

OAK RIDGE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome. Grow. Love.



FOLLOW

Luke 9:23

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 *"Lift High the Cross"* No. 159 vs. 1, 2, 4 (UMH)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Erin Betlej

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.

HYMN *"Old Rugged Cross"* No. 504 vs. 1, 2, 4 (UMH)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"* (8:15)
Regina Englishman

"And Can It Be" (11:15)
Chancel Choir

*** 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

HEARING THE WORD

* SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:18-26 (NIV)

¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” ¹⁹They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” ²⁰“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.” ²¹Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²²And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” ²³Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

THE MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CLOSING HYMN “*Take My Life, and Let It Be*” No. 399 (UMH)

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LIGHT

Worship has ended; let the service begin!

* EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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

* The congregation is asked to stand.

The altar flowers are given by Don & Nancy Underwood to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of their granddaughter, Emma.

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 & Baptism Today - Today, at the 11:15 service, Jeremy & Kelsey Markovich are joining the church. Their 1-year-old daughter, Holly, is being baptized. They also have a 3-year-old son, Charlie. Steven, Harriet, Sy & Whit Buter are their Fellowship Friends. Welcome to ORUMC!

Feed the Hungry - Mt. Zion UMC is hosting a potato drop event. It will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00am. Mt. Zion needs volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Spencer Sullivan, 336-509-8905, or Pastor Christi, 336-643-4690, if you are able to help with this event or would like more information. If you are unable to help at the event, we ask if you would provide snack items and drinks.

Hannah's Haven Banquet - All are invited to the annual banquet which will be held on Monday, September 25, 6:30pm. For tickets and information, call 336-656-1066 or email judy@hannahshaven.net.

T-shirts for Sale! - Show your support for Oak Ridge UMC by buying a t-shirt. The t-shirt has our new motto (Welcome Grow Love) and logo to represent the motto. Short-sleeve are \$10 and long-sleeve are \$15 each. All proceeds go to support 2018 youth mission trips. Contact Erin at erin.betlej@oakridgeumc.org to order or stop by the office!

Backpack Ministry - God is good as shown through the members at ORUMC! Thank You! We have received over 100 bags of food for the children of the Northwest Guilford Area Backpack Ministry (NWGABPM). We are still collecting if you missed a chance to fill a bag. Donating a bag of food accomplishes two things for the NWGABM; it feeds a child for one month and it helps us keep our sponsorship cost down to \$375 per child. *Without food donations, our cost would be almost double the amount.*

Sponsorships (monetary donations) are also imperative to the ministry. We are off to a fast start and packed 63 backpacks this week and have received funds for 40 Sponsorships! We expect to reach 150 students this school year, and will need 110 more sponsorships to ensure we do not turn away a hungry child. A year sponsorship is \$375*, 3 months is \$125, a week is \$11. Any amount is appreciated. Sponsorship forms and food donation lists are available in the church lobbies.

**A full sponsorship will cover the cost of providing a Backpack filled with nutritious food on a weekly basis, holiday meals and a birthday gift. All monetary donations will be applied toward a full sponsorship, regardless of the amount.*

You may pay by check, cash or credit card. Please make checks out to ORUMC "Backpacks" and deliver/mail with a sponsorship form (in lobby or online) to Oak Ridge UMC. To download a sponsorship form or to make a donation, go to oakridgeumc.org, Servant Outreach, NW Guilford Area Backpack Ministry. Please submit the sponsorship form via email to NWGABminsty@gmail.com, or mail a hard copy to the church office. You may also pay by credit card on your mobile device. Text Oakridgeumc backpack to 73256 to give to the PTF-Backpack Club fund using your text messaging.

There are 2 opportunities to pack backpacks with nutritional food for a child this month. You are invited to help on Wednesday, September 20 at 9:00am or Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center Kitchen. Contact Amy Bruce at 22abruce@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for helping this ministry. It takes a community to show Christ Love!

Heritage Day in Oak Ridge - We are seeking volunteers to hand out information about our church at Heritage Day on Saturday, September 30. Please help us get the word out about our church at this community event. Please contact Pastor Christi at christi.taylor@oakridgeumc.org if you are able to help.

