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Oak Hill News

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With Jesus as our guide and community as our goal, we worship, love, serve and grow.

Pastor's Corner

In the second chapter of Acts, we're given a glimpse of how the early followers of Christ spent their time and energy. Acts 2:42 proclaims, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." They gave to anyone as they had need.

In the Confirmation Class we highlighted these spiritual practices and call them the five habits of spiritual growth.

(1. Bible Study, 2. Prayer, 3. Worship,
4. Fellowship/Friendship, 5. Service/Mission)

Our Confirmation Students have explored the five habits in a variety of different ways. They have also thought about many ways they can put their faith into action. They have also taken time to explore the things that are most important to each of them and how they can use their personal gifts and abilities to make a difference in the world. Some of these issues include earth care, mental health, pay equity, peace and justice, family, and more.

Sunday, June 2, will be a very special worship celebration as we confirm four young people. They are Ian Beckmann, Adelaide Bays-Hanify, Lucie Crittenden, and Gretchen Crittenden. They will share their special projects during the service. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion.

We are also excited that the AMEN House will be welcoming summer mission trip participants for nine weeks this summer beginning the first week of June.

You are invited to attend our Neighbor Night outreach events beginning Wednesday, June 5. A BBQ dinner will kick off the evening every week at 6:00 p.m., followed by games and activities at 6:30 p.m. We hope that you will come to the Turkish Pavilion every week to participate in this exciting outreach program. Bring a friend.

Neighbor Night dates at the Turkish Pavilion in Tower Grove Park – BBQ at 6:00 p.m.

<u>June</u>
Wednesday, June 5
Wednesday, June 12
Wednesday, June 19
Tuesday, June 25 (Pavilion not available on Wednesday)

<u>July</u>
(No Neighborhood Night on July 3.)
Wednesday, June 10
Wednesday, July 17
Wednesday, June 24
Wednesday, July 31

<u>August</u>
Wednesday, August 7

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Wanda

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Mission and Justice will be hosting the monthly luncheon after church on Sunday, June 23. We will be having a **Salad Buffet!** We'll be providing lettuce greens and basic tossed salad ingredients! We hope everyone will bring their favorite salad to share. This is an all-inclusive salad buffet. Chicken salad, Jello salad, salad with tiny marshmallows, fruit salad, international salad. If you can make it and call it salad, bring it. Or bring something to add to a salad or serve as a side to salad. Salad-like desserts are welcome, too!! Join in on the Salad Fun!

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Matt Hanify

Worship

At Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, our mission statement is "*With Jesus as our guide and community as our goal, we worship, love, serve, and grow.*" In May, we volunteered at New Roots Urban Farm. We have provided food to our unhoused neighbors. We shared tacos. Our Large Assembly Room has been beautifully decorated – more than once. And we're glad to have you here. And if you can't be "here" here, we still offer online Zoom worship if you would rather. Welcome.
Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m., in person or on Zoom (meeting ID 768 992 383)

Communion

Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of the month, June 2. *Couple of quick notes regarding Communion: First (and most importantly), everyone is welcome. Second, we currently apply a two-pronged approach to Communion. We offer* slices of slices of bread and juice in separate containers. We also offer individualized Communion units with juice on one end and a bread-like substance on the other. This acts as both our pandemically safer option and our gluten-free option.

We also offer in-home Communion for our extended members. Let us know if anyone would like Communion in their home, and we can schedule a time. Please reach out to Pastor Wanda or someone on our committee.

Sunday School – adult and youth

Sunday school is taking a break for the summer. We want to thank Lisa Thompson, Sarah Gibson, the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Donna Cook and all the other volunteers for their leadership and teaching this year, and we look forward to starting Sunday school again in September.

Children at church

Children are always welcome. They're lively. They get squirmy and chatty and they're just adorable, aren't they? We love them. They like to color and draw, and we have coloring books and mazes and crayons and all sorts of things at the back of the sanctuary – help yourself. Like I said, they're always welcome. If, however, you feel like you or your child needs a quick break from things, we have a space in our Large Assembly Room (directly below the sanctuary) reserved for children and parents. It has a TV so you won't miss a minute of service. And we have a few older kids who are happy to join you downstairs and help out, show you around. Let us know if you have questions.

Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible Study is reading *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew*, by Bart Ehrman. The group has nearly finished part one. But guess what? That's right – there's a part two in this book. So, feel free to join, even if you're joining late. Dr. Ehrman, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, has written and edited 30 books, including three textbooks and six *New York Times* best sellers. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate in Bible study (even if you haven't done the reading), but if you want to know the reading assignment, contact the church office or Pastor Alan.

Wednesday Bible Study, 11:00 a.m., Zoom (259 777 226, password Disciple)

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Zoom

If you're looking for information on Zoom worship at Oak Hill, please see the "Worship" section above. However, if you ever watched people run the Zoom webcast and thought to yourself, "I think I might like to try that some Sunday or a series of Sundays," then feel free to contact anybody who is running Zoom and ask about volunteering. We have a few people who know what to do; we would love to have more.

