

NURSERY CARE FOR AGES 0 TO 4 YEARS OLD

During the worship service we provide nursery care. 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
pastorstump@gmail.com or office@oaklanducc.com

*"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."*

Oakland Christian Church Staff

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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*
Sunday, September 1, 2024



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

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister Rev. Jason Stump
 Minister of Music Paul Putnam
 Liturgist Rick Vroman

☺ *Let us know you are here by signing the red pad on the back of the pew in front of you.*


ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION (Nursery Available)

Sunday 10am to 10:45am

Friendship Class - Sunday School Room - Godwin Building
 Coffee & Company - Community Life Center

Sunday 11am - Worship Gathering in Sanctuary

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Sept 2 Office closed for Labor Day.
- Sept 3 Loaves & Fishes Mtg. - Sanctuary Hall (10am)
- Sept 8 Sunday Worship - New Members
- Sept 12 Prison Angel Tree Meeting - CLC (6pm) 
- Sept 15 Sunday Worship
- Sept 16 thru Sept 28 - Pastor Stump on vacation out of town
- Sept 17 Jewels - CLC (6pm) Hosted by Julie Johnson and Sharon Winslow
- Sept 17 Men's Fellowship - Cazadores Mexican, 1701 N. Main St. (6pm)
- Sept 18 & 25 Candy Making CLC Kitchen (9:30am to 2pm) see Carole Matt 🍬
- Sept 19 Loaves & Fishes food distribution drive-thru at Portico (11am)
- Sept 22 Worship - Guest minister Rev. Ernest Hamliner
- Sept 25 Deadline for submitting newsletter articles for Oct.
- Sept 25 Council Mtg. - Little Kitcehn (6pm)
- Sept 27 Set-up for Rise Against Hunger - CLC
- Sept 28 Rise Against Hunger - CLC (10am)

🎵 *Choir & Bell rehearsals resume in September ; Thursday 6:30pm & 7:30 pm respectively.*
Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice



THE COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN SUFFOLK

Sunday, Sept. 15 11am to 2pm \$16 per plate
 Captain Bob's BBQ, Fried Chicken, Slaw, Hush Puppies, and Green Beans
 Drive-thru *pick up at Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church*

[BBQ Plate - Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk \(capsuffolk.org\)](http://capsuffolk.org) click to order tickets online
Dana Mitchell for tickets: Text 757-535-6793 or email coopmitch@yahoo.com



Saturday, September 28 10am in the CLC
 We will pack 10,000 meals here at Oakland

Contact: Carole Matt for questions 412-855-2944

Scan to register



Our Stewardship Committee is offering
 a Tax Law & Investment **Seminar**
Sunday, September 8th in Oakland's CLC
 Time: 5:00 pm Includes: Light Food and Fellowship

Financial Planner, Kyle Arcand, will explain Tax Law changes
 and help us make good decisions regarding investments.
 Sign-up sheet in Sanctuary Hall, or call the church office 757-255-4353

CONFIRMATION COURSE FOR TEENS

"On October 13th there will be an orientation offered for those wishing to begin the Confirmation journey. This journey is called 'A New Path for an Ancient Journey.' It is open to those who are 14 years old or older. Exceptions for 13 year olds can be offered depending upon special circumstances.
 There will be group work classes, trips, and experiences offered to assist on this journey. However, it will be more of an individual journey than in the past. More information on that will be offered on October 13th. Please reach out directly to Rev. Stump with any questions and to sign up for this orientation."

Attendance Last Sunday 104

*Weekly Collection (Aug 19 thru Aug 25) \$4,002.67 Year to Date \$194,644.14

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



To Give On Line

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Eternal God, may we break from the bonds of unaltered, unexamined, and unimaginative traditions. At the same time, may we be released from the compulsion to discount everything that has been a source of life and faithful formation across generations. Help us to discern what needs to be left in our past with honor, recognition, and gratitude, what needs to be eradicated with lament, repentance, and repair, and what needs to be envisioned, imagined, and created for the future. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

Anthem: "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" McDonald

*THE PRAYER HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 425

THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9 (OT PG 160) LITURGIST
PSALM 15 (OT PG 495) LITURGIST
MARK 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NT PG 42) PASTOR

SERMON "AUTHENTIC RELIGION "

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Friends, come to this table, where Christ invites all who seek him to receive the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

People: We come, trusting in god's grace and mercy.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE HOLY MEAL

THANKSGIVING

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*HYMN OF PARTING "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 86

***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**

***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.*

***POSTLUDE**

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Julie and Chris Hase
to the glory of God and
in honor of our 45th wedding anniversary on September 1st.*

**Stand if you are able*