



Start Your Summer with a Blast Vacation Bible School

designed for ages 4 years thru students who have completed 5th grade

JUNE 9 ~12 , 2024

6:00 to 8:15PM

Oakland United Methodist Church

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Please register online by May 19:

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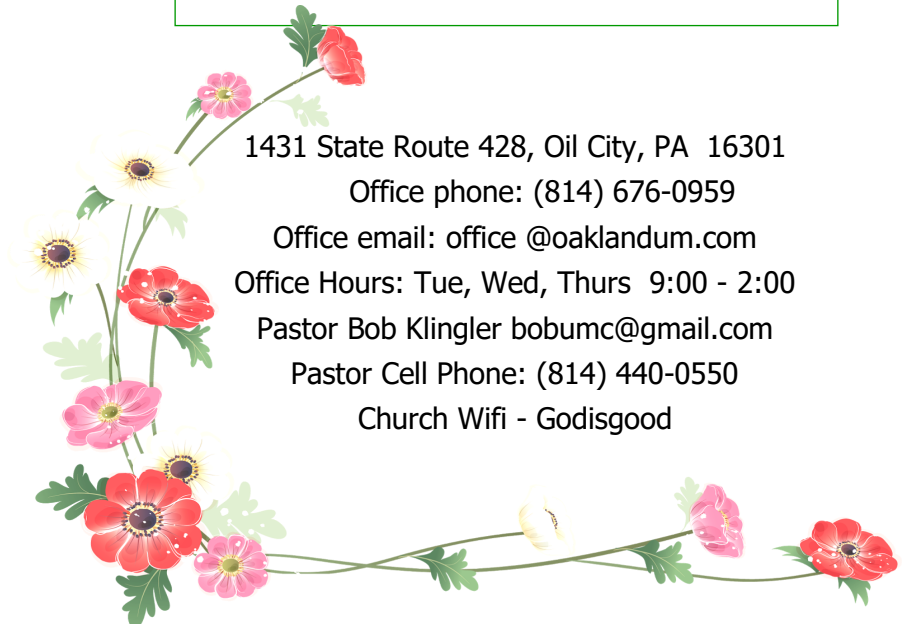
The Vine

May 2024

This Month's Bible Verse

Let the heavens rejoice, let the
earth be glad;
let them say among the na-
tions, "The LORD reigns!"

-1 Chronicles 16:31



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Cogitation and Ruminatio

From the Preacher's Pen

New Beginnings

As I write this today delegates from around the world are gathered in Charlotte, North Carolina for our long-awaited General Conference. This meeting should have taken place in 2020 (General Conference gathers every four years) but the Covid-19 pandemic caused it to be postponed several times. Finally, it has begun.

If the conference had been held in 2020 it's highly likely that the carefully negotiated Protocol for Separation would have passed. That would have issued in a more peaceable disaffiliation process and prevented much of the pain that the Church has endured through 2023. With postponement of General Conference, the Wesleyan Covenant Association abandoned the Protocol and launched the Global Methodist Church causing anger, chaos and division.

Now, however, the time has arrived for a sweeping renewal of the United Methodist Church. Just as new life arrives with the coming of Spring and the Easter season, new Life has begun for the UMC. Hope and joy surrounds this gathering in Charlotte. There is a very real sense that the Holy Spirit is doing a new thing in our denomination.

Delegates are certainly faced with some serious decisions and there will be some difficult choices. Our budget will decrease by nearly 43 percent. Central Conferences outside of the United States are proposing a new structure called Regionalization in which all areas of the church throughout the world will finally be treated as equals. Since the 1968 meager U.S. concerns have dominated General Conference legislation and discussion. By moving to regions much of the concerns of the U.S. church could be dealt with on a regional basis freeing General Conference to more effectively deal with global concerns.

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Delegates will also be voting on new Social Principles. Members around the world have been working for twelve years to revise and perfect this foundational document. The Social Principles have been part of the Methodist Church since 1908 and have guided generations of Methodists in dealing with issues facing society. The Social Principles are grounded in scripture and are vital to our witness in the world.

In Isaiah 43:19 God proclaims: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." The Holy Spirit is doing a new and exciting thing in the United Methodist Church all over the world. General Conference 2024 is the springtime of new life and Pentecost joy!

Blessings,

P. Bob





Acolytes May 5th:	Ethan Plowman & Hayden Hatt
Acolytes May 12th:	TBA
Acolytes May 20th:	TBA
Acolytes May 27th:	TBA
May Offering Stewards:	Glenn & Joyce Speer
June Offering Stewards:	
Lay Liturgist for May 5th:	Tracy Rodgers
Lay Liturgist for May 12th:	Larry Horn
Lay Liturgist for May 20th:	Shelia Junk
Lay Liturgist for May 27th:	Laurie Winger

Church Schedule

1st-	6:30pm 7:30pm	Praise team Choir
2nd-	9:00am	Quilting
5th-	9:00am 10:30am 1:15pm	Worship Service/Communion Sunday School for all ages Youth (Oakwood Heights)
9th-	9:00am 7:00pm	Quilting Administrative Council
12th-	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service Sunday School NO YOUTH
14th-	11:30am	Compass Group
15th-	6:30pm	Praise Team
16th-	9:00am	Quilting
19th-	9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Worship service Sunday School Youth (Year end picnic)
23rd-	9:00am	Quilting
26th-	9:00am 10:3am	Worship Service Sunday School NO YOUTH
30th-	9:00am	Quilting





