NURSERY CARE FROM BIRTH 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."

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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ Est. 1872 Sunday, July 06, 2025



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

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister Rev.	Jason Sump
Minster of Music	Paul Putnam
Liturgist	am Saunders



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

July 6-12 Housing Immanuel UCC from PA-Providing missionary work in our community.

- No Splash Bible Study this week.
- Splash Bible Study Location TBA (10am) July 16
- July 17 Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution and Meeting - CLC (10am)
- July 18 Friday Night Fellowship - CLC (6:30pm)
- July 23 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)
- July 25 Deadline for Church Newsletter Articles

Summer Choir—Beginning June 22nd – July 27th, all rehearsals will be Sunday mornings beginning at 10:00AM in the choir room.

Attendance (Last Sunday): 110

5th Sunday Loose Change Offering for Safe House Project \$259.68 \$5,673.00

Weekly General Fund Giving (June 23—June 29)

Year-to-date General Fund Giving (Jan 1—June 29) \$149,763.54

Want to set-up your giving? Call the office 757-255-4353 and Connie will be happy to help you get set up for **online giving** or to provide **offering envelopes**.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

- Take a moment this week to reflect on what freedom really means—not just for you, but for your neighbor.
- Engage with the stories of veterans, immigrants, those impacted by systemic injustice.

Use your voice, your actions, and your presence to work for God's justice.

Empowering Seniors through Safety and Wellness

Learn valuable tips and resources for a healthier, safer lifestyle in our supportive community environment. Cyber Security/Scams-Suffolk Sheriff's Office Excercise Tips

Nutritional Information Fire Extinguisher Training

August 18th 10am **Register by August 11th** Call 255-4353 **Light Lunch Provided**

~Please Sign Up ~ Sheet is on the Information table in the Sanctuary Hall

FAITHFUL GENEROSITY AT OAKLAND

Oakland Christian UCC is blessed with a strong spiritual and financial foundation. We're grateful for your generosity, which supports worship, care, outreach, and community life.

As is common in summer, giving has dipped slightly—currently about 10% below last year's pace. This isn't cause for alarm, but a gentle reminder: the work of the church continues year-round.

Your faithful support—whether ongoing or one-time—helps sustain and grow our ministry. Thank you for being part of this vibrant, generous community.



HOME

Rev. Mary Anne Biggs Mildred King Colen Hodgson Charles Johnson Randy Rowell Jackie Pierce Anne Hodgson

IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health

Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health - Locust Hill, VA

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Eddie Mitchell (Sandra Johnston's brother)

Lori Staudy (Sandra Johnston's neighbor)

Darrell Mayo (Denise & Frank Spady's friend)

Marie Walsh (Mary Haddad's cousin)

Michael Schine (Karen Schine's husband)

Ronald Burton (Sharon and Rodger Burton's son)

Karen Beck (Laurel Johnson's sister-in-law)

Charla Mathes (Samantha Fly's friend)

Naomi Shockley (June Felton's great niece)

Stasia and Danny Perryman (Susie Eaton's uncle)

Sandy and Wally Fuchs (Laurel Johnson's sister and brother in-law)

Kathy Duval (Laurel Johnson's friend)

Loretta & David Overholt (Wilma Roth's sister and brother-in-law)

Tim Boyer (Babler family friend)

Eileen Murphy (Mary Haddad's cousin)

Alexa Frey (Danna & Rick Vroman's great niece)

Judy Shiers (Cheryl Rudd's friend)

Heather Brookover (Kirsten Creely's friend)

Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister)

A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING SONG "Alleluia, Alleluia"

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE"America, the Beautiful" arr. Bock

*HYMN OF GATHERING "Morning Has Broken" No. 53

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We gather in this sacred act, not to wave flags of empire, but to lift up

the banner of Christ.

People: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Liturgist: We come from many stories, shaped by nations, from our ancestors to

our grandchildren, yet called by a higher purpose.

People: We are citizens of heaven and stewards of justice on earth.

Liturgist: Let us worship the God who calls us to love, to serve, and to seek

liberty and justice for all.

All: We were born into many lands—but in Christ, we all are

children of God.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 35

You May Be Seated...

INVOCATION

*Stand if you are able

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Christ, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy on us—and on all. We confess our sins. We cling to comfort. We resist change. We think of others as less than us. Have mercy on us—and on all. Gracious God, Strengthen us to offer grace. Stir us to care for your creation.

Shape us to live your love. You love us. We love you. Let our lives show it.

Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Lojeski

LET THE CHILDREN COME

Children are invited to attend Children's Church following the message.

THE MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour,
There is light and life,
There is help and power in the Spirit.
In the Spirit of the Lord.

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

ISAIAH 58: 6-9A (OT PG. 688) GALATIANS 5: 1, 13-14 (NT PG. 190) LUKE 4: 16-21 (NT PG. 61) LITURGIST LITURGIST PASTOR

SERMON SERIES:

FAITH, HOPE, & ROCK N ROLL – SCRIPTURE IN THE KEY OF SPRINGSTEEN

SERMON: "BORN IN THE USA!?"

"Faith, Freedom, and Following Jesus in a Complicated Nation."

*THE COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 425

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE PARTING HYMN

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

No. 720

*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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Suzanne and Darden Langston
to the honor and glory of our gracious God
and in loving memory of
Frank Jordan