

GOOD TIDINGS **FEBRUARY 2020** NEWSLETTER

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC

9 am Adult Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service ~ 10:15am Children's Church

11:15am Children, Teen, and Adult Sunday School



Church Covered Dish

Your 2020 Shepherds are hosting Shepherd Covered Dish Luncheons. The luncheons will help each deacon become better acquainted with their new flock. There will be three different lunches and **by now you should have received your invitation in the mail from your new deacon, if not, please call the office and let Connie know.** 255-4353

March 8 – Shepherd families from deacons Carole Matt, Danna Vroman, John Gayle and Sharon Burton

March 15 – Shepherd families from deacons Sharon Winslow, Brenda Hodgson, Ella Mae Winslow and Dana Mitchell

March 22 – Shepherd families from deacons Sharon Curliss, Ralph Howell, Kyle Blanks and Penny Hathaway

We ask that you bring a vegetable or side dish that will serve around 10 people and we will provide the entrée & beverage!
Don't miss getting to meet and know more of your Church Family!

Deacons are composed of 12 members of the church and are elected by the Congregational Conference. They cooperate with the Pastor in ministering to the spiritual interests of the church and community.

Do you have 20-20 vision?

Many (probably most) of us need a little correction to see 20-20.

Well we, your Stewardship Committee, have a vision for 2020.
We would like to begin a 2020 Challenge!

2019 was a fantastic year for Oakland in many ways, including financially.

Traditionally, by December giving has been thousands BELOW budget, and we have had to count on year-end giving to meet our goals.

But last year was different! Our weekly giving exceeded our spending goals throughout most of the year, and by December giving was thousands ABOVE our projected budget. This was while we were also giving toward our pledges for the New Building Fund, and then late in the year everyone reached a little deeper to give toward the matching donation. WOW!

Can we do it again?

2020 CHALLENGE

Let's do even better than last year!

Just as we may need a little correction to reach 20-20 vision, perhaps we each need a little correction to reach our 2020 Challenge.

Do we put our church first in our budgeting? Or do we spend and spend on other things, and give what's left? Let's make this "correction": let's give first, and spend what's left!

As we see the new building taking shape, let's be inspired. The more we give now, the less debt we will incur.

Our thanks to EACH ONE of you!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Gene Arcand	3
Tammy Howell	6
Analyn Campos	6
Shelly Helms	8
Lynn Knight	9
Kadie Bunch	9
Roosevelt Jones	12
Dale Boyer	14
Dori Mitchell	14
Kimmy Curliss	15

Waylon Harriss	15
Lucas Gup	16
Jimmye Hayes	20
Joshua Harrell	20
Amy Csisar	21
David Nelms	22
Nicole Kelly	23
Randy Rowell	26
Peyton Wise	28

If we missed posting your Birthday or have the date incorrect, please call the office and let Connie know.. 255-4353



There are copies of the on line church directory at the front table in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick one up to take home with you.

If you notice any errors, please contact Connie Edwards, Church Secretary and she will make the corrections. Also, if you will email a picture of yourself to the office Connie will upload it to the directory. Or you can drop a picture of yourself by the office and she can upload the photo. If you have any questions, please call the office 255-4353.

2020 Elected Boards

Church Council

Kim Waller - Moderator
 Pam Saunders - Vice-Moderator
 John Mitchell - Treasurer
 Ralph Howell - Deacon Representative
 Kirsten Creely - Christian Education Rep
 Kille Arcand - Member at-Large
 Rob Rhodes - Member at-Large
 C. F. Jordan - Member at-Large

Board of Deacons

Sharon Curliss Carole Matt
 Sharon Winslow Ralph Howell
 Kyle Blanks Sharon Burton
 Brenda Hodgson Penny Hathaway
 Danna Vroman Ella Mae Winslow
 John Gayle Dana Mitchell

Board of Christian Education

Kirsten Creely Kimmy Curliss
 Dori Mitchell Lisa Shearin
 Connie Burgess Lisa Trombley - Chair
 Pat Branche Dani Howell - Co-Chair
 Rick Vroman

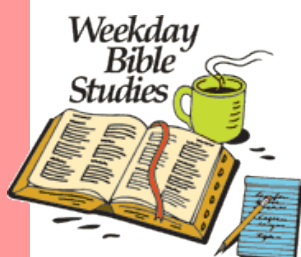
Personnel Committee

Sharon Burton Lynn Knight - Chair
 Karen Schine Sharon Winslow Pam Saunders

Board of Trustees

Parker Howell
 Kim Waller
 John Gayle
 Leroy Howell
 Colen Hodgson
 Paul Saunders - Chair

Wednesday Bible Study



Please join us in the Godwin Room whether you are a biblical scholar or just curious about the greatest book ever written, come out for some fellowship and dialogue as we discuss the Gospel.

We meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Godwin Room for an hour. All are welcomed!



Beloved,

As the new building marches ever forward towards completion, I'm sure you are as excited as I am to see the weekly progress. So many people have worked long and hard to bring this dream into a reality ... the folks who first had the dream, the folks who raised funds for the dream, the folks who planned for the building of the dream, and the folks who are building the dream right before our eyes! How can we ever thank them for all they have done ... and continue to do?!

I have big dreams for our new building. Beyond the needs of Oakland Christian UCC, I can visualize a fully stocked food pantry and a farmers market, a gathering place for senior adults that will allow some respite time for their care-givers, an afterschool site for mentoring and tutoring our neighborhood children from Oakland Elementary, a place available to serve large community groups and a space for sharing resources about finances and nutrition, and a host of other topics. I dream of this building being a portal to our community with its doors flung open wide. In fact, I hope we wear it out!