Volunteering

If you would like to take on a larger role here at Oak Hill, please let us know. We have several opportunities solely for the satisfaction of a job well done. We need greeters and liturgists. If you have artistic sensibilities, we can use that as well. We will find a place for you that fits your skill set. And if you see something that you might think needs to be done, ask someone. We will likely say "Sure" or "That's a good idea" or "Ask Donna – she will know what to do." She usually does. Or you can sign up on the website, oakhillpcusa.com (the "Worship" tab has an orange box that contains a Sign-up Genius link).

Choir

Chancel Choir rehearsal is Sunday mornings. You don't need an audition song or an accompanist. You also might only be available for choir during the summer. That's fantastic. We would love to have you. Ask Susan Brown, our Minister of Music, what time rehearsal starts (it changes during the summer).

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Sandy Kay

Evangelism & Membership met on May 6, 2024. And now, Summer is upon us!

Our Confirmation Class will be decorating the Art Wall for summer. There will be a Confirmation party downstairs on Sunday, June 2, with cake and punch.

Also, we will be putting our Zoom information and what book we are studying in Wednesday Bible Study on the Art Wall. Anyone is welcome from Oak Hill and the community. We will continue to meet through the summer as well.

Neighbor Nights in Tower Grove Park at the Turkish Pavilion resume on the first Wednesday in June, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Lots of fun and games to try or even just come and talk with folks who stop by. You can see Josh and our newest Elder Noel Harding doing some serious BBQing and great games with Clayton Delaney. Josh will be making a new large banner to put up for this event.

Josh will also have a banner ready for Sunday, July 7, when we serve a light lunch of hot dogs and chips to be followed by…wait for it…the **Ice CreamTruck** outside!!!! We also hope to welcome some new members on that day.

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:30p.m. on Zoom.

MISSION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

By Donna Cook

It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."

– E.E. Cummings

Greeting from Mission and Justice for ALL.

June is Pride Month! Learn more about Pride Month here: https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/. Oak Hill is a member of **More Light Presbyterians:** https://sites.google.com/mlp.org/tempsite/home .

June 8-9, 2024. WEAR ORANGE
https://wearorange.org
Join us in honoring survivors and building community with those working to end gun violence. There will be a Guns to Gardens event at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 8, and Wear Orange to End Gun Violence Rally in Webster Groves, Sunday, June 9.

Juneteenth will be celebrated at Isaiah 58 Ministries on Saturday, June 15, 2024, with food, music, stories and more. We'll be there offering voter registration. Watch for info in our weekly updates.

Dating back to 1865, Juneteenth (June 19) commemorates the day when 250,000 slaves in the state of Texas, which became the last bastion for slavery during the final days of the Civil War, were declared free by the United States Army.

Your Isaiah 58 Shopping List

June 2024
2nd - canned ravioli with meat
9th - coffee or tea
16th - diapers - sizes 5, 6, 4T, 5T, or baby wipes
23rd - all-purpose cleaner
30th - canned tuna

July 2024
7th - pasta
14th - canned spinach or greens
21st - oatmeal
28th - canned fruit

Isaiah 58 needs summer clothes, especially women's summer tops and dresses and men's spring and summer clothes. They really appreciate seasonally appropriate clothing donations. They are short on long term storage. All of your contributions are appreciated. You can make a monetary donation to Isaiah 58 Ministries through their website or through Oak Hill's giving portal.

Thanks to Dena for preparing lunch for the Bounce Back Program. And once again sandwiches have been prepared for street outreach groups to share with folks on the street. Thank you to Dena, and two or our new members, Jeanne Lichtenwalner and Kimberley Thompson

Neighbor Nights!
Join us for Neighbor Nights in Tower Grove Part at the Turkish Pavilion. Festivities begin at 6:00 PM with hot dogs and more! Games and activities start up about 6:30 with our Fitness Friend, Clayton Delaney! The dates are all Wednesday nights, except one is a Tuesday (the Pavilion wasn't available).

Wednesdays - June 5, 12, 19
Tuesday - June 25
Wednesdays - July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7.

We'll invite the neighbors and Compton Heights CC and St. John's Youth and Families. And last but not least we'll be joined by our visiting Mission Teams from AMEN St. Louis.

MISSION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE (cont'd)

In June we'll be joined by groups from St. Paul UCC - Waterloo, IL, Chapel Hill Pres - Blue Springs, MO, and First Pres - Lee Summit, MO, 1st Pres. of Topeka, Kansas, and First Christian Church of Topeka, Kansas, and First Pres of Muscatine, Iowa.

Our committee is undecided on a June meeting date. If you want to attend our meeting, which will be held on Zoom, please contact Dena Roper.

"It takes no compromise to give people their rights.... It takes no political deal to give people freedom."

– Harvey Milk

STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

By Brian Heuckroth

We had a fabulous workday on Saturday, May 18, with plenty of volunteers and lots of progress on the church buildings and grounds and AMEN House. Dena did a great job organizing the AMEN House work and the lunch, which is always appreciated. Thank you to all who participated!

