

Begin, Belong, Become

OAK RIDGE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Celtic Christmas Celebration

**SEASON
OF JOY**

**Presented by the
Chancel Choir**

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.

THE GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * OPENING HYMN No. 240 (UMH)
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE & READING

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERVICE OF BAPTISM (8:15 only)

WE CALL UPON GOD IN PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Christi

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 *Youth Orchestra*

- * 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

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS
“SEASON OF JOY: A CELTIC CELEBRATION”**

Christmas Pipes with O Holy Night
Joy Has Dawned with Angels We Have Heard On High
The Wexford Carol with I Wander As I Wonder

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14 (NIV)

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

The Carolin' Reel

HOMILY

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

* CLOSING HYMN No. 238 vs. 1, 2, 3 (UMH)
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LIGHT
Worship has ended; let the service begin!

* EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

* CHORAL BENEDICTION
“Celtic Christmas Blessing with Silent Night”
Chancel Choir

* POSTLUDE

Please greet those around you in a spirit of Christ-like hospitality.

* The congregation is asked to stand.

Chancel Choir

Soprano

*Judy Dyer
Regina Englishman
Jane Hahn
Dale Hall
Bev Miller
Suzanne Pollock
Carolyn Self*

Alto

*Lee Ann Browning
Fran Glaze
Dink Owens
Lauren Phillips
Linda Sullivan*

Tenor

*Allen Powell
Kermit Robinson
Graham White*

Bass

*Carl Haigler
Glenn McKee
Jimmy Richardson
Bob Yarbrough*



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!

Service of Baptism - Today at the 8:15 service, we celebrate the baptism of Robert Harker Gaines, son of Robbie & Gigi.

Mission of the Month: Africa University - For the past 12 years we have been sponsoring students at Africa University. Our present student is Levy Tshota Kayembe. Levy is an orphan due to past civil war in DR Congo when his parents fled and he was left behind. He is 23 years old, a Christian, and a member of Nazareth UMC. Levy plans to work with Child Action Initiative in Kasungami after receiving his degree in sociology. Tuition, room, board and travel expenses are \$6400.00 for one year. To donate, please make your checks to ORUMC, memo: Africa University, or use the Mission Offering or Africa University giving envelopes.

Youth Candle Fundraiser - The youth are selling candles during the month of December. Buy some for yourself or give them away!
Cost: 4oz | \$10/each; 8oz | \$15/each
Scents available are Appalachian Maple Bourbon, Coffeehouse & Christmas Orange. To purchase, email Erin at erin.betlej@oakridgeumc.org.

Club 45 Celebrates Christmas! Today, Sunday, December 17, we are having a Christmas Party - complete with an Ugly Sweater Competition! We will meet in the gym from 4:00 - 5:30pm! Bring a \$5-10 wrapped gift to swap (please no gift cards). We will decorate cookies, play Christmas games, swap gifts, make a gift for our new Children's & Families person, & make scarves for backpack kids. Club 45 is for 4th and 5th graders.

Live Wires Quarterly Breakfast - We will meet at Olympic Restaurant in Colfax on Saturday, January 6, 8:30am. RSVP to Judy Dyer at 336-643-6832. Live Wires is a group for adults 55 and over.

2017 Hannah's Haven Honor Cards - Honor cards are now available by contacting Jane Hahn at 336-617-3072. Artist, Jeanine Goodes designed this year's card, "Mother and Child". The minimum donation is \$5 per card.

Christmas Trees & Wreaths - The Christmas tree lot operated by Boy Scout Troop 139, sponsored by ORUMC, is now open! Also, the American Heritage Girls are selling wreaths at the lot. The Christmas tree lot is located next to the Shell station on Hwy 68 in Oak Ridge and is open weekends from 9:00am to 9:00pm and weekdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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

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.



Sunday, December 24 Worship Services

11:15am One combined morning worship service
in the Family Life Center

Christmas Eve Services

3:00pm Children & Family Worship in the Family Life Center

5:00pm Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

7:00pm Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

*Christmas Eve Services at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00pm
are candlelight services with Holy Communion.*

*No Discipleship hour classes on Dec. 24 for children and youth.
Adult classes will decide on an individual basis.*

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:

Music Ministry, Kenny Phillips, Dir. of Music & Worship Arts,
kenny.phillips@oakridgeumc.org, 336-643-4690 ext. 223

Youth Ministry, Erin Betlej, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministries,
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, 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, Sunday, January 14, 10:00-10:45 am, in the senior pastor's office. Contact Director of Welcome and Witness, Teresa Geiger, teresa.geiger@oakridgeumc.org, for more information and to RSVP.

