



Youth Group
September Calendar Dates
Back to Wednesday nights

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

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

Kids Church
Age 4 yrs - 5th grade
11:15 am, room 19
****September 29, 12:30 pm-4:00 pm**
Trip to the Potawatomi Zoo
Contact: Angie Perkey, 574-361-9913
Education Chair

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Monthly Newsletter
of the
Osceola United Methodist Church

Sermon Series

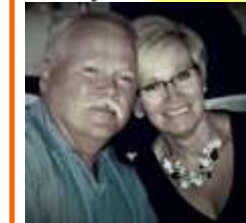
- September 1, Baptism Bash**
Matthew 28:19
- September 8, The Art of Neighboring, Taking the Great Commandment Literally**
Luke 10:25-37
- September 15, The Power of Invitation and Interruption**
Luke 10:38-42
- September 22, Seeing and Being Seen**
Luke 7:37-50

Baptism Bash

Sunday on September 1st.
Are you or someone you know interested in being baptized, or reaffirming your baptism? If so, this Sunday service is for you! Please contact Pastor Will at 402-389-2400 if you are interested.
Following the service we will have an all church picnic. Meat and drink are provided, just bring a dish or two to pass, and a lawn chair. This will be a fun celebration time of good food and fellowship.
Euchre will follow picnic, instead of our normal 5:30 start time.

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This month's spotlight is on Wanda Weston. Wanda and her husband Steve, have been part of the OUMC family for over 40 years, serving on several committees at the church including being one of our Sunday school teachers for over 32 years. She retired from the Penn Harris School Corporation in 2015. She enjoys gardening in the summer with all her flowers, she crafts and always has a wonderful booth at our church bazaar, and every Sunday has her kids and grand kids over for dinner and family time. Wanda has chaired our Missions Committee for the last 2 years, managing our food pantry and working directly with the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. She has over-seen our last 2 Habitat Build projects with other area groups and continues to volunteer in other areas at the church as needed. Wanda has a passion and love for people and has been a blessing to our church family. Thank you Wanda, you are loved!



Friday Night September 6th 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

We are having a combined night of worship with the Vineyard church. How exciting to come together and worship and show that the church is bigger than our individual congregations. Cornerstone Vineyard is a new church plant in our community and we are excited to partner with them and celebrate as we all seek to grow the kingdom of God.
If you'd like to bring cookies, brownies, or other finger foods for the evening, there will be a signup sheet on the credenza in the narthex.
Come enjoy a night of worship and fellowship

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The Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

By now you may have seen it on a Sunday morning. Just down the street from us at Moran Elementary School is a new gathering of people. The Cornerstone Vineyard church is starting a new church plant. This is a great thing for our community! More people who have faith in Jesus are meeting on a weekly basis and spreading the love of our King Jesus! The kingdom of God is spreading in Osceola and we get to be a part of what he is doing. Think about the power of God that is moving on this block of Beech road now on a Sunday morning! God most definitely has something big in store for Osceola. I'm making a rough estimate here but on a typical Sunday I'm guessing we have roughly 500 Christians meeting on this block alone. Think of the impact we can have in Osceola if we all listen to God's spirit and obediently share the love he has given to us.

Of course some may try to convince you this is a negative thing for Osceola UMC?! Let me just say they have the completely wrong perspective. How can more Christ followers in our area be a negative thing? We are talking about making the life giving power of Jesus known to this neighborhood! The more Holy Spirit filled people we can have on the block the better in my opinion. But maybe you are not convinced by Biblical commands and think this will hurt our numbers. Have you ever seen a Walgreens built right across the street from a CVS?! If you haven't driven down Lincolnway to where it intersects with Bittersweet, you will see this phenomenon. Why would two pharmacies build right across the street from one another? Wouldn't it be bad for business? Did you know studies have found the exact opposite. Walgreens and CVS have discovered that building next to each other actually attracts more people to both locations. I want to suggest the same principal is going to be at work in our church gatherings if we will work together for God's kingdom.

If we will work together for the sake of the kingdom of God there will be nothing impossible for us and we will see God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Might I suggest we place the work of the kingdom of God above trying to fill our sanctuaries? With this idea in mind we have invited Vineyard church to a joint worship night in our fellowship hall on September 6th from 7:00-8:30 pm. I want to encourage you all to participate and join as one body of believers for the sake of the kingdom in Osceola. We will worship together and pray for each other and our community. It's going to be a powerful night you won't want to miss.

