



Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8675 S 13th Street, Oak Creek WI 53154

Your June/July 2015 Reminder

Graduation Recognition for High School, College, and Seminary

All graduates are invited to wear their cap and gowns in worship on June 7. You will be invited up front for a special blessing during the service. If you would like to share your plans for the future you are welcome to do so. In addition to this worship celebration, the Staff Parish Relations Team will be honoring seminary student Douglas C at 11am on Sunday, June 21, as we send him off to his new pastoral appointment at Wild Rose UMC and Hancock UCC in north central Wisconsin, starting July 1. Douglas will be consecrated as a Local License Pastor at Annual Conference on June 12 through June 15, at the Marriott Hotel in Middleton, west of Madison.

Douglas grew up in our congregation, sensed a call to ministry, and answered that call through the United Methodist Church. His new appointment will be one that we will want to support in our prayers. Please consider joining us at his consecration service (date and time to be announced).

Sunday, June 21
Everyone is invited to an All-Church Potluck and Anniversary Information meeting. This will be followed at 11am by the chance to celebrate Douglas's graduation and appointment.

Gift matching opportunity and more!

Recently, a family in our congregation shared a gift with our congregation. The gift was \$1,000 and they would like the gift divided up in the following way:

1. Two-\$100 Camp Scholarships have been donated to anyone interested in attending camp this summer. These are needs-based scholarships and are available to individuals wishing to attend one of our United Methodist youth and/or family camps. If you would like to apply for one of these scholarships, or know of someone in need of financial assistance to attend a United Methodist camp, please see Pastor Wendee for further information.
2. \$400 was given to off-set some of the costs for the Volunteer Appreciation Sunday Celebration. The money was used to purchase simple gifts for our almost 200 volunteers. If we missed your name in the celebration, we are truly sorry. Please speak with Pastor Wendee and she will get you your gift.

3. OCCUMC is celebrating 175 years of ministry! To kick off the celebration, a matching fund challenge has been offered. A pledge of \$400, in dollar-for-dollar matching funds, has been challenged to assist with efforts to raise money to fund planned celebration activities. Please consider special purpose monetary donations to the 175th Anniversary Fund. Just \$400 donated by members of the congregation will result in \$800 of available funds after full matching is realized! The matching fund challenge runs from June 1st through July 31st.

To donate to the 175th Anniversary Fund, please use the general offering envelopes found in the pews and remember to write "175th Anniversary Fund" on the envelope to ensure all donations are adequately appropriated and recorded. Thank you to this family for these anonymous gifts!

Check out our Website

www.occumc.org

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Nursery Care

Elevator

Worship Schedule:
May 24—Sept 6,
2015:

9:30a.m.

Communion:

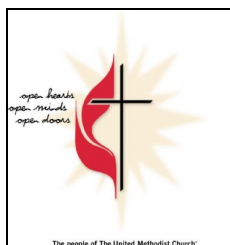
1st Sunday of the month

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9 am—2 pm

Thoughts, Questions and Ideas . . .

from Pastor Wendee



OCCUMC's Mission Statement is *Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church is a Christian Fellowship whose mission is to . . .*

**Worship God
Love and Serve All People
Grow in Faith and Invite Others to Become Disciples of Jesus Christ.**

This year, the last Sunday in May is *Peace with Justice Sunday*, one of six special Sundays recognized by our United Methodist Church. These special Sundays help draw our attention to everyday needs in our world, country, state, communities, and families. The other five special Sundays are the following:

Human Relations Day in January
One Great Hour of Sharing in March
Native American Ministries Sunday in April
World Communion Sunday in October
United Methodist Student Day in November

We celebrate, promote, and inform people in the United Methodist Church about these Sundays because our General Conference has determined that drawing our attention to these needs helps us work together to make a difference through these ministries.

