



IN OUR PRAYERS

Charles Johnson - Home Barbara Nelms - Home Jackie Pierce - Home
 Ann Hodgson - Home Nick Sarick - Home Mildred King - Home
 Randy Rowell - Home

John Mellon - Autumn Care
 Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health & Rehab Locust Hill, VA
 Marguerite Butler Accordius Health

Josephine Voss (family member of Mary & Lou Haddad)
 Jardin, Emma, and Grey Culpepper (Rhonda Culpepper's family) Wolfson Baptist Hospital
 Loretta Overholt (Wilma Roth's sister)
 Laura T. Wegman Shultz - (Betsy and Otto Wegman's daughter)
 Jane Waller (Kim Waller's mother) - Home
 Alexa Frey (Danna & Rick Vroman's great niece)
 Payton Vroman (Danna & Rick Vroman's granddaughter)
 Michael Teague (Peggy and Eddie Walker's son-in-law)
 Heather Brookover (friend of Kirsten Creely)
 Judy Shiers (friend of Cheryl Rudd)
 Charles Hammerbeck (friend of Cheryl Rudd)
 Terry Wilburn (friend of Denise & Frank Spady)
 Naomi Shockley (June & Bill Felton's great niece)
 Danny Perryman (Susie Eaton's uncle)
 Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister) - Home, Columbia, SC
 Colin Kiley (friend of Cheryl Rudd)
 Josh Bennett - (Ray Bennett's son) - Home

Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*
 Sunday, March 31, 2024



*Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey, you are
 welcome here!*

Contributing to Our Worship Today

Minister	Rev. Jason Stump
Minister of Music	Paul Putnam
Liturgist	Ed Carter

Please sign our red friendship pads located on the back of the pew in front of you.

If you are interested in ordering a flower arrangement for the altar, please sign up on the flower chart located on the front bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please call or email the church secretary.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

April 2	Loaves & Fishes Meeting - Fellowship Hall (10am)
April 3	Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)
April 7	Adult Sunday School (10am) Worship Communion Sunday (11am)
April 14	Adult Sunday School (10am) Worship Communion Sunday (11am)
April 14	Deacon Luncheon for Congregation - CLC - (following Worship)
April 16	Jewels - Hosts - Dana Mitchell and Sandra Johnston - CLC (6pm)
April 16	Men's Fellowship - Mod Olive 115 N. Main St. (6pm)
April 18	Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution drive-thru - CLC Portico (11am)
April 21	Adult Sunday School (10am) - Worship (11am) New member Sunday.
April 24	Council - Little Kitchen (6pm)
April 25	Deadline for April News Articles
April 28	Adult Sunday School (10am) - Worship (11am)

Attendance Last Sunday 146

*Weekly Collection (March 11 thru March 24) \$ 12,643.21

Collection Year to Date (January 1 thru March 24) \$ 90,429.09

*Collection to the General Fund - Includes online & mailed in offerings.



Please be sure any monetary tithes sent to the church on your behalf from a financial institution have your name associated with them, if you would like them attributed to you.



OAKLAND'S BECKY GODWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications will be available beginning May 1, 2024 and can be requested by calling the church office 757-255-4353 or emailing office@oaklanducc.com. Recipient must be a member of Oakland Christian UCC.



A UCC SUMMER CAMP

Camps are limited to 30 campers. Sign up early at this link. website: <https://www.jrvc.org/summer-camps>. Please let Pastor Jason know if you are attending camp this summer.

If you or your parents are members of Oakland, the church will pay half the camp fee.

Grades 7-12th: Classic Camp June 16-21 Adventure Camp June 23-28

Grades 3rd-6th: Classic Camp July 7-12

CAPS community kitchen They want us back! On **Friday, April 26th from 5-7pm** **Contact Dana Mitchell if you can help**

Dana Mitchell at 757-535-6793 or coopmitch@yahoo.com, to volunteer or get more info.

- Shoppers, cooks, and servers are needed (as well as people to pack lunch and breakfast bags). I invite anyone, particularly our newest members, to join in this rewarding experience!

On a separate note: Thanks to a very generous family in our congregation, CAPS was able to help a single mom and her 3 children have a place to relax! If you'd also like to retire "gently-used" **furniture** to a "new home away from home", please let me know.



