

**OCTOBER
NEWS**

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GOOD TIDINGS NEWSLETTER
OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC
"Celebrating 150 years of Faith, Hope, and Love"
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11AM**



**Oakland's Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, Oct. 9th**

Immediately following Worship Service
at the home of
Mary and Lou Haddad's
4950 Exeter Drive - Suffolk 23434

Church provides hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks - please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chair.

Sign Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or call the office 757-255-4353 to help us get an idea of how many burgers to prepare.



**Save the date! FALL FEST
Saturday, October, 29th
9 am to 2 pm**

Saturday, October 29, will find Oakland full of activity as we hold Fall Fest, our major fund raiser of the year.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall for many jobs. We will be making pimento cheese, Brunswick Stew, chicken salad, pies, chopping veggies, making ham biscuits, manning booths and a silent auction, and setting it all up and taking it all down. A sign-up sheet for Brunswick Stew ingredients will be posted. The week before becomes a blur of fun and activity as we all pull together to raise funds for local missions.



Consider what you might contribute to our silent auction. Gift Certificates, hand crafted items and homemade goodies are always favorites.

- > *Something new in your home that you are not using
- > *An item you created eg. a painting, photograph, jewelry, hooked rug, etc.
- > *A service you might offer eg. babysitting, yardwork, handyman job, etc.
- > *A gift certificate for a restaurant, manicure, hair cut, etc.

> Questions? Contact a Silent Auction Committee Member.

Julie Johnson, Suzanne Langston, or Dana Vroman.

We need you! Save the date! Spread the word! Red pre-order slips are on the small table inside the Fellowship Hall. Share them with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Email Pam Saunders at pmsaunders@aol.com for further information. Now is the time to be a helping hand. The fellowship gained while working toward a common goal is not to be missed!

From the Music Corner: Featuring the Oakland Handbell Choir!



From September to June, Oakland's bell ringers meet each week to put together music as a special treat for the congregation. We are so fortunate to have a 4 octave set of bells and a 3 octave set of hand chimes here at Oakland. Each ringer is generally responsible for 2 notes on the scale as well as the sharp and flat versions of those notes. Sometimes, things can get a little bit crazy with the bell changes that happen!

The bell music looks like a big piano score for right hand and left hand. We separate it out by parts and several ringers "color code" their music with highlighter colors. Ringers have to be able to count and know when their notes fit in the music we are playing. Learning music together is sometimes stressful, sometimes daunting, and yet it is always fun!

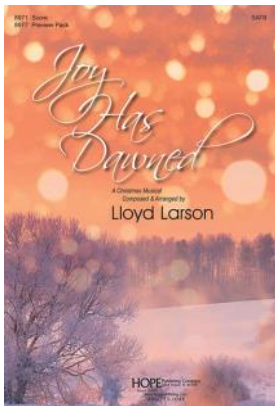
I am so grateful for this group who is dedicated to practicing and playing together here at Oakland!

Pictured from left to right are: Cheri Babler, Peggy Walker, Denise Spady, Robert Fly, Danna Vroman, Suzanne Langston, Rick Vroman, & Lee Langston. Missing from picture: Mindy McCann, Jean Keeling, & Sharon Winslow

Bells will play in worship on Sunday, October 9th – Please come to worship and enjoy!!

~Paul Putnam

Minister of Music



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18, 2022

11:00AM

Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings @ 9:45AM in the choir room
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, & 12/11

Come sing with us!!

Questions?? Ask any choir member or Paul

peputnam@yahoo.com



October, 2022

You may be thinking –
“OH, NO! It’s that time of year again, when all we hear about is
‘stewardship’ and ‘Give...Give...Give’.

I think I’ll stay home the next couple weeks, so I don’t have to hear about it again!”

Well, think again friends! Yes, Commitment Sunday is coming up in November, but this year, we are celebrating YOU!

