

## January Calendar



Wednesday evenings  
6:30pm-8:30pm up in the youth room

January 9, 16, 23, 30

Contact our Youth director, Darren Dewitt with questions, 574-276-3453



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The OUMC Littles ended the year with our annual Christmas party. We had an Ugly Sweater Contest and Riley Vogel was the winner!

Looking forward to another great year with the Littles. Kids church is from 11:00 - 12:00 on Sundays a small snack is provided. We will be discussing the following topics this month in kids church.

- January 6<sup>th</sup> New Beginnings - Unlimited Chances
- January 13<sup>th</sup> New Beginnings- On With the New
- January 20<sup>th</sup> New Beginnings- We Plan God Guides
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Lord's Prayer - I Can Praise God

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# The Messenger - January 2019

## Monthly Newsletter of

### Osceola United Methodist Church

## January

### Sermon Series Lineup

#### Week 1

Significant Relationships and the Gold Standard

#### Week 2

Clarity of Purpose and a Meaningful Existence

#### Week 3

**Six Words You Can't Live Without**

#### Week 4

**The Bible's Key to Unlocking True Wealth**

#### Week 5

Living with Peace in an Unsettling World

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Dear OUMC family,

The love you shared with us during the Christmas season through your generous gifts and goodies touched us deeply. We are so blessed to call OUMC our home. Thank you for your continued love and prayers.

Pastor Will

# The Pastor's Corner

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 (NIV)*

What would you like to happen for you in 2019?

Would you like to lose weight? Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all this will be added to you.

Would you like to get a new job? Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all this will be added to you.

Would you like to be able to pay off debt? Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all this will be added to you.

Would you like to have more time for your family? Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all this will be added to you.

Often we start out a new year with many goals in mind. Goals are good to have and achieve I really believe in the process of making goals and striving to achieve them. What I believe even more than this process is God and his promises. If we will seek his kingdom and his righteousness as our top priority this year we will live more fulfilling and joyful lives! After all, who designed life and how it should be lived? God has the best way of doing things and knows what our best life can and should be. The word **righteousness actually means, God's right way of doing things.** If we will seek that out it will help us achieve what we need to and maybe even help us accomplish some of those goals we are seeking to fulfill.

Here are a few of my personal goals for the year:

1. Run the Sunburst Half Marathon
2. **Get all A's in my seminary classes**
3. Read at least 25 books this year
4. Go camping with my family twice

No matter what your goals are for the upcoming year I can promise you that you will be more successful at meeting them if you seek first The kingdom of God and his righteousness. Jesus promises us in Matthew 6:33 that if we Seek Him first our other needs will be met. I also believe by seeking his kingdom first our goals for his upcoming year will be more attainable.

Pastor Will

*Thank you!*

*Thank you for the cards, gifts and goodies given to me during the Christmas season. Your out pouring of love was truly appreciated.*

*Pastor's Leroy*

**NEW WEBSITE**



We've launched a new website, please check it out.

The address is the same, [www.osceolaumc.org](http://www.osceolaumc.org)

This will be your go to for information. We would love to hear your comments and suggestions.

Thank you to Mark Niver and Pastor Will for the wonderful new look.

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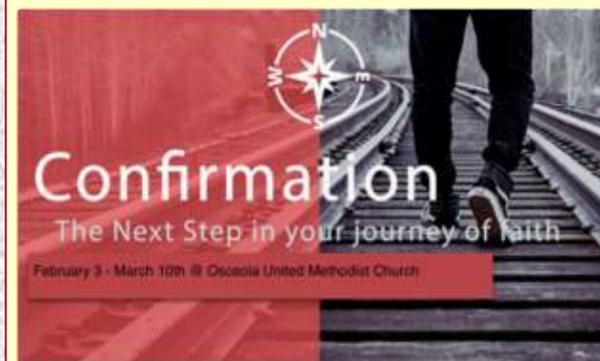
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### Take the next step on your faith journey.



Confirmation is a faith formations class, open to 6th graders and up, that will meet February through March after our 2nd service covering the basics of the Christian faith, what it means to be a United Methodist, and what it means to be a member of Osceola United

Methodist Church. Confirmands have a chance to wrestle with questions about their faith while they process and determine what they believe, with a group of people their age and committed adults who serve as Confirmation Mentors in small group settings. The class meets once a week from 12:15-1:15 in the Youth Room for lunch. In addition to the class confirmands participate in a Confirmation retreat together. It all builds up to Confirmation Sunday where confirmands have the opportunity to affirm their baptism or be baptized for the first time and join the church (if they so choose). Confirmation is a step on a life-long journey of faith and development and is a great chance to reflect and ask some of tough questions you have about what we believe and why.

#### IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES

**February 3rd:** Confirmation begins

**Feb 3rd-March 10th:** confirmands meet after 2nd service at 12:15 for lunch and mentoring.

**March 15th-16** Confirmation Retreat

**April 2nd :** Confirmation Sunday

#### SIGN UP FOR THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are also looking for adults willing to be a confirmation mentor. You will eat lunch with your student and discuss a prepared sheet of fun and interesting questions



On behalf of all of us at the OUMC Food Pantry, thank you to our church congregation, UMW, Noah's Ark 4 yr old class, Betsy's Daycare and Moran Elementary School for your food and monetary donations. The food and money you donated made a positive difference for the 49 families (152 individuals) we served in December as it will help eliminate food insecurity for those families. We are so grateful for your support! Next Food Pantry date January 19 10 - 1.

Your Mission Dollars at work: Here is a list of the people and organizations that your Missions donations supported in 2018: Thank you for your support!

Local: Broadway Christian Parish  
Dismas House  
The Upper Room Ministries (SBFUMC)  
(addiction recovery)  
Habitat of St. Joe Co.  
Church Family in need  
Hope Ministries

National/Indiana: Campus Ministry - IN Conference (Fort Wayne IUPUI)  
Bashor Children's Home  
Henderson Settlement

World: Grace Children's Hospital (Haiti)  
Steve and Hope Shearouse Mexico Missionaries  
Madison Atkinson Hungary Missionary  
Operation Classroom Sierra Leone



## Laity Corner

By Allen Bishop

**"You are my comforter; in my sorrow my heart is faint within me." Jerimiah 8:18**

How wonderful that we have an open, welcoming, loving God!! This verse from His book, the Bible, was/is of great comfort to me and my family, in our time of grief. We are thankful for the love and support of our church family who have been comforters, with your calls, cards and with so many warm loving and needed hugs. They do make a difference! Thank you!

So many ministries here at the Osceola church, **the food pantry, prayer ministry, Noah's Ark Child Care, music, missions, and so on**, all headed by the laity of the church, the dedicated people, who answered the call of the Spirit, to help the church **thrive and grow, to help "Make disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world."** Together and individually, we can and do make a difference in the world, and the Osceola community.

The United Methodist Church has a wonderful program to help us all in the ministries to which we have been called, and that is the Lay Servant Ministry program, that I have been a part of the past 3 years. I greatly encourage everyone, young and not so young to try it out. I will be happy to help you with any questions you may have.

Coming up in February is the Lay Servants Academy for the North District held at Evangel Heights UMC in South Bend. This is the first of three sessions for the year the others are in Michigan City and Warsaw. Registration closes on January 24, and classes run for 5 Saturday mornings from Feb. 2 through Mar. 2, 9 a.m. till 12:15 p.m. The course fee is \$15, plus your book. Registration forms can be found on the credenza in the Narthex, or check with the church office.



## Ad Council Chair's Thoughts - Winter

What do you do to get through the winter months? Some people will head south to a warmer place. Others may plan projects that they couldn't get done during the rest of the year. Some get ready for Spring by starting their plants or getting tools they will need.

Have you ever thought what God is doing related to the winter? Do you realize that the hours of daylight are already getting longer? Just a little each day but by Spring you'll be surprised at how long the sun is up. Another thing I notice is that the buds are already on the tree branches. Something so delicate is already in place to become leaves in the late spring. God uses the snow we get to provide water for later. And, the cold weather helps kill off bugs and things the farmers don't want. God is using winter for our advantage.

So, I'll reword the original question. What is God asking you to do during these winter months? Nothing is too small for Him to ask of you. Maybe giving someone a call or giving someone a ride. Maybe He is asking you to memorize some scripture that you like, or you can pray for someone or a certain situation. There are also bigger things He may be calling you to do. Maybe He is even asking you to step out of your comfort zone and do something. If you let Him, God can lead you to use the time you have in the winter months for what He wants.

One of the side benefits of doing something for someone else is it keeps us from feeling down about our own situation. What I find is that when I hear some of the prayer requests, I realize my problems are really nothing compared to what someone else is going through. We can help others and that in turn will help us.

I pray that you'll do well getting through the winter months because you are doing what God is leading you to do. That will benefit both you and other people.

Susan Baldwin  
Ad Council Chairperson



## Thank You!

*I'd like to take this moment to thank you for the amazing outpouring of love you bestowed on me during the Christmas season. Your kind words, lovely cards, delicious baked goods, and gifts were so very thoughtful. You make this job so enjoyable!*

*My you all have peace, love and joy in this new year.*

*Love and hugs, Susan Adkins*

# JANUARY

## SENIORS



We are starting the New Year out by meeting for lunch at 11:30am on **Wednesday January 2, at the Curve Café' 3407** Lincolnway East, Mishawaka

RSVP to Pat Eller by Dec 30th at 522-4796, or email her at peller72@hotmail.com, you can also let her know at church.



