

OAK RIDGE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome. Grow. Love.



A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome! Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of Christ in this service. Please sign the "Connection" pads located at the end of each pew so we can get an accurate record of attendance. If you are a first time guest, we are so grateful to have you with us. Please stop by the Welcome and Information Desk in the entrance to the Sanctuary so we can give you a Welcome Gift Bag.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRC ANNOUNCEMENT

Bonnie Burkett

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

* OPENING HYMN

No. 254 (UMH)

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (8:15 only)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (11:15 only)

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Golden Spirits

WE CALL UPON GOD IN PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (sung to "What Child is This")

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud
the babe, the son of Mary.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF DEDICATION *"Spirit Song"* No. 347 (UMH)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-13 (NIV)

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. ¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONFESSION & PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please come forward as the ushers direct you to receive the elements of communion. Space is available at the altar if you choose to spend time there in prayer. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on the communion rail. If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements of communion, please inform an usher who will then inform the pastor. We will then bring the elements to your pew.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LIGHT

- * CLOSING HYMN *"Shalom to You"* No. 666 (UMH)
- * EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

* The congregation is asked to stand.

Sermon Notes

"This week will be different because my take home from Sunday is..."

Announcements

Fellowship Time - You are invited to our fellowship time that is held between worship services. This is a time to visit with friends and meet new ones! We'll have the coffee pot on and some breakfast goodies available in the Café from 8:30 – 8:55 and from 10:00 – 10:30. We will also have coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:15 worship service. Wherever you head for fellowship time, we welcome you and encourage you to come!

Coffee with the Pastor - Have you been attending Oak Ridge UMC and have questions about the church? Our senior pastor, Andy Lambert, would love to answer your questions! He is ready and eager to share who we are, what we do and how to join as well as any other questions you may have! We invite you to discover more about Oak Ridge, where you fit in and possible next steps with us, Sunday, January 14, 10:00-10:45 am, in the senior pastor's office. Please contact Phyllis Rowe at phyllis.rowe@oakridgeumc.org for more information and to RSVP.

EXCITING NEWS! Rev. Susan Mitchell will be helping out at Oak Ridge UMC as an Interim Director of Adult Ministries for 3 months as we continue to seek out a permanent person for this ministry area. Some of you will remember Susan and her family who worshiped at Oak Ridge UMC for many years prior to beginning the process of pursuing Ordained Ministry as a United Methodist Pastor. Both Larissa Brown, our new Director of Children's and Family Ministries, and Rev. Susan Mitchell began work on January 1, 2018.

Oak Ridge Youth Theatre Presents Twinderella - This musical fractured fairy tale will be on January 13 & 20, 7:00pm, in the Family Life Center. This is a fun event for families and admission is FREE with a Love Offering taken to support ORUMC Youth Mission Trips to Florida for Hurricane Irma Recovery, Carolina Cross Connection in Wilkes County, NC, and Shades of Grace in TN.

Wednesday Night Meals - Take a break from cooking or fast food on Wednesday nights and share a meal with your church family. We will begin enjoying meals together at "Feed and Seed" beginning January 24. Reservations are required. Look for more information coming soon!

Stephen Ministers - Are you discerning a call to be a Stephen Minister? Are you wanting more information? Join us on Sunday, January 21, 10:00 am in the office conference room, D215. We will have current Stephen Ministers there to help answer your questions.

Girl Talk - Starting on Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:00pm, in the Youth Lounge. Girl Talk is for girls from 6th - 8th grade. While girls may talk about the follows and likes and the perfect promposal, what they really want is true, lasting, unconditional friendship. They want connection. Join us for Girl Talk - let's get real!

Mission of the Month: Youth Ministry - A collection will be taken next week for our Mission of the Month. To donate, please make your checks to ORUMC, memo: Youth Ministry. Please see pages 8 & 9 of this bulletin for more information.

January Ridgerunner - The latest issue of the monthly newsletter is available in the church lobbies and information areas.

