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Worship Service Time:

10:00 Worship

11:00 Koinonia

11:15 Adult Sunday School

September thru Mothers' Day

9:00 Children's Sunday School

9:00 Choir Practice



Oakland United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary

Help us celebrate 150 years of Praise,
Blessings and Worship
during the month of September.

Memories from
past Pastors

Recorded message
from the Bishop

Old Time Hymns

Church Pot Luck

D S Terra Amundsen will
join us for Worship

Creating a
Memory Book



A Special Surprise

*"We seek to grow in Christ and to share our love of God in
Word and Deed."*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I invite you to help us celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the church

during the month of September. Beginning on Sunday, September 13, we will be sharing memories, joining in the singing of old time Gospel hymns, and hearing from some of our previous pastors. Our third graders will receive a Bible, and we will have a blessing for our church teachers.

Bishop Julius Trimble will share with us via video words of congratulations. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Terra Amundson will bring a greeting and share a prayer.

On our final Sunday of celebration, September 27, we will share in a potluck meal following worship.

All of this and more will be happening at the Oakland United Methodist Church on the 13th, 20th, and 27th of September. You are an important part of our celebration! Please join us to worship and praise our Lord and Savior and to give glory to God for 150 years of ministry.

And All God's Children Said,
"Amen."

Pastor Karen

Adult Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday school class will start up again on October 4th following the worship service until noon. Come joins us for good fellowship and learning.

Bible Presentation & Recognition

Please join us for worship on September 13th. As part of our worship service, our third graders will be receiving Bibles. As a congregation, we will offer a blessing for our church workers as they begin a new church school year.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school will kick off on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 in the church basement.

We will be offering Sunday school classes for children ages 3 and up.

Hope to see you there!

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All Saints Sunday

Come join us for worship on November 1. This will be a day of remembrance for those in our church family who have gone on before us. We will also be dedicating memorial gifts given in the past year. Following the lighting of the candles for those from our church family who have gone on before us, there will be a time for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of a family member/friend who has passed away in the past year.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be on Tuesday, November 3 at 7pm at the Macedonia UMC. As in past years, this will be a Cluster Charge Conference. The Carson/Mt. Hope, Hancock/Silver Creek/Shelby, Macedonia/Henderson/Wheeler Grove and Oakland United Methodist Churches will meet together. The Charge Conference is not only a time to do the business of the church, it is also a time to share testimonies, celebrate ministries, and talk about our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. Hope you will attend!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes for Youth 7th grade and up will begin in October. Parents, please call the church office by September 14 to let Pastor Karen know if you have a youth who will be participating in the Confirmation Classes this school year.

7th/8th and 9th-12th

Ecumenical Youth Groups Begin on Wednesday, September 2



Youth in grades 7th -12th are invited to come to the Oakland UMC on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30pm for our first youth group this school year. We will eat supper at 6:30pm (please bring \$1.00 for the meal). Following the meal we will have a time of fellowship and fun. We will end at 7:45pm. The youth groups will meet most Wednesdays, with a few exceptions.

We look forward to seeing you on September 2nd! And as always, you can bring a friend!

September/October Trivia with Hints

1. What was given as a sign that the shepherds had found the baby Jesus? *Luke 2*
2. What was given as a sign the God would not flood the earth again? *Genesis 9*
3. What gift was given to Christians as a sign of God's power to unbelievers? *1st Corinthians 14*
4. What day was a sign of completion and rest? *Exodus 31*
5. According to Jesus, what prophet's sign would be given to the unbelieving Jews? *Matthew 16*
6. Who received a wet fleece as a sign of God's approval? *Judges 6*
7. Who prophesized a virgin conceiving a child as a sign of God's presence? *Isaiah 7*
8. Who saw a "slow" sundial as a sign of Hezekiah's recovery from illness? *2 Kings 20*
9. Who set up 12 stones as a sign of God's parting of the Jordan? *Joshua 4:6 Joshua*
10. What nation suffered 10 plagues that were signs of God's power? *Exodus 10*

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August Trivia Answers

1. In what book of the Bible is Canaan first described as a land flowing with milk and honey?
Exodus
2. What prized animal was killed for food when the Prodigal Son returned home? *Luke 15:23 The fatted calf*
3. In what country did the Hebrews feed on cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic?
Numbers 11: 5..Egypt
4. When Jacob's sons made a second trip to Egypt, what food did they bring with them as a gift for Joseph? *Genesis 43:11 Almonds*
5. What prophet, who was a herdsman and fruit picker by trade, had a vision of a basket of ripe fruit? *Amos 8:1 Amos*
6. Who ate honey out of a lion's carcass? *Judges 14: 5-9 Samson*
7. What miraculous food resembled coriander seed? *Exodus 16:31 Manna*
8. What prophet purified some deadly stew and a water supply? *2 Kings 2: 19-22; & 4: 38-41 Elisha*
9. Who ate a book that tasted like honey? *Ezekiel 2: 9—3:3 Ezekiel*
10. According to Jeremiah, what kind of grape sets the children's teeth on edge? *Jeremiah 31:29 Sour*

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"That means God made the world with his left hand 'cause Jesus was sitting on his right."

