

OAK RIDGE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome. Grow. Love.



**Let Light Shine
Out of the Darkness!**

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. 128 (CH)

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Larissa Brown

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

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

**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. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“Rescue the Perishing”

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Cor 4:1-12 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Andy

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

* CLOSING HYMN *“This Little Light of Mine”*

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LIGHT

* 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!

New Members Joining - The Hoff family, Jeremy, Robin, Evan & Tyler, are joining today at the 9:00am service. We welcome them to the Oak Ridge UMC family!

Wednesday Night Meals - Don't miss our very first Feed & Seed, Wednesday, January 24, at 5:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This meal is catered by Bella Luna Ristorante. There will be salad, desserts and several entrees available. Reservations are required. RSVP by filling out a reservation card available at the Guest Station in the lobby today or by contacting Tara Shelton at tara.shelton@oakridgeumc.org and include your name and the number of adults and children (10 years and younger) who will attend in your party. Reservations are needed by Monday, January 21, 4:30pm.

Roots 252 Discipleship for Children - Roots Discipleship Hour has undergone some changes that will begin today! Parents & children (ages 3 - 5th grade) are invited to come to the lower level of the educational building at 10:00am. Information about locations and pick-up will be available at the sign-in table that will be located at the double doors of the lower level of the educational building.

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

Ash Wednesday 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.

Souper Bowl Food Collection - We are going to celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday with a special food collection for our local ministries! Please bring peanut butter (15ozs) for the Backpack Ministry and chicken noodle soup for Good Samaritan Food Pantry. We will use these items to vote for the team that you think will win this year once we know what teams are playing against each other. Items may be placed in the Donation Center near the church office.

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 - The Ridge Student Ministry offers youth mission opportunities for youth to participate in God's mission in the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you would like to donate, 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.

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

ACS Church Life - Many of you have begun using this app, which includes an on-line directory, for your phone. If you would like your photo updated in this on-line directory, please send a family or individual photo to Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org. Also, contact Pam if you would like instructions on how to get the Church Life app.

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.

Coffee With the Pastor



Have you been attending Oak Ridge UMC and have questions about the church? Coffee with the Pastor is for you! 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, each month on the 2nd Sunday, 10:00-10:45 am, in the senior pastor's office. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Membership Coordinator, Phyllis Rowe, phyllis.rowe@oakridgeumc.org.

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)

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 21

January 28

8:15am Worship

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| Acolyte | Liam Barnes | Avery Miller |
| Ushers | The Christmans | Phillips, Simpson |
| Children's Sermon | Larissa Brown | na |
| Door Greeter | Etsie Phillips | The Plummers |
| A/V | Lauren Phillips | Sydney Wentz |

11:15am Worship

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| Acolytes | Taylor | L. Wiener, E. Taylor |
| Ushers | Mallard, Chandler, Richards, Englishman | Mallard, Chandler, Richards, Englishman |
| Children's Sermon | Larissa Brown | na |
| Door Greeters | Bill & Lynne Toth | John & Susan Payne |
| Guest Station | Vickie Barts | Lynda Williams |
| Sound Technician | Jeff Linden | Mark Covington |
| ProPresenter | William Linden | Lauren Phillips |
| Cameras | James Linden | Ben Covington |
| Financial Workers | P. Hogan, L. Gardner | Long, Fahnestock |

Our Presence:

Attendance Sunday, 1/14/18

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| 8:15 Sanctuary Worship | 90 |
| 9:00 Contemporary Worship | 205 |
| 11:15 Sanctuary Worship | 141 |
| Total | 436 |

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

Roger Tumlin, heart procedure
Elizabeth Rexrode, in Hospice care, mother of Beth Kingsbury
Taylor Blake-Lee, son of Tara Shelton
Dana Hanlon as she continues to seek employment
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 or 336-643-4690 ext. 201.

