



“Waiting for a Savior”



**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

We are glad that God led you to Oak Grove United Methodist Church. This is God's house and you are welcome. We hope that your visit sparks additional interest about our Small Groups and other ministries.

You are invited to stop by our CONNECTION POINT kiosk in the hallway to speak with one of our church leaders. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

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**MISSION & OUTREACH AT OAK GROVE**

FOR INFO: SAUNNIE BUTTS (547-2319/saunnieb@oakgroveumc.org)



**WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACKS:** Many low income students are dependent on their school to provide meals. They find themselves hungry during weekends and school breaks. In partnership with Sparrow Road Intermediate School, OG has identified 7 students who are in need of food during the weekends. We are looking for families or groups to sponsor these children by filling a bag with food for a weekend for one student. If you can help, please sign up at www.oakgroveumc.org. For more information please contact Saunnie Butts at 547-2319 or saunnieb@oakgroveumc.org



**ANGEL TREE MINISTRIES STARTS IN THE ATRIUM ON DECEMBER 3!** Come select a gift tag off the Angel Tree, fill out the tracking card and place in the special Angel Tree mailbox. Then purchase a present for a child in need, gift wrap, attach the gift tag, and return it by Sunday, December 17th. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver gifts to one or two families the week of December 18th. A sign-up sheet will be available near the Angel Tree. For more information, contact Reb Baker at 436-2133 or reb@bakersheetmetal.com.

**CONNECTION GROUPS**

FOR INFO: FRANK HOLLEY (547-2319/frank@oakgroveumc.org)

**SUNDAY AM CONNECTIONS:**

- “The Good Book” by Kyle Idleman. *BASIC Class* - Rm 236.
- “You matter more than you think!”- by Dr. Leslie Parrott. *The Ludie E. Williamson Class* - Conf. Rm.
- “Life Lessons: The Book of Acts” - by Max Lucado. *Connections* - Rm 234.
- “Encounters with God” by Blackaby. Growing your relationship with Christ. *Wesleyan* - Rm 230.
- “Covenants with God” This is a 13-week series written by Rosanne Osborne. *Builders Fellowship Class* - Rm 232.
- “The Reason for God” - by Tim Keller - Rm 233.
- “The Bible Jesus Read” - by Philip Yancey - *YANSY Class* - Rm 231.
- *Children’s Sunday School classes* - “Digging into the Life of Jesus” 2 Yrs. -K are in Rms 202/204 & Grades 1-5th in the Children’s Theater.
- “Book of Ruth” - *Young Adults (Age 18 - 30’ish)*.

**SUNDAY PM CONNECTIONS:**

*Young Adults* - Are you in the 18 to 30’ish age range? Come join us tonight at 6:30 in Rm 236. Childcare by reservation.

**WEEKDAY CONNECTIONS:**

- “Living Jesus: Doing what the Sermon of the Mount says”- Randy Harris – Tuesday AM small group, 7:00 am - Conf. Rm.
- “A Perfect Mess” - by Lisa Harper. The Wednesday morning ladies group - 9:30 am, Youth Lounge.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE GROVE**

Join us December 9 for the following activities:

- FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM,**
- FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM,**
- COOKIE WALK : 9:00 AM—UNTIL GONE**



**The Cookie Walk needs YOU!** Donations of homemade cookies are need for the Cookie Walk to raise money for church missions. The cookies can be dropped off at the church kitchen anytime Friday, Dec 8th, from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. Thanks so much for your support during this busy time of year! For more information please call Barbara Coverdale at 547-4764.

**News & Notes**

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AT OAK GROVE**

FOR INFO: STEPHANIE MOORE (547-2319/stephanie@oakgroveumc.org)

**CHILDCARE** - is available at the 8:30 & 11:00 am services and during the 9:45 am Sunday School hour. Infants - 4 year old children are welcome.



Don’t miss **Christmas in the Grove** next Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The fun begins at 8:00 am with breakfast followed by pictures with Santa, games in the Bridge and festive activities including a Cookie Walk.

On Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a special Family Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm. Come join us!

