

Oaklawn United Methodist

Dear Oaklawn members and friends,

We are praying that everyone is healthy and safe during these hard times. We are holding in person church services with masks and social distancing. We have 12 to 15 people in the 8:30 service and then 20 to 30 people in the 10:30 service. We all wish things could go back to normal, but we are making the best of a tough situation.

This Sunday, August 16 the message is taken from Matthew 15:21-28. Jesus gets into a debate with a foreign woman and the woman wins the argument.

Sunday, August 23 at the 10:30 service we will have our Back to School Sunday. Children, students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks. We will pray for our schools and colleges. We need God on campus with us to help us during these stormy days.

Sunday, August 30 we invite the confirmation class and any parents or members for a picnic and hike. We will meet at Hollywood Park at noon. Since we will be outside, there will be lots of space for social distancing. Bring your sack lunch and join us for the picnic. After we eat, those with energy will go on a hike!

Doing ministry during these covid times is a bit like trying to direct a band while swimming underwater. Do you find things much more complicated or hard to do these days? Here is what the book of James says about hard times:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking in anything." James 1:2-4

Like it or not, Covid-19 is a test for all of us. We can lean on our limited strength and feel overwhelmed and defeated **OR** we can lean on God and each other and make it through this storm. Let's lean on God and each other. I believe in our congregation! Remember us in your prayers, and attendance.

The summer has been long and hot, Oaklawn UMC needs your financial gifts to be strong. Together, we are walking and working with God.

Peace,

Russ

Giving Report

Sunday, July 5

Operational Fund Contribution \$4,199.00

Sunday, July 12

Operational Fund Contribution \$3,937.00

Sunday, July 19

Operational Fund Contribution \$1,270.00

Sunday, July 26

Operational Fund Contribution \$2,337.00

Family Life Center gifts\$120.00

Total July Giving\$11,863.00



**In Memory of John Northern to
the Family Life Center from Joy
Life Sunday School Class**

**August 2020
Birthdays**

08/04 Dick Behringer	08/21 Mary Madison Rice
08/07 Norma Stewart	08/22 Ralph Muzny
08/09 Heather Boone	08/22 Kaylee Rowland
08/11 Diana Breshears	08/27 Beth Peterson
08/11 Kathleen Dockery	08/28 Leslee Fulkerson
08/11 Jim Wenner Jr.	08/29 Christie Beaty
08/16 Judy Wetherington	08/30 Garrett Biggers
08/16 Steve White	08/30 Buddy Carter

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrea & Michael Crawford

08/02/1980

Heather & Jason Boone

08/15/1998

Ann & Sonny Hines

08/15/1958

Debbie & Randy Burroughs

08/24/1975

Nancy & Dick Behringer

08/31/1974

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:

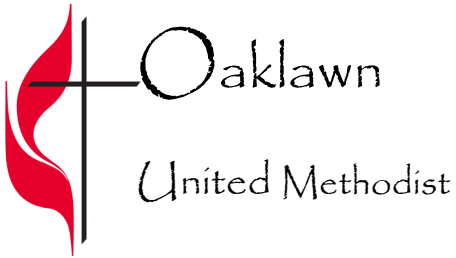
Gertrude Ferguson - Garrett Woods, Rm 301
 Bonnie Hardin - Atrium, Rm 215
 Ann Irby - West Shores, Rm 231
 Laura Parker - Garrett Woods, Rm 305
 Darryl Cadwallier — Heritage Nursing Home
 Irene Meenen — Country Club Village Rm 319
 Judy & Jim Wetherington - The Atrium
 Margie Wolfe — Belvedere Nursing and Rehab
 Zola Morphew - Belvedere Nursing and Rehab Rm. 218

Members at Home/Rehabilitation:

Bill Harris, Billie Reed,
Doris Wenner, Donna Carvin

Friends and Neighbors:

Hunter Ault



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MISSION OF THE MONTH
You may donate to the mission anytime 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 **August is Canvas Community Church.**

Oaklawn United Methodist Church served approximately 75 Love Lunches at Salvation Army on June 21, 2020. This would not be possible without the help of Oaklawn volunteers: Kathy Johnson, Mary Boone, Jeanann Lanning, and Susan and Doug Hunter, who set-up and served.

Krogers continues to be generous with their donations of fresh produce, bakery, and deli items. Each week is a new surprise of goodies. July 4th weekend I believe I delivered approximately 75 racks of cooked, smoked, barbecued ribs to Salvation Army! I was speechless when I saw the abundance of food!

Thank you to all the volunteers that assist with this worthy endeavor!
Blessings,
Laurel Williams

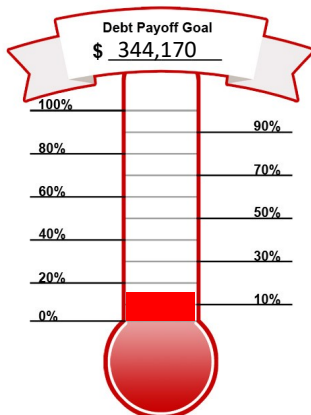


We have been paying on the Family Life Center loan for one year now. The balance started at \$378,520 and is now \$344,170!

Many memories have already been made in the building this past year, starting with the Oaklawn Elementary Teacher Luncheon, our Halloween Trunk or Treat which brought around 500 neighborhood parents and children through the doors!

Holiday potlucks, a Valentine's Day Banquet and several packing parties to secure boxes of food for our senior commodities distribution., our Youth packing grocery sacks of food for our local Food Pantry ministry and many more memories to come!

Thank you for giving and future giving towards our goal.



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, September 10 at 1 p.m. There is an opportunity for everyone. Oaklawn United Methodist Women will be collecting school supplies from now until November for UMCOR. There is a tub for the supplies in the fellowship hall. We appreciate your help in this endeavor.

Contact the church office at 501-623-5588 or Sylvia Griffin, President at 501-701-4288.

UMCOR SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2020

School Kit Materials

- One pair blunt scissors - round tip only
- One box of 24 crayons
- Three one-subject notebooks
- No marble composition books
- No 3 or 5-subject notebooks
- One pack of loose-leaf paper
- 100-200 page packets are acceptable
- Wide or college rule accepted
- One hand-held pencil sharpener 1-inch or longer
- One ruler 12 inches or 30 centimeters long
- Six unsharpened pencils
- One eraser - Two inches or larger
- One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag