

Oakwood United Methodist Church

400 NE 56th Street
Pleasant Hill
515-262-6007

6:00-8:00 pm
In Oakwood's parking lot

Friendly Costumes Please

October 30
Trunk
or
Treat



What a fun night this will be!

Think about participating by bringing your trunk to Oakwood and handing out candy to the kids. The more trunks we have the more fun it will be. Sign-up sheets will be out soon.



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United Methodist Church

CONNECT - DISCIPLE - SERVE

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

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REQUESTS TO**

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WORSHIP Services

Sunday 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Both the 9:30 am Sunday Service and the 6:30 pm
Wednesday Service are in-person and live streamed at

www.oakwoodlife.org

Childcare Available

Christian Learning Time for all ages

Sunday: 10:30-11:30 am

Wednesday:

Oakwood Kids: 5:30-7:30 pm

Youth: 6:00-8:30 pm



**October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month**

Classics

Our Classics group will begin meeting for the fall on October 10, 2024. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to attend.

This is a potluck, so just bring a dish and come ready for great food, fellowship and fun.

Classics starts to gather at 11:30, and the meal will begin at noon. There will be a short devotion afterward. This month the speaker will be Doyle Scott.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 2024 Finances

Monthly Operating Fund Income: August 2024 had regular offerings of \$21,088.28 and capital fund offerings of \$25.00 for total offerings of \$21,113.28.

- **Monthly Operating Fund Expenses:** Total operating expenses were \$23,905.38.
- **Monthly Operating Fund Net Income:** **-\$2,817.10.**

AUGUST CASH BALANCES

- ∅ **Operating Cash Balance:** \$63,227.72
- ∅ **Technology Funds:** \$0.00
- ∅ **Mission Fund:** \$5,432.07
- ∅ **Memorial Fund:** \$13,178.14
- ∅ **Concert Fund:** \$5,390.99
- ∅ **Building Operations Fund:** \$0.00 (*Operation Face-Lift Fund*)
- ∅ **Building Use Fund:** \$10,304.68
- ∅ **Spaghetti Supper Fund:** \$20,253.52

If you have any questions about Oakwood finances, please contact one of our Finance Committee Members: Gary Schwartz, Chair; Steve Jurgens, Treasurer; Rev. Alexis Johnson, Mike Anderson, Nancy Berggren, Judy Carico, and Steve Rendall.

Church Financial Audit

Starting in June 2024, the Finance Committee asked Michelle Myer, a recently retired state auditor to review our financial books and records. After working several hours on this project, we are pleased to report that no problems or issues were found. The auditor did recommend some financial polices and procedures that we need to develop and put into place. The Finance Committee will begin work on those during the upcoming months.



Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings @ 8:00 am
All men are welcome
Please see Mike Feldman if you
have questions.

A Word from our Lay Leader

Boy I wish we could get some new people in to church....

Reality is, many Sundays we have visitors. I know because, before the service begins, I walk around and try to say hi to most people. And, I often greet new ones.

Some have wondered why I do that. It is because people looking for a church like to find a place that seems friendly. They look for a place where they can fit in, where people seem happy to be there, and where they can easily meet new people. That doesn't happen if a visitor arrives and no one, other than the greeters at the door (who do an amazing job), say hi to them.

What can each of you do to be a friendly church? Look around. If you see someone you don't recognize or know, introduce yourself. Or, at least say hi. If you don't want to do that, then let others know a new person is near you. When the service is over, invite them to go with you for coffee. Then stand in the line with them and chat. You can even introduce them to others. While standing in line, make small talk. You can ask them things like why are they visiting, where they are from, where they went to school, etc. If they mention a specific place, and you know someone in the church who is from there, see if you can put them together to visit. But don't just hand them off. Stay with them until you know their conversation is going well. If they are still with you when you get your treats, invite them to sit with you. If you are with others or in a group, introduce them and tell

the others what you know about them. And, if you are in a group where a new person joins you, make sure you include them in the conversation. Then, the next time you see them, invite them to again sit with you or, if they seem happy elsewhere, leave it at that.

If we all do this, those new people will tell others what a friendly and great place this is to attend. That may change our complaint about needing new people in church to finding new places where we can put all these people on Sunday.....

