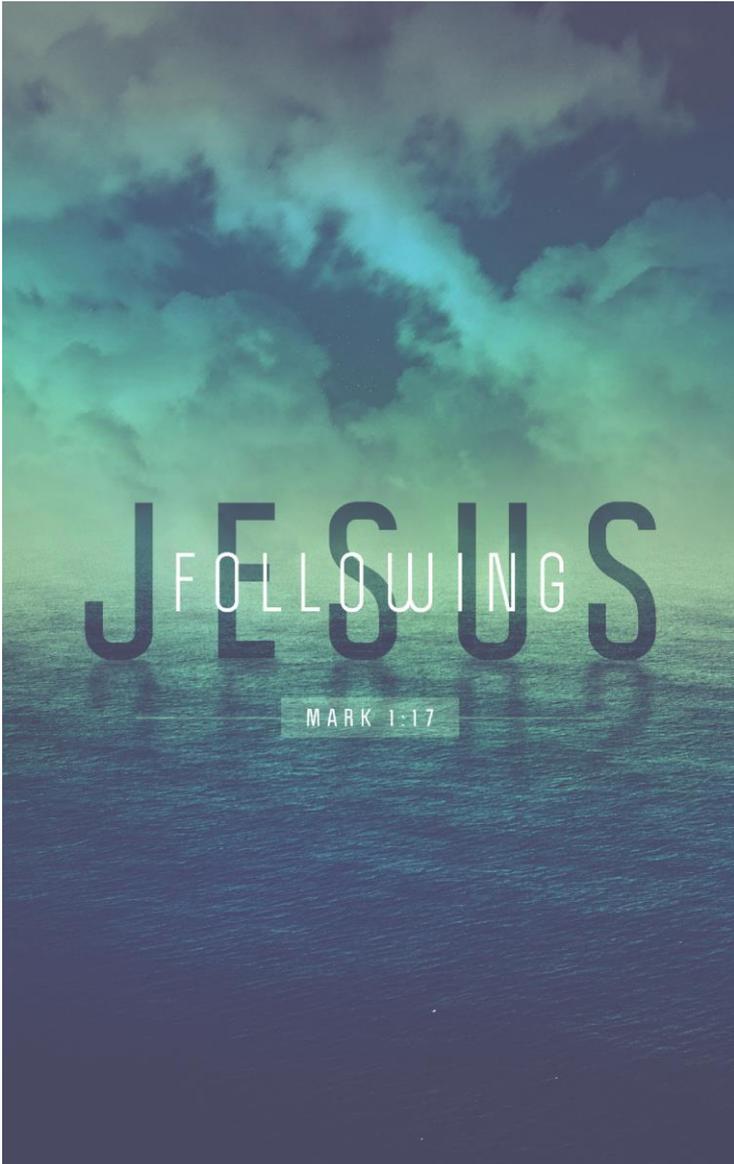


**OAK RIDGE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**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.

### THE GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN

No. 61 vs. 1, 4 (UMH)

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

#### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Pastor Christi

## WE CALL UPON GOD IN PRAYER

### COMMISSIONING OF GUATEMALA TEAMS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

### 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

#### \* 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

*“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 only)

**HEARING THE WORD**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5: 17-39 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup>One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup>Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup>When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>21</sup>The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? <sup>24</sup>But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>25</sup>Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup>Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.” <sup>27</sup>After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup>and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. <sup>29</sup>Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” <sup>33</sup>They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? <sup>35</sup>But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.” <sup>36</sup>He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup>And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. <sup>38</sup>No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. <sup>39</sup>And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, ‘The old is better.’”

**A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

COMMUNION SONG

(8:15)

*"The Blood of Jesus Speaks to Me"*

Chancel Choir

*"Thank You God for Saving Me"*

(11:15)

Kenny Phillips

**SENDING FORTH**

CLOSING HYMN

No. 664 (UMH)

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

- \* EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

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

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\* The congregation is asked to stand.

*The Altar flowers are given by Greg & Lorrie Russell  
to the glory of God and in honor of Lorie's mother, Peggy Merritt,  
and in loving memory of Lorrie's father, Franklin Merritt.*



## 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 & Baptism** - Josh & Kristin Bowden are joining at the 9:00 service today. Their 4-month old daughter, Evy, is being baptized. Don & Caryl Essenberg are also joining at the 9:00 service. They are the parents of Kristin Bowden. At the 11:15 service today, JP & Nora Murray are joining. They have 2 children, Joseph and Cecelia. Welcome to these families and congratulations on the baptism of Evy!

