

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.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

* OPENING HYMN

No. 224 (UMH)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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 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

OFFERTORY

* 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

HEARING THE WORD

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Andy

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LIGHT

* CLOSING HYMN

No. 251 (UMH)

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

* EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* The congregation is asked to stand.

*The altar flowers are given by Bev & Ed Wentz
to the glory of God.*

Sermon Notes

*“This week will be different because my take home
from Sunday is...”*

<h2>Announcements</h2>

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!

Coffee with the Pastor - Have you been attending Oak Ridge UMC and have questions about the church? 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. Please contact Phyllis Rowe at phyllis.rowe@oakridgeumc.org for more information and to RSVP.

Church Office Holiday Hours - The church office will be closed Monday, January 1. The staff wishes everyone blessings in the New Year!

EXCITING NEWS! Rev. Susan Mitchell will be helping out at Oak Ridge UMC as an Interim Director of Adult Ministries for 3 months as we continue to seek out a permanent person for this ministry area. Some of you will remember Susan and her family who worshiped at Oak Ridge UMC for many years prior to beginning the process of pursuing Ordained Ministry as a United Methodist Pastor. Both Larissa Brown, our new Director of Children's and Family Ministries, and Rev. Susan Mitchell will begin work on January 1, 2018.

Oak Ridge Youth Theatre Presents Twinderella - This musical fractured fairy tale will be on January 13th & 20th at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. This is a fun event for families and admission is FREE with a Love Offering taken to support ORUMC Youth Mission Trips to Florida for Hurricane Irma Recovery, Carolina Cross Connection in Wilkes County, NC, and Shades of Grace in TN.

Wednesday Night Meals - Take a break from cooking or fast food on Wednesday nights and share a meal with your church family. Starting in January, we will begin enjoying meals together each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. Look for more information coming soon!

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.

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

Men's Group - First Monday at the Garage (1M@G) is happening Tuesday, January 2 at Jay Golding's garage from 6:30 - 8:00pm. 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 at 5807 Snow Hill Dr, Summerfield, and invite others.

Mission of the Month: Africa University - To donate, please make your checks to ORUMC, memo: Africa University, or use the Mission Offering giving envelopes found at the Guest Station.

Senior Resource Center Luncheon - On Wednesday, January 3, 10:00am, we will have our monthly program and luncheon. The program is Exercising to Improve Balance, Strength & Coordination with Amanda Clark. To RSVP, call Amanda Clark at 336-373-4816, ext. 265. This program is free and open to everyone 60 years and older.

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.

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.

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.

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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 31

January 7

8:15am Worship

Acolytes	Charley & Bryson Gaines	Madison Wiener
Ushers	The McKees	The Plummers
Children's Sermon	na	na
Door Greeters	Mark & Susan Holmes	The Lambeths
A/V	Mark Holmes	Edward Jordan

11:15am Worship

Acolytes	Grace Andronica	Lilly Taylor
Ushers	Englishman, Mueller	na
Children's Sermon	na	na
Door Greeter	Lynn Purgason	Diane Lomax
Guest Station	Libby Kendrick	Donna Cleveland
Sound Technician	na	Todd Ring
ProPresenter	na	Benjamin Ring
Cameras	na	Tim Florence
Financial Workers	Gardner, Florence	Abrams, Williams

Current Prayers and Praises

Prayer needs

Rita & Maynard Easter in the passing of their 2 sons within the month, friends of Linda Jones

Darryl Bechecley, brain cancer, friend of Donna Gardner

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

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 over the past 12 years!

This holy season of Advent - a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ!

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.



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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