Peace with Justice Sunday focuses on the gospel of peace and encourages cooperation between people to help alleviate pain, suffering, and inequality. As Christians, we look to the Bible for the source of this direction toward justice. In the scripture text from Luke 4:18-19, we find Jesus quoting the prophet Isaiah saying, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released. That the blind will see, that the down-trodden will be freed from their oppressors, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.*" (CEV) Through this text, we find that God and Jesus are continually encouraging us through the Spirit to take up their lead by caring for our neighbors near and far. When we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, listen to this nudge of the Spirit to help bring about God's justice and peace, we are helping build up the Kin-dom of God.

Our United Methodist Church's mission statement is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We find that Jesus sets the standard for justice through the unmerited gift of mercy. In the Biblical story from Genesis through Revelation, we hear that one of God's goals is to set the world right again. Jesus comes to help reverse the effects of sin, hopelessness, destruction, and evil. Through the gift of his love upon the cross, Jesus reaches into our world and shares God's forgiving love and encouraging Spirit. His action of love transforms us and our world.

This summer, may we find opportunities to care for, encourage, and gift others with God's love. We do this by sharing, in our words and in our actions, how God, through Jesus, has changed our lives toward wholeness, hope, and peace. May justice prevail.

Peace, Pastor Wendee

Worship Information:

***Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 24–
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day Weekend***

June 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 138:1-8, II Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: *A Daily Faith Walk*

June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 20, II Corinthians 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: Lay speaker—Lynn W

June 21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 9:9-20, II Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: *Be Still*

June 28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 130, II Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:29-43

Sermon: *Reaching for Jesus*

July 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: *Grace is Enough For Us to Go Out and Share God*

July 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 24, Mark 6:14-29, Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon: *Re-Gifting*

July 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

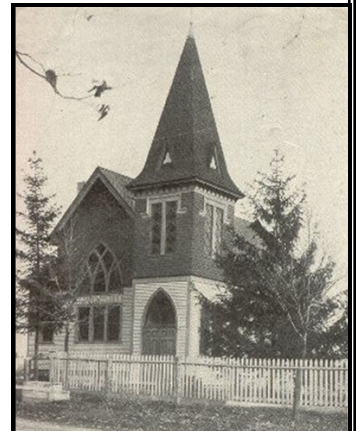
Scripture: Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon: *Being God's Dwelling Places*

July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 14, Ephesians 3:24-21, John 6:1-21

Sermon: *God's Abundance*



Trunk n Treasure Sale

Join us for our
Trunk-n-Treasure Sale!
Sat, July 11, 2015
9am to 2pm
Set up at 8am

Come sell your treasures out of the trunk of your car, as easy as pulling into a parking space.

Treasures to sell at church might be: art and crafts, antiques and collectibles, household goods, baby items, Pam-



pered Chef, or Avon, and more. Each space rents for \$10, or a Friends and Family 4-pack for \$35. Checks may be made out to OCCUMC.

We are also looking for a small group or committee to handle food sales. For more information, call Janet P.

All proceeds will go to the apportionment fund.

Women's luncheon a big success

Thank you to all the ladies who attended this year's "Singing in the Rain" Salad Luncheon. It was our 33rd Annual Salad Luncheon.

Thank you to the Tabitha Circle for Publicity and Ticket Sales and to Sarah Circle for coordinating the dining room decorating and set up. Thank you to all the ladies who made the wonderful salads.

A special thanks to Fred S who did a great job serving as our Host. To Fred B and Lee S who made sure we had plenty of coffee and ice water. To Jay H for setting up tables and

chairs. And to the men who took care of the clean up: Fred S Max, Steven (and Trinity) S, Harold W, Walt M, Norm L, Fred B and Lee S. We couldn't do the luncheon if it weren't for the help and support of these men.

Our entertainment was provided by Daniel Jens, a Christian Vocalist/Guitarist, and was enjoyed by all. Thank you Carol S for making these arrangements. This fund raiser supports the mission work of United Methodist Women.

Softball schedule

Looking for something fun to do this summer? How about joining the church co-ed softball team? We are still looking for more players.

You need to be 16 years or older to play and with a willingness to have fun. If playing



is not your cup of tea then come on out and cheer us on.

