

Oakland United Methodist Church  
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# Oakland Trumpet

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Grace and peace to you this fall!

For the Question & Answer column this issue, I'd like to address a question that I understand was a topic for discussion in September in our adult Sunday School class. I heard that they had a spirited discussion about the differing opinions on whether clergy ought to have access to donation records. I didn't get in on the conversation on that Sunday, but I'll share my opinion here.

The main argument I have heard in favor of having clergy have access to those records - which has historically NOT been the case - is that the pastor needs to know if something is going wrong. If there is a member of the church family who isn't donating, it may be because they are upset about something and not as committed to investing in that particular church as they once were. Or, perhaps they have larger spiritual questions, and they are not sure about organized religion in general, not just that congregation in particular. The argument is that the pastor, as one who tends the souls of the congregation, should know about these changes in giving patterns so that they might engage in conversation about it and hopefully, be of help.

I understand the argument. But, I don't have access to anyone's donation records and I don't desire to have that information. (I have, on occasion, been told that someone has made a particularly large donation so that I can send a thank you letter, but this does not mean I have knowledge of any other donations they may have made). Why am I still opposed to having more information? Because I do not believe that it gives the pastor as much information about what is happening spiritually with that giver as some people assume. I have known of many situations where giving drops off for reasons that are not spiritual. Job loss, unexpected repairs, unanticipated medical expenses, and other emergencies can have major impacts on church giving. Now, I am bound by clergy ethics not to share any of that information if I hear it and the person who shares it wants it kept private. But I would also point out that even if I were to ask someone why their giving has decreased, they are under no obligation to answer my question. In some



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- [Apple Dumpling Order Forms](#)
- [Breakfast With Santa](#)
- [Christmas in the Country Bazaar](#)

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**HALL CALENDAR REMINDER**

Please let me know the date(s) that you are responsible for and will need to reserve the hall/kitchen for 2017. Plans have a way of changing for various reasons and it is important that the hall calendar reflect these changes. The sooner the better to assure you the date(s) your activity needs. Don't take it for granted that I know.

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cases, they may not be able to. Imagine for a moment that someone is helping a family member financially, and may have been asked not to share that information: "Please don't tell anybody about how your old Dad fell for this stupid scam artist". "Please don't tell anybody about bailing out your nephew. I don't want anybody to know". "Please don't tell anyone that my ex spent all our money on drugs or gambling and that you had to help me - this is all hard enough on the kids as it is". And then, in the midst of hard times for this family the pastor comes asking about what happened to their donations. Is the pastor really going to get a straight answer, or is the pastor going to be told to mind their own business? I would argue that this conversation could easily go to a place where the pastor is not going to be offering any spiritual counsel!

The other argument I have against having access to giving records is a matter of appearances. I do not want anyone at Oakland to think that bigger givers get special treatment - that their phone calls or emails are answered more promptly, or that their opinions hold more weight than anyone else's. In short, I don't want anyone in our church family to think that others are buying attention or influence. I think it is better when everyone knows that I don't know how much they or others give.

As always, your comments and more questions are welcomed!

**TRUSTEES**

After several years of renting the parsonage to a local family they have moved away to Boonsboro where they purchased a home. This means the parsonage is empty and undergoing some maintenance and upgrading by the trustees. We have been quite busy with many projects. We have had several phone calls but no takers. Please keep your eyes and ears open for any prospective clients. It is a 4 bedroom with 1 full bath and 2 1/2 baths and a full basement with 1 finished room downstairs with oil heat and a/c. The rent is \$2000.00 per month plus utilities. Yard maintenance can be negotiated. We really desperately need to get in rented as it provides support for our budget expenses.

We seem to have the church basement water problems under control and will finish repairing the basement hallway. New blinds were installed in the Nursery. The parking lot bank was cleaned and spruced up by a retired ex trustee. Thank you Paul. We are having the stained glass windows sanded and primed before winter and then painted in the spring.