Mark your calendar for Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

During the 11:00AM worship service the Chancel Choir will be presenting a Cantata for Pentecost written by Pepper Choplin.

"Once Upon a Morning"

tells the story from Easter to Pentecost. What a way to hear how the Easter story continues! Want to sing in our Pentecost Cantata? We will be rehearsing on Sunday mornings beginning on Sunday, April 5th @ 9:45AM in the choir room.

CHILDCARE AND NURSERY FOR AGES 0 TO 4 YEARS OLD

During the worship service, we provide nursery and childcare for infants and toddlers. If you need assistance, please ask an usher.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD

Following the children's message, children are invited to exit the sanctuary with a children's church team member and proceed upstairs (above nursery) for Children's Church. Parents, please pick up your child at this room following worship.

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.

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Pastor Jason Stump 757-630-6577 or Church 757-255-4353
*"Please no calls/texts after 8pm, or before 8am, unless it is a true emergency.
 Rev. Stump is typically off and unavailable on Friday and Saturday.
 Please consider if your contact can wait until a better time."*
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Oakland Christian Church Staff

Pastor Rev. Jason Stump
 Minister of Music Mr. Paul E. Putnam
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 Nursery Attendant. Mrs. Rhonda Culpepper
 Sexton Mr. Roosevelt Jones

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Office Hours 10 AM to 3 PM Monday through Thursday



**A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
EASTER**

GATHERING SONG *Alleluia, Alleluia*

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE *"Alleluia, The Strife is Over"* *arr. Young*

***HYMN OF GATHERING** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* **No. 216**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **LITURGIST**

Liturgist:: We gather in the presence of God's love to celebrate the best love story ever told.

People: The Holy Story of the Risen Christ!

Liturgist: A story of the Risen Christ who came as a sacrificial lamb to heal a hurting world.

People: The Divine sign of God's love and grace.

Liturgist: The story of three women who rose early to care for Jesus' body in the tomb.

People: An act to honor God's loving presence sent to be among us.

Liturgist: These women arrived and saw an empty tomb; they were shocked and afraid.

People: They remembered the symbol of human shame of the old rugged cross.

Liturgist: But the story did not end with the crucified Jesus. An Angel of God appeared in the empty tomb, and their terror transformed into amazement.

People: God's love had once again been revealed.

Liturgist: The journey of the three women continued; they were asked to go out and spread the Good News of God's love, peace, and justice found in the Risen Christ!

People: Today, we receive this Good News; Christ is Risen. He is Risen as He said!

***THE GLORIA PATRI** **No. 35**

YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Redeeming God, We recognize that your love for all creation is great and unmovable. All that we need on earth has been provided, and yet we struggle to share a portion of our blessings so that all might have enough. You have created an earth vast with land and sea. And yet, we embrace a narrative of scarcity. Believing that somehow there is not enough for everyone to be cared for. But the data proves otherwise. We know there is an overwhelming abundance of resources on the earth you created. Help us to choose a narrative of abundance over scarcity. Give us the strength to help make this world a better place by embracing your agape love of equality for all creation. Let your ancient story of love be our new, innovative, and transformative story of love. The kind of love that transforms hearts, O God, and leads us towards this new way of living. May this new life speak to the kind of prosperity that overflows with your love of peace and justice for all people, everywhere!

WORDS OF GRACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

Children may go to Children's Church after the message.

ANTHEM *"Joy in the Morning"* Sleeth

*THE PRAYER HYMN *"Because He Lives"* No. 562

THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE No. 562

*Because he Lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

**Stand if you are able*

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

ISAIAH 25: 6-9 (OT PG. 652)

MARK 16: 1-8 (NT PG. 54)

LITURGIST
PASTOR

SERMON #4

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"All Heaven Declares"* arr. Fettke

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*HYMN OF PARTING

"He Lives!"

No. 226

THE COMMISSIONING (UNISON)

Let us now go forth into the world in peace,
to be of good courage, to hold fast to that which is good,
to render to no one evil for evil, to strengthen the fainthearted,
to support the weak, to help the afflicted,
and to rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always,
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life,
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.*

Easter Sunday