Games are played at Wilson Park, diamond 3, 4001 S 20th Street, Milwaukee. on Friday evenings at 6:30pm. The diamond is located behind the ice rink. For more information please contact Mike.

June worship assistants

Liturgist Schedule

06-07	Gay D
06-14	Kathie S
06-21	Carol S
06-28	Linda B

Usher Schedule

06-07	Joanne M/Nancy S
06-14	Kevin/Jennifer F
06-21	Fred/Mary Ann B
06-28	Earle/Gay D

Greeters Schedule

06-07	Fred and Mary Ann B
06-14	Kurt V
06-21	Chris and Paula S
06-28	Kim W

July worship assistants

Liturgist Schedule

07/05	Jill I
07/12	Don D
07/19	John W
07/26	Gay D

Usher Schedule

07/05	Joanne M/Nancy S
07/12	Michelle/Sean G
07/19	Kevin/Jennifer F
07/26	Chris/Linda C

Greeters Schedule

07/05	Dan/Bonnie J
07/12	Joan K
07/19	Ken M
07/26	Janet/Kaitlyn H

Did You Know . . .

that we celebrated almost 200 volunteers on Sunday, May 17! Thank you to ALL who made the Volunteer Appreciation Sunday a huge success!



Consider attending **FAITH ALIVE!**

Beginning this September

This past April, I completed this incredible faith building journey sponsored by the WI Conference. I strongly encourage anyone interested in taking their own faith journey to a whole new level to come see me. I'll be happy to provide you with more insight and details.

Faith Alive! is a two-year study for lay and clergy on theology, the Bible, and ministry in today's world. Over 200 laity and clergy have attended Faith Alive! over the past thirteen years. The study consists of six (6) weekend sessions from September 2015 - April 2017. All sessions are held at the Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center in Wautoma, WI.

FAITH ALIVE! is an active and involved two year study about:

Understanding our spiritual gifts

Defining our ministry and service

Exploring the relationship of the Bible and faith

Integrating faith into the workplace and daily living

The leadership is experienced and respected in their fields and includes both clergy and laity. To help prepare for each session, you will be provided a book to read and a brief assignment to complete prior to each weekend.

Contact: WI Conference Dean of Faith Alive, [Denise R](#)

**Keeping Faith Alive,
Ken M**

Do you question how your faith impacts and informs your daily living? Do you wonder how your faith calls you into the world? If that's the case, we invite you to join others with similar questions in a two-year journey called FAITH ALIVE!

FINANCE UPDATE

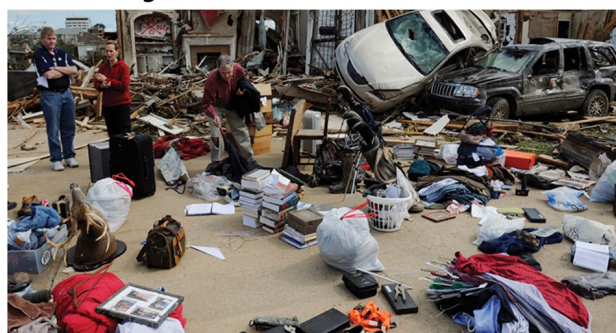
Total contributions and expenses for April 2015 and year-to-date for the general fund are as follows:

	April 2015	Year to Date
Contributions	\$26,793.26	\$102,115.19
Expenses	\$24,599.11	\$88,946.59
Excess Income/ (Expense)	\$ 2,194.15	\$13,168.60

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the financial reports, please contact any one your finance committee members.



Because we give...



...we are quick to respond

Our giving matters!

When the tornadoes tore through the Midwest in the winter of 2012, United Methodists were quick to respond. Disaster response teams from seventeen states mobilized before the storms even ended. Resources were made available immediately. United Methodists were cleaning up before the American Red Cross and FEMA showed up. Ministry of compassionate outreach and service defines who we are.



Because we give ...

...people get the help they need!

UMCOR and the Wisconsin Conference UMC provide emergency necessities and resources to literally millions of God's children. All for just pennies a week.

