

Oaklawn United Methodist

Dear Oaklawn United Methodist members and friends,

I want to tell you about this year's mission project. We have worked here in Hot Springs with our feeding ministries and in Mountain Pine building a wheel chair ramp for a veteran in need. A group of us traveled to Puerto Rico in 2018 to help build a house destroyed by a hurricane, and two years ago we traveled to the gulf coast to help two families in need. Now Diana and I are the ones who are in need!

Effective July 1, we have been appointed to the HSU/ OBU Wesley Foundation, and we need your help renovating the Wesley parsonage in Arkadelphia. The address is 111 N. Park, Arkadelphia, AR.

The parsonage needs a new roof, new plumbing, new subfloor and floor joists. That is not the complete list. Diana and I are giving \$1000.00 toward parsonage repair. We hope those who are able will join us in contributing to the renovation campaign to restore the Wesley parsonage. Contributions may be sent to HSU/ OBU Wesley Foundation at 316 N. 11th Street, Arkadelphia, AR, 71923. Please designate your check to "Parsonage Repairs." Much of the work will require professionals.

There will also be opportunities for volunteers to put in sweat equity. We are asking volunteers to join us in removing old furniture from the house, yard work, and painting inside and out. We will begin work soon.

The house currently has a student renter who will be moving out by May 15. We hope to begin some yard and outside work before then. After May 15, we will set up dates during the week and on weekends to continue the project.

Please email me at russell.breshears@arumc.org or call me on my cell at 501-772-7919 if you are interested in being on one of our work teams.

This is the third time in our ministry that Diana and I find ourselves in this tough situation. In 1993, before we began our ministry at a United Methodist Community Center in Calexico, CA, we had to renovate the parsonage there. Good United Methodist volunteers helped us. Then in 2006 I was appointed to Oak Forest UMC in Little Rock and that parsonage needed major work. The members there worked with us for three months to renovate that parsonage. Now we find ourselves, once again depending on the kindness and generosity of the Methodists. Please help us if you are able. We need three things: pray for our transition, donate to the renovations if you are able, and come work side by side with us as we make the parsonage a home.

Thank you for loving and supporting us for six years here at Oaklawn UMC in Hot Springs.

God bless you all,

Russ and Diana Breshears

April 2021 Birthdays

04/04	Mary Meredith	04/12	Kyle J. Ward
04/05	Barbara Oliver	04/13	Rick Holzer II
04/06	Donna Carvin	04/14	Alan Berkey
04/06	Ashley Chanley	04/15	Debra Herrington
04/07	Tye Hosey	04/16	Mildred Grissom
04/07	Keith Rowland	04/17	Janet Short
04/08	Alice Lloyd	04/19	Janet Clark
04/09	Jason Boone	04/20	Julie Burroughs
04/10	Danielle Williams	04/20	Sidney Fuller
04/10	Eli Williams	04/27	Brett Chanley
04/10	Kacie Williams	04/27	Mary Corder
04/11	Andrea Crawford	04/28	Diane Galloway
04/11	Jimmy Fulkerson	4/30	Susan Hunter
04/12	Megan Key	04/30	Betty Lawson

ANNIVERSARIES

Gail & Rocky Sears

04/02/1983

Jeanann Lanning & Robert Barnes

04/12/2014

Jackie & Gene Covey

04/18/2003

Judy & Gene Larson

04/18/1958

Beth & Blake Crawford

04/19/2015

Faye & Will Williams

04/22/1977

May 2021 Birthdays

05/02	Betty Lou Thomas
05/06	Shelly Powell
05/07	Lacy Short
05/09	Blake Robertson
05/09	Elizabeth Sears
05/10	Gene Covey
05/11	Kent Bard
05/11	Randy Burroughs
05/12	Barbara Smith
05/19	Gene Garland
05/21	Meagan Conry
05/22	Barbara Selig
05/28	Jerry Binns
05/28	Michael Reed
05/29	Maxwell Berkey

