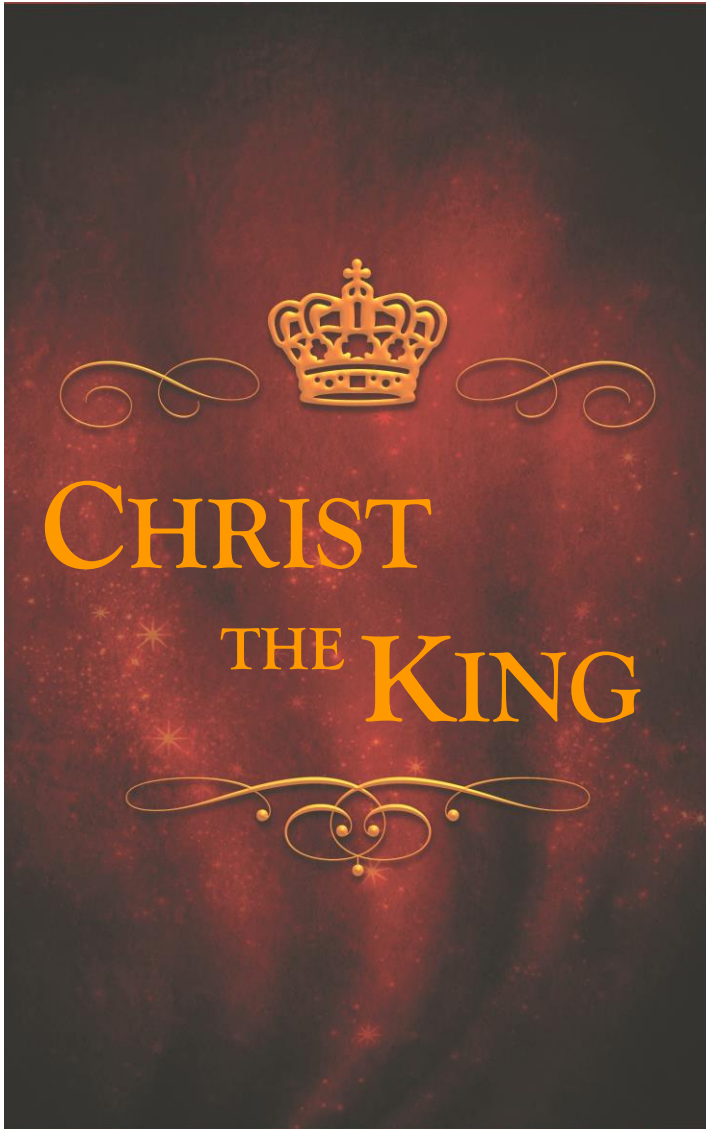


OAK RIDGE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome. Grow. Love.



www.oakridgeumc.org

November 26, 2017

11:15am

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.

WELCOME

Erin Betlej

* OPENING HYMN

No. 694 vs. 1, 2, 4 (UMH)

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Regina Englishman

WE CALL UPON GOD IN PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS STORE GIFTS

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

PLEDGE UPDATE

Pastor Christi

OFFERING & MINISTRY CELEBRATION & OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERTORY

“Thank You, Lord”
N’Praise

* 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 Pastor Christi

* EXCHANGING THE PEACE Pastor Christi

HEARING THE WORD

* HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 102 (UMH)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 3:5-12 (NIV)

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

I Kings 11:1-6 (NIV)

¹King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh’s daughter - Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. ²They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.” Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. ³He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. ⁴As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. ⁵He followed Ashtoreth the goddess

of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.
6So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Andy

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LIGHT

- * CLOSING HYMN *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* No. 139 (CH)
- * EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE *“The Gift of Love”*

* The congregation is asked to stand.

The altar flowers are given by the family of Larry Rankin to the glory of God and in loving memory of Larry.

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!

Men's Ministry - The Men's group will meet on Monday, December 4, 6:30-8:00pm, at the home of Jay Golding. It's a tuneup for the soul, led this time by Ken Chester, a friend of Jay's. 1M@G is about men talking about issues that each of us face and finding out we have a Master Mechanic 24/7 for every detail. Join us and bring a friend. Doors open at 6:30, pizza and some garage time. The address is 7827 Athens Rd, Stokesdale. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Gingerbread Houses - The family ministries event for December will be held on Saturday, December 9, 5:30 - 7:30pm, in the Family Life Center. All are invited! Wear your pajamas and enjoy some hot chocolate while you build your house! There might even be a visit from a special guest! RSVP to Erin Betlej at erin.betlej@oakridgeumc.org.

Christmas Store - ORUMC has committed to provide toys for children under 12 and gift cards for those over 12. We celebrate that people have committed to all of the gifts at this time. **Please remember to return toys and gift cards to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 29.**

Parent's Night Out - On Friday, December 1, the youth are offering their services to watch your children, ages 3 and up, from 6:00 - 9:00pm. Parents, this is a great opportunity to do some shopping or have a night out! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Donations are appreciated and all proceeds will go to the youth missions fund for 2018.

The Ridge - Youth group will not meet tonight. On Sunday, December 3, the youth will meet at the church at 6:00pm for sort night at the Christmas Store. Please bring a large or x-large gift bag.

Christmas Poinsettias - Each year at Christmas, we enhance the beauty of our worship areas with poinsettias. You may place a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. The poinsettias are \$13.00 each. They are yours to take at any time after the Christmas Eve services. Please contact Pam Jordan at pam.jordan@oakridgeumc.org to order yours today! The deadline for placing orders is Tuesday, December 12.