Long Term Prayer List, January 2018

Our Friends going through treatments to fight cancer & its effects

Smiley Funderburk, undergoing treatments
Luther Fields, undergoing tests
Hope Sullivan, leukemia (granddaughter of Max & Shirley Kern)
Anne Johnson, breast cancer (friend of Sharon Murphy)
Michael Padjen, myeloma (friend of Alice Calhoun)
Bradley Craddock, cancer (friend of Jackie Myers)
Irven Grant, abdominal cancer (father of Brooke Beckett)
Stephanie Lewis, mouth cancer (sister-in-law of Janna Lewis)
Louis Murillo, cancer (son-in-law of Rick & Phyllis Everett)
Pam Banzet, pancreatic cancer (friend of Burton Matherly)
James Collier, undergoing chemo (son of Russell & Debbie Collier)
Bruce Adkins, cancer (friend of Scott Tippett)
Alan Chandler, prostate cancer
Beth Abrams, undergoing treatments
Billy Bartholomae, prostate cancer (brother of Carol Shina)
Rebecca Henderson, cancer (friend of Sharon Murphy)
Allie Guile, breast cancer (friend of Rene Parrish)
Billy Pettus, cancer (brother-in-law of Luther Starnes)
Shane Westmoreland, cancer (nephew of Dickie Westmoreland)
Cindy Gualdoni, recovering from surgery (friend of Charlie Bell)

Those affected by strokes, neurological & heart problems

Emmett Highshoe, heart problems (submitted by Rene Parrish)
Wayne Wiley, recovering from heart surgery (father of Kim Scheponik)
Ray Whicker, hospitalized (submitted by Jean Almstead)
Melissa Deskins, heart problems (friend of Sandy Gilchrist)
Glendon Holyfield, COPD (cousin of Rene Parrish)
Carole Griffith, heart surgery (friend of Charlie Bell)

Other health problems

Carolyn Richardson, Alzheimer's disease
Willie Dawkins, brain and other injuries (submitted by Donna Gardner)

The Matthews family, health concerns (submitted by Kermit Robinson)
 Kailey Pritchett, kidney problems (friend of Veronica Schooley)
 Jeanette Russell, fractured femur (aunt of Greg Russell)
 Caroline Toraine, medical issues (friend of Kathy Kochel)
 Mark Rubio, kidney problems (son-in-law of Phyllis Clodfelter)
 Meredith Ferree, healing from stem cell implant
 Benjamin Kuipers, NF2 (nephew of Regina Englishman)
 Betty Zazycki (mother of Kim Thompson)
 Zachary Schubring, in physical therapy (friend of Charlie Bell)

Our loved ones serving in the Military

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| Helene Carras | LT Col Ryan Toth | LT Col Charlie Toth |
| Clay Hartsook | LCDR David McDonald | LT Chris Van Kleef |
| SAR Stephen Parham | Capt Timothy Tangen | LCPL David Norin |
| LCPL Jeremy Vinson | | |

Missionaries – Y & I Njumbu Chot, DRC

Long-term prayer needs

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| Mike Baron | Bill Bartholomae | Susan Blackwelder |
| Janet Bowman | Vickie Bowman | Barbara Brankley |
| Cecil Brown | Whit Buter | Frank Clement |
| Jim Collier | Jason Crawford | Judy Dance |
| Thayer Dolan | Kailyn Wright Douglas | Leroy Dreyfus |
| Meredith Edwards | Bob Ermish | Virginia Faust |
| A & N. Florence | Christopher Gibbs | Jeanne Gibbs |
| Vonda Hager | Ray Hahn | Joy Hale |
| Chris Hendrix | Joshua Hill | Dixie Hoffman |
| Glendon Holyfield | Sue House | Elsie Hubbert |
| Linda Huber | Jerry Humphrey | Blake Johnson |
| David Krippene | Carolyn Lambert | Nevin Lambert |
| Colleen Larkin | Lee Lawhorne | Ruth Linville |
| Deb Maher | Robert Markel | Gail Marshall |
| Caleb McKay | Jon Michel | Phyllis Miller |
| Bob Moeller | Ida Morton | S & K. Moyer |
| Annette Myers | Ralph Myers | Jim Ogburn |
| Fred & Charlotte Parrish | Evelyn Peoples | Madilyn Grace Pope |
| Carole Rankin | Zetuah Richardson | Jessee & Connie Ring |
| Susan Roberts | Simon Rohaly | Dan & Pat Routh |
| Gary Saltz | Dan Self | Aldora Shepherd |
| Rev. Pat Shannon | Flo Shina | Nicolette Slaasted |
| Aaron Snow | Tom & Barb Sumner | Ellie Talliaferro |
| Maurice Townsend | Peg Turner | Johnny Van Kemp |
| Kimberly Warner | Nancy Washam | Robert Wasserboehr |
| Jack Waterfield | Carolyn Wells | P. Smith & L. Welch |
| Savanna Williams | Betty Wyrick | Julie Young |

Winter Flurry For Families

**Saturday, February 17
6:00-8:00pm**

Popcorn

Bouncy Houses

Music

Snowcones

**Door
Prizes**



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