Eighty-five cents of every apportionment dollar goes directly to missions and ministries that give help, hope, and encouragement to those who need it most. The majority of our giving supports ministries within our Conference and local communities.

Please consider increasing your giving just \$1 per week to help fund over 170 life-giving ministries through our Shared Offerings (apportionments) and The United Methodist Church!

OUR APPORTIONMENTS AT WORK!

Adult Get-away Retreat and Ride

September 18-20, 2015

Join us for a great weekend of faith, friendship and horse fun!

For more details go to

<http://www.lakelucernecamp.com/retreatsconferences.html> to see the brochure and the Registration form to register for the retreat. Cost \$155

payable to Lake Lucerne Camp.

Email lakelucerne@wisconsinumc.org with questions or contact Bonnie C.



Garden ministry

A group of folks has taken on the responsibility of making sure our church grounds look great for visitors

each week, but they cannot do it alone. Would you be willing to adopt a flower bed for the summer? Please speak to Pastor Wendee for more information.

Labyrinth experience



Confirmation students will be visiting Siena Center in Racine to learn about and experience the indoor and outdoor labyrinths at the center. Other interested adults are invited to join the group in this interesting adventure on Sunday June 28. Please contact Pastor Wendee for more information.

Sarah Circle

We will meet **Thursday, June 18, at 9:30 AM** in Doyle Hall to work on healthcare cards that will go to Peru with the Medical Mission Team July 10-23.

We will be focusing on cards that will be passed out to the women about water safety, hand washing and breast exams.

For more information contact: Joan L. or Carlene W.

Stephen ministers available

The Stephen Ministry program at OCCUMC has been available for congregants and our community for almost four years now, since June of 2011. We currently have seven trained Stephen Ministers, two men and five women. We are laypeople who are Christian men and women, trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss,



chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. We share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

If you wish to have a Stephen Minister walk with you during a difficult time in your life in a confidential setting, please contact Ken M or Pastor Wendee

Thank you from United Methodist Women

Thank you to all who helped make the Women's Retreat a success – workshop leaders, musicians, car poolers, decoration/door prize makers and so many more. We had a wonderful weekend of Bible study, service project, gardening, crafts, devotions, massages, games, NIA exercise by the lake....

One of the best parts of camp is arriving at the dining room for meals without having to plan or make them! Our UMC Camps are special places where you can put the distractions of the every-day world behind you and focus on God's incredible creation while strengthening your faith and fellowship bonds.

Plans are already in the works for next year's retreat. **The date is May 13 – 15, 2016.**

Jr. High mission trip

This year's junior high "trip" from July 30 through August 2, will be a "stay-work-mission-trip." The youth and their adult leaders will be staying overnight right here at OCCUMC for three nights. We will work around the church, visit area ministry sites, and share in Bible study and fun closer to home this year. The Trustees Team has given their blessings for the youth to tear down the wheel chair ramp and build a new approach and staircase to the west side of Doyle Hall, replace the chair glides on all of the chairs in the sanctuary, attack the Memorial Garden on the north west of the church property, and build a prayer labyrinth in the lawn on the north side of the upper parking lot.

This is a lot of work for only three days and here is how you can help. Come and join us for an hour, a morning or afternoon, or all three days during this "stay-work-mission-trip!" We would love to get to know you and share time with you. Just think about the work we could get done together!

We will visit Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee Children's Services, Siena Center Labyrinths, and Summerfield UMC Saturday Night Meal Program. Would you be willing to provide a meal for the youth? Please contact Alex C or Pastor Wendee for more information about sharing a meal during this mission-trip.

District news

Dear Friends,
We praise God for the work of Imagine No Malaria (INM) and for the work of Wisconsin United Methodist Churches and people to raise funds and awareness for this life-saving project. So far, over 48,000 lives have been saved by the work of the churches all across the state. And we know we can make it to our goal of saving 100,000 lives.

