

THE OAK TREE QUARTERLY

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From the Pastor's Heart (Master Plan)

We have completed a 1 ½ year process of assessing our ministry needs and opportunities and our facility needs and potential. After a long process we have drawn a Master Plan. We began by speaking about ministry and outreach, but the final process gets drawn on paper, maps, and pictures.

God's Master Plan, the Plan of Salvation, began in the Mind of God when God decided to create the Universe and human beings in His Image. Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ is the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the earth. To me, this means even before God did any creating, He already had a plan and had counted the cost.

How long? When? How much did it cost? All questions asked about the Master Plan for Oakland. We can put estimates on each phase. Phase 1, a million dollars. Phase 2, almost 2 million, and Phase 3, another couple hundred thousands dollars. But we cannot put a dollar and cent price on God's Master Plan because our salvation was not bought with gold or silver but with the precious



blood of God's Own Son, Jesus Christ.

To be honest with you all, up until the vote to purchase or not purchase the Strayer property, I was hesitant to jump into a building program wholeheartedly. I believed we were doing the right thing, making the correct decisions, but that was a mental commitment. After we refused to be side-tracked by the Strayer building, I became 100% committed to moving forward. I am now ready to count the cost, expend the energy, and lead us into the future. I believe the Master Plan that we will officially adopt at our Church Conference on November 29, is God's will for Oakland's ministry in and to Johnstown and to the ends of the earth.

The message of Joshua and Caleb, the minority report of the 12 spies in Numbers 14, was do not fear, the Lord is with us, we can take the land. The message of the Angels to

Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds at Christmas-time was, "Do not fear." "The Holy Spirit will come upon you." "Take Mary home as your wife." "A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

I believe God's message to us, in an aging and declining population base, in a depressed economy, and in an increasingly more secular world is, "Do not fear! What is humanly impossible is possible with God." Let us courageously move forward. And reach out to our city and our world. Open your hearts, your hands, and your pocketbooks to God. Allow Him to bless and use them for His glory.

Courageously moving forward,

Your Pastor



Memorial Sunday

Memorial Sunday—November 6

On **Sunday, November 6**, we will take time to re-member members of Oak-land United Methodist Church who have gone to

be with the Lord during the period of November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2011.

If you lost a loved one, who was a member, please plan to attend. Following the services you may take your loved one's candle.



Financial Report

Finance Report

During the first half of 2011, OUMC received tithes & offerings totaling \$251,409.18 to support the budgeted areas of growing ministries. This amount, combined with the 2010 general fund ending year figure of \$1,184.09 totaled **\$252,593.27** in revenue. Of that amount **\$250,734.57**

has been used to support daily expenses as well as funding planned 2011 ministries. As of June 30, 2011 \$1,858.70 in surplus of receipts over disbursements was available. Your consistent stewardship has ensured that we are meeting all financial obligations in a timely manner.

God is Good...All the time! Thank you for your obedience in giving to God's ministries and your faithful stewardship. ~ **The Finance Committee**

*If you would like to see a detailed financial report, or if you should have any questions, please contact Ken Ressler, Finance Chairperson or Tammy Fiffick, Finance Secretary.



Thanksgiving Eve Service—November 23

OPENED EYES, THANKFUL HEARTS

Thanksgiving has always been a time for reviewing the recent past to see how God's hand has moved and thanking Him for His goodness. We will join with St. Matthew's Anglican

Church again this year to celebrate God's Goodness as we ask God to open our eyes so we may worship with thankful hearts. We will blend the testimonies and voices of our two congregations into one voice as we sing hymns and praise songs to God.

Plan now to attend on **Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 PM.**

~ **Pastor Randy**



Christmas On A Sunday! How Great Is That!

This Christmas season, we will worship the Lord on **Christmas Eve at 5:00 and 7:30 PM** and again on **Sunday morning, Christmas Day, at 10:00 AM**. The Christmas/Advent theme this year will revolve around Belief.