**My Heart for His Church** - We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us - time, talent, treasure, our friendships, our families, and our church family. Today, we will begin My Heart for His Church 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Please prayerfully begin considering what you can pledge for the coming year. Together, our gifts to our church will continue to make an impact for Christ in the community and in the world.

**A Fitting Farewell for a Friend and Faithful Servant** - All are invited to a reception for Dana Hanlon on Sunday, October 8 from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cake and beverages will be served. You are welcome to bring finger foods. *Well done, good and faithful servant! Matt 25:21.*

**Connection Pads** - We have new connection pads! To help us keep track of attendance at each service, we are using the red folders for the 8:15 service and the blue folders are for the 11:15 service. Please sign and pass the connection pads that are located on the pew near the center aisle and return them to their location near the center aisle. Thank you!

**Trunk or Treat** - All are invited to Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28, 5:30-7:30pm, in the parking lot behind the Family Life Center. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided at this family fun event! If you would like a booth space, contact Melissa Brooks at mb92008@gmail.com or Laura Heltsley at lauralee21276@hotmail.com. Spaces are limited! Reserve yours today!

**Piano Recital** - You are cordially invited to a classical piano recital on October 15 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary featuring our Director of Music and Worship Arts, Kenny Phillips, along with a special guest. The recital is free admission and will feature works by Bach, Beethoven, and more!

**Church Hours** - Beginning in October, the church office hours are changing. The office will be open from 8:00am-5:00pm on Monday - Thursday and 8:00am-2:00pm on Fridays.

**Brunswick Stew** - Mark your calendars! The annual Brunswick Stew will be held on Saturday, November 11. Cost is \$6.50 per quart. We will be taking orders soon! Lots of help is needed! To sign-up, contact Robin Covington at rdscovington@aol.com. More information is coming soon!

**Relaunch of Men's Ministry** - All men of the church are invited on Wednesday, October 4, 7:00-8:30pm, at the home of Ted Shelton, 6813 Koala Drive, Oak Ridge. Frequently asked questions:

1. What can I bring?
  - One of those cool pool cues that unscrew to intimidate the competition
  - Ideas for new ministries
  - A Bible
  - Unhealthy snack food
2. Will there be trophies and bragging rights? Maybe
3. Who can attend? Fellas

**Senior Resources** - Did you know that on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10:00am - 1:00pm, the Guilford County Senior Resource Center provides a hot, catered lunch at NO CHARGE at Oak Ridge UMC? Join us on Wednesday, October 4, 10:00am, in the Fellowship Hall. All you need to do is RSVP so we can reserve your spot; contact Amanda Clarke at 336-373-4816 ext. 265 and leave a message.

**High School Discipleship Group: THINK: Theology** - THINK: Theology explores the often difficult and controversial subjects of heaven, hell, suffering, healing, prayer, and fasting. THINK is different from other curriculums because the goal is not to teach teens the correct answers.

Instead, the intention is to invite your youth into a discussion with Christ, the Bible, and other people (including their peers, leaders, and parents) that will result in the best sort of spiritual wrestling match. We can't continue to spoon-feed our youth the answers they "need" to survive college or be a good person. Instead, we have to make the shift toward helping them own biblically informed views and opinions and theology. THINK will deepen and personalize teens' faith and give them the tools and resources they need to engage issues from a biblical perspective.

**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, for more information. If you are unable to help with the potatoes, we ask if you would provide snack items and drinks.

**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!

**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 dlcleve00@aol.com for more information, to volunteer, or to notify us if there is a need for this ministry.

**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 lrtoth@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.



Welcome to Oak Ridge United Methodist Church Sign In

Sign In

E-mail Address or User Name:

Password:

Remember my Username

Forgot your password or user name ?

