



## 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

1431 PA 428, Dempseytown PA 814-676—0959

Please register online by May 19:

[www.Oaklandurn.com](http://www.Oaklandurn.com)

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<https://www.facebook.com/oaklamdum?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

OR



# *The Vine*

*April 2024*

### *This Month's Bible Verse*

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

-Romans 15:13



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## Cogitation and Ruminaton

*From the Preacher's Pen*

### Jesus Gave It All

Preacher and Author James W. Moore tells the following story:

*Tess was a precocious eight-year-old little girl. One day she heard her mom and dad talking in a serious and somber tone about her little brother, Andrew. Tess didn't understand everything that they were saying, but she got the gist: Her little brother, Andrew, was very, very sick... and they were completely out of money. They would have to move out of their house and move into a small apartment because Mom and Dad didn't have enough money for the doctor bills and the house payment. On top of that, only a very expensive surgery could save Andrew now... and they could not find anyone to lend them the money. Just then, Tess heard her dad say to her tearful mother in whispered desperation, "Only a miracle can save Andrew now."*

*Tess ran to her room, pulled out a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in her closet. She poured out all the change on the floor and counted it carefully. She then put the change back in the jar, put the jar under her arm, slipped out the back door and ran down to the Rexall Drug Store six blocks away. The pharmacist was talking to a man intently and at first he didn't notice Tess standing there. She waited patiently for a while and then dramatically cleared her throat, but still, no luck – the pharmacist did not see her. Finally, Tess got his attention by taking a quarter out of her jelly jar and tapping it on the glass counter. That did it. The pharmacist noticed her and said, "Just a minute. I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen for ages."*

*"Well," said Tess, "I want to talk to you about my brother. He's really, really sick – and I want to buy a miracle. His name is Andrew and he has something growing inside his head and my daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So... how much does a miracle cost? I have the money here to pay for it. It's all that I have saved. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much a miracle costs."*

*The pharmacist's brother was a well-dressed man. He stooped down and asked Tess, "What kind of miracle does your brother need?"*

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*"I don't know," Tess replied, with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my parents can't pay for it, so I want to use my money."*

*"How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago.*

*"One dollar and eleven cents!" Tess said proudly. "It's all the money I have in the world, but I can get some more if I need to."*

*"Well, you are in luck," the man said with a smile. "One dollar and eleven cents is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers."*

*He took the money in one hand and with the other he took hold of her mitten and said, "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need."*

*That well-dressed man from Chicago was Dr. Carlton Armstrong who just happened to be a noted neurosurgeon. The operation was successfully completed without charge... and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Tess' mom and dad were so grateful. They were talking one night about the chain of events that had saved Andrew's life. "That surgery," her mom said, "was a real miracle." And then she said, "I just wonder how much it would have cost."*

*Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost... one dollar and eleven cents... plus, the skill and graciousness of a great doctor... and of course, the gracious, sacrificial love of an eight-year-old big sister!*

Jesus went freely to the cross in the greatest act of self-sacrifice that the world has ever known. He gave his life to break the power of sin and death. Because of His gracious sacrificial love we have no reason to fear death and we are free of the power of sin. God loves us so much that He gave everything in order to ensure the triumph of His Kingdom over the chaos and pain of this world. Happy Easter!

Blessings,

P. Bob





Acolytes April 7th: Bristol Plowman & Karlie Horn  
 Acolytes April 14th: Alaina Weaver & Emma Dietz  
 Acolytes April 21st: Karlie Horn & Addison Schnitzer  
 Acolytes April 28th: Alaina Weaver & Dakota Weaver

April Offering Stewards: TBD  
 May Offering Stewards: Joyce & Glenn Speer

Lay Liturgist for April 7th: Tracy Rodgers  
 Lay Liturgist for April 14th: Larry Horn  
 Lay Liturgist for April 21st: Shelia Junk  
 Lay Liturgist for April 28th: Laurie Winger

# Church Schedule

<b>3rd-</b>	<b>6:30pm 7:30pm</b>	<b>Praise team Choir</b>
<b>4th-</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>10am - 12pm 3pm - 6pm</b>	<b>Pictures for Directory Pictures for Directory</b>
<b>7th-</b>	<b>9:00am 10:30am 1:15pm 2:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Service/Communion Sunday School for all ages Youth (Oakwood Heights) OR Youth (Road Clean Up)</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Compass Group</b>
<b>10th-</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>11th-</b>	<b>9:00am 7:00am</b>	<b>Quilting Administrative Council</b>
<b>12th</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Youth Overnighter till Noon Saturday</b>
<b>14th-</b>	<b>9:00am 10:30am 3:pm-6pm</b>	<b>PALM Sunday Sunday School for all ages Pictures for Directory</b>
<b>17th-</b>	<b>6:30pm 7:30pm</b>	<b>Praise Team Choir</b>
<b>18th-</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>6pm-8pm</b>	<b>Pictures for Directory</b>
<b>20th-</b>	<b>10am-1pm</b>	<b>Walk Through the Bible</b>
<b>21st-</b>	<b>9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship service Sunday School Regular Youth Meeting</b>
<b>24th</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>9:00am 10:30am</b>	<b>Worship Service Sunday School  NO YOUTH</b>





