

**JUNE 2022**  
**GOOD TIDINGS NEWSLETTER**  
**OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC**  
*"Celebrating 150 years of Faith, Hope, and Love"*  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM**



Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Thanks to each and every person who helped in any way make Oakland's 150th Celebration of Faith, Hope and Love a huge success. A small seed was planted months ago, and it grew in Oakland's warm and giving fertile hearts. I believe May 22, 2022, will live in our hearts for years to come. Our building and grounds were pristine, the choir was magnificent, the reception was over the top, the flower arrangements were exquisite, our church members were touching speakers, our guest clergy said just the right words, the slide show was amazing, our history book is worthy of a literary award, the Memorabilia Table was interesting and the whole day was just perfect. Your Anniversary Committee worked hard but had fun along the way. Many, many folks gave very large contributions of time and talents. Everyone's efforts, no matter large or small, contributed to a day that will stay amongst our most cherished memories for years to come. Praise be to God!

150th Celebration Committee

Pam Saunders, Denise Spady, Sharon Winslow, Dana Mitchell, Dani Howell, and Connie Burgess



**Attending Clergy**

**Rev. Eddie Walker, Rev. Gary Newsom, Rev. Jason Stump, Rev. John Meyers,  
Rev. Mary Anne Biggs, Rev. Wayne Gardner**



## Thank you to our speakers.

Leroy Howell was sick so Dani stepped up to the podium and read her grandfather's lifetime of memories about being part of this church. Leroy was born and raised here and joined the church in 1943 at the age of 13. A good chuckle was had of his recollection of the handheld fans they used during worship, provided by Baker Funeral Home.



Paul Saunders, another "long standing member" and a 4th generation of a family that has come to this church, shared his memories with wit and polished humor. He reminded us that Oakland has a dedication for getting things done and is a kind, loving, caring, and generous congregation.



Ann Johnson recalled memorable events and particularly the day she and her sister joined the church 76 years ago.



Kasie Wilson, 3rd generation and mama of three young children, brought most of us to tears letting us know that the world does not feel so heavy when she walks through these doors and feels the warm hug here.



Parker Howell talked about how you can make a lasting impact on Oakland's future through our Legacy Program.

Legacy is an act of faith and hope which continues our outreach into the future.





Paul Putnam - Minister of Music

# Music Corner

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy has always been one of my absolute favorite hymns. Between the majestic melody paired with a powerful text, and the feeling I get when playing and/or singing it, this hymn has always had a special place in my heart. Are there songs and hymns that give you that give you that “warm in the heart” kind of feeling? When I get that feeling it helps me to remember the precious gift of music God has given to us.

Our anniversary Sunday gave us another opportunity to sing to the heavens! What a wonderful celebration of 150 years. I am so grateful to Megan Edwards who played the flute for the prelude and the many additional voices who joined us to sing our celebratory anthems of praise. Hearing the full congregation sing hymns on the anniversary Sunday was indeed a gift!

Come and listen to the Handbell Choir as they play during worship on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Although they make it look “easy” playing bells involves so many different skills all happening at the same time. I am so grateful that we have bells as another way to worship our God!

May you continue to be blessed by the music at Oakland each Sunday.

In His Name,

~Paul





A few behind the scenes pictures  
were captured as we prepared for  
our big 150th celebration....

Painting

polishing

flower arranging

Food preparation





The reception was held in The Community Life Center



And God's bounty was enjoyed!



The Welcome Table



The Memorabilia Table



The Slide Show





Memories were made in our young one's hearts and Oakland Christian UCC will live on through many more generations to come.

A place of Faith, Hope, and Love.  
And the greatest of these is Love.



# Vacation Bible School!

## 07/18/2022 to 07/22/2022

5:15 - 5:55 PM (<-Dinner) 6:00- 8:20 PM (<- Activities)



Oakland Christian UCC invites all children to get ready to armor up at Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School.

At Knights of North Castle VBS, kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they go on a quest in search of the King's Armor. They will become Knights and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. After a high-energy opening assembly time, the Knights make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Castle Callouts to equip your Knights for an active life with God. Your Knights will discover a Banner Verse (Bible memory verse) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring wonders at the Science Station, and playing games at the Recreation Station.

To be a part of all the excitement at VBS, call Kimberly Curliss at (757) 630-6575 or visit the church's website at <http://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/oaklandchristianchurch> Register now!

**Kids**

## Youth Event

Sunday (June 5), following worship, will be a provided sandwich lunch and a litter pickup session!