Blessings,
Pastor Will

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Yes, we made it 50 years of marriage on August 16th, and we're headed for 75, one day at a time. We are so grateful to God for adding you, our OUMC friends, to our church family. "Thank you" for the beautiful, thoughtful cards, gift cards, cash and gifts. We're saving the cash for our trip and will enjoy eating out or at home in the meantime, remembering each one of you. A special "Thank you" to Susan for putting it in the bulletin, to Mike & Amy for their willing, helpful spirit in setting up, etc., to Pastor Leroy and Pastor Will for their desire and willingness to be a part of the ceremony.

God bless you all.

With love, James & Lynn Lambert



Please join us on Saturday, October 26 for our Fall Prayer Retreat. Don't let the name scare you off. We spend time reading about prayer in the Bible and then talking about it. There is also time for fellowship and a potluck lunch at noon.

This time we will be looking at scripture that was important to some of the great Christians of the past as John Wesley who lived in the 1700s in England and started Methodism. E.M Bounds was a Methodist Minister in Missouri in the 1800s and Andrew Murray lived at the same time and was a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. All 3 have written a lot about prayer.

Our retreat is in Elkhart at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in a nice conference room right by the parking lot. We meet from 9 to 4 but people are welcome to just come in the morning or the afternoon. The materials are paid for by donations. Please call Susan Baldwin at 574-291-8637 to get directions or if you have any questions.

**6 The Parable of the Talents comes to OUMC
September 29th**

Please read the parable of the talents, found in Matthew 25:14-30. In this parable, a talent is a unit of money, but it is easy to see how it can also apply to our God-given talents and skills. Jesus describes how God expects us to use our talents in His service.

In the Fall of 2016, OUMC participated in living out this parable. Those who wished to participate were given \$50 to see how they could apply their talents to make it grow over a period of several months. Many of you were able to discover creative ways to use your talents and as a result, it was also a successful fundraising event. We are still using proceeds from the "talent fund" for various projects around the church.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is sponsoring another talent event. Envelopes with \$50 will be provided during church on September 29 to everyone who wants to participate. Each recipient then applies their talents to make this money grow in some way. A simple example is making and selling something or buying a tool or supplies that can be used to perform a service for someone else. The envelopes will be returned to the church by the end of the year with whatever amount was achieved. The proceeds from this event will be directed to the General Fund.

This is intended as a fun way to see how people can apply their talents to benefit God's church. It is only intended for those interested in participating – there is no arm-twisting here. There were many stories from 2016 about how much fun resulted from this talent project and how God worked through the talents of many individuals to grow the seed money. The goal is to keep this light and fun.

If anyone wants to receive their envelope earlier than September 29th, please contact the church office. Also, if your talent idea requires more than \$50 in seed money please let us know.

David Fox Chair, Stewardship and Finance Committee



**Continued Perils of Paul-ing
By Allen Bishop**

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.

Last month I wrote briefly about my experiences of playing the part of the Apostle Paul for VBS, but there is more to the story. It gave me an opportunity to serve the Lord in a way I had not done before. It allowed me to ever so briefly mentor a young man in the church and help along in his faith walk. It moved me further on my own faith walk, perhaps giving me more insight on how to share my faith story, or the Bible with others I do not know. But ultimately it allowed me to see how important it is for us (all of us) to share the knowledge of God and Jesus with the children, and they are eager to hear the word of God.

What if we all took our knowledge of God and Jesus and shared it with everyone, not just the children? Faith, while it is precious to us, it is even more valuable to those who do not have it. Faith is not to be locked up in our own hearts, held for only ourselves, for it gains value when it is shared and risks dying when it is not. What if we all took on Paul's attitude and eagerly, passionately shared the Good News of Jesus Christ, in an unbridled manner? But how can we do this you might say? If we are going to talk the talk we should be walking the walk, living our lives in a way that glorifies God. Saint Francis of Assisi said "It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

So how do we prepare to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ? First we need to read the word and study it. One thing the Osceola UMC does not lack is opportunities to study God's word, there are Bible studies aplenty, from Sunday mornings to studies throughout the week, pick one or two. Don't see one here you like, perhaps look into BSF (Bible Study Fellowship), they have classes for both men and women meeting once a week from September to May. If you want more information, ask me and I will be glad to share my experience with BSF. The more we study the better we are prepared to share the word as disciples of Jesus Christ. Worship is not just for Sunday mornings.



Saturday, September 14, 10:00 in the Reception Room. All women are invited to our fall brunch. Our speaker will be Vicki Miles from the Sew Loved Ministry in South Bend.