On the Four Sundays of Advent we will look at different blockers that Satan uses to keep us from believing. The four Belief Blockers we will consider are:

- Nov. 27, 1st Sunday in Advent—Belief Blocker #1, **Worldliness**. (Isaiah 64:6)
- Dec. 4, 2nd Sunday in Advent—Belief Blocker #2, **Unconfessed Sin** (Isaiah 40, Mark 1:4)
- Dec. 11, 3rd Sunday in Advent—Belief Blocker #3, **Sorrow and Grief** (Ps. 126, Isa. 61)
- Dec. 18, 4th Sunday in Advent—Belief Blocker #4, **Fear** (Luke 1:26-38)

Christmas Eve, 5:00 and 7:30 PM, **Believe—Waiting Over** (Isaiah 9, Luke 1)
 Christmas Day, 10:00 am, **Believe—Shout for Joy** (Isaiah 52, Psalm 98)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFT



Living In Fellowship Together

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

Acts 2:46

At LIFT, Oakland's Mid-Week experience, we start with a light dinner at 6:00, followed by small groups and other opportunities. There is something for everyone (CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS) and you are invited to join us for dinner, First Hour, Second Hour, or the whole evening!

LIFT SCHEDULE

6:00-6:20 - LIGHT DINNER FOR EVERY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

6:30-7:25 - FIRST HOUR

7:30-8:30 - SECOND HOUR

Adults	Youth	Kids
<p><u>6:30—1st Hour Options *</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Messiah Rehearsal • Disciple 2 Bible Study • New Beginnings Class • Parenting is Heart Work • The Person & Power of the Holy Spirit <p><u>2nd Hour Options *</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group/Bible Study • Library is open • Prayer Room is open • Chancel Choir (7:30-9:00) 	<p><u>6:30—1st Hour</u></p> <p>Large Group Time</p> <p><u>7:30—2nd Hour</u></p> <p>Small Groups</p> <p><i>*Nursery will be available after dinner for younger children of parents who are attending or leading small groups or choir.</i></p>	<p><u>6:30—1st Hour Options</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Choir • Arts & Activities <p><u>7:30—2nd Hour</u></p> <p>Small Groups by Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PK3-K • 1st-3rd Grades • 4th-6th Grade (Crossroads)

Children's Praise Dancers—Tuesdays

The Children's Praise Dancers practice on **Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Children's Dance is now open to children and students from 3 years of age to 8th

grade. We are also excited about broadening the style of dance. The Little Praise Dancers and Children's Choir will do special music on the

fourth Sunday of every month. The dancers and choir will alternate between 8:30 and 11:00 services from month to month.

Children's
Praise Dancers

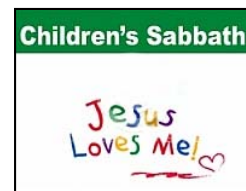
Children's Sabbath—November 27

Please join the Children and Youth as they lead the congregation in worship on **November 27**. We have an exciting morning planned,

so come and see what God's been doing in the lives of the younger members of the Oakland Family!!!

"Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven."

- Matthew 18:4





Turn Your Clocks Back November 5

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS each year at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November. Turn your clocks back one hour before **November 6.**

New Member Class—January 29

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 for Jesus. **C.L.A.S.S. 101 will be held on Sunday, January 29, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.** Those who attend this class will be received into

membership on Sunday, February 12

If you are interested in joining the church, please call the church office at **269-3678** and register for Class 101 by Monday, January 23.

Church Conference—November 29

The Annual Church Conference is **Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. This is a time to rejoice in what God is doing here at Oakland and

plan ministries for 2012. This is the time when you, as a member of Oakland Church, have a voice and a vote on the upcoming year. Our District Super-

intendent, Rev. Alyce Dunn, will lead and we will hear her vision for the Johnstown District.

New Beginnings Class Continues

A 12-WEEK JOURNEY FOR NEW BELIEVERS

Pastor Randy continues his teaching series for Seekers, New Believers, or anyone new to Oakland and the United Methodist Church. In **NEW BEGINNINGS**, you will learn some basic doctrines of the Christian Faith, become familiar with the Bible, and be able to ask and discuss absolutely any question.