With passion and commitment to that goal, we are excited to announce that the INM campaign has been extended for another year – ending at Annual Conference 2016. As part of the denomination-wide \$75 million effort, we stand strong in our commitment to raise \$1 million and save 100,000 lives for this important ministry of the UMC. Imagine No Malaria's life-saving programs focus on equipping and empowering the people of Africa with the tools,



Destination: Tarapoto

Our medical mission to Peru will leave July 8/9 for Tarapoto, Peru in the Amazon. The team comprises 18 people, including 6 college students. They will be bringing healthcare education, kits, and donated medical supplies to several villages in the region around Tarapoto. They will be able to buy medicines when they get there rather than trying to transport them.

The weather will be HOT for our Wisconsin people. The plan is to work from 8am to 1pm, and not in the hottest part of the day. They will be staying in a hotel with an air conditioner that (hopefully) works.

Please pray for this mission group as they make a difference in the lives of the people in the outlying villages of the Tarapoto area.

Their return date is Thursday, July 23.

treatment, and education they need to eliminate the threat of malaria in their communities.

Wisconsin churches that have not been involved or could do more are encouraged to do so. Please visit www.ImagineNoMalariaWI.org for more information and resources to get involved.

In just the last eight years, malaria deaths have been cut in half. But we still have more to do until the work is done. Thank you for your continued commitment to this incredible change.



Ingathering

Please consult the following lists for contributing to this year's Ingathering. The items will be collected at Annual Conference on June 12-15, 2015.

Please include the cost of shipping for your donations and give the Ingathering intake staff a check or cash for the shipping. In other words, do not put cash in each kit or item donated. Also please do not bring donations for items other than on the Ingathering list or what is shown on the Midwest Missions Distribution Center website at <http://www.midwestmissiondc.org/> as we have no way of distributing them. Lists of items needed for other kits is available.

MMDC Health Kit:

- 1 hand towel (no kitchen or cleaning or microfiber towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb
- 1 metal nail file OR fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bar of soap (3oz or larger)
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush in original wrapper
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (3/4-1" size, wrapped in rubber band)

All items should be new and unused. Place them in a new, one-gallon plastic zip bag. Also include \$1 for toothpaste.

MMDC Bedding Kit:

- 2 flat double-bed sheets
- 2 pillowcases
- 2 pillows

All items should be new and unused and in their original plastic bags. Shipping donation is \$1.

MMDC School Bags:

- 3 notebooks (8" X 10 1/2"-spiral are best)
- 6 pencils (#2, unsharpened, no advertising)
- 1 pair of blunt school scissors
- 1 ruler (12") (with metric)
- 1 2.5" eraser
- 1 box of 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 handled tote bag of sturdy fabric

Please place items in tote bag. Directions for sewing a bag are available at www.midwestmissiondc.org Shipping donation per bag: \$1

Special requests from Harbor House for their November 12 Auction fundraiser:

- Handmade items, such as scarves, mittens, hats, quilts, etc.
- Photographs,
- Painting/artwork
- Gift certificates/cards
- Woodworking projects (ex. Rocking horse)
- Handmade cards (set)

Please bring these items directly to the Harbor House display table INSIDE the Marriot. NOTE: After the conference, you may also send the items to Harbor House directly.

School Supplies Collection

It is that time of year again! Tabitha Circle is collecting school supplies for United Methodist Children Services and we need your help. Please bring in new supplies **July 5 through Aug. 9** and place them in the School Bus collection boxes in the library.

School Supplies needed for UMCS per Milwaukee Public School Supplies List

- Book bags or Backpacks
- Plastic supply boxes or pencil pouches
- Washable white glue-8oz bottles
- Glue sticks
- Crayons-24ct (nothing larger)
- Colored pencils-24ct
- No. 2 pencils-20ct (standard yellow or mechanical)
- Large rectangular pink erasers
- Red, blue, & black pens
- Highlighters-different colors
- Washable markers-8ct
- Low odor dry erase markers
- 12" rulers (with inches/cm)
- Protractors
- Calculators
- Pocket folders
- Spiral notebooks-70pgs
- Theme paper, 1 pkg-200pgs
- Flash drives/memory sticks
- Graph paper



Apportionments: Disaster Response

Our apportionment giving allows us to respond quickly when disasters strike, becoming God's hands on earth, reaching out to those in need. After the devastating earthquake in Nepal in April, 2015, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) partnered with four other organizations established in the region to help channel resources to those displaced and injured.

