

JULY 28, 2015

# Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Dear Church...

I thank you for allowing me the time to go on vacation and visit family in Michigan. Those following our adventures on Facebook even commented on whether or not I would want to return with all the fun the boys and I had. It was an amazing trip and was very enjoyable to be in places where I had no cell phone signal for hours on end. It was peaceful and quiet, as much as can be expected with a 5 and 6 year old in-tow. Great and wonderful memories were created, and I was grateful not only for this opportunity, but also that I missed having to bale hay while I was home. I discovered several things about myself on this trip as well. For one thing: how easy it is to forget what it is like to not have the multitude of conveniences we are afforded living in an urban area. I couldn't just jump in the car and run to Wal-Mart or Target where I was, and even the grocery store was a 15-minute drive into town. It is nice to be back with you, though, surrounded by such a loving and compassionate congregation.

Shalom,  
Daniel

## Property Thank You's

More kudos to Jerry Cobb who removed another wasp nest hiding in the children's playground equipment AND in the door of the church van! Another toilet problem was repaired thanks to George Lunsford and John Trivette. Daniel has been busy replacing lights in the hall and elsewhere with brighter LED lights. We think it looks great!

Thanks to an anonymous donor who replaced our shop vacuum. THANK YOU!

Jane Maytubby, Property Co-chair

## Caring & Sharing

Caring and Sharing met Sunday, July 19th, at WOCC from 4:00-5:00pm. T. J. Johnson was the speaker; we really appreciate him. Thanks, T.J.!

### EAT OUT PROGRAM DATES:

**August 12** Swadley's BBQ

4000 N. Rockwell

Meeting 5:00pm

**August 26** Nina's Family Restaurant

5001 N. Portland

Meeting 5:00pm

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- General Assembly
- Tablecloths
- Fellowship Dinner
- Radio Ad

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## JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Adrianna Lormand 8/3  
 Ashley McConnell 8/3  
 Matthew Wilkerson 8/7  
 Ruth Ann McAffrey 8/11  
 Ariel Isaacson 8/12  
 Sue Gordon 8/14  
 T.J. Johnson 8/15  
 Twila Ballard 8/16  
 Bill Droke 8/16  
 Verona Burke 8/18

Mary Garrison 8/18  
 Les Groves 8/18  
 Rhea Todd 8/18  
 Beverly Parker 8/19  
 Richard Wilkinson 8/20  
 Summer Powers 8/21  
 Andrea Teter 8/21  
 Marion Cross 8/23  
 Bob Melton 8/23  
 Ted Brauer 8/26

Linda Fortin 8/26  
 Jason Bass 8/27  
 Hope Lairson 8/27  
 James Reinhardt 8/27  
 Eddie McAffrey 8/28  
 Lisa Early 8/30

**Birthdays  
 Next Month**



# General Assembly Update

Greetings from the General Assembly in Columbus Ohio! I spent last week going to business sessions to vote on resolutions for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Of the resolutions and reports offered, I felt like the most controversial topic boiled down to a preposition used in a sentence in a resolution on racism in that the language implied “to” as opposed to “for” someone. Simple things like a single word or even a comma can change the meaning expressed in a sentence. Take for example “Let’s eat Grandpa” as opposed to “Let’s eat, Grandpa” even a comma can save a life.

Though nothing as controversial as the assembly in 2013 that brought us resolution GA1327 stating “the General Assembly calls upon the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to affirm the faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all Christians regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and that neither is grounds for exclusion from fellowship or service within the church, but we celebrate that all are part of God’s good creation.”

However, we did pass a resolution, GA-1523, that states we need to be welcoming also to those with mental illness and supporting those with mental health issues. It amazes me sometimes that we need to be reminded that Christ was welcoming to all. The wonderful thing about General Assembly is that it serves as a reminder to us that we need to be mindful of social justice issues in our local churches and strive for responding in a Christ-like way offering acceptance and welcoming in a compassionate way to all people.

As a denomination who has tried to be reconciling and promote anti-racism for years, we had several resolutions presented and adopted in response to the tragedy of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, where 9 people were shot and killed in church. GA-1539 Charleston and Beyond, GA-1518 Black Lives Matter, GA-1520 Concerning Environmental Racism were all calls to educate and to speak out against racism that can be prevalent even when we are unaware. Another resolution that comes not only from Charleston, but the frequent stories of gun violence throughout the nation, resolution GA-1521, was adopted for us to be advocates in reducing gun violence through methods such as non-violent conflict resolutions.