We will be picking up trash on Audubon Rd (across from Oakland Elem parking lot); all supplies provided. These efforts will help the beautification weekend happening with the City of Suffolk's Dept of Public Works/Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Please bring your kids (with a change of clothes) Sunday to help do good for the Earth!

Parents are welcome to stay or come back to church for pick up by 2:30.



Samantha Bond	7
Mildred King	13
John Biggs	19
Marti Putnam	23
Jeff Edwards	23
Anne Spady	26
Bill Saunders	29
Bobby Winslow	29
Donna Lancaster	29



~~ Men's Fellowship Group ~~



**21 | 7 PM**  
**June | Sal's Pizza**

*Sal's Pizza*  
*2815 Godwin Blvd.*  
*Suffolk, VA 23434*

**Please Join Us!**

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



~~ 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 good opportunity to get to know and support each other..

**Please join us!**

***June 21 at 7:00 pm***

**Hosted by Danna Vroman & Mary Jane Naismith**  
**2183 Joshua Lane**  
**Suffolk, VA 23434**  
**Ph: 757-567-6937**  
**Devotions: Ginny Fly**



Parking is limited at Danna's. Please try to car pool

**Yoga Classes are Back!**

Starting June 23



Instructor: Brandy Robbins

Every Thursday Early Evening  
Summer Classes will be in our Community Life Center  
Chair Yoga 3:30 to 4:30  
Beginner Friendly Mat Yoga 5:00 to 6:00

Questions: Contact Brandy - 757-613-9364 - mobile

# Memorial Sunday - We remembered our recently departed loved ones since our last Memorial Sunday and recognized our Golden Members

## Candles of Remembrance

Doug Saunders  
Dorothy Kennedy  
Bobby Nelms  
Evelyn Nix  
Anna Whitley  
Frances Pierce



2022

## GOLDEN MEMBERS

Barbara Nelms  
Charles Johnson  
Leroy Howell  
Ann Johnson  
John Gayle  
Iola Saunders  
Frank Staylor  
Marguerite Butler  
Celia Coughlin  
Addie Moore Austin  
Mildred King  
Faye Daniels  
Trudy Norfleet  
Bernice Butler  
Gary Butler

Mary Jernigan  
Ann Marks Saunders  
Paul Saunders  
Larry Bounds  
Sandra Butler  
Cleve Johnson  
Ella Mae Winslow  
Parker Howell  
Larry Butler  
Larry Upton  
Shirley Upton  
Bill Saunders  
Cheryl Johnson  
Ronnie Kelly  
Debbie Blanks



## Calendar

### **Sunday, June 5 Pentecost Sunday**

9 am Sunday School

10 am Worship

### **Monday, June 6**

6 pm Ruritan's - CLC

### **Tuesday, June 7**

9:30 am to 12 pm Mah-Jongg - CLC

10 am Loaves & Fishes - Sml Kitchen

### **Wednesday, June 8**

7 pm BSA OA/District - Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, June 9**

7 pm BSA #25 - CLC

6:30 pm Bells - Bell Room

7:30 pm Choir - Choir Room

### **Friday, June 10**

Main parking lot closed—working on black top area. Grass areas available.

### **Sunday, June 12**

9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship

10 am Worship

**Scholarship awards and High School Graduates acknowledged**

### **Tuesday, June 14**

9:30 am to 12 pm Mah-jongg - CLC

6 pm Beekeepers - CLC

### **Thursday, June 16**

10 am Loaves & Fishes “prep” - CLC

11 am Loaves & Fishes “drive thru” - CLC

1 pm Junto setup for flea market - CLC

7 pm BSA #25 - CLC

7:30 Choir - Choir Room

### **June 18 Sat 8 am to 1 pm Junto Flea Market (Estate Items—Baked Goods—Raffle)**

June 21 Tues 9:30 am to 12 pm Mah-jongg - CLC

June 21 Tues 7 pm Jewels - @ Danna Vroman's - 2183 Joshua Lane (please try to car pool)

June 21 Tues 7 pm Men's Fellowship @ Sals Pizza - 2815 Godwin Blvd

June 22 Wed 6 pm Council—Sml Kitchen

June 22 Wed 6:30 pm Vacation Bible School Committee Meeting - CLC

June 23 Thur 3:30 pm to 6 pm Yoga classes - CLC

June 28 Tue 9:30 - 2 pm Mah-jongg - CLC

June 30 Thur 3:30 pm to 6 pm Yoga classes - CLC

JOIN US ON LIFE'S  
JOURNEY

CELEBRATING 150  
YEARS

OUR ROOTS ARE  
PLANTED FIRMLY  
ON FAITH, HOPE,  
AND LOVE

Est. 1872

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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