

NURSERY CARE FROM BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD

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

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

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Pastor Stump welcomes the opportunity to walk alongside you through the joys, questions, challenges, and transitions of life and faith.

He is available to meet in person by appointment and may also be reached by phone, text, or email. For non-urgent matters, please call or text Monday through Thursday between **8am and 8pm** For pastoral emergencies, please reach out at any time.

Noise-Cancelling Headphones Available

To help make worship welcoming and accessible for everyone, noise-cancelling headphones for both adults and children are available. If you or a family member would like to use a pair during worship, please see an usher before the service. We hope this resource helps everyone participate in worship comfortably.

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Oakland Christian United Church of Christ *Est. 1872*

Sunday, September 27, 2026



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 Betty Rhodes

 *Please sign the red pad to let us know you're worshipping with us today*

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION (Nursery Available)
Sunday 10am to 10:45am
Friendship Class - Sunday School Room - Godwin Hall 1st Floor
Sunday 11am - Worship Gathering in the Sanctuary

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Sat	Oct 3	Workshop with Church Consultant - CLC (9am to 12pm)
Tue	Oct 6	Candy Making - CLC - (10am)
Thur	Oct 8	Candy Making - CLC - (10am)
Mon	Oct 12	Office Closed - Columbus Day
Tue	Oct 13	Candy Making - CLC - (10am)
Wed	Oct 14	Council Meeting - Godwin Room (6pm)
Thur	Oct 15	Loaves & Fishes Meal Bag Distribution - CLC Portico (11am)
Oct 14 thru 26		Jason on vacation

*Bell Choir rehearsals 6:30pm and Chancel Choir rehearsals 7:30pm, every Thursday night.
Minister of Music will communicate exceptions to practice.*

Attendance (Last Sunday) 75

Online Giving


Weekly General Fund Giving (Sept. 14 - Sept. 20) \$ 31,377.71
Year-to-date General Fund Giving (Jan - Sept. 20) \$232,044.29
Includes in-person, online, and mailed in offerings.
Offering Envelopes call the office **757-255-4353** and Connie will be happy to provide offering envelopes.



Invitation to Generosity

Please share your tithes and offerings by using the plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



DISCERNING OAKLAND’S FUTURE

Come listen, share, imagine, and discern together what kind of church God is calling Oakland to be!

Church Consultant **Kelly Brill** will be with us on **Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the CLC** for a special workshop. Kelly is a retired minister with 40 years of ministry experience and now serves as a congregational consultant and clergy coach. She is a passionate cheerleader for churches and their future!
Please see the September Newsletter for more information about Kelly and this important opportunity for Oakland.





Calling Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve others in our community? **Meals on Wheels is always looking for new volunteers!**

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Kitty at kbsalon@gmail.com or **757-377-6552** for more information.



Calling All Hands!

It’s time for **Fall Candy Making!** Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and great people as we make our delicious fall candy.

Please mark your calendar and **come when you can—we need you!** Every helping hand makes a difference, and there’s always plenty of laughter and good fellowship along the way.

Tuesdays: October 6, 13 & 20 **(10AM)** **Thursdays:** October 8, 15 & 22

Come for an hour, stay for the day—we’d love to have you!

“You can help standing or seated”



A GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOME

Roger Burton Colen Hodgson Mildred King Charles Johnson Randy Rowell

IN THE HOSPITAL, NURSING HOMES, AND REHABILITATION

Marguerite Butler - Accordius Health

Chris Hathaway - Dockside Health - Locust Hill, VA

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Michael Teague (Peggy and Eddie Walker's son in law)

David Martin (Susie's nephew) Young Veteran

Patricia Parker (Sharon Creekmore's sister)

Pam Nevin (Paul Putnam's sister)

Rick Rowlands (Cheryl Rowlands' husband)

Joe Jackson (Yolanda Jackson's husband)

Jeni McAllister (Doris Schompert's daughter, Mahjongg group)

Laura Haas (Rev. Stump's aunt) Lucas Roosa (Rev. Stump's friend)

Julio Cortez (Peyton Wise's Boyfriend) - Shepherd Center Rehab, Atlanta, Georgia

Judy Gayle (Part of our church family)

Julie Cording (Katie Humphrey's cousin)

Debbie Williams (Roger and Sharon Burton's daughter)

Jean Ward (Sharon Winslow's sister)

Millie Taylor (Susie Eaton's friend)

John Byrum, Sr.. (Ginny Fly's father)

Eddie Mitchell (Sandra Johnston's brother) Lori Staudy

Jane Waller (Kim Waller's mother)

David Overholt (Wilma Roth's brother-in-law)

Tim Boyer (Cheri Babler's friend)

Eileen Murphy (Mary Haddad's cousin)

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

Judy Shiers (Cheryl Rudd's friend)

Anne Ducate (Sadie Boyer's sister)

A GATHERING ALLELUIA

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

THE WORDS OF GREETING

THE PRELUDE

"Meditation on Thais" Massenet

*THE HYMN OF GATHERING *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* No. 66

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Psalm 25)

Liturgist: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We trust you!

People: Make your ways known to us. Teach us your truths.

Liturgist: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We follow you!

People: Lead us in your ways. Your path liberates and saves.

Liturgist: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We worship you!

People: Guide us in humility and goodness. Praise the Holy One!

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 35

YOU MAY BE SEATED . . .

INVOCATION

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (UNISON)

Holy Presence, you demonstrate the way of love and community, yet so often we turn immediately to quarrels and complaints against one another and against you rather than helpful ways of communicating and confronting conflict. Teach us to be loving even as we struggle. Stir up compassion and accountability in our interactions. Remind us that you are with us even through tests, trials, and disappointments. Transform us with trust and care to be faithful and to seek you in prayer when we feel driven to quarrel and complaint. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

THE ANTHEM “*The Prayer*” arr. Fettke

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Leroy Howell

*We hope today's message will inspire you, as you consider your pledge for 2027.
Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)*

Following the message, children (Pre-K through Grade 3) are welcome to join our youth teacher at the kids table near the little kitchen for a special time of learning and worship.

*THE PRAYER HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* NO. 543

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Exodus 17: 1-7 (OT PG. 64)
Matthew 21: 23-32 (NT PG. 23)

LITURGIST
PASTOR

SERMON “IS THE LORD AMONG US?”

THE WORSHIP OF OFFERING

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE PARTING HYMN *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* No. 589

*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*