

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



Dori Lynn Mitchell  
Nansemond –Suffolk Academy



**Congratulations  
2022  
Graduates**



Joshua Matthew Harrell  
Isle of Wight Academy

Dori and Josh will both be attending  
Virginia Tech

Please join us this Sunday, June 12  
As we recognize are graduates  
and award scholarships.



The following members of Oakland Christian UCC are receiving  
The Becky Godwin Memorial Scholarship Award to help with their  
continuing education.

Dori Mitchell  
Josh Harrell  
Emma Shearin  
Alex Shearin  
Zane Wise  
Zoie Wise



May 23, 2022

Beloved,

I can't begin to tell you how privileged I felt to be included in the glorious 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service in celebration of Oakland Christian UCC. It was a perfect day for so many reasons ... you gave God the glory, you honored your ancestors with praise, and bestowed the congregation and your friends with lavish love and gratitude.

The stories shared were wonderful reflections, filled with tears and laughter. As is often the case at family reunions, John and I left with a plate full of wonderful leftovers ... and profound sense of homesickness!

Founded on God's leading and fulfilling the divine mandate upon which it was laid, Oakland is truly the body of Christ and God's visual aid for the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. I learned so much here in regards to life, faith, ministry, and community, and I will always cherish the memories that I shared with this body of believers.

May this special anniversary mark the fresh beginning of new and amazing things in this church. May the abundance of God's grace abound in each of you. May you feel the everlasting and abiding love of God, now and forever.

Grace, peace and love,  
Mary Anne

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May 16, 2022

Dear Oakland,

The UCC at Oakland and all associated with it, changed our lives forever. If it weren't for a previously planned trip, I would have loved to celebrate with all of you. I am confident that Greg's prayers as well as mine flow on Oakland UCC at this very special time.

Please accept this donation with gratitude and love.

In love and peace,  
Terry Schaefer Ryan



May 22, 2022

Dear Oakland Christian Church family,

Greetings from Pittsburgh!

I write today to send you my warmest congratulations as you celebrate 150 years of mission and ministry in Chuckatuck. I deeply regret that I cannot be there to celebrate with you in person, but please know that I am with you in spirit. I know it will be a joyous day, filled with the faith, hope, and love that are the hallmarks of the faith community at Oakland.

The years that I spent serving as Associate Pastor at Oakland were extraordinarily important to my growth as a minister and to my developing sense of vocation. You all loved me well, and you were patient with me as I learned the art of ministry alongside you. I consider it one of the greatest privileges of my life to have had the opportunity to share in your joys, sorrows, struggles, fears, and hopes. Thank you for trusting me with your lives. I am so grateful to have had the chance to share mine with you as well.

As you celebrate this momentous occasion today, may you be reminded of all the ways your ministry has touched the lives and hearts of those around you and in your midst. I pray God's richest blessings for you on this special day, and in all the days to come. I  
In faith, hope, and love—

Leanna K. Fuller

(Associate Pastor at Oakland Christian UCC, 2002-2006)

May 17, 2022

Dear Oakland,

The world needs more kind hearts like yours. Happy Anniversary!! Great memories, church choir, Sunday school, softball games and fried chicken.

Thanks for being there.

With fond memories and appreciation,

Ted, Sheryl, and Kathern Winslow