When tornados struck a small town in Illinois in November, 2013, UMCOR partnered with the Red Cross to help rebuild damaged and destroyed homes. As the Ebola out-

break brought about death and panic in Liberia, UMCOR focused on two often overlooked populations – the elderly and disabled – to provide food security and disease prevention education. These are just a few examples of the extraordinary work that can be done by combining the resources of many individuals and churches to make a real difference in people's lives.

Mary Randall Zigbuo, a Global Ministries missionary serving in Liberia, observed, "To me, the work of missions is like a remarkable safety

net for God's people. Those who are at risk of 'falling through the cracks' are rescued by the safety nets provided through our response to missions."

Eighty-five cents of every apportionment dollar goes directly to missions and ministries. Small change can add up to a big difference. Please consider adding a dollar or two to your weekly giving and earmarking it for our apportionments so we can continue to help fund the many ministries of the United Methodist Church.

UWM field trip to Historical Underground Railroad

Plan to join the United Methodist Women's group for a tour of the underground railroad used by fugitive slaves who hid beneath the church on their way to Canada and freedom. The First Presbyterian Church at 716 College Ave. in Racine will host an interesting explanation of artifacts found during a renovation. This will be followed by a luncheon at a local restaurant to be announced. Please meet in our church parking lot at 9:45am to carpool. Questions can be directed to Carol S.

Vacation Bible School decision

The search for a new Vacation Bible School Coordinator was unfruitful. OCCUMC will be taking a break this year from sharing a Vacation Bible School with our church family and friends in our communities. The Lay Leadership/Nominations Team will continue to work towards building up and strengthening our Christian Education Team for the coming school year. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents toward growing faith in our congregation.

Scrip sale continues!

Using Scrip cards to buy your gas and groceries can really help the church raise money for expenses. Vacation season is upon us and Scrip cards are available for many hotels, car rentals, and restaurants. Need a new lawn mower, soccer shoes, or a dress for a special occasion? Check out all the Scrip retailers at www.shopwithscrip.com. Click the "Shop" tab for a full list of retailers and the rebate amounts they offer. Order forms are available in the Friendship Room.

Cathedral Center

Come join us to serve at the center/shelter on **Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30pm**. Food and volunteers are needed. It takes about three and a half hours of your time to have this very rewarding experience. Look for the sign-up sheets in Doyle Hall. For more information, contact Joanne M.

Sunday Worship:

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion:

1st Sunday

Coffee Hour:

after services

June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00pm AA	2 6:30pm New member mtg	3 1pm Disciple Bible study 6:30pm Disciple Bible study	4	5	6 Meet at church at 9:45am for UMW Field trip to underground railroad
7 Graduation Sunday Communion 10:30 175 Anniversary task force mtg	8 6:30pm SPRC 7:00pm AA	9 6:30pm Trustees	10 1pm Disciple Bible study 6:30pm Disciple Bible study	11	12 6:30pm Softball v Bay View	13
14 Flag Day	15 7:00pm AA	16 5:30pm Cathedral Center 6:30 Finance committee	17 1pm Disciple Bible study 6:30pm Disciple Bible study	18	19 6:30pm Softball v Our Lord's	20
ANNUAL CONFERENCE						
21 Summer begins Father's Day All-church potluck and 11am Graduation celebration Douglas Clement	22 7:00pm AA	23 6:30pm New member mtg	24 1pm Disciple Bible study 6:30pm Disciple Bible study 6:30pm Missions	25	26	27
28 Reception of new members and baptisms Confirmation students trip to Siena Center	29 7:00pm AA	30				

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July 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 communion	6 Church office closed 7pm AA	7	8	9	10 6:30pm Softball v Bay View	11 9am-2pm Trunk n Treasure sale
				Summer mission trip		
12 175 Anniversary task force mtg	13 7pm AA	14	15	16	17 6:30pm Softball v Our Lord's	18
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19	20 7pm AA	21	22 6:30pm missions	23	24	25
			Summer mission trip			
26 Jr and Sr High mission trip send-off	27 7pm AA	28	29	30	31 6:30pm Softball v Bay View	
		Senior High Work Mission Trip to Chicago				
					Jr High Stay-work-mission-trip July30-Aug 2	

THANK YOU!