We all know that everything we have belongs to God, and He lets us manage our portion. Even through a couple tough years of Covid, you have continued to give back to God what is His. So this year, there will not be a four-week Stewardship Campaign reminding you to give generously of your Time, Talents, and TREASURES. You do this already! Instead, we will celebrate you and all you do for Oakland.

You will soon receive a letter from you Stewardship Committee regarding Commitment Sunday. This letter will contain your blank commitment card for 2023. You will again have the option of pledging a specific amount for the year OR pledging to give as you are able. In November, we will have a time during worship when **all of us** can then come forward to place our Commitment Cards into the box at the altar. Many of us find this to be a very meaningful experience, as we make our commitment to God.

BUT THIS IS NOT ALL!

This year, after worship on Commitment Sunday, there is an extra ingredient: A special lunch is being provided for all by your Stewardship Committee. You don’t have to bring anything. But Please! – Come, Join us, and let us say a huge THANK YOU to all of our members and friends for making Oakland such a special place to be.

Your Stewardship Committee



Pastoral Search Committee Update

Members of Oakland,
Thank you for keeping the search committee in your prayers throughout this process. The committee has had the opportunity to meet with a candidate and observe at a neutral pulpit. As we navigate through the next steps in our process, we look forward to giving a full report to the congregation during worship on October 23rd. We appreciate your continued prayerful support in the coming days.

Thank you,
Dani Howell

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

Oakland Christian UCC

Trunk *or* Treat

October 22- 5pm-7pm



Music - Games - Party

Fun for all ages! We hope to see you there!

October Fun!

November Adventure

Family Camping Trip

November 10-12

Merchant's Millpond State Park



RSVP by November 4th

Connie Burgess 757-635-8710 or jesseandconnieburgess@gmail.com



~~ Men's Fellowship Group ~~
 Tuesday October 18 at 6:00 pm
 Restaurant to be advised
 Check the Bulletin Board in
 Fellowship Hall

All are welcome please join us!
If you have any questions please contact:
 Roger Burton 757-373-2817 or 757-373-4080



~~ JEWELS ~~
 Sisters in Christ
 Third Tuesday of every month

October 18 at 6:00 pm

Hosted by:
 Mary Jane Naismith and Mary Anne Riddick
 4949 Exeter Drive (@ Mary Jane's home)
 Suffolk, VA 23434
 Ph: 757-641-3686

*All are welcome
 please join us!*



Lincoln Wilson	8	Harvey Saunders	24
Debbie Howard	9	Kylee Langston	25
Donald Curliss	10	Wayne Gardner	26
Abby Nelms	11	Sadie Boyer	27
Doug Naismith	12	Charlie Langston	27
Harvey Doyle	13	Ann Saunders	28
Sharon Winslow	17	Benjamin Hardison	28
Grace Haddad	21	Donna Adams	29
Otto Wegman	22		
Janet Harris	24		

Candy Makers are busy preparing for Fall Fest



John Matt and CF Jordan are busy preparing the site for the Electronic Sign.

The sign has been delivered and we hope to get it installed this month!

We have received a \$5,000 donation to help us get a playground back up for the children!

Plans are in place to start the construction this month!



OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 2 Sunday (week 1)

10 am Sunday Schools and 11 am Worship
12 pm Deacon Mtg - Small Kitchen
12 pm Trustee Mtg - Godwin Room

October 4 Tuesday

9:30 am to 12:30 pm Mah-jongg - Godwin Room
10 am Candy Making - CLC
10 am Loaves and Fishes Planning – Fellowship Hall
Church Bus reserved today for Clergy

October 6, Thursday

3:30 pm Chair Yoga – CLC and 5 pm Mat Yoga - CLC
6:30 Bells and 7:30 Choir
7 pm Scouts Trp 25 - CLC

October 8, Saturday

8 am Assemble Playground Equipment

October 16, Sunday (week 3)

