

GOOD TIDINGS NEWSLETTER
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OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC
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Meet our Interim Minister

Rev. Eddie Walker

Eddie grew up in Burlington, North Carolina. As a boy he attended a UCC church, and he decided to go into the ministry while in high school. He graduated from Elon College, now Elon University, with a B.A degree in philosophy. While attending Elon, he was asked to serve a local church, beginning his career as a minister at the tender age of 18! After graduating from Elon, he attended Wake Forest Southeastern Baptist and Theological Seminary and received his Master's of Divinity degree in pastoral care. He also received a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Virginia Commonwealth University in adult education and drug counseling. After many years he decided to get his doctorate, and received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1995. Through the years, Eddie has served Methodist and UCC churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

After 50 years of ministry, Eddie retired in January of 2020. He and his wife, Peggy, have now moved to Smithfield to be close to some of their family. He is looking forward to working with Oakland Christian United Church of Christ while we search for a settled pastor.



Our Pastoral Search Committee was approved August 22nd at our called Church Conference

Jesse Burgess, Suzanne Langston, Clare Mitchell,
Mary Ann Riddick, Carole Matt, Robert Fly,

Almighty God, our help and refuge, source of wisdom and tower of strength, you know we can do nothing without your guidance and help. Help us and direct us to divine wisdom and power, that we may accomplish this task and whatever we may undertake to do, faithfully and diligently, according to your will, and to the glory of your holy name. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.



Paul Putnam - Minister of Music

Music Corner



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me
 I will hold Your people in my heart

Greetings from the Music Corner!

This song, “Here I Am, Lord” has resonated deeply with me from the first time I sang it at Summer Music Church Camp probably in 1983 or 1984. It was “new” back then and just felt like these words were meant for me. Every time I sing it, I feel a closer connection to Christ and the light that he brings to each and every one of us.

As things at church seem to begin “a new” in this season of “back to school” Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will also. Beginning **Thursday, September 9th** we will begin:

Adult Handbell Choir – Thursdays @ 6:30 in the Godwin Room
Adult Chancel Choir – Thursdays @ 7:30PM in the Community Life Center

It is extremely important to me for the safety of everyone that we continue to be mindful of the continued community spread of Covid-19/delta variant. Although masks are not mandatory, I will be wearing one. It is recommended that for activities specifically involving singing indoors that those vaccinated and unvaccinated wear masks and maintain at least 3 foot distance. Please remember that singing spreads more aerosols that we cannot see!

Let us be mindful of the health of our community and continue to be a beacon of God’s light here at Oakland Christian UCC

In Christ’s Love,

~ Paul



Judith Cobb 103!
You can send cards to
Judith at"

Lake Prince
100 Anna Goode Way
Apt. 535A
Suffolk, VA, 23434

Ginny Fly	4	Zane Wise	19
Paul Saunders	4	Carl Lancaster	19
Emma Shearin	5	Mary Haddad	21
John Mellon	5	Dorothy Kennedy	21
Peggy Muse	5	Kim Waller	21
Debbie Blanks	6	Judith Cobb	22
Diana Haddad	8	Cleve Johnson	23
John Matt	12	Ashley Blanks	23
Janice Roberts	15	Clark Brennecke	23
Andy Brennecke	16	Kyle Blanks	27
Allen Trombley	17	Dana-Karstensen Bryan	27
Leroy Howell	18	Matt Harrell	28
Linnie Jordan	19	Jean Keeling	28
Elenor Muche	19	Ronnie Kelly	28
		Caroline Blanks	29

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Fall Fest Fundraiser

Saturday,
October 30, 2021

Please ask about ways you can serve! Many traditional items such as Brunswick Stew, Pimento Cheese, Chicken Salad, Silent Auction, Candy, Jam and Jellies will be part of the event. Who knows what other creative ideas might materialize? The sky will be the limit as we hold our first Community Life Center Fall Fest. We will need all hands on deck prior to and the day of!

Text Denise Spady 651-6273 or Pam Saunders 635-8125 if you can help!