NEW BEGINNINGS meet every **Wednesday during LIFT at 6:30 PM.** Pastor

teaches this series back-to-back for the next three quarters. Persons can begin at any point and continue either until they cycle through the twelve lessons or repeat the series as needed.

NEW BEGINNINGS is designed to serve three purposes: 1) To give new believers a safe place to land and become established in their walk with God. 2) To allow seekers to question and consider Christianity in an open forum. 3) To enable new-

comers to Oakland and the United Methodist Church to learn about our beliefs and to get to know the Pastor and others better.

If you are a new Christian or if you are not quite there and still have questions or if you are new to Oakland, come and attend **NEW BEGINNINGS**. It is designed just for you. I hope to see you, **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Join us for a light supper at 6:00 PM.**

Holiday Food Collection

We will start collecting food for Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets on **November 6 and will continue until December 11**. Each worshipper is requested to bring one food item or paper product each week as a symbol of thanksgiving for all God's blessings in your life and the life of your family. A table will be set up in each

lobby to receive your gifts. Items needed are:

CEREAL, CORN, GREEN BEANS & PEAS, POTATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE, STUFFING MIX, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, CANNED PUMPKIN, SUGAR & FLOUR, SPAGHETTI SAUCE & SPAGHETTI, TISSUES & PAPER TOWELS.

Please bring in only the above items so the baskets can be evenly prepared for the families. Also, make sure the donated items have not expired. These items will go to families in need in our church. Food baskets will be distributed at **BOTH Thanksgiving and Christmas**, so please be generous.



Christmas Flower Orders Due December 4

Orders will be taken for Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. **THE ORDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 4.** Those of you who are out

of town please email or phone your order to the church office at **269-3678** or oumc@atlanticbb.net so we can be in touch with you. **This year White and**

Red Poinsettias will be available for \$7.50 each.



Hanging of the Greens—November 27

Our annual Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for **Sunday, November 27, at 5:00 p.m.**

This is the first Sunday in Advent, the time when we come together as a church family to fellowship and decorate the church for

the Christmas Season. We will begin with a covered dish dinner at **5:00 p.m.**, followed by a fun time decorating the church.

The church will supply the meat, rolls and drink. Please bring place

settings and the following covered dish that will feed 8-10 people. Watch the bulletin for further details.



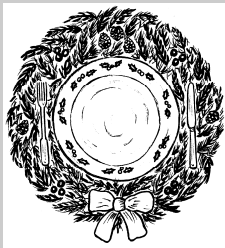
Children's Advent Party—December 3

The annual **Children's Advent Party** will be held on **Saturday, December 3, from 10:00-12:30 PM.** All children from 3 years

through 6th grade are invited to attend and bring a friend. Join us for a fun morning of games, crafts, snacks, and activi-

ties, as we launch into the Christmas season!! Don't forget to mark your calendar & watch the bulletin for more info.





Women's Christmas Dinner—December 6

CALLING ALL LADIES!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Women's Christmas Dinner. Once again, we will meet at Rizzo's Restaurant

in Windber at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 6**, for an evening of fun, fellowship, and devotion. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more details.



Two Community Holiday Projects in December

It has become a recent tradition to ask churches to provide volunteers to help two charitable organizations with their holiday projects to raise funds for their ministries. United Methodist Human Services has a LOVE TREE and NEW DAY has a gift wrapping booth, both in the Galleria. **Please watch for more information in our bulletins for the date and the chance to sign up to help. You may also call the Church Office.**

THE LOVE TREE

United Methodist Human Services has a Love Tree project to raise funds to provide help for emergency needs of needy families, especially in the winter. Our date is **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 AM—9:00 PM [2-hour shifts]**.