May Birthdays

- 2 Dan Reed
- 3 Ed Saxman
- 4 Cindy Weber
- 7 Dan Rearick
- 9 Denny Heffernan
- 10 Tami Weingard, David Winger
- 13 Karl Horn
- 15 Logan Kerschner, Dave Rodgers, Mary Lou Sloan, Jennifer Horn
- 16 Lanae (Firster) Stoltenberg
- 17 Paul Smith
- 18 Cindy Brozeski
- 19 Sara Watson
- 20 Amanda Braun, Richard Roberts
- 22 Michelle (Cox) Post, Jace Horn
- 24 Michelle Graham, Helen Sutley
- 27 Ryan Firster
- 31 Jayla Perry



May Anniversaries

- 2 Jay & Tammy Perry
- 3 Larry & Michelle Horn
- 8 Don & Tracy Rodgers, Richard & Laura Roberts
- 12 Keith & Shirley Gharing
- 13. Bill and Jodi Womer
- 15 Ernie & Flo McCain
- 17 Jim & Patty Barker
- 18 John & Mindy Williams, Dan & Sue Reed
- 19 Bill & Carrie Sue Heber
- 20 Craig & Peggy Plowman
- 23 Fred & Barb Thomas

If there are any additions or changes that need to be made to the lists please let the office know.



Sunday, May 5th 1:30 Oakwood Heights
 Sunday, May 12th No Youth
 Sunday, May 19th End of year picnic.

Graduation Sunday is Sunday, June 16th. So far we have 8 graduates:

College:

Nathan Hayward
 Emily Marvin

High School:

Ethan Plowman
 Jordan Rogers
 Jamie Thomas
 Olivia Weaver
 Ashlyn Tucker
 Randy Thompson



Please let Carol Fox or Jane Thompson know of any other graduates, if they are graduating from high school, college, or a trade school and what their future plans are.

RADA CUTLERY

The Hospitality team will be having a Rada Cutlery Sale in April to raise money for the Kitchen. Web Site to Order is:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=7920261.ddd3c5>

Catalogs are in the Narthex

Last day to order is Sunday, May 5th. Please return all catalogs to Jane Thompson



Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes /w Gravy: The Reno Volunteer Fire Department is holding a luncheon on Sunday, May 19th from 11:30 – 1:30 PM. The meal includes meat, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and drink. Prices are adults - \$11.00, Sr. citizens - \$10.00, children - \$6.00. Children under 6 eat free. **Take-outs for adults are available.**



Stuffed Chicken Breast: The Oakland Twp Volunteer Fire Department will be serving lunch on Sunday, May 12th from 11am-1pm or sold out. Dine in dinners include potatoes, vegetable, side, dessert, and drink. Adults - \$10.00, Seniors - \$9.00, children 6 thru 12 - \$5.00, children 5 and

Hot or Sweet Sausage sale: The Oakland Twp Volunteer Fire Department will be serving hot or sweet sausage on Friday, May 17th from 5-7pm,

Mr. Waggs

Rabies Clinic , DHPP, Lepto, Lyme & Bordetella Vaccines, Microchip, Nails Trimmed

May 18th
 9-11am



Western PA Conference 12 monthly steps to
Christian Discipleship

May

Consider the Possibilities

Support your local church, district or conference in a new way.
Reach out to a struggling congregation that might need a
helping hand.

NOISY OFFERING

On May 5 & May 12th we will not be taking up a noisy offering. Instead we will be taking a special offering for the flood buckets.



Flood buckets are greatly needed! With all the recent flooding the supply of Flood Buckets is running low. We will be taking a special offering on **Sunday, May 5th and May 12th** to raise money to help the Mission Barn purchase items needed for the buckets.

Calling all Quilters

The Church Quilters meet on
Thursdays at 9:00am.
It is a wonderful time of fellowship and a
lot of laughter.



SUMMER CAMP

Jumonville: a fun, friendly, faith building sleep-a-way program for all ages. Host 3-6 day programs for ages 6-18

Wesley Woods: Weekly Camps Centered around the ministry of Jesus Christ. And the ministry of Christianity.

Camp Allegheny: Offers campers to experience the outdoors. Campers will have fun, be safe, and grow more in their faith.

There are brochures in the Narthex and the church Provides camp Scholarships, Forms for Scholarships are in the back of the church in the Narthex



COMPASS GROUP

Tuesday May 14th, 11:30 am



MEN'S GROUP: Men are you interest in joining a men's group? Some Activities suggested were breakfast, fishing, etc. This can be a monthly or quarterly event it will be up to the men in the group to decide what activities and how often they will would like to meet. If you are interested in joining the men's group or coordinating the activities please let the office know.



PRAYERS FOR VBS

May 5th Pray for our Staff

“Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthily in body and mind before, during, and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with the kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work.”

May 12th Pray for VBS

“Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for our families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS.”

May 19th Pray for our Volunteers

“Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they will draw closer to you!”

PRAYERS FOR VBS

May 26th Pray for our Church

“God, let our church be a great influence in our community through VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.”

June 2nd Pray for our Kids

“Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them, May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.”

June 9th Pray for our Families

“Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids’ hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you.”

May 9th
The Ascension of our Lord



Sunday, May 19th
Pentecost
Receiving the Holy Spirit

