



Youth Group  
April Calendar Dates

We will meet on the following **TUESDAYS**

June 4 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
June 11 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
June 18 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
June 25 6:30pm to 8:30pm

June 21 Sandusky Trip Forms due  
June 29, SB Cubs game 6pm

Darren Dewitt, Youth Director 574-276-3453



Children's  
Sunday School  
Age 4yrs - 5th grade  
9:00am, room 19  
10:00am room 19

Kids Church  
Age 4yrs - 5th grade  
11:15am, room 19

Contact: Angie Perkey, 574-361-9913 Education  
Chair

**Don't forget to sign your kids up for VBS**  
July 15-19 forms are on our website

Contact our office at 574-679-4435 [www.osceolaumc.org](http://www.osceolaumc.org)

For Prayer Requests, email: [prayerministry@osceolaumc.org](mailto:prayerministry@osceolaumc.org)

If you would like to sponsor the news letter, contact the church office.

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# The Messenger June 2019

## Monthly Newsletter of the Osceola United Methodist Church

**Sermon Series**  
You Asked For It!

June 2  
Faith & Science- Where do the Dinosaurs fit in?

June 9  
Why do bad things happen to good people?

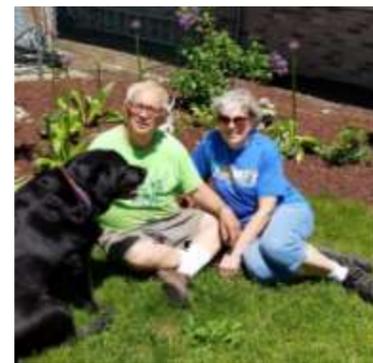
June 16  
The afterlife-How can I be sure of where I am going?

June 23  
How do I overcome sin and the poor choices I have made in my life?

June 30  
How can I know God's will for my life?

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*Jim and Jo Ann Overmyer, along with others over the years, have done a wonderful job of keeping the outside landscape looking lovely. Over the last few years however, the Overmyers have made it their mission to carry on the maintenance of this job. You can see them out working in the flower beds, planting flowers, shrubs, trees, as well as trimming and weeding. They always bring along an extra hand, or should I say paw, to help them. His name is Asher. You can see Asher following along side of Jim and Jo Ann as they make their way around the yard working, and occasionally you can even find Asher on break, stretched out on the grass taking a nap.*

*The Overmyers have 2 daughters, 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons. They enjoy visiting their daughter & grandsons in Houston, TX while their other daughter and granddaughters live right next door to them.*

*Thank you Jim and Jo Ann for all the time you give to keeping our church looking so beautiful outside.*

# The Pastor's Corner

Hello Church family,

Can you believe that summer is already upon us? I hope you'll have a chance to catch your breath and relax a bit! Summer is a great time to spend outdoors and enjoy God's beautiful creation. As you plan summer vacations and family outings I want to encourage you to seek God in all of it. God is not contained in church buildings. He can be found in our local parks, at Lake Michigan, or at your back yard barbecue party just as easily as in a church sanctuary. In fact some of my most worshipful times have come when I'm out spending time in God's creation. However, what is hard to reproduce is the spirit which is found when we gather together as a church family. Please enjoy your summer for all its worth but as Paul says in Hebrews 10:25, "Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer." Make sure you and your family are still making time to gather with your church family. Making church a priority in your family is setting an example for your kids and your grandkids, and it is encouraging to all those whom you gather with. So come and gather with us as much as you can this summer!

Love, peace, and summer time fun,

Pastor Will

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## Our upcoming Guatemala Mission Trip We need your help!

We will be going to Guatemala in July and want you to go with us!!! It is not too late to sign up. Contact Pastor Will and he will get you all the information you need. Can't go but still want to help support this mission? There are two immediate things you can do.

First your prayers are so very important. You can pray for the team Pastor Will is taking down, and you can pray for the families we will be helping. Page 7 of this news letter highlights 2 of the families we will be building homes for, and if you are like me, their stories will pull at your heart strings.

Secondly, your financial contributions are another way you can support this mission.

Thank you for your support!!

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## Going on the Mission Trip to Guatemala?

Meet some of the families we are going to help and see how they live now.

This is the family of Francisca Bocel Julajuj

This friendly family lives in a small dirt-floor, tin roofed two room house. The house is hot and dusty in the dry season and cold and damp in the rainy season. They have no running water.



This humble, single-mother has endured the last nine years without the support of the alcoholic husband/father. Francisca who is 45 yrs. old and only has a 6th grade education. She works hard selling fruit snacks and snow cones; she earns about \$40 monthly.