Again, if you see anything that needs attention please speak up, we will do our best to solve.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please do not forget to let the church secretary (Jaclyn Wilson, 410-236-2442, oumcsetry@hotmail.com or place your information in her "secretary folder" in the church office) or the membership secretary (Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029 mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com) know of any and all changes in membership information. Remember we are not mind readers. Our records are only as good as you help us keep them. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter and you would like for it to be, please let us know. Thanks!

Sympathies to the following families:

The family of Sharon Trakney in her passing 10-12-16.

Sympathy to the families and Praying that God will comfort your hearts, uplift your spirits and carry you all through this time of sadness to a place of peace.

### Update information for your directory: (\*indicates member)

Priscilla* and Breeze* Reed	443-201-9700
121 Lassiter Circle	410-596-9908 cell
Finksburg, MD 21048	
Carolyn Naill*	410-259-1801
137 Lassiter Circle	
Finksburg, MD 21048	
Bruce Naill	
1386 Walkabout Court	
Sykesville, MD 21784	

Jane Federline\* currently a resident at Morning Breeze Assistant Living, Baltimore Blvd but if you are sending cards, PLEASE use the address listed below. This way her family will be sure that she gets them.

### The following need special prayers:

Audrey Gosnell\*, Senior Constant Care, 1200 Old West Liberty Road, Sykesville 21784  
Scott Burgoon, 1749 Keel Drive, Sykesville 21784  
Peg Ludwig\*, 7110 Ridge Road, Marriottsville 21104  
Brenda Gretzinger\*, 6627 Marvin Avenue, Sykesville 21784  
Jane Federline\*, c/o Tommy Federline, 3917 Gamber Road, Finksburg, 21048

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us at 8 pm on Saturday, December 24, 2016 for our candle lighting service, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

## OAKLAND BAKERS

Thanks to everyone who ordered and enjoyed our delicious Dumplings. In this newsletter is the **Advance Order Form** for the last baking for **2016** of our delicious **Apple Dumplings**. They will cost **\$3.25** and the **deadline** to order is **December 4th** with **pickup December 11th**. So if you cannot pickup on this date, ordered them frozen. We have included an extra order form in case you would like to share it with a friend.

Gail Martin  
410-795-8252/  
410-795-3833

## NUTS, SNACKS AND BAKING SUPPLIES

Also in this newsletter is a list of **NUTS, SNACKS and BAKING SUPPLIES** that you can buy. To purchase any of these items, please contact:

Gail Martin  
410-795-8252/  
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## USHER SCHEDULES

### NOVEMBER

- 6 - Connie Burgoon  
Karen Ruch
- 14 - Rich Agoris  
Breeze Reed
- 21 - George Brown  
Linda Brown
- 28 - Stan Brown  
Brian Polk

### DECEMBER

- 4 - Glenn Jaeger  
Zac Wilson
- 11 - Nick Edmondson  
CJ Mielke
- 18 - Lee Stuples  
Don Schissler
- 24 - Connie Burgoon  
Karen Ruch
- 25 - Rich Agoris  
Breeze Reed

### JANUARY

- 1 - Linda Brown  
George Brown
- 8 - Stan Martin
- 15 - Glenn Jaeger  
Zac Wilson
- 22 - Nick Edmondson  
CJ Mielke
- 29 - Don Schissler  
Lee Stuples

## LAY READER

### SCHEDULES

### NOVEMBER

- 6 - Brenda Gretzinger
- 13 - Fran Mickel
- 20 - Zac Wilson
- 27 - Jaclyn Wilson

### DECEMBER

- 4 - Paul Renn
- 11 - Stan Martin
- 18 - Brenda Gretzinger
- 24 - Jaclyn Wilson
- 25 - Fran Mickel

### JANUARY

- 1 - Paul Renn
- 8 - Stan Martin
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- 29 - Jaclyn Wilson