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Administrative Board Minutes OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday, July 30, 2015

Present: Barb Schorsch, Merlin Jones, Skip Applegate, Gloria Gleaves, Norma Bolton, Pastor Karen Hoff
After prayer concerns were shared, Pastor Karen opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The report was read. Norma motioned to approve. Merlin seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read. Gloria motioned to approve. Skip seconded.

Trustees Committee: Pastor Karen reported the -----
-----window has been repaired.

Pastor's Report:

Calendar: July 31 Wedding Rehearsal
Aug. 1 Wedding
Aug. 10-20 Vacation
Aug. 25 Community Meal

Youth: Sept. 2 Youth Group Begins

Lay Leader Report: Merlin reported he filled in for Pastor Bruce Smith on July 26

Old Business: Barb and Norma reported on progress of 150th Anniversary. Lauren Schueman will take pictures of congregation after worship service on Aug. 9 & 16. Cyndy Haines is working on pictures for 150th Anniversary Booklet. Norma is working on 50 year member list. Books will probably not be ready at beginning of September. Pastor Karen will contact city to see what special plans they have for the weekend of the 20th. Pastor is waiting to hear from archive rep with regard to photos of former pastors. Pastor will contact musical group Reconcile to see if they are available after potluck on Sept. 27.

New Business: Discussion was held with regard to getting rid of bats in the attic. Pastor will contact Mark Jeppesen, Chair of Trustees.

The August meeting will be changed to the fourth Thursday, August 27.

Discussion was held with regard to the Memory Garden. Weeds have been growing in rock bed. Volunteers pulled the weeds out. The area needs to be sprayed. Skip volunteered to do that.

Pastor reported attendance at Community Meal is growing. 40 people were in attendance for the July meal.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Norma made a motion to adjourn. Merlin seconded. Meeting adjourned. Barb closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Karen Hoff, Recording Secretary Pro tem

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember to continue to support the church with your tithes and offerings. Thank you for giving.



150th Anniversary—Help us celebrate.

Help us celebrate 150 years of Praise, Blessings and Worship during the month of September.

September 13th, 20th and 27th during our 10 a.m. worship service.

Adult Study to start

As life becomes full of activities and obligations, conversations with those closest to us often falter. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have felt you would like to go back and redo or resay something to someone. Maybe you remained quiet for fear of saying or doing the wrong thing at other times.

You are invited to participate in a 6 week DVD/book study group to learn how to give the gift of unconditional love and acceptance. Topics covered include: It's your choice to bless, the power of your touch, the most valuable word you'll ever say, picturing a future and a hope, when you've missed the blessing, and bringing the blessing home and beyond. **We plan to meet Wednesday evenings at 7:30 starting the week of September 9th. Please contact Kristy at 482-6909 or kristyhr@hotmail.com if interested in either of these dates.**

Mission Celebration Sunday—October 25th

Join us for worship on October 25th. We will dedicate our Ingathering Gifts and celebrate our mission work made possible through the sharing of the gifts God has blessed us with.



Oakland Manor Church Services

Each Sunday morning Oakland Manor has “Sunday School”. Local churches and individuals volunteer to lead the services. Five Sundays this last year representatives from the Oakland United Methodist Church have organized and taken part in the services.

Our thanks to everyone who shared their time, talents, and faith with the residents at Oakland Manor and Oakland Heights. If you would like to join us some Sunday, please contact Cathey Grosvenor. Not only will it brighten their day, I guarantee it will brighten yours as well.



Community Meal

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Bring a friend
Come join us for a light meal.