She has a 23 yr. old son, Juan, with severe vision problems which has limited his ability to work. He has a sixth grade education as well. Her daughter, Irma, is 12 yrs. old and is the eighth grade. She is on a scholarship to go to school through Porch de Salomon, and works



some months in Guatemala City to help provide for her family.

They will be getting a 450 sq. ft. home with a concrete floor, block cement walls and tin roof, with a kitchen, two small bedrooms and bathroom.



This is the family of Santa Tuy Gonzalez

Mom, Santa, is 45 yrs old, and earns \$40 per month hand washing clothes. She never had the opportunity to go to school. The father, Antonio, 43 yrs. old, earns \$150 per month as a baker when there's a complete month of work available. He only attended 1st grade. Son, Rolando, 21 yrs. old, has suffered major health problems including heart surgery, as well as radiation for a malignant stomach tumor. He has a 9th grade education.



Carmelina, 18 yrs old has her high school diploma. Carlos, 12 yrs is in 6th grade and Marina, 9 yrs. old is in 3rd grade.

This family of six lives in a crumbling, dirt floor house; rain water penetrates the decrepit tin roof and could collapse at anytime.



This family will be getting a 580 sq. ft. four bedroom block house with kitchen, and bathroom and connections for water and electricity.



**For more information about families like these, you can go to [www.porchdesalomon.org](http://www.porchdesalomon.org) and see how you can help.**

# Athens

## Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth

# VBS 2019

Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love. Learn the jaw-dropping story of the Apostle Paul...straight from Paul himself! In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's immeasurable love today!

Bring your entire family to Athens, and become part of Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth! You'll travel back into Bible times without setting foot outside our community.

Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Athens! You'll explore the Marketplace shops, visit Paul, take part in games dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about Paul's missionary adventures. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

The Education Committee invites you to join them this summer to help with VBS. Volunteer sign up sheets will be placed in the narthex in the coming weeks. Please consider helping to lead or assist lead a tribe, help out in the market place with crafts, perform with our drama team, or help out with meals. You can also give a financial donation towards our VBS program, which is one of our biggest outreach programs.

To register your child/children on line, visit our website at [osceolaumc.org](http://osceolaumc.org) or you can contact the church office with questions. VBS Dates: July 15-19, 6pm-8pm. Our first VBS meeting will be June 8th, at 10:00am, in the parlor. Please join us!!

### Noah's Ark Daycare Happenings...

#### Fire Drill



The daycare has been talking about fire safety and in May they practiced a real fire drill. The kids lined up when they heard the alarm go off and walked out of the building quietly with their teachers. They all waited in their lines until Miss Karen said it was okay to go back in the building. Practice is important!!



Nice job kids and teachers!!!



Laity Corner  
By Allen Bishop

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### CHANGE!!

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, has been quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life."

Sometime around 500 BC Heraclitus a Greek philosopher is credited with saying "Change is the only constant in life.", and while some may believe this is true, to a Christian, they know it is not true. They know that God never changes; He is the same God, of, from and before Adam, to Abraham, to Jesus, to today and will be the same tomorrow!! His words in the Bible are unchanging as well.

This transcends to Jesus Christ our Savior! How do we know? The writer of the book of Hebrews said it the best way in 13:8 "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**" Jesus loves us, and wants us to share that same love with those we meet, whether they believe or not. And by showing that love, continuously, we can not only make a difference in other's, but in our own lives. In the Gospel of Mark, when Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He responded with Mk 12:30-31. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

So let us all go forth with a CHANGED heart, with the intent to CHANGE hearts to bring others to know the UNCHANGING, ever loving, God the Father, through the salvation of Jesus Christ our Lord. As we allow the Lord to change our hearts, we become more equipped to change the hearts of others, through our prayers, our worship and our daily study of God's good and perfect word.

Dates, June 13-15 Annual Conference, in Indianapolis.

Please pray for the conference and delegates.



Thank you!

The Mission Committee would like to thank you for buying work/garden gloves we sold in May. We raised \$155 for the food pantry mission outreach. All who bought gloves were entered into a drawing for a lovely hanging basket. Congratulations Steve Weston our winner.



To my OUMC family and friends, you will never know how much your prayers, phone calls, cards and grocery shopping meant to me during my bout with strain "A" flu. I took ill March 13 and didn't regain a full appetite until the end of April. May God be with all of you, prayer works! Yes, God is ALIVE and WELL!

THANK YOU, Mary Bowerman

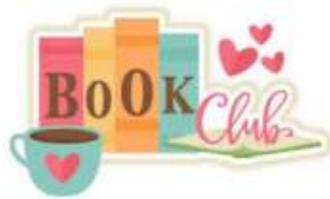


### Young at Hearts Luncheon



Young at Hearts  
Come join the Seniors as we travel to new restaurants this summer! Our first stop is Wednesday, June 5th, when we meet for Lunch at 11:30 at **Grandma's House of Pancakes**, 3709 S. Main St. Elkhart.