Inclement Weather Policy - Winter is here and with it the threat of bad weather. Please make note of our inclement weather policy. We will do our best to make a decision regarding worship services as early as possible. Check the church website, WFMY Ch. 2 or WGHP Fox Ch. 8.

Aren't feeling well on Sunday? Our church has dedicated staff and members who want to serve and be present every Sunday and we want to see their faces too, however, if you feel ill, you are not neglecting your duties by staying home. You are doing the right thing by protecting others from an infectious illness. Someone will cover for you and you will recover faster by staying home and treating your illness with rest. Also, we have church members who have chronic illnesses that cannot risk an infectious illness that might be brought to church. We wish you good health and hope to see you every Sunday you are well and able to attend.

Member Badges - Member badges are available for active individuals who need access to the church campus past 8:00pm for ministry activity. These badges also access the walking track after regular hours, including Saturday and Sunday. If you would like a Member Badge, email your picture to Phyllis Rowe at phyllis.rowe@oakridgeumc.org or come by the office to have a photo taken.

Need a Bible? - Bibles are available in the lobbies free for the taking. Please, if you do not have a Bible, you are encouraged to take one. It is God's life-changing love letter to you and to the entire world.

Special Thanks!

Praise the Lord! Thanks to your generous donations, we have met the goal for the ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund. Full tuition for 2018 for Levy Tshota Kayembe of Kasungami, DRC, has been paid. Blessings to you all.

Bev & Ed Wentz

Co-chairs of ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund

Connect at ORUMC!

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

- 8:15 & 11:15 Worship services, held in the Sanctuary, that use a variety of hymns, songs and readings to support the weekly message.
- 9:00 (Crosswalk) - A service held in the Family Life Center where the weekly message is supported by worship bands that lead with vibrant Christian music.

Nursery Schedule, Room B109

- 8:15, 9:00 & 11:15am Worship services, 4 years and younger
10:00am Discipleship Hour, infants & toddlers only

Sunday Morning Discipleship Hour

- 10:00 Discipleship Hour with a place for all ages to grow in their knowledge of God, apply His Word and become imitators of Christ.

For information about our ministries, contact:

Adult Ministry, Rev. Susan Mitchell,

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Children & Family Ministry, Larissa Brown,

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Music Ministry, Kenny Phillips,

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Youth Ministry, Erin Betlej,

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Church Communications

If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter and/or prayer notifications, please contact Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org.

Coffee With the Pastor



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Weekly Adult Recreational Opportunities

Zumba: Monday, 9:05am (FLC); Thursday, 9:05am (FLC)

Line Dancing: no classes until January 2018

Yoga: Monday, 7:00pm (Café); Wednesday, 9:00am (F219);

Thursday, 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

For more calendar information, please visit the church website at www.oakridgeumc.org.



Youth Ministry

The purpose of The Ridge Student ministry is to collaborate with youth, parents/guardians, and ministry leaders to co-create a safe space for youth to explore their faith as part of a Christian community where they are loved, accepted, and can participate in God's mission in the world through: *Community, Mission, Bible Study, Worship, and Connecting with the Life of the Church.*

At the most basic level we: Gather together. Grow in faith. Give love. We cling to the values of family, inclusiveness, connectivity, challenging discipleship, spiritual disciplines, retreating, student leadership, respect, community, and sustainable mission that is local, regional and global.

While general dollars from the budget support our weekly and monthly programming, each year we must raise monies above and beyond our budgeted amount for retreats and mission opportunities (local and regional). **This year we need a minimum of \$8,000 to offset the costs.**

This amount will allow us to keep the costs of these experiences affordable to families, especially those with multiple youth.

The Ridge will be tithing 10% of all monies taken in to a local organization of their choosing that addresses issues they are passionate about. We hope that you will give generously and support The Ridge!

2018 Retreats:

February: End Hunger Fast

March: HS Retreat focusing on resting in God's presence

April: MS Retreat focusing on friendship

August: Spiritus

Mission Trips (see next page)

Youth Mission Trips



2018 Florida Mission Trip
Hurricane Irma Recovery Work
June 24-30, 2018
Ages 14 and up
\$200/person
Deadline to sign-up/pay \$50 deposit: Jan 31!

