.net.

REMINDER UPCOMING
 EVENTS FOR KIDS:

**Saturday, August 6:
 BLOCK PARTY**

**Sunday, August 14:
 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Kid’s Camp—July 13-16

2ND—6TH GRADERS!!!

Join us this summer as we head off to Jumonville for camp on **July 13-16**. All children who have completed second through sixth grades are invited to attend. Our days will be filled with lots of great

camp activities - campfires, hiking, swimming, crafts and lots more!! We will spend time each day learning more about the Bible and ways we can grow to be more like Jesus. We will have an informational meeting in June for

more specific details. If you are interested or have questions, please call **Celeste Sprankle**. (Please leave a message if we are not home.)



VBS—Sunday, August 7 - Friday, August 12

**Join us August 7—12
 (Sunday-Friday),
 6:00-8:30 p.m. for
 Big Apple Adventure**

Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner! Kids will learn how to connect with faith, love, trust, others, and life in this Big Apple Adventure!!

As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus – sharing the message of Christ with their world.

Big City. Big Fun. Big Plans.
Big Apple Adventure.

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.
 – Romans 10:17

Stay tuned for more details, and to find out how you can help!



**Follow us on facebook for all the latest OaklandKids news!
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Upcoming Events at emerge!



ACQUIRE THE FIRE 2011, PITTSBURGH, PA! 5/6-7/11



SENIOR DINNER @ SURF AND TURF. MAY 25TH

FAMILY FIGHT NITE @ EMMANUEL CHURCH. PHIL JOEL WILL BE LEADING A CONCERT EVENT TO MOTIVATE AND TEACH U SHOW TO REGAIN OUR FAMILIES FOR THE KINGDOM! INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ARE \$10 AND FAMILY TICKETS ARE \$30. SEE JEREMY FOR TICKETS AND DETAILS.



JOHNSTOWN GENERALS FOOTBALL. MAY 21ST 7PM! SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS!

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR LOCK-IN! JUNE 10TH. 9PM- 7AM

GOD, FOOD, GAMES, SCAVENGER HUNT, MADDEN TOURNAMENT, BREAKFAST!

SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS!



CREATION'11! MT. HOPE, PA! JUNE 29- JULY 2!

SEE JEREMY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

KENNYWOOD'11! JULY 13TH!

SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS



BURGH BLAST '11... AUGUST 17TH... WE WILL HEAD TO DAVE AND BUSTERS AROUND LUNCH TIME FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES, FOOD AND FUN BEFORE LEAVING TO WATCH THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES PLAY THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS AT PNC PARK! SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS!



For more info, you can email Jeremy at jbarkley@atlanticbb.net, look me up on Facebook or call my cell at 525-4464!



Making Contact With OUMC

6:00 PM Saturday NO WALLS

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

1504 Bedford Street
Johnstown, PA 15902

Website: www.oaklandumc.com

Email: oumc@atlanticbb.net

Phone: 814-269-3678

Fax: 814-266-3103

Prayer Line: 814-266-4878

We hope this will help you contact staff. Just dial 269-3678 and when prompted dial the extension & leave a message for the staff person; or email staff at these email addresses.

Ext. 205: Pastor Randy Bain, pastorrain@atlanticbb.net

Pastor Art Moffat, Assistant Pastor, 255-1353

Ext. 201: Georgia D'Angelo, Church Secretary, oumc@atlanticbb.net

Ext. 202: Jeremy Barkley, Youth Director, jbarkley@atlanticbb.net

Ext. 207: Joy Baker, Children's Director, oaklandkids@atlanticbb.net

Ext. 203: Kim Baker, Administrative Secretary, kbaker@atlanticbb.net

Ext. 204: Tammy Fiffick, Financial Secretary, tammyf@atlanticbb.net

Ext. 210: Matthew Price, Director of Worship, mprice@atlanticbb.net

Ext. 206: Phyllis Binnie, Parish Nurse, parishnurse@atlanticbb.net



Making passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ

Prayer Line & Email

Ellen Kirsch is the captain of the OUMC Prayer Chain. To request prayer, please call the Church Office or leave a voice mail message on the prayer line **266-4878** or email the church office at oumc@atlanticbb.net. By calling **266-4878** you will hear the daily requests. If you would like to be on the Email Prayer Chain, please call or email Ellen to have your email address added to the list.



Bulletin Announcements

Events & Announcements

IF YOUR GROUP IS PLANNING AN EVENT...

All events must be cleared through the church office (269-3678) to make sure that there are no conflicts with the date and to get your event on the church calendar.

BULLETIN & VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

It takes time to prepare material for printing and to prepare slides, so the deadline for bulletin and verbal announcements for the following Sunday is noon on Wednesday. Due to time constraints in the Worship Services, we may not be able to repeat a verbal announcement. We try to highlight all events and ministries.



Event Cancellation Line

If you question whether an event is cancelled due to bad weather or an emergency, call the church office at 269-3678. If the office is closed, the voice message will direct you to PRESS 6. All events will be cancelled at least 2 hours before the event.

Recordings of Our Worship Services

Recordings of Sunday services and special events are available through the Audio Ministry. **CDs are now be available as well as cassette tapes.** To request a copy, sign up on the Audio Ministry Request sign-up sheet, available at the News Table in either lobby. You can also email requests to or call the church office. Every effort will be made to have copies ready on the Sunday after you complete the request. Completed orders will be available for pickup on the table in the Bedford Street lobby. The cost of each copy is a suggested \$1 donation. Please use the Tape Ministry envelopes (located on the table in Bedford Street Lobby) to submit donations.



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Return Service Requested

We've been trying to update our membership records and have been doing some online research to find addresses of members with whom we've lost contact. If you received this newsletter for the first time in a long while you are one of those members.

If you have become a member of another church or if you no longer wish to keep your membership at OUMC please contact Kim Baker at kbaker@atlanticbb.net or 814-269-3678.