



Oak Hills United Methodist Church

The Oak Notes



Pastor's Corner

Over the past several weeks we have been exploring what it means to be everyday missionaries in the places and with the people that we find ourselves at every single moment of the day. I have challenged you to step into your God-given purpose and call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We have seen that the need is desperate and that the harvest is abundant and plentiful. I have also provided some practical advice on how we can actually make a difference for Jesus Christ.

As a follow-up to this series, I wanted to invite each of you to be part of a workshop called Becoming a Contagious Christian. Throughout this six-week, video-based class, we will be trained and equipped to share our faith in a way that fits our own gifts and personality. Many times, when we hear the word evangelism, we get very negative images of people knocking on doors or hell and brimstone preachers. This workshop avoids those stereotypes by focusing on a relational style of faith sharing. In particular, we will learn to deepen our relationships by bringing up faith in natural conversation. We will practice developing and sharing our personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We will learn several simple ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our friends, our family, and our neighbors. And

we will get a chance to practice sharing these methods and practice praying with each other. One of the greatest reasons we struggle in sharing our faith is because we've never been trained to do so. That's what this workshop is about. Hands on, down to earth, practical training and practice. It's the best, I've found.

The workshop will be facilitated by me each Sunday in Lent following worship (Feb 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2). If you are interested in being involved, please email me at jfuhrma@hotmail.com by Feb 12 so that we can make sure that everyone has a workbook. Amazon lists the price of the book around \$15. We would appreciate it if you could cover the cost of the book, but if not, don't let that stop you from being involved. We can cover it through the adult education portion of our annual church budget.

Bring a dish to share! I look forward to seeing what God will do in you and through you with this course.

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by Pastor Justin

Family Ministries by Amit and Lorna Dutta

Upcoming Family Ministries Events:

Faith Forming Relationship Meeting - Sunday, February 5th @ 11:45 AM

College/Military Valentine Boxes Packing Party - Sunday, February 12th from 9 AM - 10:20 AM

What: We will pack gift boxes with snacks and items that a college student might like or appreciate (granola bars, candy, homemade cookies).

Winter Carnival 2023 - March (specific date and time TBD)

What: A joyful time of games and fun for the whole family held in the OHUMC Fellowship Hall.

Easter Party & Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 1st from 1 - 3 PM

What: A party for kids of all ages to enjoy the true meaning of Easter and a big egg hunt across the entire church property!

OHUMC Kids & Youth Update:

Sunday school for kids is from 9-10:20 am every Sunday. Join us for a Bible-based lesson with crafts and prizes! Kids learn about the Bible and have something to take home. Then, enjoy JAM (Jesus and Me) in the Sunday school hall during the main worship service. Puppets also visit the worship service multiple times a month, which is always exciting!

The youth enjoy meeting weekly for group time on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for a fresh coffee bar and breakfast. Please join us if you're a youth aged 12-17! We invite adults and families to join one of our family ministries' events. We'd love to see you there. :)

Feel free to share any suggestions for Family Ministries with Amit Dutta at amitincincy@gmail.com.



Radical Hospitality

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a new activity that may benefit you and others. It will not cost you anything! I just counted— in my garage there are 11 half-used gallons of paint that will very likely never be used by us. Like most people we wouldn't ever pour the paint down a drain or put the paint into our garbage can— so it just sits in a corner.

Matthew 25 Ministries wants our paint! It's called the Rainbow Paint Reblending Program. I've seen their operation, I've worked there for an afternoon and it's spectacular. They take in latex, acrylic and water based paints, mix and repackage them in 5 gallon buckets and send them out into the USA and the world.

We're inviting you, your family and your friends to drop off your unused and unwanted buckets of latex, acrylic and water based paints to us in the church parking lot on Saturday, March 25th from 10-1 p.m.

Some Simple Guidelines

- Oil-based paints, stains, polyurethanes, ect. Aren't excepted.
The container should be at least 1/3 full.
- The paint must be in liquid form and able to be stirred.
- It must be in the original container with the original label.