ANNIVERSARIES

Annie & Vernon Sutton

05/10/1997

Shauna & John Allen

05/12/1994

Jacquie & Gene Garland

05/31/1958

MISSION OF THE MONTH

You may donate to the mission any-time during the month through the church by making your check out to the church and **putting the Mission name on the memo line of your check or envelope.** A 'mission box' is on the table in the church foyer into which you may place your 'above the tithe' offering. The mission we are supporting for the month of **April is Open Door Ministries.**



Giving Report

Sunday, March 7

Operational Fund Contribution \$6,166.00

Worship Total: 66

Sunday, March 14

Operational Fund Contribution . \$3,560.00

Worship Total: 52

Sunday, March 21

Operational Fund Contribution \$3,264.00

Worship Total: 71

Sunday, March 28

Operational Fund Contribution \$966.00

Worship Total: 62

In addition to online worshippers

Family Life Center Gifts: \$600

Total March Giving\$14,566.00

Oaklawn United Methodist Women is a group that meets for fellowship, Bible study, and service. We are a mission-oriented organization of the church. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month here at Oaklawn United Methodist Church. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 13 at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Masks and social distancing) UMW Sunday will be June 20th. Contact the church office at 501-623-5588 or Sylvia Griffin, President at 501-701-4288 for information.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 6 Food Pantry 1p.m. - 3p.m.

Thursday, May 20 Senior Commodities 1p.m. - 3p.m.

Sunday, May 23 Senior Sunday

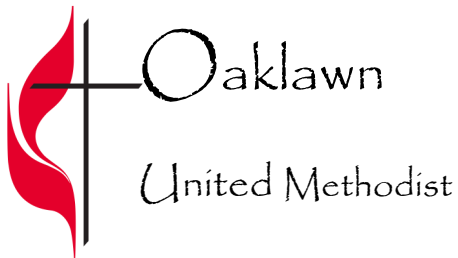
Thursday, June 3 Food Pantry 1p.m. - 3p.m.

Sunday, June 13 Russ's last Sunday at OUMC

Thursday, June 17 Senior Commodities 1p.m. - 3p.m.

Sunday, June 20 UMW Sunday

Sunday, June 27 Guest speaker, District Superintendent Rev. Ann Ferris



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Prayer Requests

We pray for active-duty Military, Government Leaders, Police & First Responders, Medical Personnel, and all who are hurting

Members in Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Gertrude Ferguson - Garrett Woods, Rm 301
Bonnie Hardin - Atrium, Rm 215
Ann Irby - West Shores, Rm 231
Laura Parker - Garrett Woods, Rm 305
Darryl Cadwaller — Heritage Nursing Home
Irene Meenen — Country Club Village Rm 319
Judy & Jim Wetherington - The Atrium #241
Margie Wolfe — Belvedere Nursing and Rehab

Members at Home/Rehabilitation:

Bill Harris,
Doris Wenner, Donna Carvin

Friends and Neighbors:

Hunter Ault

Name: Gail Brooks

Date of Birth: 6/30/1958

Household Family Members:

Tim Brooks, husband

Education Information:

Thomas Edison State College

Memphis Theological Seminary, MDiv

Perkins School of Theology, Certification in Spiritual Direction



Appointment History: Highland Valley, Quapaw Quarter, Canvas Community, Russellville First, Bismarck, Langlely - Norman

Interests/Activities/Hobbies/Religious or Civic Affiliations: Be The Bridge- Central Arkansas, Coming to the Table- Central Arkansas Spiritual Directors International

Three things I value about pastoral ministry in The United Methodist Church:

- 1) The Wesleyan Theology of Grace
- 2) The Practice of Open Communion
- 3) The Connection which enables us to be a part of building God's Kingdom across the world through UMCOR, UMW and other world-wide ministries

Highlights from most recent appointment:

Studying different resources with groups in the church and beyond to discover the ways in which the Body of Christ can work together to build God's Kingdom wherever we are located by sharing God's love with all and reaching out to those who are hurting and in need in our community.

I am excited about working with the church to create vitality and to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

Leading a congregation to grow as disciples by living out the vows we commit to as United Methodists with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness through the ways in which we engage with our community by serving the poor and marginalized in our midst, welcoming the stranger, offering radical hospitality and by giving generously to assist those in need.

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