I am enough of a realist to know that we won't be able to do all this at once ... but we can make a start! What dreams do you have for this amazing new asset? How would you like to see it used? Help us define the needs so that we can try and meet the needs! We are assured by the prophet Isaiah (58:10), *"if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."*

Send me an email, or better yet, come by and talk to me ... only together can we *"contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers"* (Romans 12:13).

Grace, peace and love,
Pastor Mary Anne



New Building Progress



Sneak preview of the inside



Music Corner

Paul Putnam - Minister of Music

peputnam@yahoo.com

"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: (Ephesians 5: 19.20)

What a celebration of music we had last Sunday at our Chancel Choir Concert! It was truly a celebration of music coming from all of our hearts to those who had gathered. The afternoon was as much as a blessing to each performer as it was to each person sitting in the congregation. We are indeed blessed to be able to share God's gift of music with the community!

The donations given to the choir Sunday afternoon towards our New York performance totaled almost \$1600! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We are indeed blessed!

Looking ahead, the Olde James River Jazz Band will be with us on Sunday, February 23rd to celebrate **MARDI GRAS SUNDAY!**

Dave Jacobson and his crew always do a great job bring us some uplifting music. Why don't you invite a family member or friend to join you that day? No one ever leaves without a spring in their step, and humming, "When the Saints Go Marching In"!!

We are always looking for new choir members to join us! We are a friendly, compassionate group who loves to sing and praise God through meaningful music. If you are interested or have any questions, please ask Paul Putnam, Minister of Music. His email is: peputnam@yahoo.com



Musically Yours,

~Paul

All are invited to join us for a baby shower honoring
Samantha and Robert Fly - March 14 1-3 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Parish Hall) 213 N. Main Street
RSVP to (Cindy Cowan) at (757-651-2287) by March 1m 2020
Hosted by (Cindy Cowan & Ginny Fly)
Baby Registry Target





JEWELS

Third Tuesday of every month 7pm Sisters in Christ - All Ages

We are a group of Oakland's Christian Women who seek to enrich our lives through strong spiritual and personal growth in a small group setting. It is a perfect opportunity to get to know each other. Everlasting bonds are formed at these monthly gatherings. Please join us!



Next Jewels Gathering

February 18 - 7:00 pm
Hosted by Jimmye Hayes
at Lake Prince Woods
100 Anna Goode Way
Jimmye Hayes - Devotions

Jewels has a Facebook page - Jewels of Oakland UCC -

Click the button that says "join" and we will accept your request.

Joining Facebook is not a requirement to come to Jewels - please come to our next gathering and let us get to know each other better.



~~ Men's Fellowship Group ~~
Third Tuesday of every month 7pm

All Are Welcome

February 18 -7:00 pm
Meeting at Gianna's Pizzeria Harbouview
7386 Harbour Towne Pkwy

If you have any questions please contact:
Roger Burton 757-373-2817 or 757-373-4080

Deacon Installation and Ordination



Presentation:
Ralph Howell, Head Deacon

Installation:
Rev. Mary Anne Biggs

Ella Mae Winslow, Danna Vroman, Dana Mitchell



Laying of Hands by all of
our ordained deacons.



PRAYERS
OF Thanks

Kasie Wilson and
Dana Mitchell
presented
Samantha Fly with
a gift and lots of
hugs from the kids
for taking care of
the Nursery for the
past 3 years.





Welcome and Reception of New Members
Andy and Becky Brennecke



Kimmy Curliss
Our new Nursery Attendant

With all the new babies due in April! We have a wish list for our Nursery

2 Pack N Play & 4 sheets
Changing table and pad with 2 covers
Baby bouncer, exersaucer, or walker
Baby swing
Wipes
CD player & children's CD's
New or Gently Used.....
Thanks so much!
Kimmy

Sunday Children's Church!
Begins right after the Children's Message
We would love for you to help
We have the lesson plan
We have the children
We need the volunteers
We rotate Sundays teaching

If you are interested - Please let
Lisa Trombley - Chair of BoCE
Or Pastor Mary Anne know

We can't do it
without you!



The Children's Message during Sunday Worship

Souper Bowl 2020

Super Fun! Thanks to all!



Carole, Ella Mae and John - Team USA
Wins Judges Choice and the coveted Souper Bowl Trophy



Cheri Babler presents the trophy



Lisa Shearin's sister, Lisa Shearin, Kimmy Curliss
TTT's win People's Choice



Lynn and Kirk Barrett -served up crab soup
and VA Tech cookies - delicious!



Peggy and Tim Griffin - with their daughter
and granddaughter - They made Crab Soup
of course and had so much fun serving it up!



Luke and Mindy McCann were Kale'n It
If there could be an Editor's Choice - this would be mine!

February 2020

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JOIN US AT OAKLAND

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15 CHILD, TEEN, ADULT,
BIBLE STUDY - EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM
YOGA - EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY 5PM

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION
757-255-4353

We Believe

We Welcome You

If you believe that God is calling you to be a member of this congregation, please let us know with a call to our church office. We can help you join by baptism or profession of faith, as a transfer, or by reinstatement.

It would be wonderful to have you in our Church Family!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To share God's love with all people,
To serve the Lord with humility and kindness,
To grow with the Lord in wisdom and strength.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pastor: Rev. Mary Anne Biggs
Minister of Music: Paul E. Putnam
Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Connie Edwards
Financial Secretary: Janice Roberts
Nursery Attendant: Kimmy Curliss

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