CALLING CANDY MAKERS! FALL FEST CANDY

Contact Carole Matt: 412-855-2944 text or call
8 am on the following Days

Sept 21 Tue, Sep. 27 Mon, October 12 Tue, October 19 Tue, October 26 Tue

A wonderful fellowship going on during the candy making process. Life long friendships are made here not just candy!

2019 SILENT AUCTION

Bid.
Donate.
Support.

The Fall Fest Silent Auction Committee

- ◆ Donate a special item - new or "like new".
- ◆ Donate a special service - handy man, baby sitting, yard work, offer to supply a dessert once a month, etc....
- ◆ Ask a favorite business or restaurant to donate an item, gift certificate, gift basket.
- ◆ Purchase a gift certificate from a favorite restaurant/business and donate it.
- ◆ Join our committee and learn how much fun we have!
- ◆ Come to Fall Fest on Saturday, October 30th and bid on items.

Just Contact: Ella Mae Winslow 651-9559 text or call. Also Land line (255-4246)

Bring items to the church by Friday, October 15th

Questions: Ella Mae Winslow 757-651-9559



Suzanne Langston is donating her crocheted one of a kind children's blankets!



CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, October 2nd
After Church at Mary and Lou Haddad's
4950 Exeter Dr. Suffolk, VA

Bring: A side dish or desert to share
Bring: Your lawn chair if you have one.
Church Provides: Hot Dogs, Burgers, Drinks, Utensils
Music by: Win Winslow

Lake Prince Woods Residents: The Bus will be available to take you to the picnic and back home.

Big yard, lots of shade, walking trails, outdoor games, plenty of parking,
let's eat, play, and mingle.

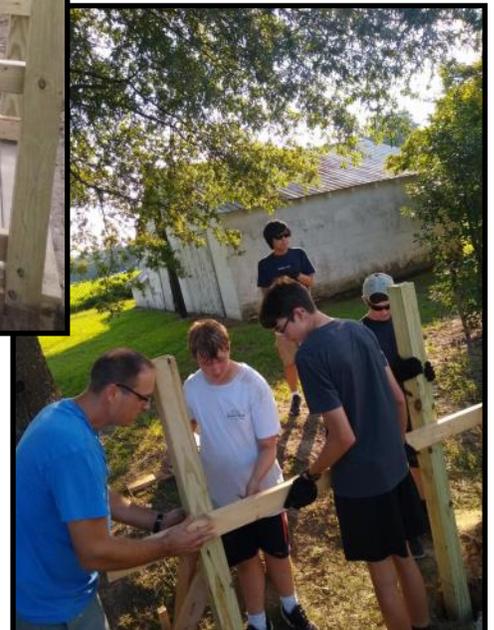
If there are any volunteers to help with taking tables over there on Saturday the 1st... of Oct.
Please email Kirsten zzpwise3@charter.net or text her at **635-8661** if you can help with this for an
hour. Need a truck and a couple of strong helpers!! The Events committee is small and all
women... Thank you! There is also a sign up board in the Fellowship Hall.



Andy Brennecke's
Eagle Scout Project
Is complete!

This beautiful walking bridge connects the New Building, our Community Life Center to the satellite parking area! Amazing and well done!

Your Church Family Thanks you!





JEWELS

Third Tuesday of every month 7pm

Sisters in Christ

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

September 22 - 7:00 pm

Hosted by Linnie Jordan - at Church in the Community Life Center

Devotions - Ginny Fly



~~ Men's Fellowship Group ~~

Third Tuesday of every month 7pm

Please Join Us!

September 22 - 7:00 pm

At Baron's Pub

185 N Main St, Suffolk, VA 23434 757-934-3100

If you have any questions please contact:

Roger Burton 757-373-2817 or 757-373-4080

YOGA



Yoga Classes are Back! Every Thursday \$7/class

Chair Yoga, in person or Zoom 4:00 - 4:45

Beginner Friendly Mat Class 5:15 - 6:00

Instructor: Brandy Robbins

Questions: Contact Pam Saunders - 757-635-8125



Church roof was worked on to repair leaks and the Sanctuary ceiling was replastered in several areas.. It looks great! And we are now good to go to resume services in our Sanctuary, starting Sunday, September 19.