NEW DAY GIFT WRAPPING

New Day has a Gift Wrap Booth that accepts donations for their programs in return for wrapping Christmas gifts. Our date to volunteer is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 9:00 AM—9:00 PM [2-hour shifts]**.



The Women's Christmas Gathering—Dec. 15

Come join us for "THE **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING**" given by the Women's Sunday School Class. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m.** for a covered dish supper in Fellowship

Hall. We'll share a meal, sing carols, and have a "Yankee Swap Gift Exchange!" Please bring a covered dish, salad or a dessert. Ham, rolls and beverages will be provided. And don't forget a wrapped

exchange gift of \$5-10 for our Yankee Swap. Call **Barb Bodnar by December 5 to R.S.V.P.** We look forward to a great time and hope you can join us!!!

Post Office Helpers Needed

Once again The Oakland UM Church will provide postal service for you to mail your greetings to your Oakland church family for FREE. **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER POST OFFICE HELPERS** to help sort and deliver

greetings before each church service.

If you feel you've always wanted to be a postal employee or you just enjoy helping out with this great service. . . .**WE NEED YOU!**

If you are interested in helping out, please call **Kim & Dave Hirko.** Your help would be greatly appreciated by all!



Christmas Cantata—December 11

Oakland's Chancel Choir, will perform Messiah written by George Frederic Handel, on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir will perform Part I: the "Christmas" Section. Part I focuses on the birth and life of Jesus. It begins with prophetic promises of the birth of the Christ, many from the Old Testament book of Isaiah. The actual birth of Jesus is revealed, not through the words of Luke 2, but through the prophecy from

Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born" Then the *Messiah* narrates the experience of the shepherds outside of Bethlehem, completing the birth story.

The next section of Part I describes the ministry of Jesus as a fulfillment of prophecy and finishes with the invitation of Jesus.

Performances of *Messiah* regularly sell out **SO..... bring your friends and family to hear this most beloved and cherished of masterpieces!**

We invite you to join in this festive celebration as our hearts unite in word and songs sung by the Chancel Choir!



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 PM & 7:30 PM

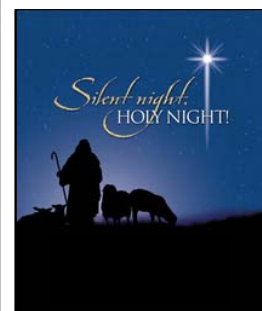
Christmas Eve falls on Saturday this year. **Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00 & 7:30 PM.** The sermon and theme for our Christmas Celebrations will be "**Believe.**" Please see more details on Page 2. On Christmas Eve, we will close by singing Silent

Night as we illuminate the Sanctuary with our candles.

Let each of us invite family, friends, and acquaintances to join us as we offer beautiful worship to God in a way that is traditional, relevant, and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Come and celebrate the miraculous birth of Je-

sus, God's Son. Let us receive Him with joy as we believe on the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. God truly is with us.

On Christmas morning, we will worship at 10:00 AM.



OUMC Christmas Post Office

The Oakland Post Office will once again be open for exchanging Christmas cards with your Oakland Church Family! The Post Office will be officially open beginning **November 27 through December 25.** If you wish to use this FREE

mail service, please abide by the following guidelines:

Please only mail to people who **regularly attend** Oakland Church. Bring your cards sorted in alphabetical order with a rubber band around them and deposit

them in the mailbox which is located in Fellowship Hall.

Hopefully the postage money you save this Holiday Season can be put to better use or even donated to missions or a worthwhile charity.





Un-Hanging of the Greens—January 8

Please mark your calendar! The UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS [Epiphany Smorgasbord] will be on **Sunday, January 8, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** The church will supply the meat, rolls and

drink. Please bring a covered dish that will feed 8-10 people. We will then un-decorate the Christmas decorations throughout the church. Please watch the

bulletin for more information.



Infant Baptism—January 29

The next scheduled infant/child baptism will be **Sunday, January 29.** If you wish to have your child bap-

tized, please call the church office at **269-3678** by Monday, January 23.