FL Mission Trip: Hurricane Irma Recovery
June 24-30, 2018 | Ages 14 and up
\$200/person | \$50 deposit due Jan 31st!

The Disaster Recovery Ministry of The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, with funding and assistance from our national partner, UMCOR is working to assist those impacted. Join us in making a difference!

CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION 2018



JULY 15-21, 2018
CURRENT 9TH GRADERS - 12TH GRADE
\$325/PERSON

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP/PAY \$100 DEPOSIT: JAN 31!

Carolina Cross Connection: Wilkes Co, NC
July 15-21, 2018 | CURRENT 9th-12th grades
\$325/person | \$100 deposit due Jan 31st!

CCC Home Repair gives youth and adults the spiritual renewal of a camp experience and the life-changing opportunities of weeklong mission trip. You will have an amazing time sharing God's love!



MIDDLE SCHOOL
MISSION TRIP
Kingsport, TN
July 24-28, 2018
Current 6th-8th graders
\$200/person
Deadline to sign-up/pay \$50 deposit: January 31st!

Tennessee Mission Trip: Shades of Grace
July 24-28, 2018 | CURRENT 6th-8th grades
\$200/person | \$50 deposit due Jan 31st!

We will focus on the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely in Kingsport and the surrounding area who are forgotten.

Contact Erin Betlej for registration forms for all trips

Opportunities for Service

January 7

January 14

8:15am Worship

Acolytes	Madison Wiener	Riley & Trey Albrecht
Ushers	Grey & Linda Plummer	Rich & Joyce Sydell
Children's Sermon	na	na
Door Greeters	Ward & Vickie Lambeth	Lois Leslie
A/V	Edward Jordan	David & Elaine Jones

11:15am Worship

Acolyte	Lilly Taylor	Maci Tuck
Ushers	A. Mallard, A. Chandler, R. Richards	na
Children's Sermon	na	na
Door Greeter	Diane Lomax	na
Guest Station	Donna Cleveland	Lynne Toth
Sound Technician	Todd Ring	Jeff Hallman
ProPresenter	Benjamin Ring	Victoria Hallman
Cameras	Tim Florence	Jackson Hallman
Financial Workers	Abrams, Williams	Robinson, Zeyfang

Our Presence:

Vital Signs Sunday, 12/31/17

8:15 Sanctuary Worship	82
9:00 Contemporary Worship	107
11:15 Sanctuary Worship	138
Precious Memories (1/3/18)	31
Total	358

Our Gifts:

Sunday, 12/31/17

Weekly Amount Needed:	\$ 124,998
Weekly Amount Received:	\$ 142,072
Year-to-date Amount Needed:	\$ 1,300,000
Year-to-date Amount Received:	\$ 1,286,582 (99%)

This is not the year-end amount collected. Gifts postmarked by 12/31/17 are still being received and are not included in this total.

Food Collection for Local Ministries for January

Good Samaritan Pantry:

Canned corn &
Canned green beans

Backpack Ministry:

Macaroni & cheese (box)
1 lb. bag dried pinto or black beans

Please place donations in the Donation Center located near the church office. Thank you for your support.

Current Prayers and Praises

Prayer needs

The McCartney family in the passing of Phil McCartney, friends of Luther & Joyce Starnes

Praises

All of our family and friends at the Christmas Eve Services

Pastor Andy recovery from illness

Our goal for the ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund for 2018 was met!

If you have a prayer request or a praise, please fill out a prayer card found in the pew pockets and place it in the offering plate or contact Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org or 336-643-4690 ext. 201.



Prayer for Epiphany Sunday

The story is out! Jesus Christ, Light of the World, has been born to dispel the darkness that covers its people. God's glory appears in human form. Life on earth will never be the same again!

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us, that we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen

From: www.faithandworship.com/prayers

*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.*

JEREMIAH 29:11



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