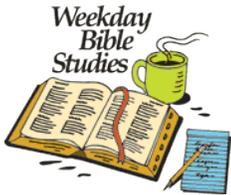
The video equipment has also been relocated to the back of the church and the choir is back!!

Hoping for an amazing Fall and Winter this year as we worship together!



"9:00 AM Adult "Friendship Class" 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School Class

There is plenty of room in these Sunday School Classes
Please come be a part of this wonderful group of Christians.



10 am Bible Study

We meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am at Church for an hour.

All are welcomed!

I am hoping that those of you who were on vacation or unable to start back up with us; will be able to be at class.

Studying The Old Testament with Pastor Eddie is a very interesting and a fun class



Your Stewardship Committee realized a 5th way of giving had been omitted from your options!



**(The important thing is- you have a choice!)
I DID it MY way!" (~as in Frank Sinatra)**



OUTREACH

Thank you for your recent, generous donation to PAG! Our Honduran brothers and sisters say, "Thank you for giving us a helping hand during this difficult time." With your donation, PAG will continue to support families directly affected by Eta & Iota with its emergency relief and reconstruction activities in Honduras. We recently sent out an update on our housing construction activities which you can access in the following link:
<https://preview.mailerlite.com/q4r2x7/1749534015997613224/d0p8/>

Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope to Honduran families!

The Loaves and Fishes Project

The following churches and groups are working together to distribute food on the third Thursday of month to those that need a helping hand! Little Bethel Church, Diamond Grove Church, Oakland Christian Church, Wesley Chapel Church, Ruritans, Eastern Star, and Healthy Suffolk

30 to 35 Healthy Bags of Food will be passed out to drive thru customers from Oakland's Community Life Center Portico - September 16 from 10 am to 11 am



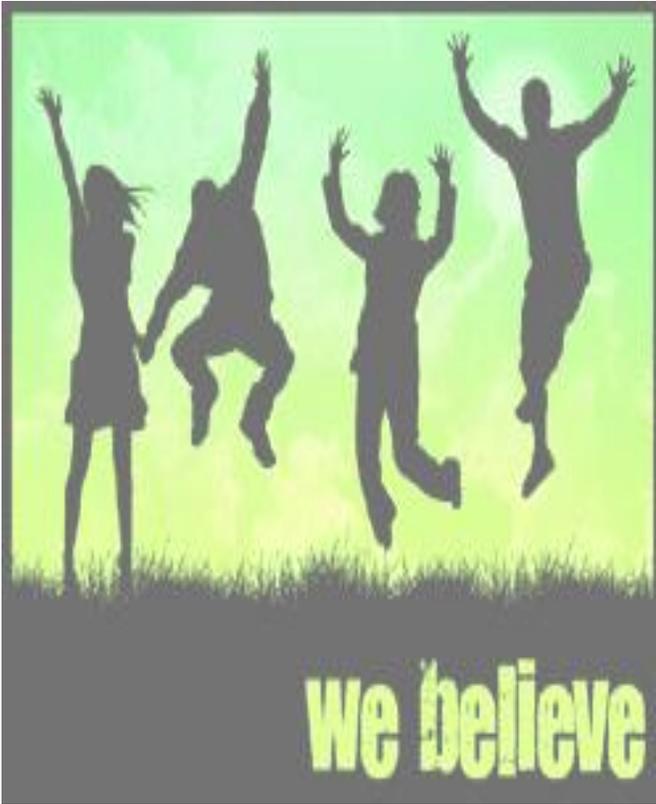
Carole Matt, Doug Naismith of Oakland.
Walter Jones of Little Bethel
Roosevelt Jones of Diamond Grove and Ruritans



Pastor Devon
of Wesley Chapel



Sandy Butler of Oakland
and Jeff Pallmer - recipient



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

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