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- Thank you to all who helped make the Bake Sale for instruments for the Peru Church a wonderful success. Everyone was so generous in donating desserts and when purchasing them that we raised \$393! Thank you, The 5th & 6th Grade Class
- Thank you for your recent donation of \$55 to Northcott Neighborhood House. Your support of Northcott's many programs is appreciated.
- Technology Team for working on LED lighting scheme for the sanctuary cross; therefore, we won't need to get on a ladder to change the seasonal colors !
- Liz I for preaching and Nancy B for sharing the extra parts of the liturgy on Sunday, May 10, while Pastor Wendee was on vacation.
- All the women who attended the Women's Retreat at Lake Lucerne. A special thank you to those who helped organize and shared their time and talent during the retreat. Finally, thank you to Bonnie C for her call to encourage our congregation to continue this life-giving ministry.
- All who helped with the Trustees Team Workday on Saturday, May 16.
- Thank you to Michelle G for helping organize the gifts and cards for Volunteer Appreciation Day. Thank you also to Janet P for organizing the pot luck lunch and to Brian and Leslie C for making the barbeque.
- Thank you to Chris and Jacob S for volunteering to mow and trim the cemetery this summer.
- Thank you to volunteers who assemble the bulletins weekly.

Prayers needed

As Christians, we believe that prayer is a key element to opening the doors of heaven. The Bible encourages us to pray constantly, and in doing so we will be drawn nearer to God. So the pray-er is blessed as much as the person/people who are being prayed for.

Please include our shut-ins in your prayers — Marilyn S., Gwen S., Lousie L, Pat F, & Ellie M.

Our most current prayer requests are:

Martha (Carole's mom) - daily challenges with walking safely and gaining strength. She has fallen 3 times in 2 weeks.

Helen -- battling cancer

from Nancy -- for those who are bullied in school. I know there's many. I pray they have the strength to overcome. God be with them.

Jerry (Ken's father-in-law) whose life is coming to an end soon. May prayers be for him and his family.

Allison S (Megan's high school friend) recently had a brain tumor removed. Prayers of healing and for her family.

Silica S - brain tumor, currently lost all feelings in her leg. Hope she regains her sensations soon in her legs.

Would you like to receive your Reminder newsletter sent to your favorite electronic devise? Please contact the church office and give us your specific electronic address. We will then work with you to make sure that we send the newsletter to you in a form (Word, PDF, etc.) that is best for your devise. Over the next couple of months, let's see if we are able to decrease the paper copies, toner, postage, volunteer and staff hours, etc. it takes to produce the newsletter. Please know that we will ALWAYS get the church newsletter to you the way you would like it delivered. We hope to make this transition as smoothly as possible. Thank you Pastor Wendee

Drama team start-up group has first meeting

A new drama team is being formed for the purpose of enhancing our worship experience. No experience necessary, just a love of our Lord.

A brief meeting of the minds was held on Sunday, May 31st, following worship. If you would like to be part of this ministry, but missed the meeting, please call Rev. Christal so you will be included in future notifications.

Hospitality team is planning ahead

The OCCUMC Hospitality team is gathering ideas and resources to create a new Worship team instruction/guidelines booklet. This will include helpful tips for ushers, greeters, liturgists, acolytes, and others that might be involved in supporting our worship services. We extend a thank you to everyone who has participated in these activities and encourage others to join us in this simple way of serving God.