Please make your Reservations with Pat Eller by Monday, June 3rd. You can phone her at 522-4796, email her at peller72@hotmail.com or tell her at Church on Sunday.



### Christian Book Club

June 9, 7:00 pm  
Church Parlor

Hosted by: Thelma Anderson, 674-8447.

We will be selecting our new reading list for the next 12 months. Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun.



### Women's Breakfast Bunch

Wednesday, June 26,  
9:00 am  
Macadoo's 2108  
Lincolnway East

Come and join with other ladies from our church for a time of devotions, visiting, and a delicious breakfast.

Call Linda Trader at 256-9567 if you need further information.

# Ongoing Events

| SUNDAYS   | MONDAYS  | TUESDAYS   | WEDNESDAYS                            | THURSDAYS  | FRIDAYS                                  |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.<br>Sunday School for all ages | 9:30 a.m.<br>Tai Chi (YR)                                    | 9:00 a.m.<br>Tuesday a.m.<br>Bible Study (P)     | 9:30 a.m.<br>Tai Chi in the (YR)      | 4:00 p.m.<br>Prayer Meeting (P)                  | 9:30 a.m.<br>Tai Chi (YR)                |
| 9:30 a.m.<br>Traditional<br>Worship Service             | 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore 10 week Bible Study (P) (ends June 3rd) | 6:00 p.m.<br>Modern<br>Worship Band Practice (S) | 6:15 p.m. Handbells rehearsal (S)     | 6:00 p.m.<br>Boy Scout Troop Meeting in the (FH) | 9:00 a.m.<br>BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S) |
| 11:00 a.m.<br>Modern Worship Service                    |  | 8:00 p.m.<br>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (RR)   | 6:30 p.m.<br>Youth Group Meeting (YR) | 6:00 p.m.<br>Thursday Evening Bible Study (P)    |  |
| 11:00 a.m.<br>Children's Church                         |  |  | 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal (S)         | 8:00 p.m.<br>BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S)         |  |

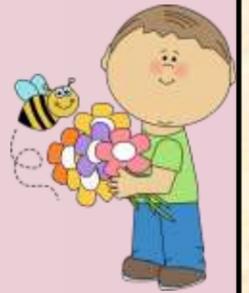
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**\*\*Consult the church website calendar or church bulletin for further information.\*\***

**Promise Keepers Breakfast:**  
**Real Services Senior Lunch:**  
**Promise Keeper's Lunch:**  
**Women's Breakfast Bunch:**  
**Young at Hearts**

**Caring Hands**  
**Christian Book Club**  
**Euchre**

Every other Wed of the month at Bravo Café at 6 a.m.  
Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. in the reception room  
Every other Tuesday of the month at O.C. Café at 11:30 a.m.  
Last Wednesday of every month Macadoo's Restaurant at 9 a.m.  
Senior Luncheon - first Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant at 11:30  
Meets the 3rd Friday of each month (Parlor) 9am -12pm  
Once a month 2nd Sunday of each month (off site & times, TBA)  
Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 5:30-7:30



### Cubs Bus Trip

Join us on Saturday, September 21 as we travel to Chicago to watch the Chicago Cubs play. The cost is \$100 per person and includes a ticket to the game, seat on the bus and snacks on the bus. Seats will be sold on a "First Pay" basis – meaning as soon as you pay, your seat is reserved. Contact Debbie Fox today to reserve your seat. 574.220.1979



We received a beautiful "Thank You" card from Moran Elementary School for supporting the lives of our local children through the backpack blessing program. The "Thank You" card is posted on the Mission bulletin board if you'd like to see all the lovely messages from the Moran Staff. This valuable program touches so many children's lives, and will resume in September.

Thank you for supporting this program.



Still looking for a way to help make disciples?

Noah's Ark Daycare would love to partner up with our church congregation and have you come in and hang out with the kids doing crafts, baking, reading, playing games, or just rocking one of the sweet babies.

The daycare would like to give Jessica Bolinger a big shout out for volunteering to work with the kids in the garden this year.

Its always fun to watch the kids plant and care for their garden and they love seeing all their hard work come to life as their vegetables and flowers begin to grow!!

### What a GREAT Memorial Day Parade



Outreach would like to thank everyone who came out to help build our float Sunday night. As well as thanking those of you who passed out flyers and bubbles the day of the parade. Our first attempt at entering a float for the Memorial Day Parade...and this happened!!!

A trophy...WOW

