

# OAK RIDGE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Welcome. Grow. Love.**



*See, I Am Doing a*  
**NEW THING!**



## 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

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE

- \* OPENING HYMN No. 88 (UMH)

*“Maker, in Whom We Live”*

- \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 (UMH)

*“The Apostles’ Creed”*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(\*Universal)

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

## 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 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.



*The altar flowers are given by Lee Ann Browning to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Stan & Philis Bird.*

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### **Sermon Notes**

*“This week will be different because my take home from Sunday is...”*

<h3><b>Announcements</b></h3>
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**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, today, 10:00-10:45 am, in the senior pastor's office.

**Oak Ridge Youth Theatre Presents Twinderella** - This musical fractured fairy tale will be on Saturday, January 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 be enjoying meals together at "Feed and Seed" on Wednesdays beginning January 24, at 5:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required. Contact Tara Shelton at tara.shelton@oakridgeumc.org or call the church office by Monday, January 21, to reserve your place!

**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.

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal** - Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, February 14, pancakes will be served at 5:30pm. The Ash Wednesday worship service will follow at 7:00pm.

**Girl Talk** - Starting on Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:00pm, in the Youth Lounge. Girl Talk is for girls from 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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 today for our Mission of the Month. To donate, please use the Mission Offering envelopes provided. Checks are to be made to ORUMC, memo: Youth Ministry. Please see pages 8 & 9 of this bulletin for more information.

**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.

**Family Ministries Event** - Mark your calendars for Winter Flurry for Families on Saturday, February 17, 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. There will be bounce houses, popcorn, snowcones, door prizes and more!

**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.

## **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,

susan.mitchell@oakridgeumc.org, ext. 222

**Children & Family Ministry**, Larissa Brown,

larissa.brown@oakridgeumc.org, ext. 203

**Music Ministry**, Kenny Phillips,

kenny.phillips@oakridgeumc.org, 336-643-4690 ext. 223

**Youth Ministry**, Erin Betlej,

erin.betlej@oakridgeumc.org, 336-643-4690 ext. 204

### **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](mailto:pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org).

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### **Weekly Adult Recreational Opportunities**

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

Line Dancing: Tuesday, 9:30 (FLC)

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

Thursday, 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

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*For more calendar information, please visit the church website at [www.oakridgeumc.org](http://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



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

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 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
\$325/PERSON  
DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP/PAY \$100 DEPOSIT: JAN 31<sup>ST</sup>

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

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!



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

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 14

### January 21

#### 8:15am Worship

Acolytes	Riley & Trey Albrecht	Liam Barnes
Ushers	Rich & Joyce Sydell	The Christmans
Door Greeter	Lois Leslie	Etsie Phillips
A/V	David & Elaine Jones	Lauren Phillips

#### 11:15am Worship

Acolyte	Maci Tuck	Amanda Lane
Ushers	Mallard, Chandler, Richards, Englishman	Mallard, Chandler, Richards, Englishman
Door Greeters	na	Bill & Lynne Toth
Guest Station	Lynne Toth	Vickie Barts
Sound Technician	Jeff Hallman	Jeff Linden
ProPresenter	Victoria Hallman	William Linden
Cameras	Jackson Hallman	James Linden
Financial Workers	Robinson, Zeyfang	P. Hogan

#### ***Our Presence:***

#### **Vital Signs Sunday, 1/7/18**

8:15 Sanctuary Worship	84
9:00 Contemporary Worship	213
11:15 Sanctuary Worship	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>513</b>

#### ***Our Gifts:***

#### **Sunday, 1/7/18**

Weekly Amount Received:  
\$ 21,784.55

### **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**

Beth Abrams, recovering from surgery

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](mailto:pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org) or 336-643-4690 ext. 201.*

### **Prayer for New Beginnings**

#### **You make all things new**

Lord you make all things new, the Creator who is continually nurturing, renewing, and developing every aspect of our remarkable universe.

Lord you make all things new. I rest in your creative arms, I dwell in the hope of this renewal, I hope in the strength of your mighty hand.

Lord you make all things new. Take all I am, all I care for, and all I love into your gentle arms. Come to touch and heal, mend and restore, release and minister.

Lord thank you that you make all things new. Thank you that there is always a new start in you. Thank you that today my life is being remade anew.

Amen.

From: [www.prayescapes.com](http://www.prayescapes.com)

*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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