There are several more resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, and I encourage you to look these up and read them for yourselves. You can search for Disciples of Christ General Assembly or go to [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org) and find the resolutions under the “business” section. I thank you for this opportunity to partake in this important event in the life of the church, to be renewed through worship, energized in workshops and to be lifted up to soar!



Blessings,  
Pastor Daniel

The church is minus 2 of the round tablecloths. If you took them home to launder, please return as soon as possible.  
Thank you.



## Gratitude is our Attitude

“My niece is out of ICU in Enid. Thank you so much for all of the prayers.” —Joni Burch



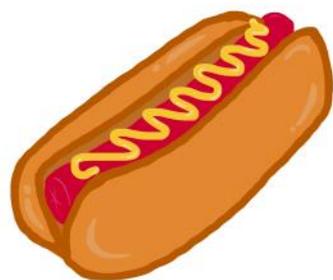
**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”**

—Philippians 4:6

## Prayer Requests

- \* Pray for Rev. Michael Canada & the new church.
- \* David Dixon, friend of the Goodners, is in the hospital with major Type 1 diabetic complications.
- \* John Millman’s COPD symptoms are much worse & breathing is difficult.
- \* Dennis Spencer, Karen Russell’s brother, had a stroke.
- \* Lisa Sloan’s granddaughter, Nicole, had surgery.
- \* Christine Wagner is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- \* George & Alvin Lawson, friends of the Lunsfords, both have cancer.
- \* Beverly Parker is recovering from hip replacement.
- \* LaRue Ingram is still having a lot of back pain.
- \* Sharon Roemer, Martha Buchanan’s friend in California, has been diagnosed with multiple cancers.
- \* Lloyd & Paul Gosnell, Cynthia Hill’s cousins
- \* Renee Williams, friend of Martha Buchanan, has cancer.
- \* Joan Stamman, Jan Sills’ cousin, has stage 4 colon cancer.
- \* Sharon Lutke, friend of Jan Ketola, dealing with recurrence of cancer.
- \* Greg Morse, Linda Cobb’s nephew
- \* Dick & Lura Cayton
- \* Danny Cartmill, Marlene Word’s nephew, has pancreatic cancer.
- \* Dorothy Ferguson undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- \* Millman family
- \* Bill Parker’s cancer is in remission, & he will have a maintenance of chemo every 2 months.
- \* Lou O’Brien
- \* Pray for those in need of food, health, & housing. Help us find ways to help.
- \* May we find quality of life in giving to others who cannot give back.

# BACK TO SCHOOL



Fellowship Dinner

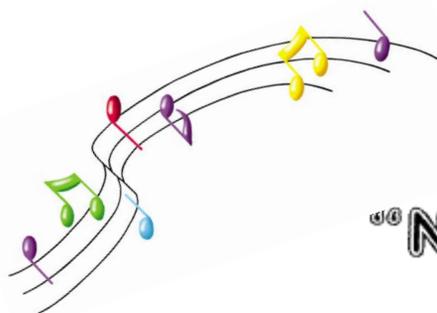
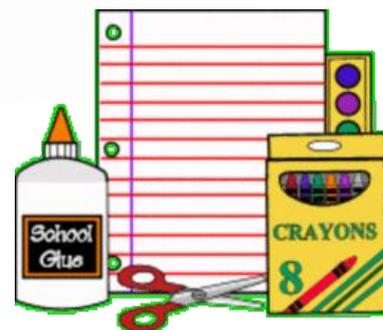
Sunday, August 9 –6:00



DINNER will be Hot Dogs with all the trimmings.

If you have an ICE CREAM freezer please fill and bring for dessert. A Love Offering will be taken.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** *will be collected and shared with our teachers and delivered to local schools. Let's do what we can to help.*



PROGRAM ...