## BAZAAR UPDATE

### SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**WHITE ELEPHANT/FLEA MARKET or as we call it "HIDDEN TREASURES"** - Call Terry 410-795-1421 or Patsy 410-795-9033 and they will let you know their schedules for accepting your "STUFF". Remember don't bring them unusable items as then they just have to haul away so save them the trip. If in doubt-call them. Thanking you in advance.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**DON'T FORGET Oct 31 - Nov 3 9 am - ?**

**Bazaar Set Up and Food Prep.** We also need some help to get the Hall decorated and looking festive. Baking turkey breast and cutting them up for your favorite turkey salad on Monday and Tues plus getting vegetables ready for our delicious vegetable soup. **PLUS there is always cleanup everyday.**

**Nov 4 9-7:30 pm; Nov 5 9-2 pm** If you can work anytime Bazaar Set Up Week and/or during the Bazaar, please call one of the ladies listed below. **HELP** is needed that entire week. Remember that the Bazaar is not **MINE, YOURS OR THEIRS** but **OURS** so come out and support it however or whenever you can.

### **For additional information contact:**

**CHRISTMAS TABLE** – Lori Schissler 410-795-4521;  
Grace Schissler 410-795-3708

**GIFT BASKETS** – Lois Mathis 410-795-3810;  
Debbie Anderson 410-549-5422

**PINECONE, ETC** – Diane Harpine 410-795-3508

**TRIM THE TREE** – Connie Burgoon 410-549-5148;  
Marian Wolf 410-795-6757

**COUNTRY STORE/BAKE TABLE** – Gail Martin 410-795-3833/  
795-8252;

Cel Kelly 443-277-6947

**SILENT AUCTION** – Sandy Ricks 410-861-8369;  
Grace Schissler 410-795-3708

**HIDDEN TREASURES** – Terry Brown 410-795-1421;  
Patsy Bruce 410-795-9033

**MISSIONS** – Fran Mickel 410-795-5630;  
Linda Stevens 410-795-8061

**FOOD** – Myrna and Roger Tracey 410-795-2029/443-280-5505

### **Bazaar Co-Chairs:**

**Grace Schissler 410-795-3708**

**Diane Harpine 410-795-3508**

**Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029**

### **Let's keep the tradition alive!**

***I am only one, but still I am one, I cannot do everything but I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do.***  
***Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul***

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*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our Friends and Members in November, December, and January!*

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Paul Renn  
2 - Tara Frye  
2 - Kelly Keim  
2 - Christina Kick  
3 - Connie Franklin  
4 - Adam Helmick  
5 - Jacob Sensel  
6 - Lee Krantz  
7 - Nelson Claytor  
7 - Leah Edmondson  
7 - Heather Hoff  
7 - Julie Polk  
9 - Ryan Bellin  
9 - Douglas Fountain  
10 - Ashly Ebeling  
11 - Virginia Hush  
11 - Carolyn Naill  
13 - Nikolay Gavrishhev  
13 - Julene Mabe  
13 - Kate Mielke  
16 - Lucas Polk  
17 - Anne Leatherwood  
17 - Janet Kapraun  
17 - Owen McFadden  
18 - Christopher Gehrke  
19 - Karen Ruch  
20 - David Martin  
23 - Nelmon Brauning  
23 - Kaylee Ruch  
25 - Peg Ludwig  
26 - Bob Dickerson, Jr.  
26 - CJ Mielke  
27 - Corina Gartland  
27 - Della Polk  
29 - Bill Luecking  
30 - Thomas Brown, Jr.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Gail Martin