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.

Greensboro Urban Ministries Honor Card - This is the 30th anniversary of the Honor Card which has been created by local Greensboro artist, William Mangum. The Honor Card program is an annual campaign to raise awareness and funds to meet the needs of the homeless in Greensboro and throughout North Carolina. In addition to using the cards for special holiday greetings for family and friends, many people frame them to hang in their homes or give as gifts. The Honor Cards may be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5.00 on Sundays, November 19, December 3 & 10 in the lobbies after Sunday services, or you may obtain them by contacting Donna Cleveland, 336-643-0715.

New Stephen Minister Training - Our caring ministry at ORUMC will be expanding soon, as we are set to begin Stephen Minister training in January. The skills our Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian care giving. There is 50 hours of training that is broken into sessions. We usually meet in the evenings at

the church. The impact of Stephen Ministry on our congregation and community has been tremendous. If you are interested in signing up for the classes beginning in January, please contact Pastor Christi Taylor at christi.taylor@oakridgeumc.org.

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. All trees and wreaths are beautiful, fragrant Fraser firs from the mountains of NC. 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.

Guatemala Mission Trip 2018 - It was truly a blessing to serve with two wonderful teams of people with hearts to serve and committed to completing the task this past October. The teams were large with 25 on each and we served a record 400 Guatemalan families. Many lives were touched and will be forever changed. In 2018, Pastor Andy is looking forward to serving on a team and has already committed to the team scheduled for October 27 - November 3, 2018. Many in our church will want to serve with Andy. You have an opportunity now to reserve a spot on that team before active recruiting begins around the middle of January. Contact Max Kern or download & submit your application to reserve a spot. Go to www.oakridgeumc.org and look under the Ministries/Servant Outreach/Changing Lives in Guatemala section for more information or contact Max Kern at hmaxkern@gmail.com.

Food Collection for Local Ministries For November

Good Samaritan Pantry:
Canned tuna, chicken, spam &
Canned fruit

Backpack Ministry:
Vegetable soup (10 oz.)
Rice (1 lb. bag)

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



Thank you to everyone who filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. We collected a record number of 261 boxes!

A Celtic Christmas Celebration

SEASON OF JOY



Christmas Cantata
December 17
8:15 & 11:15am
In the Sanctuary

&



Christmas Program
December 17, 9:00am
Family Life Center

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.

Coffee With the Pastors



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, December 10, 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

November 26

December 3

8:15am Worship

Acolyte	Avery Miller	Grace Andronica
Ushers	The Thackers	Bev & Sydney Wentz
Children's Sermon	Regina Englishman	na
Door Greeters	Mike & Debbie Brooks	Carolyn Brown
A/V	Bev Wentz	Edward Jordan

11:15am Worship

Acolytes	Riley & Trey Albrecht	Emily & Lilly Taylor
Ushers	The Welkers, Bill Toth	Englishman, Mueller
Children's Sermon	na	na
Door Greeters	Amy Bruce	The Wieners
Guest Station	Amelia Yarbrough	Jim & Peggy Hill
Sound Technician	Mark Covington	Todd Ring
ProPresenter	Ben Covington	Ben Ring
Cameras	Lauren Phillips	Tim Florence
Financial Workers	Fahnestock, Gardner	T. Ring, V. Gardner

Our Presence:

Vital Signs Sunday, 11/19/17

8:15 Sanctuary Worship	80
9:00 Contemporary Worship	228
11:15 Sanctuary Worship	211
Total	519

Our Gifts:

Sunday, 11/19/17

Weekly Amount Needed:	\$ 22,041
Weekly Amount Received:	\$ 18,991
Year-to-date Amount Needed:	\$ 1,057,140
Year-to-date Amount Received:	\$ 1,036,221 (98%)

Current Prayers and Praises

Prayer needs

Mac Abbitt, recovering from a fall

Lynette Gullett, recovering from surgery

Alex Cullinan, recovering from surgery

The family of James Lambert, especially Terry Lawson and Andy Lambert
Ed, Nancy and Sydney Wentz in the passing of Nancy's father, Al Goldfinch

Don Essenberg, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

Mark Covington, heart procedure on December 7

Carolyn Richardson, Alzheimer's disease

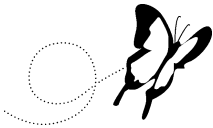
The family of Larry Rankin especially Carole, Leslie and Laura

Praises

Offering our hearts in thanksgiving for all His blessings in our lives

Baptism of Walton Peele

For all the Saints in our lives



***At every moment of our existence
you are present to us, God,
in gentle compassion.
Help us to be present to one another
so that our presence may be a strength
that heals the wounds of time,
and gives hope that is for all persons,
through Jesus our compassionate brother.***

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 or placed on the long term list, please contact Pam Jordan at the church office.

Christmas Store

The Summerfield UMC Christmas Store is a place where local families, who have been screened and selected based on need come to shop for Christmas presents for their children.

Participating families will be given the opportunity to have family portraits taken and will receive a pair of jeans, a sweater or sweatshirt, a t-shirt, socks, shoes, a book, a coat and a toy for each child. Everything is free! Items are provided by local churches and businesses.

What Can You Do?

Pick up a Christmas Store tag!

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Volunteer!

Volunteers are also needed to work at the event. These opportunities are excellent ways of showing our Lord and Savior's love in this holiest of seasons! To learn more or volunteer, please see the website at www.summerfieldchristmasstore.com.



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