September 29

&

October 27

5:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday of the month

Daily Bible Readings

September

- 1 James 1.1-27
- 2 James 2.1-26
- 3 James 3.1-18
- 4 James 4.1-17
- 5 James 5.1-20
- 6 1 Kings 2.1-12
- 7 1 Kings 3.1-15
- 8 1 Kings 3.16-28
- 9 1 Kings 4.20-34
- 10 1 Kings 5.1-18
- 11 1 Kings 6.1-14
- 12 Job 28.1-28
- 13 1 Corinthians 1.1-17
- 14 1 Corinthians 1.18-31
- 15 Proverbs 8.1-36
- 16 Proverbs 9.1-18
- 17 Proverbs 10.1-32
- 18 Proverbs 13.1-25
- 19 Proverbs 14.1-35
- 20 Proverbs 15.1-33
- 21 Proverbs 16.1-33
- 22 Proverbs 18.1-24
- 23 Proverbs 22.1-29
- 24 Proverbs 23.1-35
- 25 Proverbs 24.1-34
- 26 Proverbs 28.1-28
- 27 Proverbs 29.1-27
- 28 Ecclesiastes 3.1-15
- 29 Ecclesiastes 7.1-25
- 30 Ecclesiastes 12.1-14

October

- 1 Psalm 5
- 2 Psalm 7
- 3 Psalm 17
- 4 World Communion
Sunday
- 1 Corinthians 11.17-34
- 5 1 Samuel 3.1-21
- 6 1 Samuel 4.1-22
- 7 1 Samuel 5.1-12
- 8 1 Samuel 6.1-19
- 9 1 Samuel 6.20—7.17
- 10 1 Samuel 8.1-22
- 11 1 Samuel 9.1-27
- 12 1 Samuel 10.1-27
- 13 1 Samuel 11.1-15
- 14 1 Samuel 12.1-25
- 15 1 Samuel 15.1-35
- 16 1 Samuel 16.1-23
- 17 1 Samuel 17.1-40
- 18 1 Samuel 17.41-58
- 19 1 Kings 16.29—17.7
- 20 1 Kings 17.8-24
- 21 1 Kings 18.1-46
- 22 1 Kings 19.1-21
- 23 1 Kings 21.1-29
- 24 2 Kings 5.1-27
- 25 2 Kings 6.1-23
- 26 Daniel 1.1-21
- 27 Daniel 2.1-23
- 28 Daniel 2.24-49
- 29 Daniel 3.1-30
- 30 Daniel 5.1-31
- 31 Daniel 6.1-28

GODLY HUMOR

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.

Some of his sayings:

- 1.. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
 - 2.. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
 - 3.. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
 - 4.. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
 - 5.. Always drink upstream from the herd.
 - 6.. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
 - 7.. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
 - 8.. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
 - 9.. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
 10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
 11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
 12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.
- The moral : When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Dust to Dust

A little boy had just got home from Sunday School and mom was cooking lunch. "Mommy, is it true that before you're born you're just dust and after you die you go back to being dust?"

"That's right son, why?"

"Well that's just what they said at church today."

"Run up stairs and wash your hands son, lunch will be ready in a few minutes."

About 10 minutes went by and she called out for him to come down. "I'll be there in a minute." As they were about to sit down at the table, the little boy asked again about being dust before being born and after you die. Once again mother said yes son.

The little boy looked at her and said, then you better get up to my room pretty quick, because something under my bed is either coming or going!!

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

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September Calendar of Events

Wed, 2nd	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Sun, 6th	10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 9th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Sat, 12th	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, 13th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship/3rd Graders' Bibles/Teachers Blessings 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 16th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Sun, 20th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship/Collect for Layettes 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 23rd	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups To Habitat for Humanity
Sun, 27th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck
Tue, 29th	5:30 p.m. Community Supper
Wed, 30th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups

October Calendar of Events

Sun, 4th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship/World Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m. Koinonia 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Wed, 7th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Sat, 10th	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, 11th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Wed, 14th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Sun, 18th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Wed, 21th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Sun, 25th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship/Mission Celebration 11:00 a.m. Koinonia 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Wed, 28th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 150th Anniversary Celebration

Wed, Sept 2nd	Youth Groups Start
Sat, Sept 12th	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, Sept 13th	Youth Sunday School starts 3rd Graders get their Bibles Teachers Blessings
Thu, Sept 17th	Ad Board meeting
Sun, Sept 20	3rd Sunday Offering for Layettes
Wed, 23rd	Youth Groups to Habitat For Humanity
Tue, Sept 29	Tasty Tuesday Community Meal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun, Oct 4th	Adult Sunday School Starts
Sat, Oct 10th	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, Oct 25th	Mission Celebration

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun, Nov 1st	All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tue, Nov 3rd	Charge Conference at Macedonia
Sat, Nov 7th	Ingathering