2 - Chuck Hand  
2 - Melissa Higgs  
2 - Joan Robosson  
2 - Mike Wallace  
3 - Payton Stevens  
4 - Tom Brown  
4 - Karen Keller  
9 - Phil Valenzia  
10 - John Greer  
10 - T.C. Rose III  
11 - Eldon Helmick  
12 - Sue Jaeger  
13 - Wayne Brauning  
13 - Breeze Reed  
14 - Rebecca Dickerson  
14 - Ricky Patterson  
14 - Debbie Plummer  
15 - Terry Brown  
16 - Debbie Blum  
16 - Cherie Stevens  
17 - Shannon Dickerson  
17 - Jessica Frye  
17 - Todd Kiple  
18 - Grace Weise  
19 - Shelby Martin  
21 - Kurt Bopst  
21 - Matt Schissler  
21 - Ethel Trott  
22 - Loretta Greer  
22 - Christopher Jaeger  
22 - Raymond Ridgely  
24 - Jeff Schissler  
24 - Samantha Quinn  
25 - Norman Hush  
26 - Brooke Priest  
28 - Larry Crum  
28 - Daphne Dressler  
28 - Chelsea Priest  
28 - Carole Martin  
29 - Caitlin Adolph

29 - Tommy Borwn III  
29 - Tori Metts  
29 - Carl Miller  
29 - Dan Nicholson  
31 - Daniel Fountain  
31 - Rich Franklin  
31 - Robert Stolzenbach Jr.  
31 - Karah Yates

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Sydney Keim  
2 - Donna Antonelli  
2 - Chad Wisner  
3 - Vi Chalk  
3 - Ken Schissler  
4 - Jin-Hee Dickerson  
6 - Kelli Creighton  
6 - Kim Dickerson  
7 - Chip Johnston  
8 - Bridget Leahy  
9 - Sarah Plummer  
9 - Daniel Poole  
11 - Todd Bell  
11 - Twig Ludwig  
13 - Patsy Bruce  
13 - Klye Bruner  
13 - Joshua Franklin  
16 - Carole Davis  
16 - Kyle Jenkins  
16 - Kelli Yates  
17 - Audrey Gosnell  
17 - Carol Beth Bethea  
17 - AJ Antoneli  
18 - Natilie Raines  
18 - Lee Mabe  
19 - Andrew Sensel  
20 - Nichole Graham  
23 - Le Hand  
23 - Chris Hartman  
24 - Lois Hand

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Linda & George Brown  
5 - Jerry and Donna Antonelli  
21 - Roger and Myrna Tracey  
22 - Jamie and Susan Bouma  
28 - Paul and Donna Renn  
29 - Lee and Rose Edmondson  
30 - Lee and Julene Mabe

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Tom & Terry Brown Sr.  
20 - Gloria & Gray Serrao  
28 - Denise & Chris Gallagher

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Debbie & Bruce Anderson  
9 - Mary & Rick Patterson

## WORDS FROM

### PROVERBS

Listen, my son, to your  
father's instruction  
and do not forsake your  
mother's teaching.  
They are a garland to  
grace your head  
and a chain to adorn  
your neck.

Proverbs 1: 8-9

### FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

The **Out To Lunch Bunch** went to **GLORY DAYS** in **Eldersburg** on **Tuesday, Aug 2nd**. Sixteen (16) folks enjoyed lunch. Everyone has a good time and always looks forward to these gatherings. We will not be going now until **May 2017** which sounds like a long time off but it will be here before we know it. So when you get your **2017** calendar, why not pencil in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of May, Jun, July and August so you can join us. **RSVP's** are due the Sunday before the lunches to **Myrna 410-795-2029** [mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com](mailto:mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com). Looking forward to seeing you!

## FAMILY MINISTRY

On November 18th we will be showing "White Christmas" at the Church at 7 pm as our next Movie Night. We hope to see you there!

In December we will be holding our Annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 10th from 6 — 8 pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the Sunday school hallway. We will provide chicken and drinks please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Keep a look out for information about Toby we are going to try to get a group together. Date is still being determined.

In January we will be having a first movie night of 2017 on Friday, January 20th. If you have a suggestion for a movie please let Jaclyn Wilson know.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30th. We had a blast!

Our next event will be **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 3rd from 9-10:30am. Ticket prices are \$8 for an Adult, \$4 for a child (12-3), and 2 and under is free. Reservations are required so please call or email Jaclyn Wilson at 410-236-2442 or [jaclynwilson13@gmail.com](mailto:jaclynwilson13@gmail.com). Please see flyer for more information.