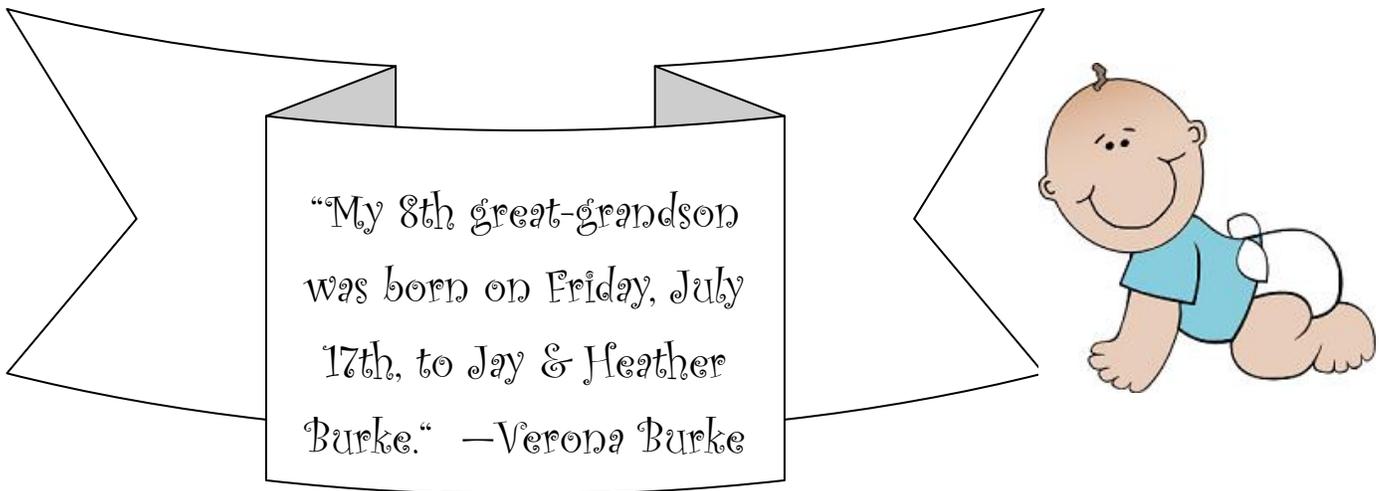
“NAME THAT TUNE”

TEST YOUR MEMORY AND SING ALONG

... NAME THAT FAMILIAR HYMN...PRIZES!

# House FM Billboard

In the next couple weeks, you might notice a van in our parking lot. Actually, it is more than a van but a “mobile billboard” with artwork and logos attached. House FM approached us to offer us advertising time on their radio station in return for us offering them advertising space by allowing them to park their vehicle in our parking lot. So, if you listen to House FM, be listening to hear Western Oaks mentioned.



## Military Serving Our Country

- ◆ Lita Watts (Brandon Watts' wife), U.S. Air Force Reserve enlistee
- ◆ Jennifer Wilkinson, U.S. Navy enlistee
- ◆ Senior Airman Brandon Watts (Suzanne & Bill Parker's grandson), U.S. Air Force
- ◆ Matt Chown (John Lassiter's grandson), U.S. Air Force
- ◆ Tyler Bradley, U.S. Air Force
- ◆ Jordan Klein (Charlene Newkirk's nephew)
- ◆ Jacob Johnson (T.J. & Barbara Johnson's grandson), U.S. Army
- ◆ Brian Chester (Carol & Jerry Allen's son-in-law)



*Keep them in your Prayers*



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **August 10, at noon**

*Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.*

## Roy & Shirlee Ruedy

Celebrating their 62nd Wedding Anniversary!

**Saturday, August 1st**  
**2:00-4:00**  
**Come & Go**

"Bistro Room"  
 Mansion at Waterford  
 6110 N. Penn Ave



Date	ATTENDANCE	
7/19/15	9:00 AM	45
	11:00 AM	91
7/26/15	9:00 AM	53
	11:00 AM	86

Date	GIVING	
7/19/15	General	\$3,351.14
	Capital	\$35
7/26/15	General	\$5,651.74
	Capital	\$250



## **Church Staff**

**Rev. Daniel U'Ren — Senior Minister (Daniel@woccdoc.org)**

**Janey Merry — Administrative Assistant (Janey@woccdoc.org)**

**Hope Lairson — Youth Interim Director**

**Dr. Ronald Manning — Music Director (ronald\_manning@att.net)**

**Rosa McCroskey — Pianist**

**Todd Newell — Praise Band Leader**

**Rosanne Rowe, Steve Powers, Hope Lairson, Jeff Newell & Brett Hawk — Praise Band Members**

**Vincent Pinazza — Sound Technician**

**Lawrence Johnson — Custodian**

**Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor**

**Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants**

**Loving God and Serving Our Neighbor**



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