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.

Opportunities for Service

December 17

8:15am Worship

Acolyte	Amanda Lane
Ushers	Carolyn Rumley, Sydney Wentz
Children's Sermon	na
Door Greeters	Dan & Jerry Chance
A/V	Mark Holmes

11:15am Worship

Acolytes	Jane & Julia Little
Ushers	Dennis Englishman, Alan Mallard, George McClellan, Jeff Mueller
Children's Sermon	na
Door Greeter	Loshia Marsan
Guest Station	Mary Ellen Florence
Sound Technician	Jeff Linden
ProPresenter	William Linden
Cameras	James Linden
Financial Workers	Alan Abrams, Angela Fahnestock

Our Presence:

Vital Signs Sunday, 12/10/17

9:00 Contemporary Worship	157
11:15 Sanctuary Worship	223
Total	380

(8:15 service cancelled due to icy conditions)

Our Gifts:

Sunday, 12/10/17

Weekly Amount Needed:	\$ 32,469
Weekly Amount Received:	\$ 23,848
Year-to-date Amount Needed:	\$ 1,135,878
Year-to-date Amount Received:	\$ 1,106,541 (97%)

Food Collection for Local Ministries For December

Good Samaritan Pantry:

Macaroni & cheese
Canned green beans

Backpack Ministry:

Spaghetti noodles (1 lb box)
Spaghetti sauce (28 oz can)

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

Current Prayer Needs and Praises

Prayer needs

Graham Fuquay, hospitalized with pancreatitis, father of Tonya Sarkisian
Rick Redmon, lung cancer, stepfather of Tonya Sarkisian
Jill Shelton and family at the passing of her father, Richard Reddeck
Harriet Buter and family at the passing of her grandmother, Ruby Cozart
Smiley Funderburk, undergoing treatments
Luther Fields, cancer, brother of Bonnie Miller
Dana Hanlon, recovering from surgery
Belinda Jester & family in the loss of husband, Doug Jester, friends of Kathy Kochel, Alice Calhoun & Rene Parrish
Johnny VanKemp, continued treatments

Praises

AU & ORUMC celebrate 6 graduates and their contributions and a 7th student nearing graduation day as a result of ORUMC's support of this ministry.
This holy season of Advent - a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ!

Long Term Prayer List

Our Friends going through treatments to fight cancer & its effects

Smiley Funderburk, undergoing treatments
Luther Fields, cancer
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)
Cherie Johanson, recovering (friend of Stan & Gina Pullen)
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)
Frankie Jones, recovering from surgery (cousin of Tony Parrish)
Melissa Deskins, heart problems (friend of Sandy Gilchrist)
Glendon Holyfield, COPD (cousin of Rene Parrish)
Norm Gaffney, heart (brother of Jeanie Matherly)
Carole Griffith, heart surgery (friend of Charlie Bell)

Other health problems

Carolyn Richardson, Alzheimer's disease

Jackie Myers, recovering from hip surgery
 Vicki Murray, recovering from shoulder surgery
 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 Kocheł)
 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

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

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
Ray Whicker	Savanna Williams	Alex Wright
Betty Wyrick	Julie Young	

The long term prayer list is inserted in the bulletin once per month. If you have a long term prayer need which you would like placed on this prayer list, please contact Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org.



ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund 2017

This is the 12th year for the ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund (ORUMCAUSF) begun Christmas Eve, 2005. We had gone to Old Mutare Mission, Zimbabwe on a medical and drinking water mission and stayed at Africa University where we learned the majority of students depended on scholarships to attend A.U. When we returned home, we met with our then pastor, Rev. Dr. John Franklin Howard, who sanctioned the ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund.

Our present student, Levy Tshota Kayembe, is the seventh student this congregation is supporting. Levy is an orphan due to past civil war in DR Congo when his parents fled and he was left behind. Levy eventually made his way to Kasungami, DRC where he was taken in by Child Action Initiative (CAI) founded in 2006 by Isaiah Njumbu Chot, a 2006 graduate of A.U. to educate orphans. A family was found for him to live with and he was enrolled in the CAI education program. Levy graduated from secondary school and is enrolled in A.U. He is 23 years old, a Christian, and a member of Nazareth UMC. Levy plans to return to Kasungami after receiving his degree in sociology and assist Isaiah with Child Action Initiative.

Tuition, room, board and travel expenses are \$6400.00 for one year.

As we look forward to the birth of Jesus let us give thanks for our many blessings and open our hearts to give the gift of a future to Levy.

The essence of living is giving.

Blessings,

Bev & Ed Wentz

Founders & Co-chair for ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund



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