PS – I can already hear it - - but Doyle likes doing that. Well – I didn't. Then, one Sunday, I decided someone has to do it and I am someone so..... What I knew is if no one did it then it wouldn't be long before we would all have to find a new place to sit because our church wouldn't have enough people in it to be open any more. Blessings, Doyle Scott

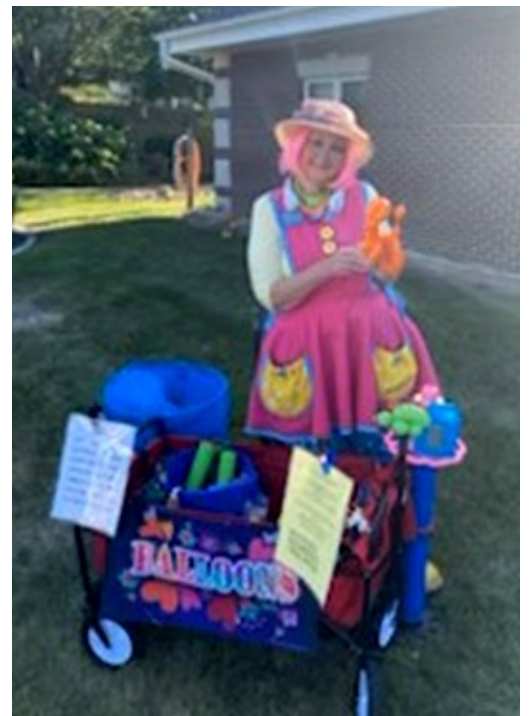


Welcome
to Our Church



1-Tamma Gaynor	1- Troy & Christina Paterson
2- Lisa Klopfenstein	7- Carolyn & Jamie Graves
4- Autumn Luce	11- Cindy & Steve Anderson
5- Mike Andrews	16- Judy & Roger Petersen
10- Fred Arpy, Bree Beyer, Kendra Pottebaum,	28- Carol & Dan Kilbride
11- Elizabeth Bolten	
12- Brian Acker	
14- Marlo Peterson, Craig Winn	
15- Michael Luce	
17- Connie Doud	
20- Jennifer Beck, Taylor Beyer, Caleb Boatman	
23- Luke Bentley	
24- Dave Nielsen	
25- Shawna Graeve, Jerrold Swinton, Sharon Robison	
27- Becca Feldman	
28- Marlys DeVries	

Fall Kick-off Activities



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Hospitality Outreach Team



A HUGE THANK YOU from the Hospitality and Outreach Team (H.O.T.) . The September kickoff event was a complete success! Many played a part in the success and Chairs Angie Acker and Pam Schwartz want all those involved in any way to know that whatever part you played, we feel so blessed to have your support.

Many thanks to those who help in supplying fellowship time. Its so nice to have a variety. If you would like to provide baked goodies or store bought goodies for fellowship time, please be sure to talk with Angie or Pam.

Also, we thank all those who sign up to greet. What a wonderful way to show the love of Oakwood.

Upcoming **EVENTS**

October 30

Trunk or Treat

Bring your car, decorated or undecorated, and candy to hand out to the kids.

November 3

Oakwood Anniversary Party. Pastor Scott Hibben will be giving our Sunday message.

November 10

Charge conference at Oakwood, 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome

November 17

Consecration Sunday. More information will be available in the November Newsletter.

Oakwood Leadership Committees

Get to know..... Oakwood's Leadership Committees

In this newsletter, and future editions, we will provide a recap of the purpose and responsibilities of some of our committees. Be thinking if one of these is right for you.



Trustees

Purpose:

Maintain and insure appropriate use of all church property.

Responsibilities:

Oversee the maintenance of the building exterior, technology, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and interior maintenance.

Staff Parish Relations

Purpose: Carry out the human resource functions in consultation with the pastor.

Responsibilities:

Develop staff job descriptions

Hire and orient new staff

Recommend compensation and benefits for all staff to the Administrative Board

Identify continuing education needs and staff recognition

Confer with and counsel staff of matters pertinent to the effectiveness of their ministries

Lay Leader

Purpose and Responsibilities:

Act as liaison between the congregation and the church administration

Serve as lay representative to conference or district events





Monday-Friday

7:30-7:45 am Java with Jesus and Julie-Zoom Devo and Prayer

Sunday

10:30 am-Sermon Discussion-Nancy Berggren-Fireside Room

10:30 am-- Various topics-Doyle and Starr Scott-Prayer Room

10:30 am-Mixing it Up with Mike and Julie-Room off the Family Life Center

Thursday

10:30 am- Julie Feldman-Fireside Room See Julie for study topics.

1:30pm-Bible Study-Opal Current -Fireside Room

Saturday

8:00 am– Men’s Bible Study-Mike Feldman-Fireside Room

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN A GROUP. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE FELDMAN AT 515-778-6621.

New Members



In September, we welcomed three new members to Oakwood. They are Betty Kennel, Judy Wadding and Sarah Hager. We congratulate them and feel blessed that they will be worshipping the Lord with us.

If you are not a member, and are interested in joining, please contact Rev. Alexis.

Welcome Betty, Judy and Sarah