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



Flower Chart 2012

In December, the **2012 FLOWER CHART** will be posted in the upper Ferg Street Lobby. If you desire to place a floral arrangement on the altar in memory, or in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, please sign up. If you

have a wedding scheduled, please sign up early. We only do one floral arrangement per Sunday. If your date has already been chosen, please select another Sunday close to your special date. Please write your name and phone number

on the chart so you can be contact by the secretary regarding the altar flower announcement in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact **Georgia D'Angelo at 269-3678.**



Handicapped Parking Spaces...

are reserved for those who are in need and have a handicapped license or placard. This includes those in the front of the church and in the back close to the entrance doors. If you come on Sundays or to any other service or church

event, we ask that you do not to park in any of the handicapped spaces (in front and in back of the church). We are an active church and wish all to be able to participate, so please be considerate by not using these spaces at any time.

During the week, if you need to stop by the Church Office, you may park anywhere out front. We request that you only park out front during office hours.



Tony Sansone—Counseling Intern at OUMC

A **COUNSELING INTERN**, **TONY SANSONE**, a member of Oakland, is in the final process of completing his MA work in Professional Counsel-

ing 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.**

Sharing With You, The OUMC TV Program

We try to keep you informed through the weekly bulletin, and sometimes wonder how many viewers tune in at 7:30 on Sunday evening.

The usual pattern is to have an informative Christian guest interview every other week, and a teaching by

Pastor Randy the other two weeks a month. The teaching is a strong message of faith, and host Randy is an excellent communicator.

By being simultaneously aired on Altoona's Channel 9 there is an opportunity for Sharing with You to reach more viewers.

Recent guests: **September—Rev. Bruce Griffith, October—Laura Courtney, November—missionary in Peru Jon Edwards.** All 3 are members of our congregation.

~ Jane Naylor



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

Mission Report

The big fall mission project has been **Operation Christmas Child** world distribution program of Samaritan's Purse. At this writing we are working on a goal of 100 shoe box gifts to be sent to children throughout the world. That is an amazing concept, and it is a model of organization.

Missionary Jon Edwards has visited several times on his recent trip back to the USA. He is in charge of a multi-faceted program for children in a small town in Peru. Jon keeps us well-informed about his work, but it is good to have a chance to meet with him in person.

Brenda Fockler, new team leader, and team members are studying the many mission requests for financial support in order to carefully ascertain how the mission funds you supply should be allocated.



Mission News

The Centennial Year Is Fast Approaching 1912-2012

In the months ahead you will be reading and hearing more about observances of this milestone in the life of Oakland United Methodist Church. A small group is meeting to discuss some

ways to celebrate God's faithfulness through those who have been part of this congregation. If you have a good idea, or want to serve on the committee, please contact Jane Naylor, Larry

Hoover, Celeste Sprankle, Myrna Gilbert, Pastor Randy. Your input is welcomed.

Helen Ziants Passes Away

The oldest member of Oakland Church, **HELEN ZIANTS**, passed to life eternal at age 99 on October 13th. Her long life spanned

most of the 20th century. She joined OUMC in 1927 at age 15. HELEN had a gentle and loving spirit, and. Her life was part of the

heritage left to our present congregation.



Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Oakland United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for being willing to buy pretzels from us. Thank also for giving us different pretzel ideas and being willing to pay to be our guinea pigs for taste testing. ☺ We are really encouraged by the support you've provided for this adoption. He is always faithful. Thank you so much! Love,

~ **Mark & Heidi Lushko**

Dear Oakland Church, Thank you for the cards, thoughts, and prayers during a time of suffering with my kidney stones,

