

## NURSERY CARE FROM BIRTH TO 4 YEARS OLD

During the worship service we provide nursery care. Please ask an usher for help.

## 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

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*Rev. Stump values walking alongside you in your faith journey and appreciates your support.*

*For non-urgent matters, please text during the week and avoid contacting him after 8pm or before 8am, unless it's an emergency. He typically takes Fridays and Saturdays for rest and spiritual renewal, so if your message can wait, it's best to reach out during the week.*

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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*

Sunday, July 20, 2025



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

Contributing to Worship Today

Minister . . . . .Rev. Jason Stump  
Minster of Music . . . . . Paul Putnam  
Liturgist . . . . . John Mitchell

☺ *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 23 Council Meeting - Little Kitchen (6pm)

July 25 Deadline for Church Newsletter Articles

Aug 1– 6 Pastor on vacation

Aug 8 Ice Cream Social and a Movie! - CLC (6:30pm)

Aug 13 BOCE Meeting - Godwin Meeting Room - (6pm)

Aug 15 Friday Night Fellowship - (6:30pm)

Aug 18 Seniors Safety and Wellness Event - CLC (10am)

Aug 21 Loaves & Fishes food distribution and meeting (10am)

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

Attendance (Last Sunday): 87

Weekly General Fund Giving (July 7—July 13) \$2,432.00

Year-to-date General Fund Giving (Jan 1—July 13) \$154,927.54

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.

Family  
Movie  
Night

BOCE Presents

Friday, August 8, 2025

@ 6:30 pm

The Community Life Center

Movie Title: The King of Kings





*The **nametags** have arrived for everyone who requested one.*

*Don't forget to pick yours up at the table in the Sanctuary Hall.*

Empowering Seniors through Safety and Wellness

Learn valuable tips and resources for a healthier, safer lifestyle in our supportive community environment.

August 18<sup>th</sup> 10am

Register by August 11th

Call 255-4353

Light Lunch Provided

~Please Sign Up ~

Sheet is on the

Information table in

the Sanctuary Hall

Do you ever wonder about senior safety?

Do you ever wonder what to do about scams?

Do you think about exercise, but never quite “get around to it”?

Do you know how to operate a fire extinguisher?

Do you wonder if your nutritional needs are being met?

More information is coming, and a lunch is included!





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

Rev. L.P. Wilkins (Mugsy) (Judy Gardner's childhood friend)  
 Dave Reilly (Katie Humphrey's brother)  
 Eddie Mitchell (Sandra Johnston's brother)  
 Lori Staudy (Sandra Johnston's neighbor)  
 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**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING SONG** *"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

## THE WORDS OF GREETING

**THE PRELUDE**                      *"I Love to Tell the Story"*      arr. Wood

\*HYMN OF GATHERING      *"The Church's One Foundation"*      No. 272

## \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We come with full schedules and busy minds, carrying tasks, worries, and unspoken frustrations.

**People:** We long to center our hearts on what truly matters, to find rest, renewal, and a deeper peace.

Liturgist: Jesus welcomes those who work and those who wait, those who move and those who pause.

**People:** He invites us to choose the better part— not a better job, but a better way of being.

Liturgist: Not better because it's quiet, or still, or spiritual—but better because it draws us toward love and not comparison.

**People:** Whether serving or listening, we come to be present—with Christ and with one another.

**All:** Let us worship the One who gives life its meaning, and teaches us to focus on the one thing that matters.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI No. 35

YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

INVOCATION

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 *"Shout to the Lord"* arr. Shackley

LET THE CHILDREN COME  
*Children are invited to attend Children’s Church following the message*

\* THE PRAYER HYMN *"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"* NO. 490  
*YOU MAY ME SEATED . . .*

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  
PSALM 15 (OT PG. 495) PASTOR  
LUKE 10: 38-42 (NT PG. 72) LITURGIST

SERMON: "ONE THING—MAKING THE SECRET TO LIFE THE BETTER PART"

\*THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING  
INVITATION TO GENEROSITY  
THE OFFERTORY  
\*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 46  
\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

\*THE PARTING HYMN *"There's Within My Heart a Melody!"* NO. 550

\*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.*

*\*Stand if you are able*