## "HERE WE GO A CAROLING!"

If you like to sing especially the beautiful **Christmas Carols**, don't forget to mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm at the Church Hall** or you will miss going caroling.

We are "**making our list and checking it twice**" so we don't miss anyone. If you know of someone who would like to have the **Carolers** stop at their house, please let **Lois Mathis 410-795-3810**. Oh and we need to dress warm because "**the weather outside could be frightful**". Instead of "**a one horse open sleigh**" we will carpool and afterwards instead of "**chestnuts roasting by the open fire**", we will have salad, maybe vegetable or turkey noodle soup plus pizza at the Church Hall. Bring some cookies to share for dessert.

The **Oakland Carolers** have been doing this for a couple of years. Each receives so much from giving just a little of our time and talents for the enjoyment of others at this magical time of the year.

Why not turn to the month of December and put a sticky note

## PRAYER LISTS

Friends and Members of Oakland

Tom Brown, Mary Frank, Mary Allen, James and Nicholas McCarty, Sue Hush, Scott Adolph, Mary Jo Bramble, Mary Leatherwood, Daphne Dressler, Mary Beadenkopf, Debbie Plummer, Robert Plummer, Sam Kendrick, Brenda Gretzinger, Shari Kick, Della Polk, Scott Burgoon, Marian Wolf, Pauline Tracey, Peg Ludwig, Priss Reed, Doris Filbey, Lee Krantz, Audrey Gosnell.

We ask Prayers for:

All US service personnel & families;

## Oakland United Methodist Church Bazaar

### Nuts, Snacks and Baking Supplies

Please remember your holiday baking and gift giving when ordering.

**All varieties available in 1 lb. bags.**

BLACK WALNUTS	\$11.00
PECANS - HALVES	\$11.00
CASHEWS (JUMBO, WHOLE & SALTED)	\$10.00
ENGLISH WALNUTS	\$ 9.00
ALMONDS (SLICED)	\$ 9.00
PISTACHIOS (NATURAL)	\$ 8.50
MILK CHOCOLATE PRETZELS	\$ 6.75
<b><u>NEW DARK CHOCOLATE PRETZELS</u></b>	\$ 6.75
CHESAPEAKE BAY CRABBY NUTS	\$ 6.50
(Roasted Cashews, Almonds, Pecans, Brazil Nuts, English Walnuts, Peanuts, Sesame and Cheddar Sticks and Old Bay)	
NON PAREILS – DARK CHOCOLATE	\$ 5.75
NUT & FRUIT MIX – UNSALTED	\$ 5.50
(Raisins, Apricots, Prunes, Cashews, Peanuts, English Walnuts, Papaya, Pineapple and Banana Chips)	
<b><u>NEW ALL FRUIT MIX – UNSALTED</u></b>	\$ 5.50
(Raisins, Apricots, Papaya Chunks, Pineapple Tidbits, Banana Chips and Prunes)	
BEYOND THE TRAIL MIX	\$ 5.50
(Cocktail Peanuts, Butter Toasted Cinnamon Almonds, Cranberries, M&Ms and Pecan halves)	
8 oz. IMITATION VAN. BUTTER & NUT FLAVORING	\$ 5.00
7 oz. IMITATION COCONUT FLAVORING	\$ 4.00
7 oz. IMITATION BLACK WALNUT FLAVORING	\$ 4.00
7 oz. IMITATION CLEAR VANILLA FLAVORING	\$ 4.00
7 oz. IMITATION RUM FLAVORING	\$ 4.00
7 oz. IMITATION VANILLA FLAVORING	\$ 4.00
7 oz. NATURAL ALMOND FLAVORING	\$ 4.00
7 oz. NATURAL LEMON FLAVORING	\$ 4.00

**Call Gail Martin with orders**  
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