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United Methodist Church

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I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

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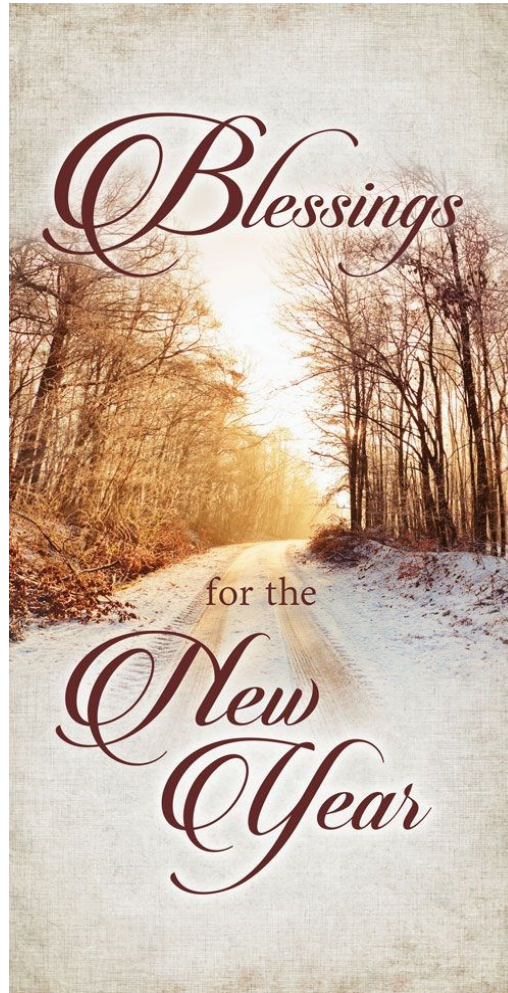
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- Psalm 96:1: Sing a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

== REJOICE ==
in hope

== BE PATIENT ==
in tribulation

== BE CONSTANT ==
in prayer.

- Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" *Proverbs 3:5-6*



• "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." **C.S. Lewis**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This Bible Study meets every Saturday at 8:00 am . All men are welcome. Please contact Mike Feldman if you are interested.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 am

Wednesday Evening Worship

Supper 5:30 pm

Worship 6:30 pm

Classics

Classics will next meet on January 9 at noon. Be sure and join us for this pot-luck meal. You will have great food and fellowship.



The Angel Tree Christmas ministry was a big success. Thank you for all your contributions. In addition, our winter weather clothing outreach provided clothing to children residing at the HOPE Center for Women and Children. We pray that all these gifts will fill a need and help the recipients of these gifts to have a better Christmas.

Thank You!

We raised \$1090 from the Children's Bake Sale. Wow! Thank you so much to those who purchased items, donated items and to those who organized the event. All the money collected will go to help fund our children's ministries in 2025

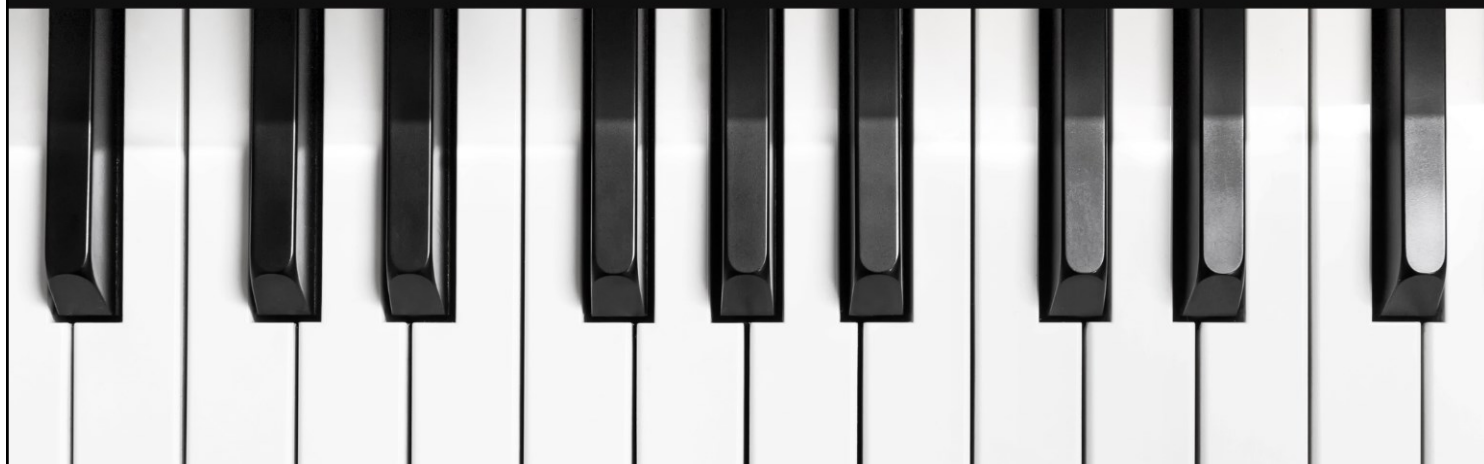
We thank you for your support throughout the year!



BAKE SALE

Thanks Nancy & Lory

We will miss your beautiful Music



Hospitality

Do you have 40 minutes once a month that you could volunteer as a Fellowship Host? GREAT!! GREAT!! Sign up when the request for the coming Sunday is emailed out weekly. CHECK CCB AND SIGN UP!