10 am Sunday School and 11 am Worship

October 17, Monday

10 am to 3:30 Junto - CLC
6 pm Sister Cities - 6 pm CLC

October 18, Tuesday

9:30 to 12:30 Mah-jongg - Godwin Room
10 am Candy Making - CLC Kitchen
12:30 - 2:30 Driver Book Club - CLC
6 pm Jewels at the home of Mary Jane Naismith
CoHost Mary Ann Riddick
6 pm Men's Fellowship – Restaurant to be advised

October 29, Wednesday

10 am Pies - CLC

October 20, Thursday

10 am Loaves & Fishes set up. 11 am Distribution - CLC
3:30 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm Mat Yoga - CLC
6:30 Bells and 7:30 Choir
7 pm Scouts Troop 25 – CLC

October 22, Saturday


5 pm to 7 pm Trunk or Treat

Note:

Monday, Oct 10 - Fellowship Hall & Nursery Carpet cleaning - no throughfare until the next day in those areas.
Thursday, Oct 13 - Carpet being removed and replaced in front of the offices - no throughfare in that area during the day. Also, damaged carpet tiles in the Fellowship Hall being replaced and there will be no throughfare in that area during the day. We will be finished in time for the Bells and Choir to enter.

Note:

November 4 RSVP for Camping Trip
November 13 Stewardship Commitment Sunday (Nov.12 Saturday CLC reserved for Stewardship set-up event)

 November 20 Church Conference

October 9, Sunday (week 2)

10 am Sunday Schools and 11 am Worship
> Church Picnic after worship

October 11, Tuesday

9:30 am to 12:30pm Mah-jongg - Godwin Room
10 am Candy Making - CLC
6 pm Beekeepers – CLC

October 12, Wednesday

7 pm BSA OA - Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm BSA District - CLC

October 13, Thursday

3:30 Chair Yoga - 5 pm Mat - CLC
7 pm BSA Troop 25 - CLC
6:30 Bells and 7:30 Choir

October 15, Saturday Bus Reserved for Clergy

10/24 to 10/28 Fall Fest Setup - CLC reserved

October 23, Sunday (week 4)

10 am Sunday Schools and 11 am Worship
> Full report on Pastoral Candidate

October 25, Tuesday

9:30 am to 2 pm Mah-jongg – Godwin Room

October 26, Wednesday

6 pm Council – Small Kitchen

October 27, Thursday

10 am Pimento Cheese - CLC
3:30 Chair Yoga - 5 pm Mat – Fellowship Hall
6:30 Bells and 7:30 Choir
7 pm Scouts Troop 25 – Fellowship Hall

October 28, Friday

8 am Chop Veggies for Stew – CLC
2 pm Chicken Salad - CLC

October 29, Saturday

9 am to 2 pm FALL FEST

October 30, Sunday

10 am Sunday Schools and 11 am Worship

September Potluck Lunch

As always, there was plenty of
good food and fellowship!





COMMUNITY WIDE

Blessing of the Animals

pets and otherwise

Sunday

October 9, 2022

1:00 – 4:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church
828 Kings Hwy
Suffolk, VA 23432

You are invited to bring your pets and other family animals to St. John's Church for a blessing. On the Sunday following St. Francis' Day, October 9, we are inviting the community to bring their pets to St. John's church yard. The blessing will take place outdoors and whenever you arrive.

All pets and animals are welcome – none too large or small.

Dogs, cats, birds, spiders, snakes, horses, goats...

You name it Pastor Les will offer a prayer & blessing for you and your beloved animals.

Chuckatuck Borough School Board

Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 6, 2022

6:30p.m. until 8:00p.m.

Little Bethel Baptist Church

6533 Everets Road Suffolk, VA

Topics will include school safety, student issues, administration of schools

and board relations Sponsored by

Little Bethel Baptist Church

Diamond Grove Baptist Church

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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.

Oakland Christian United Church of Christ
P. O. Box 2008
Suffolk, VA 23432

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Interim Pastor: Rev. Eddie Walker
Minister of Music: Paul E. Putnam
Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Connie Edwards
Financial Secretary: Janice Roberts
Nursery Attendant: Kimberly Curliss

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