Kirk K	6/1
Ainsley F	6/2
Gavin T	6/2
Sue W	6/3
Daniel C	6/7
Carol D	6/8
Hunter I	6/10
Bridget S	6/11
Carley G	6/12
Lee Z	6/14
Clark C	6/15
Megan D	6/15
Jenny F	6/17
Eric V	6/17
Matt G	6/19
Morgan G	6/19
Joan A	6/20
Becca D	6/23
Elijah S	6/24
Jean B	7/1
Steven S	7/1
Matthew D	7/3



Please note: We are in the process of updating our birthday lists. Please contact the office if you see any omissions or errors.

Brenda S	7/3
Oliver C	7/4
Ellie M	7/4
Brooklynn F	7/6
Julie V	7/6
Isabelle M	7/7
Thomas W	7/7
Lee S	7/8
Alexandria A	7/9

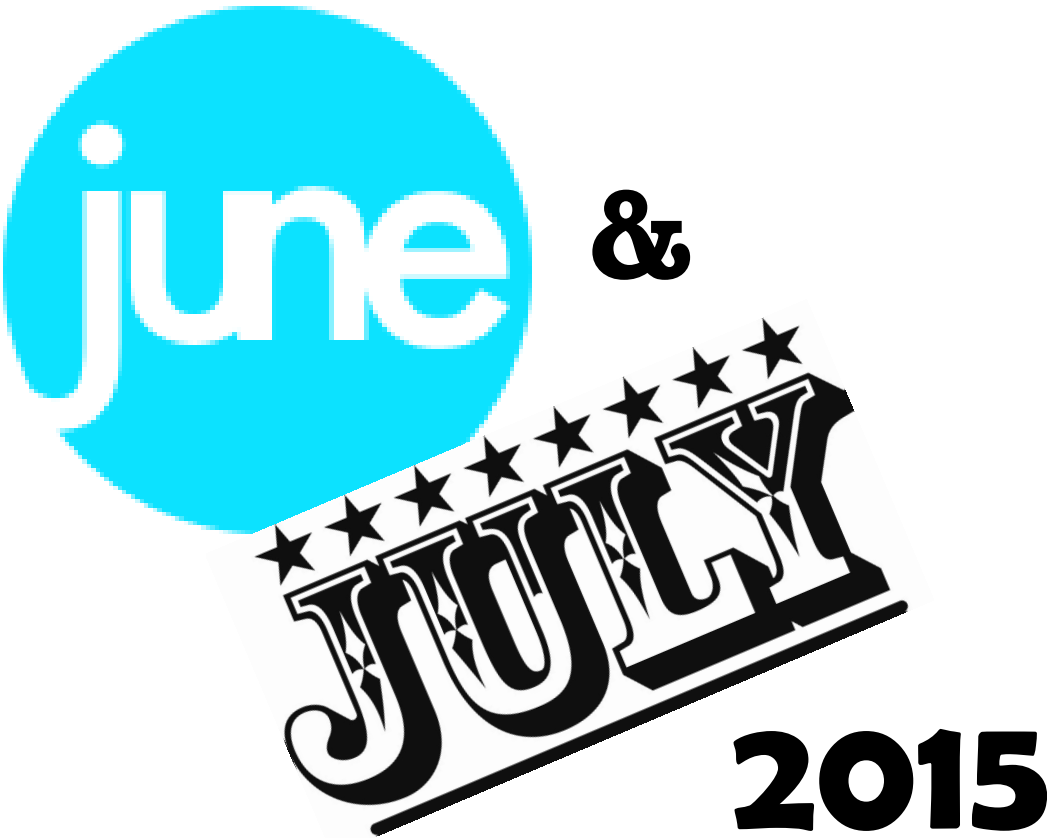
Julie B	7/9
Joshua C	7/9
Carter P	7/9
Myranda S	7/9
Franklin E	7/12
Ashley S	7/12
Mallory C	7/13
Sarah F	7/15
Cherie S	7/15
Gail G	7/16
Cherie W	7/16
Karen P	7/18
Lucas J	7/20
Erin B	7/22
Lucas M	7/23
Kristine S	7/23
Preston W	7/23
Sara B	7/24
Jacob H	7/27
Brian P	7/27
Jeffrey P	7/31

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