**YOUTH MINISTRY AT OAK GROVE**

FOR INFO: ROGER PETERSEN (482-1707/naprap@cox.net)

**SUNDAY, DEC 3**  
ALL DAY SR. HIGH RETREAT  
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
3:30 PM PLAY REHEARSAL



**SUNDAY, DEC 10**  
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
3:30 PM PLAY REHEARSAL

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT OAK GROVE**

FOR INFO: SUSAN BAKER @ 547-2319/susan@oakgroveumc.org

Connect & Care ministry – Our congregational care ministry reaches out to those who are grieving, hospitalized, home-bound, in nursing homes or have other life-changing issues. Please fill out the tear-off sheet and let us know of your needs. Contact Susan Baker at susan@oakgroveumc.org or call 804-304-0071.



**KEY POINTS TO TODAY’S SERMON:**

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**OGUMC MINISTRIES & MISSIONS**

12/3/2017

**PRAYER REQUEST:** (will be prayed for by prayer teams)

Please pray for (full name): \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

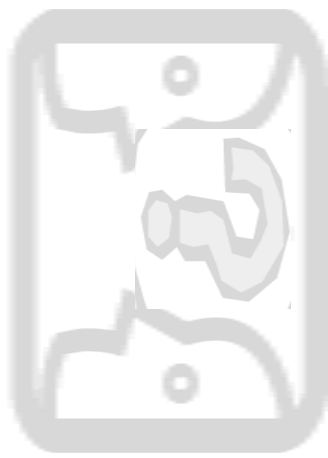
I can be contacted at: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> I desire a call from the Pastor               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> I desire a prayer shawl                       |

- Baptism
- Children’s Ministries
- Christian Education
- Church Membership
- Greeting/Usheering
- Hospitality
- Media Ministries
- Mission (Chesapeake and beyond)
- Prayer Ministry

- Preschool (weekday)
- Seniors
- Small Groups
- United Methodist Men
- Visitation Ministries
- Women’s Ministries
- Worship Arts
- Young Adults
- With children
- Youth Ministries

**HAVE A QUESTION/SUGGESTION ?**



# 8:30

\* congregation stands

- **Children in Worship**—ask an usher for today's *Children's Bulletin* and crayons.
- **For all in attendance**—*hand sanitizer* is available at the main entrance.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*The Light of Christ Comes Among Us*

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**PRELUDE** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Bobber

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" McGee

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is coming to us soon. Make ready your hearts to receive Him. **We are caught up in the rush of the season. Calm us down, Lord.** The Lord is bringing peace to you. **Praise be to God who brings peace to a hectic world. AMEN.**

### \*APOSTLES CREED 881

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**\*HYMN 626** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" French Carol

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

*A time of sharing joys and concerns*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 202** "People Look East" French Carol

## WE GIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "A Time for Advent" Harris

### \*DOXOLOGY

## WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

**THE GOOD NEWS** "Waiting for a Savior" Mark 13:24-37

## WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** The Great Thanksgiving  
*Gluten Free bread is available at the communion kneeler. Donations left will go to the Communion Fund to help people who are in crisis.*

**HYMN 2100** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Elliott

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Peace Go With You" Nolan

## DEPART TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

\* DENOTES NEW

**REMEMBERING THE FAMILIES WHO LOST A LOVED ONE DURING THE PAST YEAR:**  
Wayne & Sue Abernathy  
Mark Arnold  
Harold Carson Family  
Lisa & Stephen Dasen, Marie Moseley  
William Evans  
Diane Fish  
Jill Harris



Claude Jordan  
The family of Eleanor Naehar  
Cathy Pate  
Bette Price  
Martha Sawyer  
Emma & Rich Stauss  
Mary Underdown  
Celeste Wiley  
Sheila Wilkes

### HOMEBOUND

Dorothy Cutherell  
Dave Jensen  
Martha Sawyer  
Maryann Schmidt  
Foye Spraker

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Craig Dodds – son, Dennis & Sara  
Judy Foster – friend of Kos family  
Tom Hagan – friend, Jane & Steve Kimes  
David Mason – cousin of Dasen's  
Cathy, Yvette & Sean Pate  
Barbara Stevenson – friend, Midgette's  
Jeff Szabo – brother, Gary  
Beverly Welsh – friend, Saunnie

### DEPLOYED

LS2 Kevin Davis  
Ben Tipper

## ATTENTION!

**Special-Called Charge Conference**  
There will be a **Special-Called Charge Conference** on December 17, 2017 at 12:30 pm in the BRIDGE for the purpose of establishing a part time associate pastor position.