Live Wires News - Live Wires are going to see My Fair Lady, at the High Point Theater, October 7, matinee show at 2:00pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Transportation on your own. Tickets will be limited to first twenty sold. Make checks to ORUMC, memo: HP Theater. Please hand checks to Dana Hanlon for reservation confirmation. Live Wires is a group for those 55 and over.

Fall Discipleship Catalog Available Now! - Please make sure to pick up your copy of our Fall Discipleship Catalog in the lobbies. This is a complete listing of our discipleship groups for every age and a description of what they will be studying this fall. Find your place to grow in your faith!

Opportunity to Serve at Good Samaritan Food Pantry - We are seeking volunteers to hand out food at the pantry in Stokesdale on Saturday, September 30, 8:30- 11:00am. Please contact Spencer Sullivan at sullivan.spencer7@gmail.com.

Bread of Life - As part of our mission for servant outreach, the Bread of Life Meal Ministry assists church members and those in our community facing crises, illness, recovering from surgery, homebound, or other situations by providing them with meals. In support of this ministry, we are urgently seeking volunteers to assist by providing a meal to those who need our support. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. We truly need your help and a small amount of your time will make a huge difference to others. Contact Donna Cleveland at 336-643-0715 or dcleve00@aol.com for more information, to volunteer, or to notify us if there is a need for this ministry.

College Ministry - We need mailing addresses for your college students! Send the information to Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org so your student can be included in College Ministry mailings.

Wear Your Name Tags! - Please make every effort to wear your red ORUMC nametag to help Pastor Andy and Pastor Christi. With such a large congregation, this will help them put "the face with the name". If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement, stop by the welcome desk and the person on duty will be glad to order one for you or you may call the church office. Replacement tags are \$5.00 to cover the cost.

Items to Donate for the Guatemala Mission Trip - The October mission teams are collecting the following items to take with them on their trip: T-shirts, eye glasses, toothbrushes and toothpaste, small stuffed animals (beany baby size), small toys, soccer balls (deflated), beach balls, rubber ball, jump ropes, bras, cotton panties, children's clothes, flat sheets & pillow case, thin towels, bar soap, clothesline, clothes pins, combs, brushes & flip flops. For more information, contact Lynne Toth at lroth@triad.rr.com. Donation boxes are located in the FLC and at the Donation Center near the church office.

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.

Creating Your Access ACS Profile

What is “Access ACS”?

Access ACS is a Web-based companion to our church database, giving you and the staff access to vital information over the Internet. With communication as its backbone, Access ACS becomes a central point of connection for our church to build stronger relationships, become financially and actively involve, and connect to area of ministry and growth.

Getting Started

Go to the church’s public website, oakridgeumc.org, and click on “login” in the upper corner.



The Account Sign Up screen shown above will open where you enter your name and the email address you have provided to the church office. After you click the sign in button, you’ll receive an email confirming your profile set up. This works just like many of the other web-based registrations you use in daily life - banking, news - and future sessions take place over a secured connection so your information is safe.

**Note! If the login screen says you cannot be found, more than likely we don’t have your email address in our files. Please email Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org so that we can update our records. Once this is complete, you will be able to finish the login process for the first time.*

We are looking forward to everyone having the chance to participate in this program and its use in expanding our ministry. Please contact Pam Jordan in the church office at 336-643-4690 ext. 201 if you have any questions.

September Prayers and Praises

Prayer needs

Hope Sullivan, leukemia, granddaughter of Max & Shirley Kern
Kailyn Douglas, 6 yr-old with Batten disease, friend of Veronica Schooley
Healing and comfort for Glenn Wood and his family, he was seriously injured in a car accident and his daughter died from her injuries, friend of Susan Lane

Michael Justice, hospitalized, brother of Linda Jones

Carolyn Lambert, fractured back and blood clots, aunt of Julie Thomas

Myoshi Elliot, undergoing medical tests, friend of Donna Gardner

Darah Bradford, hospitalized, friend of Mariam Shina

Those impacted by affects of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma

Praises

OR family growing and new members

Welcome Home Service and celebration

New school year beginning

Mike Baron, long term, good test results, no new cancer growth

Johnny Van Kemp, released from hospital & back at school



Thank you for praying faithfully for the prayer requests. 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. They will remain on this list during the month they are received. If you would like your loved one to be included in the prayer list for the following month, please contact Pam Jordan at the church office.