## April Birthdays

- 1 Jim Lofink
- 2 Anna Mae Speer, Ed Stephens
- 3 Alice Kozakovsky,
- 4 Judy Rearick
- 5 Kathy Kolaja, Lori Hart,
- 6 Justin Carll, Amy Rankin
- 8 Darla Plowman,
- 10 Beverly Marvin
- 11 Judy Stocker, Octavia Horn
- 12 Ashley Kerschner
- 13 Alaina Weaver
- 14 Mary Kaye Cox
- 15 Jordan Rogers
- 16 Tiffany Mitcham
- 18 Joyce Fleming
- 21 Stacey Plowman, Nicole Speer
- 22 Brittany Marvin, Melinda Meyer, Tina Reynolds
- 24 Adam Brozeski
- 27 Olivia Weaver
- 28 Doug Rogers, Carla Tarr
- 29 Joyce Speer



## April Anniversaries

- 10 Henry & Leah Lake
- 16 George & Carol Fox
- 18 Bobby & Helen Sutley
- 30 Duane & Peg Pritchard

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



Sunday, April 7th Choose your activity 1:30 (Oakwood Heights)  
2:00 (Road Clean Up)

Fri April 12 @ 7Pm to Sat April 13th at Noon. Youth Overnight -  
"Lock in" 6th - 12th grade.

7Pm - 9pm youth K-5 can come to have fun

Sunday April 14th No Meeting

Saturday April 20th 10:00-1:00 "Walk through the Bible"

Sunday April 21st Regular Meeting

Sunday, April 28th 2:00pm "Jesus Christ Superstar"  
Barrow Theater

**Stuffed Pork Chops w/mashed potaotes and gravy :** The Reno Volunteer Fire Department is holding a luncheon on Sunday, April 7 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.**



**Gahr's Ham Loaf:** The Oakland Twp Volunteer Fire Department will be serving lunch on Sunday, April 21st 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 under - Free. **Takeout is available**

# Photo Directory

**We are doing a new photo directory! Pastor Bob will be set up in the Fellowship Hall to take pictures on**

**Saturday, April 6th 10am - 12pm & 3pm - 6pm**

**Sunday, April 14th 3pm - 6pm**

**Friday, April 19th 6pm - 8pm**

**Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex**

**(More Times and Dates will be added if necessary)**

**Western PA Conference 12 monthly steps to  
Christian Discipleship**

**APRIL**

**SHOWER GENEROSITY**

**Increase Missional Awareness with Pocket "Change For God"**

**Give Someone ONE HOUR of your time**

**Mr. Waggs**

**Rabies Clinic , DHPP, Lepto, Lyme &  
Bordetella Vaccines, Microchip, Nails Trimmed  
Saturday, April 20th 9:00-11:00am**





## Campership Fund Raiser

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!!**

**Thank you to everyone who donated to our Noisy Offering!**



### Walk Thru the Bible

Walk Thru the Bible events are unforgettable and life-changing experiences. We know the Old Testament can be overwhelming and confusing. That's why we break it down into the major people, places, and events. That's what you'll remember. Why is our approach so highly effective? Because it integrates several learning modes simultaneously, involving hearing, seeing, moving, interacting with others, and strategic repetition. You'll learn the big picture of the whole Old Testament and have fun doing it. We promise!

Coming to Oakland UMC on Saturday, April 20th from 10AM to 1PM. The cost is \$20 per person. Don't miss this terrific opportunity! Checks can be made out to the Church and given to Carrie in the Office or in an envelope marked "Walked through the Bible" and put in the offering plate. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline to sign up is April 7th.

### Calling all Quilters

The Church Quilters meet on  
Thursdays at 9:00am.

It is a wonderful time of fellowship and a lot  
of laughter.



# THANK YOU!!!

The youth are very thankful to all who came to the soup cook-off on Saturday, March 23, and to those who baked cookies or cupcakes, and to those who worked before, during, and after the event. Also a ginormous thanks to our soup and chili makers:

Verna Carson

Rina Anderson and Pat Rodgers

Eric Plowman

Darlene Plowman

Larry Thompson

Julie Klingler

Karl Horn

Joyce Speers

Tracy Rodgers

Dale & June Horn

Carol Fox

Olivia Weaver

### And our soup cook-off winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> place to June and Dale Horn for their cheesy potato soup**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Tracy Rodgers for her potato soup**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place to Olivia Weaver for her chicken soup with homemade noodles**

**4<sup>th</sup> place to Carol Fox for her cheesy broccoli soup**

The proceeds of \$343 will support our Compassion International child, Ruben, who is a 6 year old Guatemala child.

The youth also appreciate all our wonderful church family's and the community's support of their bake sale on March 9 at which they raised \$423.



### Up Coming Event

On Sunday, April 28th "Jesus Christ Superstar" is playing at the Barrow Theater in Franklin. If you would like to attend let the office know and give your money to Carrie in the office (checks should be made out to the church). The cost of tickets is Adults \$18.50, Senior Citizens (60 and up) \$17.00 , Students \$13.60. The deadline to sign up is April 7th.



# 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 April 9th, 11:30 am

### Olmsted Manor Retreats

April 7-9

Path of Totality Solar Eclipse Retreat w/ Rev. Jeff Sterling

April 26 - 28

Peace through Spiritual Practices - Spring Woman's Retreat w/ Connie Hoeke

[www.olmstedmanor.org/events](http://www.olmstedmanor.org/events)