~ **Mary Lou Weyant**

A note of thanks to all my Oakland family who prayed for my mother, Charlotte Miller, as well as myself, since June when my mother had to be taken to Pittsburgh Hospital. She made it through surgery and recovered with some bumps in the road, but has now made a full recovery. Please con-

tinue to pray as she is now on another journey with chemotherapy treatments and other testing due to the doctor finding some other areas that look questionable. Thank you to all who gave monetary donations that were put to good use for gas for our many trips back and forth to Pittsburgh. I believe my mother has a closer relationship with the Lord after seeing how loving and compassionate you all were toward her during her time of trial even though you did not know her personally. I thank everyone who continues to ask about my mother's health and thank you for being such great examples of compassionate Christians. Sincerely,

~ **Chris Plaza & Charlotte Miller**

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your kindnesses on "Pastor Appreciation Sunday." The gift card from

the church to "Gander Mountain" could not be better. I have some designs on that. Thank you for the dinner at Red Lobster with SPRT and the many cards and other kindnesses from so many. Carol and I are so blessed to be with a church family that offers grace and blessing so freely. I am not deserving, but I am so grateful. Our love,

~ **Pastor Art and Carol**

Dear Oakland Family, I want to thank you very much for your kind expressions of love with your cards, gifts and prayers during my time of recovery. With God's love,

~ **Mike D'Angelo**



Pastor Randy's Blog

Did you know that Pastor Randy has a blog?

You can follow his blog, "What's God Saying This Week" online at [weekly-](http://weekly-
insight.blogspot.com)

insight.blogspot.com.

The articles that he writes for the *Our Town* newspaper are posted weekly on his blog. You can read many of

his past articles there as well. Check it out!

Pastor Randy's Sermons are on Our Website

Pastor Randy's sermon notes and audio sermons are on our website thanks to Pastor Randy and Dave Hirko.

So if you miss a Sunday or cannot attend church, you can listen to his sermons at www.oaklandumc.com. Click on Weekend Events /

Choose Sermons / Choose sermon notes or mp3 audio of the date you're interested in .



Hospital Update

Please pray for the miraculous healing power of God upon those who were recently or are still in the hospital:

Ron Baker, Jean Burns, Opal Corle, Mike D'Angelo, Gabby Fiffick, Janet Fochtman, Bobbi Fockler, Lucy Kaufman,

Karen Plowman, Joanne Sukenik.



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

We Celebrate A New Birth

We rejoice with this family in their new birth. Please remember to keep them in prayer.

Noah Aiden Hutzell was born October 14. Noah is the son of Amy Domonkos and Travis Hutzell, grandson of Ken Domonkos and Sandy Domonkos, and

the great-grandson of Dave and Barb Bodnar.

Niya Grace Bennett was born October 7. Niya is the daughter of Ashley Just and John Bennett, and the granddaughter of Debra Henry.

Baptisms

Pastor Randy baptized the following two children on September 24 at the Quemahoning Reservoir in response to their profession of faith in Jesus Christ:

Demir Pisarcik and Erdem Pisarcik who are the sons of Benita Pisarcik.

The following adults reaffirmed their baptism on September 24 at the Quemahoning Reservoir:

Betty Fisher, Christina Lutz and Wilbert Martinez.



Deaths

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:

Carl (Tony) Montag, Jr., passed away July 10. Carl was the son of **Betty Montag**

Amanda Dougherty's great-grandmother, Louise Miller, passed away August 20.

Jim McDannell's mother and Bill Thomas' sister, Catherine Keirn-McDannell passed away September 3.

Ruth Rice and Fern Nyland's brother, Ralph Rice, passed away September 23.

Linda Vivian's brother, Eric Moors, passed away in August.

Jim Hirko passed away October 8. Jim was the brother of **Dave Hirko and the son of Mike and Mae Hirko.**

Kristen Mack's grandmother, M. Grace Boyle, passed away October 8.