## Christian Book Club

Sunday January 13 at 4:00pm

The home of Toby Green, 56224 Harman Dr., Mishawaka, phone: 574-259-4194

Our Selection of the month:

To Be Where You Are, by Jan Karon. Come join us for a lively discussion and fellowship

## Christian Book Club Reading List through June 2019

- January 13,** To Be Where You Are, by Jan Karon
- February 10,** Redemption, by Karen Kingsbury
- March 10,** Michaelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling, by Ross King
- April 14,** Shelter Me, by Juliette Fay
- May 12,** The Mountains Between Us, by Charles Martin

# Ongoing Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in the youth room	9:00 a.m. Tuesday a.m. Bible Study in the parlor	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in the youth room	4:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting in parlor	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in the youth room	Consult the church website calendar or church bulletin calendar for further information
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service		6:00 p.m. Modern Worship Band Practice in the sanctuary	6:15 p.m. Hand-bells rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting in the fellowship hall		
11:00 a.m. Modern Service		8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in the reception room	6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting in the youth room (only until June 13)	6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study in the parlor		
11:00 a.m. Children's Church			7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal Sanctuary	8:00 p.m. Baugo Bay Gospel Singers practice in the sanctuary		

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## Caring Hands

January 18th

We meet the 3rd Friday of each month in the Parlor from 9am - noon.

All are welcome to come help with cutting material or tying quilts. No experience required. You can also knit or crocheting prayer shawls if you don't want to work on lap quilts or just come and visit with us.

Looking forward to seeing you!  
Susan Sebesta.



## Women's Breakfast Bunch

January 30, 9:00am  
Macadoo's, 2108 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka

We hope you can join us !!  
Call Linda Trader at 574-256-9567 if you have questions .

**Promise Keepers Breakfast:** Every other Wed of the month at Bravo Café at 6 a.m.  
**(Real Services Senior Lunch: Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. in the reception room**  
**Promise Keeper's Lunch:** Every other Tuesday of the month at O.C. Café at 11:30 a.m.  
**Women's Breakfast Bunch:** Last Wednesday of every month Macadoo's Restaurant at 9 a.m.  
**Young at Hearts** Senior Luncheon - first Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant at 11:30  
**Caring Hands** Meets the 3rd Friday of each month (Parlor) 9am -12pm



There is a Prayer Quilt and Shawl displayed in the Narthex for Deb Borden.



Deb fell several weeks ago and broke her shoulder. She is in Greenleaf Rehab Manor Campus in Elkhart. Please tie a knot in this quilt and pray for Deb's recovery as she continues her rehabilitation.

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January 27  
5:30-7:30



Everyone welcome  
Bring a snack to share and come join in the fun.



## January



All Meals Served with Milk

Menus Subject To Change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	All donations directly support this program. Please donate what you can comfortably afford. Thank you.	Closed for Holiday	2 Sloppy Joe Potato Soup Mixed Veggies Pears	3 Bbq Chicken Leg Roasted Sweet Pots Country Blend Veg Bread & Margarine Chocolate Pudding	4 Spaghetti Veggie Blend Garlic Bread Fruited Jello	5
6	7 Potato Crusted Fish Bun & Tartar Sauce <b>Brussel's Sprouts</b> Applesauce	8 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches	9 Meatloaf Cheesy Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Bread & Margarine Fruit Cocktail	10 Cheese Pizza Salad & Dressing Corn Cherry Cobbler	11 Beef Manhattan Mashed Potatoes Diced Carrots Bread & Margarine Jello	12
13	14 Seasoned Chicken Thigh Creamed Corn Broccoli Bread & Margarine Mixed Fruit	15 Stuffed Peppers Braised Cabbage Hot Potato Salad Roll & Margarine Chocolate Pudding	16 Pork Stew Cauliflower Bread & Margarine Spiced Peaches	17 Chicken Casserole Wax Beans Roll & Margarine Apricots	18 Sausage/Egg Scramble Grits Apple Slices Cinnamon Bread	19
20 Tomorrow	21 Vegetarian Lasagna Veggie Blend Garlic Bread Applesauce	22 Teriyaki Beef Rice Veggie Blend Bread & Margarine Hot Fruit Salad	23 Bbq Pork on Bun Cream of Broccoli Soup Mixed Vegetables Pears	24 Smoked Sausage Sautéed Onion/Pprs Baby Bakers Veggie Blend Sherbet	25 Chicken Tenders Potatoes <b>O'Brien</b> Green Beans Cookie	27
27	28 Beef Tacos Spanish Rice Corn & Beans Butterscotch Pudding	29 Ribbette Sandwich Mac & Cheese <b>Brussel's Sprouts</b> Applesauce	30 Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Sweet Pots Breaded Tomatoes Pineapple	31 Ham & Beans Butternut Squash Cornbread Berry Pear Crisp	Your donation counts. Even small donations make a big difference. We provide over 160,000 meals each year to seniors.	

Wasted meals are costly. Please, if you cannot make it for any reason, please call to cancel.