



**CHANGES  
AHEAD**

## Breakthrough Prayer

*Dear God, fill us with Your wisdom and courage as we seek Your will for Oak Grove UMC. Empower us to follow You in serving our families, our church, our community, and our world. Help us be aware of what You are trying to do with us and through us so that we may grow Your kingdom. Amen.*

## Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

***6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."***

"Growth is uncomfortable because you've never been here before – you've never been this version of you. So give yourself a little grace and breathe through it."

*--Kristin Lohr*

## A Prayer for Times of Change

"Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by 'the new' and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

*--The Reverend Linda C. Smith-Criddle*

## Reflection Questions

- How does this verse help you respond to change?
- What part of this prayer connects with you most?
- How can we encourage the congregation to seek God's grace through this season of growth?