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September Birthdays

Mary Lou Colvin	09/01
Rita Henningsen	09/01
Karen Stott	09/03
Bethany Obrecht	09/03
Katie Rollins	09/04
G.G. Harris	09/04
Jared Myers	09/04
Lowell Husz	09/06
Sandy Bane	09/06
Dick Kates	09/06
Abby Henry	09/08
Jason Keiser	09/10
Karen Way	09/13
Debbie Rollins	09/13
Jennifer Buckhahn	09/13
Nicolle Schnack	09/13
Janice Harris	09/16
Lyle Bentley	09/16
Jan Harris	09/16
Chuck Zuch	09/19
Katelyn Palmer	09/19
Hilda Beedle	09/20
Gabriel Applegate	09/20
Leigh Bell	09/21
Derek Applegate	09/23
Brock Kinnison	09/23
Holly Hinkhouse	09/24
ReAnn Hildebrand	09/24
Roger McMartin	09/26
Dean Applegate	09/26
Tina Clark	09/26
Sue Duhachek	09/27
Joni Houser	09/27
Peggy Pierson	09/28
Marty Rieken	09/28
Fred S. Henry	09/29
Alex Henry	09/29
Devyn Moore	09/30



October Birthdays

Skip Applegate	10/01
Carole Bane	10/01
Julie Grobe	10/03
Devan Feigenbutz	10/03
Julie Busby	10/04
Lane Gram	10/05
Jaxton Long	10/05
Paul Rollins	10/07
Tim Applegate	10/07
Ryan Long	10/07
Maelie Rieken	10/07
Stephanie Kroft	10/09
Joan Shanno	10/10
Bob Bane	10/11
Taylor Applegate	10/11
Brad Jefferson	10/12
Grace Gleaves	10/14
Hazel Harvey	10/16
Bud Beedle III	10/17
Melissa Buckhahn	10/17
Kara Rollins	10/18
Bob Beckendorf	10/20
Kristine Schorsch	10/20
Kort Rieken	10/20
Lee Knudsen	10/22
Niki Hackett	10/23
Nicholle Kalb	10/24
Cole Jeppesen	10/24
Louise Merkle	10/25
Seth Thompson	10/25
Nick Keiser	10/26
Keaten Rieken	10/27
Carol Wilson	10/29
Terry Haines	10/30
Jenna Somers	10/30
Shelbie Harris	10/31



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**THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!
YOU'RE THE GREATEST!!!!**

NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS

September

6th Lindsay Bentley
13th Carol Wilson
20th Lisa Pierson
27th Cyndy Haines



October

4th Leslie Cleaveland
11th Joan Shanno
18th Suzanne Pierce
25th Norma Bolton

USHERS, GREETERS, CANDLELIGHTERS



September

6th Mike, Kristy Bane & Dick, Louise
Emma & Aaron
13th Bob, Beverly & Merle, Veva
JJ & Aiden
20th Bernie, Norma & Mark, Mischa
Camryn & Allyee

ACOLYTES



27th Alan, Connie & Dick, Leslie
Claire & Kyler

October

4th Jerry, Suzanne & Andrew & Hayley Haines
Emma & Aaron
11th Doc & LaVinna & Mark, Lynelle
JJ & Aiden
18th Mitch, Penny Anderson & Skip, Ilene
Camryn & Allyee
25th Gerald, Carol & Larry, Judie
Claire & Kyler

KOINONIA

September

6th Louise & Dick
13th Lisa
20th Dawn & Dani
27th Pot luck

October

4th Judie & Larry
11th _____
18th Barb
25th Sheila



**Remember those in
Nursing Homes with cards
and visits.**



Oakland Manor

Margaret Alff
Audrey Hartje
Lucille Bentley
Erma Cleaveland

Joan Turner
Junellyn Pierce

Oakland Heights

Janice Harris
Pat Burgett
Neunia Timberman
Anita Killion



Pray for Our Military Family

Kristie Copenhaver, John & Mary Lou Copenhaver's daughter; **Jared Myers**, son of Robert Myers and Sid & Tami Skank; **Sonja Husz**, Niece of Butch & Velda Husz; **Lucas Smith**, Addie Mae's grandson; **Brian Thornton** from Avoca; **Tyler Clark**, Marvin & Carolyn Clark's grandson; **Brad Grosvenor**, Cathey Grosvenor's son stateside, and other area service men and women. **Landen Pedersen**, son of Tab and Lorie Pederson

If you have a loved one in the service and wish to have them listed on our prayer list, please contact the church office.

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Celebrate Our Heritage

You can contribute to the celebration!

If you have any old pictures, memorabilia, or memories you would like to share with the congregation during the Sunday's of celebration, please contact the office, Barb Schorsch or Norma Bolton as soon as possible.

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College Addresses

If you have a student heading to college and they do not receive this newsletter, please forward their address to us. We would love to keep in touch. Or if they will have a change of address please let us know