The Workday 2024 Crew

(See Scenes from Oak Hill on pages 6 & 7 for more pictures.)

We have restored the lower chair lift to service, so there is some progress. The upper chairlift is still having issues and remains out of service until the vendor's tech can get here to fix it.

The AC units which we need to cool the sanctuary are operational and the ones which don't work in the sanctuary and the nursery will be expensive to fix. We will be discussing how to approach this situation in the upcoming month.

In case you haven't yet gotten to donate to the Pentecost Offering that was received on Pentecost Sunday, the website is still active and receiving donations. Thank you for your generosity.

That's all for this month!
Brian H.
Chair of Stewardship and Property

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were reported or approved by Session in their May 8, 2024, Stated Session Meeting.

Average Worship attendance in person and via Zoom in April was 49.

Membership as of April 30, 2024, was 101.

It was reported that the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy awarded Oak Hill a $1,600 Summer Grant to help fund the Neighborhood Nights outreach program. (We had applied for a $3,000 grant, but there were a lot of applications this year and limited funds.)

Session approved Pastor Wanda taking May 16-23, June 6, 9, 20, and July 22 through August 2 as vacation days, and August 12 through 23 as Study Leave.

Session voted to hold their June Stated Session Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. and their August Stated Session Meeting to Wednesday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

The following financial report was provided to session following the meeting:

Financial Reports for April and Year-to-Date 2024

	April	2024 YTD Total
Income		
Actual	$13,244.47	$51,578.89
Budgeted	$15,146.67	$51,741.68
Over (Under) Budget	($1,902.20)	($162.79)
Expenses		
Actual	$19,476.57	$83,271.22
Budgeted	$17,535.62	$85,263.78
Over/(Under) Budget	($1,940.95)	($1,992.56)
Net Revenue/(Loss)	($6,232.10)	($31,692.33)

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, at the Barrow residence to discuss *"The First Ladies"* by Marie Benedict. Please bring your dinner and join us. The novel explores the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

Those who want to join on Zoom may join us at 7 p.m.: 259 777 226 (password Disciple: case sensitive).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Submitted by Jan Stanford

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, June 20, at 10 a.m. or whenever you can make it. Please bring a sandwich - salad, chips, dessert, iced tea, and coffee will be provided.

CRAFT CLUB

Submitted by Dena Roper

Craft night will be held on Friday, June 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. It's a bring your own project evening. Bring a snack and hang out with us! Contact Dena with any questions.

Scenes from Oak Hill

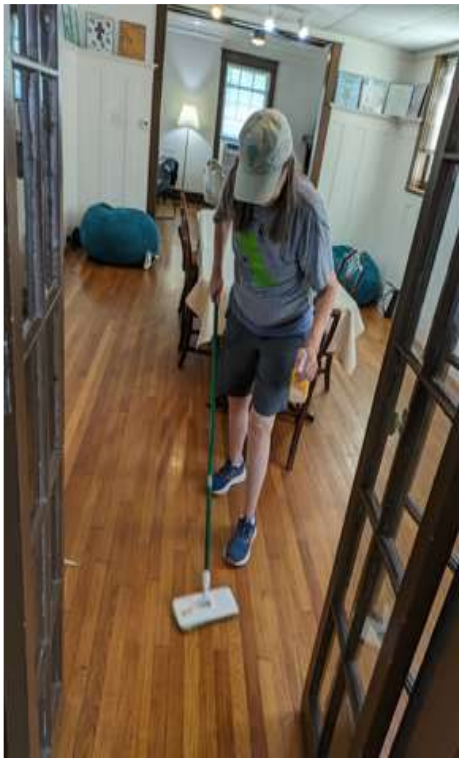
Pentecost Sunday

Church Workday

Wendy pulls the unrighteous weeds from the front patio.

Church Workday (cont'd)

Bob brings light to the boiler room.



Jeanne shines the AMEN House floors.

Matt spruces up the parking lot.

Don and Bob examine the Upper Room plaster and window needs.

PROJECTS Around the Church

Bible Readings for the Month

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 2	1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20) *and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18* and *Psalm 81:1-10;* 2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
Sunday, June 9	1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) *and Psalm 138; and Psalm 130,* 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Sunday, June 16	1 Sam. 15:34-16:15 *and Psalm 20; and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;* 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
Sunday, June 23	1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 *and Psalm 9:9-20 or* 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16 *and Psalm 133*; *and Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32;* 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
Sunday, June 30	2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27 *and Psalm 130 and Psalm 30,* 2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

June 16

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We are a welcoming congregation where visitors are always expected!

Christian Education - 9:30 a.m.
(On break during the Summer.)
(Resumes in the Fall)

Service of Worship
(In Person and on Zoom)
10:30 a.m.

The ministers of Oak Hill Church are its members assisted by:

Rev. Wanda Lawry
Transitional Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Parish Associate

Ms. Susan Brown
Minister of Music

Ms. Carole Adams
Secretary

Articles for publication in the ***Oak Hill News*** need to be submitted in writing to the church office by the 3rd Monday of each month.