Need a login? [Click here](#) 

ACS Technologies [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#)

The Account Sign Up screen shown above will open. If you need a login, click on **Need a login?** Here you will 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](mailto: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.**

## October Prayers and Praises

### ***Prayer needs***

Guatemala Mission Teams and the people they will serve

Hannah Sher, cancer, friend of Kaylie Mills

Alyson Hanlon, recovering from appendectomy

The Rudolph family and Pollock family at the passing of Dr. Frank Pollock

Caroline Baker and the family at the passing of her husband, Brodie Baker, friends of Lynda Simpson

Carson Fletcher, knee injury, grandson of Wayne Fletcher

Meredith Ferree, healing from stem cell transplant

Hope Sullivan, leukemia, granddaughter of Max & Shirley Kern

Michael Justice, hospitalized, brother of Linda Jones

### ***Praises***

Baptisms

Oak Ridge Family growing with guests and new members

Liza White, Teresa Sullivan, and Teri Guild volunteer help

Confirmation Class

Guatemala Mission Team

UMCOR collection for hurricane relief



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](mailto: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

### October 1

### October 8

#### 8:15am Worship

Acolyte	Charley Gaines	Conrad Little
Ushers	Rich & Joyce Sydell	E. Phillips. S. House
Children's Sermon	Christi Taylor	na
Door Greeter	Gail Smith	Rich & Joyce Sydell
A/V	Edward Jordan	David & Elaine Jones

#### 11:15am Worship

Acolyte	Grace Andronica	L. Taylor, M. Wiener
Ushers	Jeff & Jennifer Linden, Willie Gilchrist	Jeff & Jennifer Linden, Willie Gilchrist
Children's Sermon	Christi Taylor	na
Communion Servers	Nora & JP Murray	na
Door Greeters	Gurney & Dru Long	na
Guest Station	Vickie Barts	Donna Cleveland
Sound Technician	Todd Ring	Jeff Hallman
ProPresenter	Benjamin Ring	Victoria Hallman
Cameras	Tim Florence	Jackson Hallman
Financial Workers	T. Ring, M. Hogan	L. Gardner, P. Hogan

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

#### **Vital Signs Sunday, 9/24/17**

8:15 Sanctuary Worship	76
9:00 Contemporary Worship	183
11:15 Sanctuary Worship	185
Total	444

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

#### **Sunday, 9/24/17**

Weekly Amount Needed:	\$ 17,422
Weekly Amount Received:	\$ 14,684
Year-to-date Amount Needed:	\$ 873,263
Year-to-date Amount Received:	\$ 846,941 (97%)

### **Food Collections for October**

#### **Good Samaritan Pantry:**

Tomato soup  
Chicken noodle soup  
Pork 'n beans

#### **Backpack Ministry:**

Canned veggies (11 oz.)  
Canned chicken (12.5 oz.)

*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

### **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).



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 Sunday, October 8, 10:00-10:45 am, in the senior pastor's office. Contact Director of Welcome and Witness, Teresa Geiger, [teresa.geiger@oakridgeumc.org](mailto:teresa.geiger@oakridgeumc.org), for more information and to RSVP.

### **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)

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

## **Child Action Initiative**

*CAI Mission Statement: To improve the lives of vulnerable orphans and women living in Kasungami by providing: Education to HIV/AIDs and civil war orphans; basic health services for children and pregnant women; wells to supply potable water; sustainable farming program to reduce malnutrition and provide a source of income for the people.*

Child Action Initiative (CAI) was founded by Isaiah Njimbu Chot in 2006, the first recipient of the ORUMC Africa University Scholarship Fund. CAI is registered with the DRC and sanctioned by the General Board of Global Ministries who issued an Advance number for donations.

100 students are currently enrolled at various schools from elementary to high school. Those who age out can attend vocational school for mechanics, carpentry or masonry. Young women can learn sewing and tailoring.

The farming program is very popular, especially with women. They are increasing crop yields, improving their diet and some are raising chickens and have eggs to eat.

### **How can you help?**

These programs cost money. It is expensive to send supplies, etc. to the DRC; duty is accessed and the recipient has to travel to Zambia to get the mail. We ask for your donations and your prayers for Child Action Initiative.

You may donate to CAI by placing cash or check in a Missions Offering envelope and placing it in the offering plate. Checks are to be made to ORUMC, memo CAI.

Thank you for helping to change people's lives.

Blessings,

Bev & Ed Wentz



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