As a Fellowship Host, you are responsible to bring approximately 6-7 dozen of a baked good (homemade or purchased) OR you can include fruit and/or meat & cheese. It's your decision on what to bring. The Fellowship Host would need to arrive in the kitchen to get whatever you are serving ready at least 20 minutes before the church service. There are platters, napkins, cups,



etc. to use. The coffee will be plugged in and perking so you don't need to worry about coffee preparation. It is best to leave the church service right before the Stewardship Moment so you can get the goodies on the counter. You may also bring other beverages to serve. There is powdered lemonade in the kitchen, water and chocolate milk in the refrigerator. Have a friend sign up with you. It's always more fun and also easier. You would be responsible for clean up as well. Any questions about any of these volunteer opportunities, be sure to ask Angie Acker (515-720-6918) or Pam Schwartz (641-425-9919).

The Hospitality and Outreach Team would like to thank all our secret and not so secret bakers that have provided baked goods for Sunday Fellowship in 2024. There were several Bible study groups that signed up to host and we thank you!

Beginning January 2025, H.O.T. will host fellowship time the first and third Sunday of each month only (if it is a holiday, there will be no fellowship time). There will be coffee available each of the other Sundays to accommodate those who have small groups. Be proactive if you want to have fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. If the 1st or 3rd Sundays work better, contact Pam Schwartz so that the schedule can be adjusted.



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Hunter Davis

We thank everyone for their willingness to serve on a leadership committee at Oakwood both currently and in the past. We still have openings on these committees as well as working with the children and youth. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Rev. Alexis or Nancy. Thank you.

Doyle and Starr Scott



Thank you!

On December 22, we honored Doyle and Staff Scott with a card shower. They have been so active at Oakwood since they started attending our church several years ago. They have led classes, preached on Sunday, organized luncheons and dinners, faithfully wrote monthly newsletter articles and worked on many more projects over the years.

We cannot thank them enough and wish them the best in the years to come.

Oakwood Book Club Starting in January



**BOOK
CLUB**

We will be starting a book club in late January 2025 and we plan to choose our first book at a meeting at Oakwood on January 30th at 6:30 pm. At that meeting, we will discuss what day we would like to meet each month and how we would like to proceed with treats and book selection. If you're interested in getting together with your church friends, reading a great book, and having intellectual conversations, this will be the group for you. Please let Nancy Berggren or Beth Smith know if you're interested. Beth 515-577-2355 or elizabethBettssmith@gmail.com or Nancy at 515-262-6007 or Nancy.berggren@oakwoodlife.org

Oakwood Kids

Hello Oakwood Family! We were delighted to have our Children's Christmas Program the second Sunday in December. It was a joy to share Christ's Message with the energy and fun of our Children. We want to thank parents, grandparents and others who brought the children to Church to practice and make the Christmas Program a success. We also want to give a big shout out to those who selflessly made baked goods for our fundraiser. We raised \$1090 for our Children's Ministry Program. Thank you all for your generous donations!

Also, in December we went to Copper Shores Village and sang Christmas Carols. It was a wonderful outreach for our children and they made a lot of people smile with their gift of song! There are pictures below.

As we look to 2025, we have lots of fun in store for our children to continue to grow in Christ! Make sure to mark on your calendars for **Vacation Bible School**. We plan to have it the third week of June (**June 15-19**). And we want to encourage our Oakwood Kids to sign up for **Wesley Woods Camp** during the first week of August (**August 3-9**). Remember, our Oakwood Family helps to cover the cost of camp after the \$100.00 deposit. If any child/family has difficulties with the deposit, please come to Tania or Ruby. And sign up soon as spots fill up fast!



Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays	January Anniversaries
	11-Craig and Sandy Winn
2- Robert Bell	
5- Emma Buchacker, Sandra Baumgart	22-Bob and Cheryl Egger
8- Layne Brown, Bill Slagle, Carla Davis	
9- Kyle Hanson	
10- Nancy Rendall	
11- Tyler Paterson	
13-Penny Van Rossum	
15-Conner Vitek	
16-Jo Bell	
18-Dawn Melissa Kohler	
19-Joe Luce	
22- Wilma Pack	
23- Julie Feldman	
24- Jessica Butler	
25-Sally DeGoey	
27-Don Harvey, Cass Bollman	
28-Melissa Wilson	

Trustees Report

Trustees Report for January 2025

The Church Trustees have been collecting quotes and making necessary repairs for maintaining the Church facility. Some of the building improvements and maintenance projects are the following:

The Memorial Committee approved installing a second camera in the sanctuary to improve on-line streaming services. This second camera will be installed by Iowa Audio-Video in January and our current camera will be re-positioned for better camera angles (\$3,900)

The floor tiles in the Church Narthex and Café Court areas have been replaced and re-grouted (\$1,500).

DeWild Construction replaced roof fascia, repaired siding, and replaced outside door brick molding near the Café Court (\$850).

Broken windows at the back of the Church will be repaired by Elite Glass & Metal (\$1,500).

A church pew is being repaired by The Furniture Professionals (\$200).

The two furnaces in the Family Life Center will be connected to one thermostat instead of being controlled individually. A new thermostat will be installed in the kitchen area. This work will be done by West Heating & AC (approximately \$2,000).

Quotes for preventative maintenance plans for the nine furnaces and one ground-mounted roof top unit are being collected (approximately \$4,600 - \$6,000).

Quotes for controlled door access/security and handicap accessibility for the church's front and rear entry doors are being collected (approximately \$30,000). This will improve the safety and security of the church facility.





OAKWOOD CHRISTMAS 2024





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