For a complete list of our long term prayer needs, you may pick up a prayer list at the Guest Station or see the latest Ridgerunner. The Ridgerunner is available on the church website under the News heading and copies are available in the lobbies.

Opportunities for Service

September 17

September 24

8:15am Worship

Acolyte	Amanda Lane	Liam Schooley
Ushers	The McKees	The Thackers
Children's Sermon	Erin Betlej	Christi Taylor
Door Greeters	Mike & Carole Simpson	Lynda Simpson
A/V	Bev Wentz	Lauren Phillips

11:15am Worship

Acolytes	Jane & Julia Little	Golding, Van Wert
Ushers	Hill, Miller, Ring	Hill, Miller, Ring
Children's Sermon	Erin Betlej	Christi Taylor
Door Greeters	Drew & Kellie Leonard	Gary & Jane Hahn
Guest Station	Jim & Peggy Hill	M. Florence
Sound Technician	Jeff Linden	Mark Covington
ProPresenter	William Linden	Lauren Phillips
Cameras	James Linden	Ben Covington
Financial Workers	V. Gardner, L. Williams	G. Long, T. Ring

Our Presence:

Vital Signs Sunday, 9/10/17

10:30 Combined Service 468

Our Gifts:

Sunday, 9/10/17

Weekly Amount Needed:
\$ 15,998

Weekly Amount Received:
\$ 25,301

Year-to-date Amount Needed:
\$ 836,302

Year-to-date Amount Received:
\$ 813,017 (97%)

Monthly Food Collections for September for Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Beef stew and canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, green beans)

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

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

Christian Education, Dana Hanlon, Dir. of Christian Education,
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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.



Have you been attending Oak Ridge UMC and have questions about the church? Coffee with the Pastors is for you! Our senior pastor, Andy Lambert, and associate pastor, Christi Taylor, would love to answer your questions!

They are 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, September 17, 10:00-10:45 am, in the senior pastor's office.

Weekly Adult Recreational Opportunities

Zumba: Monday, 9:05am (FLC); Tuesday, 6:15pm (FLC);
Thursday, 9:05am (FLC); & Saturday, 9:00am (FLC)

Line Dancing: Tuesday, 9:30am (FLC)

Yoga: Wednesday at 9:00am (F219);
Thursday at 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

Northwest Guilford Area Backpack Ministry

Endorse this ministry to help reduce childhood hunger in our local area and share Jesus' love of children. The Ministry provides food on the weekends, holiday meals, school supplies, hats and gloves and a birthday treat. Last year we fed over 120 children and we expect that number to increase to over 150 this year.

How Can You Help?

Food Donations:

Donate items from our menu throughout the year and drop them off at the Donation Center near the church office. A list of the menu items we need is located at the Donation Center.

Financial Donations:

A full sponsorship of \$375* will cover the cost of feeding a child for the entire school year. You can also select partial sponsorships that will feed a child for 6 months, 3 months, 2 months or a week. All monetary donations will be applied toward a full sponsorship, regardless of the amount.

*You may donate by check, cash or credit card. Please make checks out to ORUMC, memo: "Backpacks" and place it in the offering plate or deliver/mail to the church office. If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to oakridgeumc.org and select "Give" then "Give Now" and follow the instructions; then submit a sponsorship form via email to NWGABPMinistry@gmail.com, or mail a hard copy to the church.

Volunteering:

Email us at NWGABPMINISTRY@gmail.com so we can add you to our volunteer list and assist with deliveries, packing, food drives and more.

Sponsorship forms are available in the church lobbies and at www.oakridgeumc.org/outreach and click on NW Guilford Area Backpack Ministry.



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