This ministry helps those women who are under-served and marginalized learn life-enhancing skills, such as perseverance, patience and problem-solving through learning sewing and quilting skills. Child care will be provided.

A free will offering will be taken to help with this ministry.



All Ladies of the church are invited to:
Ladies Night Out
When: September 30th
Time: 6pm
Where: OUMC reception room.

We will be having a Haystack Dinner. If you'd like to bring your favorite side dish to share that would be great.

This will be a fun night of delicious food, games, prizes and fellowship. Don't miss out!!

Hope to see you there, and bring a friend!



**Volunteer Habitat
for Humanity
Matthew 25 Build**

Osceola United Methodist Church Volunteer Group Day for Habitat for Humanity Matthew 25 Build is Saturday, Oct. 5. We have 10 volunteer slots available from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Grace UMC will be providing a lunch on site at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come early and join in the lunch and fellowship. Focus will be finishing work. Volunteers must use this link to register and create an account for our day online.
<http://osceolaumitedmethodistchurch.hfhsjc.volunteerhub.com/>
Please sign up online **AND** on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you,

Wanda Weston
Missions Committee Chair



Thinking about joining our church? Sunday September 8th come and hear what our church values the most and how you can get involved and use your gifts and talents. Learn what it means to join our church family.

Come chat with Pastor Will in the fellowship hall during our



Trunk and Treat
October 27th
3:00 PM

More information coming in October newsletter



We have gone to 4 different dining places in the last 4 months and its it time to return to one of our old favorites, **Perkins**. Meet Pat Eller for our Senior's Luncheon on Wed., Sept. 4th at 11:30 am. Perkins is located just opposite of the Toll Rd. entrance on Cassopolis St. 107 Northpoint Blvd., Elkhart. For **reservations** or information contact Pat at 522-4796, or email her at peller72@hotmail.com or see her at Church on Sunday. Hope to see you for lunch!!



Christian Book Club

This Month we will meet at the home of Jo Ann Wolfe,

10101 Cleveland Rd., Phone: 674-5089
Our Selection for the month is: Where the River Ends, by Charles Martin



Upcoming Reading List

October: The Silent Patient, by Alex Michaelides

November: Where the Crawdad Sings, by Delia Owens.

December: Catching Christmas, by Terry Blackstock

January: NO Book Club

February: The Writing Desk, by Rachel Hauck



Euchre Night

September 22

5:30-7:30

Everyone welcome

Bring a snack to share.

Play cards, eat food, have fun!!!



Women's Breakfast Bunch

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 am, at Macadoo's

2108 Lincolnway East
Mishawaka

Call Linda Trader at 574-256-9567 if you need more information.

Hope we see YOU there!!



August Food Pantry

On Saturday August 17th We served 46 families and 146 individuals at our food pantry. Thank you to all those that support this vital ministry to our community



**Chicago Cubs Bus Trip
Cubs vs. Cardinals**

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019

9:00 am

ONLY 3 tickets remaining.

- We will leave from the church parking lot and travel to Chicago on a Royal Excursion Bus.
- Cost is \$100 per person (game ticket/ bus and snacks on the bus)
- Contact Debbie Fox 220.1979 to reserve your spot today!

Ongoing Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service Includes kids bible study	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (YR)	9:00 a.m. Tuesday a.m. Bible Study (P)	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in the (YR)	4:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (P)	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (YR)	9:00 a.m. BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S)
10:10am Fellowship Children's Sunday School Adult Studies		6:00 p.m. Modern Worship Band Practice (S)	6:15 p.m. Handbells rehearsal (S) (Sept-May)	6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting in the (FH)		
11:15a.m. Modern Worship Service includes Kids Church		6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (YR)	7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal (S) (Sept-May)	6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study (P)		
		8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous		8:00 p.m. BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S)		

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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, breaks for summer
Christian Book Club Once a month 2nd Sunday of each month (off site & times, TBA)
Euchre Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 5:30-7:30

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



Cookie Booth Thank You

Our Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the huge success of our Cookie Booth at the Osceola Bluegrass Festival again this year.

Our Sales were \$1365

We were blessed with a wonderful variety of donations of your delicious baked goods and snacks. Many of our congregation also helped set up and take down the tent, tables and chairs, worked the booth, priced and purchased baked goods.

Thank you for unselfishly giving of your time to make this project exceptional. You are a part of an amazing and dedicated church family.

Your OUMC Mission Team

Mark Your CALENDAR

Holiday Fantasy Bazaar

**Saturday November 9th
8:30 am-2:30 pm**

Contact Doris Speicher at 574-229-3745 with questions or to rent booth space. More information in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.