Helen Ziants passed away October 13. Helen was the **mother of Bonnie Patton and the aunt of Alice Novak.**

Frank (Eddie) Webb passed away October 25. Frank was the **husband of Valerie, father of Cody and the brother of Dave Webb and Patty Penrod.**





November Birthdays

1	Dorcas Cypher Jody Moyer	10	Brenton Stanton Darlene Bowers	22	Jay Pierce Rebecca Cartwright
2	Christine DeWinter Linda Varner	11	Amy Domonkos Cheryl Weimann	23	Jamie Hostetter
3	Robert Faust	12	Judy Saylor	24	Jim Olivieri
4	Alyssa Oldham Chad Wright	12	Benita Pisarcik Kasmira Mack	25	Emmaleigh Hostetler
5	Ayva Keiper Herbert Allen Misty Wilson Tracy Durica	15	Aaron Himes Donna Stockdill	26	Sylvia Dunbar
7	Fran Gomulka Julia Wagner	17	Terry Lasut	27	Lori Hagens
8	Samantha Poraczky	18	Carol Olivieri	28	Cody Webb
9	Deborah Palazzo	20	Hannah Buchkoski	30	Gail Bowman
		20	Amy Rosenbaum Brian Platt		Jeremy Barkley Lee Ann Shaw Roger Thomas

December Birthdays

1	Amy Funka Fern Lasut" Nadine Lord Steve Parker	12	Margie Allen Mike Hirko Quintessa Vizzini	20	Velma Clark
2	Cheryl Keafer Hilda Barnes	13	Tom Reynolds	22	Dick Fondelier
3	Jim Thompson Lance Marks	14	Tammy Fiffick Tracy Kukola	23	Juscinda Matlin Bill Dunbar
4	Brenda Fockler Christopher Stahl	15	Becky Rose	24	Chris Oldham Daniel Schutte Pam Penatzer
5	Betty Montag	16	Brianna Bray Jim Osipov	25	Anthony LoBoi Chris Domonkos Verdean Zimmerman
8	David Bodnar" Greg Varner Monica Berkey Opal Corle	17	Dennis Garretson John Furfari Tom Miller	26	Colleen Shaffer
11	Eric Horrell Perry Yahn Robert Boast	18	Ruth Haley Sandy Lasut	28	FrankThomas
		19	Lynn Bray Jordan Scislowicz Lynne Yanity	29	Dalton Meyers
				30	Alex Alberter Dawn Mitchell Sue Wagner Tammy Gress



January Birthdays



	Michael Paluch	13
	2	Dee Stiles
	Diana DeAngelo	Jordan Cartwright
	3	15
	Ayla Leitenberger	Jodie Birch
	4	16
	Chuck Penatzer	Rayn Oswal
	5	17
	Jonathan Wagner	Kristy Furfari
	6	Tammy Long
	Clarence Keiper	Tyler Kukola
	Ella Mazzaresse	19
	Lois Gilbert	Amanda Dougherty
	7	Caroline Gress
	Bobbi Fockler	21
	8	Daniel Smith
	Emily Coleman	22
	9	Dolly Connor
	Emily LaMantia	
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	10	Andy Stupi
	Dave Taylor	Lois Dunford
	Shane Vizzini	
	Wendy Rex	
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Wedding Announcements

Congratulations to those who were united in marriage. Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

Randy Lasut, Jr. and Samantha Sheeler were united in marriage on September 17.

Allison Webb and Christopher Campitell were united in marriage on September 24.

Amy Fleegle and Jonathan Thomas were united in marriage on October 1.



Remember Our Shut-ins

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers and send a card to let them know you're praying for them. We feature one shut-in each month:

NOVEMBER:
Margie Stahl

DECEMBER:
Sheila Sandberg

JANUARY:
Sara Griffith



Remember Our
Shut Ins



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, pastorbain@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

Ext. 246, Tony Sansone, Counseling Intern



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Oakland's Prayer Line

Ellen Kirsch is the captain of the OUMC Prayer Chain. To request prayer, please call Ellen or the Church Office. or leave a voice mail message on the prayer line **266-4878**, or email Ellen. 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.

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.



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.

Recordings of Our Worship Services

CD Recordings of Sunday services and special events are available through the Audio Ministry. 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 CD Duplication envelopes (located on the table in Bedford Street Lobby) to submit donations.





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