As you begin your Christmas gift giving, remember to include Oak Grove UMC. We provide many venues for gifts to our ministry: ACH, website giving, Square Kiosk and offerings taken at worship. Gifts can also include a donation of stock or transfer from your IRA. To receive 2017 charitable contribution credit, your gifts must be received by December 31, 2017. We have a substantial shortfall and need to bring that into the positive range. We can achieve that goal if everyone will do something extra to help reach our budget goals for ministry before the end of the year. Any questions, please contact Miriam in the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

S=Sanctuary Bldg, WH=Whitehurst Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

All Day Senior High Retreat, Offsite  
12:00 pm Potluck & Wreath Making, WH  
3:30 pm Play rehearsal, WH  
5:30 pm Youth Groups, 222,223,233  
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study, 236

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 pm Pack 55 Meeting, 220-223,233  
6:30 pm Troop 55 Meeting, 231  
7:00 pm Women's Ministry Mtg.; Bridge  
7:30 pm Al-Anon, 232  
Alateen, 237  
AA – Women Only, 236

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 am Small Group, Conf. Rm  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, Conf. Rm  
1:00 pm Preschool Board Mtg, Conf. Rm  
6:00 pm UMM Planning Meeting; Bridge  
6:30 pm Pack 55 Comm. Meeting, 233  
7:00 pm BiPolar/Depression, 230

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:45 am Prayer Group, S  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge  
12:00 pm Preschool Staff Meeting, Bridge  
5:45 pm Traditional Choir Practice, S  
6:15 pm Community Dinner, WH  
7:30 pm Grace Point, Lounge  
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous, 230

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00 pm Worship Comm.; Conf. Rm  
7:00 pm Praise Band Practice, WH

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 pm Senior High Retreat, Offsite  
6:30 pm AA (Men & Women), Bridge

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am Christmas in the Grove, WH  
3:00 pm Parents Night Out, 201,203

**GRACE POINT** will now be held in the Lounge. This will be an interactive Discipleship group. Please join us at 7:30 pm.



## ATTENDANCE, TITHES, OFFERINGS & GIFTS

Worship 11/26	224
Gracepoint Worship	0
Gracepoint Worship ONLINE	0
Small Groups 11/13-11/19	121
Active In Mission 11/13-11/19	35
2017 Budget	\$972,550.00
Budget to Date	\$880,800.00
Given to Date	\$700,700.68
Below/Above Goal	(\$180,099.32)
Weekly Need	\$18,350.00
Given on 11/26	\$11,364.91

TRUSTEE OF WEEK: DAVE PRICE

# 11:00

\* congregation stands

- **Children in Worship**—ask an usher for today's *Children's Bulletin* and crayons.
- **For all in attendance**—*hand sanitizer* is available at the main entrance.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*The Light of Christ Comes Among Us*

As you entered this morning the Light of Christ was already here waiting to remind you of God's presence. As you worship, take this presence into yourself as you are led. Then as you depart, carry the Light of Christ, God's presence, with you & know that you are loved.

**\*SINGING** "Hosanna" Baloch

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### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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**PRAYER** THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\*SINGING** "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

**\*SINGING** "Only King Forever" Elevation Worship

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**\*SINGING** "Your Great Name" Grant  
(Children leave for "Storytime")

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**\*SINGING** "Ever Be" Shust

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**FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING AND POTLUCK is TODAY** from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Candles and container



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, our Youth will be sponsoring a holiday-themed Parents' Night Out from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. We will be providing child care, dinner, a holiday movie, and holiday crafts. As a bonus, the youth will also be offering gift wrapping services. If you would like to volunteer to help the youth with child care or with gift wrapping, please reach out to Jennifer Person at 757-985-2894.

**THE YOUNG ADULTS** will be having a Christmas party on Friday, December 22 at 6:30 pm. It will be held in the Lounge. More details to follow.



12/3/2017

Please complete both sides of this card and place in the offering plate

I am a first time guest  
I am a member  
I am a regular attendee  
I would like to be a member  
I would like a name tag  
(please print name legibly)  
I attended 8:30 worship  
I attended 11:00 worship  
other \_\_\_\_\_

## TODAY:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade in School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (New Info)  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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