Who knows , we might even fire up the grill that day and have tubular meat products.

Administrative Board

The first AD Board meeting of 2023 was held on 1/9. We had lots of things to discuss but the majority of board members didn't show up. Pastor Justin

suggested brainstorming to create a board covenant, and that was done. Agreed we need to look back at our goals, change/tweak them as necessary. Selling the parsonage is in the process. Sherilyn has it listed & is actively working to sell it. We will meet the second Monday of each month from 7-8:30, starting promptly at 7 and go no later than 8:30 p.m.

Israel Trip

Join Oak Hills United Methodist Church and Legacy Christian Church in Harrison as we join together for a fun faith-filled experience of a lifetime. Pastor Justin Fuhrmann and Pastor Mark Garrett will be leading us as we tour the Holy Lands with Medji Tours from October 23-31, 2023. We'll take a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee. You'll have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River, to see the Dead Sea, Masada, and Jerusalem. We'll pray with others at the Western Wall. We'll sing Christmas carols at the place where Jesus was born, and reflect at the place where he was crucified. We'll take communion together, worship in a church in Jerusalem, and eat a Sabbath meal. There will be devotions at the sites along the way. In doing so, the Bible will come to life in a way you've never dreamed before. The cost of the trip is \$2,870 (plus airfare) per participant. That covers the tours, guides, hotels, and 2 meals a day. We need at least 12 people to make the trip possible, and if we get 15 to go, the cost of the trip will go down to \$2,600 (plus airfare) per participant. All prices are based on double occupancy. Please let Pastor Justin know by no later than March 1. You can register online at <https://mejditours.com/tour/harrison-legacy-church/>.

Valentines Boxes

Need names and addresses of all church college students and active military members. Please give your name and address to Kathy Cramerding or put the information in the offering plate by Sunday February 5, 2023. We need homemade treats and candy to fill the boxes. Please give your treats to Kathy Cramerding or leave them in the church office by Sunday February 12, 2023.

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners are back this year. Please complete the attached form and return it to church office. You may also give it to Kathy Cramerding or place it in the offering plate. All forms need to be returned by Sunday February 19, 2023. Any questions ask any member of Faith Forming Relationships. **Prayer Partners** will be chosen on Sunday February 19, 2023, and mailed out in time for you to receive your prayer partner by Ash Wednesday.



Kroger Rewards

Oak Hills United Methodist Church is currently set up as a beneficiary on Kroger Community Rewards. This gives a small percentage of each purchase you make at Kroger back to the church. If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to connect your Kroger card to Oak Hills UMC online. Step 1: Get a Kroger Card. Step 2: Create a digital account at www.kroger.com and link your Kroger card. Step 3: Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. And click where it says search for your organization here. Step 4: Search for Oak Hills United Methodist Church. When the church comes up, select it and click save. From now on, when you use your Kroger card a small percent of what you spent is given back to the church.

Announcements

- 2/1 – United Methodist Women's Lunch, 12 pm
- 2/4 – Sports Card Show, 9 am-3pm
- 2/4 – Ohio River Valley District Training Day
- 2/6 – Trustees, 7pm
- 2/13 – Finance 6:30 pm; Board 7 pm
- 2/14 – Happy Valentine's Day!
- 2/17 – Young at Heart, 7 pm
- 2/22 – Community Dinner, 6pm
- 2/22 – Ash Wednesday Worship, 7pm
- 2/24 – Scrapbooking/Craft Group, 7pm
- 2/26 – First Sunday in Lent
- 2/26 – How to Share Your Faith Class Starts, 12 pm

Worship – Sunday, 10:30 am

Sissy's Pantry – Wed 6:30-8:00 pm

Bible Studies

Sunday School 9 am

Women's Group: Mon 10 am (1st Mon 9:30 am)

John's Study: Thursday, 10:30 am

TOGA: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7pm @ 5609 Green Acres Ct., Cincy