

# Oak Hill United Methodist Church

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# THE CORNERSTONE

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## NIGHT OF THE STARS

August 26th, 5:30pm to 8pm

Fried Chicken Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.  
In Fellowship Hall

Mobile Planetarium: **The Sky Tonight**  
In the Great Room of the Children's Building



*The Sky Tonight* is an interactive program, led by the Austin Planetarium's Astronomy Educator. The show will demonstrate daily motion of the Sun, stars, and planets, plus share constellation stories and explain the Earth's rotation. Popsicles for "after the show" snack!

Length: 20 minutes with 10 minute transfer between shows. Cost: Free!

### Austin Traveling Planetarium 6-8pm

Show Times will be:	6 pm	family and friends
	6:30pm	children only
	7pm	family and friends
	7:30pm	youth only

Registration for this event will be Sunday, August 16 and August 23.

Colored wristbands (each color represents a "show time") will be given at time of signup.

Sunday, August 9

8:45 & 11:15 **Worship Services**

Pastor Jim Roberts  
Belshazzar and the Wall  
*Daniel 5:1-6*



**Worship  
Schedule**

10:00 "Pathways" Service

Pastor Katy Fitzhugh  
Belshazzar and the Wall  
*Daniel 5:1-6*

Sunday, August 16

All Three Worship Services

YOUTH SUNDAY

Caitlin Bragg  
*Jeremiah 1:5*  
Luke Durden  
*Galatians 3:27-28*  
Claire Morrison  
*Galatians 1:10*



August 12: Speaker: Cathy Herzog

August 19: Speaker: Lorne Wilson

## Our Prayers

Larry Keiser  
 Rita and Gary Alston  
 Madi Bickham  
 Will and Barbara Pannabecker (*On the death of their grandson, Jacob Oakes*)  
 Bill Gaston and family (*on the death of Doris Gaston, his wife, and mother of Sandra Fudge*)  
 Steve Momii and family (*cousin of Keith Momii*)  
 Family of David Bame (*friend of Rev. Suzanne and Brian Steves*)  
 Dixie Long and family (*on the passing of her father*)  
 Tiana Scruggs (*on the passing of her mother*)  
 Marilou Sacre  
 Mary Netherland  
 Gary and Rita Alston  
 Carson Fudge  
 Thanksgiving for the birth of Jamison Kate Althaus (*Born Aug 5, proud parents Brian and Erin Althaus, proud Grandparents Ron Hejzmanek, Cheryl and Bill Althaus, and Beverly Hejtma*)

## Our Presence

July 26	August 2
Sunday School: 214	Sunday School: 167
8:45: 205	8:45: 131
10:00: 105	10:00: 82
11:15: 198	11:15: 201
Recharge: 28	Recharge: 27
Total in Worship: 636	Total in Worship: 441

Is Your  
**Pledge**  
 Up to Date?

*Thank you for keeping your pledge  
 up-to-date during the busy summer!*



Join the conversation! Find the [Pathways group](#) on Facebook, "Like" the [Oak Hill UMC Facebook page](#), or follow us on [Twitter!](#)

# YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

**SUNDAYS**  
 10am Worship  
 11:15 Sunday School  
 5pm Youth Worship

**WEEKLY**  
 Hang out Mon-Thurs  
 from 11-3 in the  
 lounge for fun and  
 fellowship!

**AUG EVENTS**  
 16 Youth Lead Worship!  
 23 Back to School Party  
 26 Church Fall Kick Off  
 30 Youth Parent Meeting

For more information,  
 visit us online [www.oakhillouth.com](http://www.oakhillouth.com)

## MEN'S EMMAUS WALKS

The following Men's Walks are sponsored by the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group.

Contact the GAE4DG Board Member for Walk Support for more information.  
 CYJ is Camp Young Judaea near Wimberley.

*The Welcome Back is open to the entire Emmaus community and guests.*

**Men's Walk to Emmaus #1803:** October 1-4, 2015, CYJ, \$215  
 Lay Director Myles McKemie, Spiritual Director Tom Deviney, Board Rep Tom Rioux, and STC Chris McKemie  
**Welcome Back:** October 13, 2015 6:30 PM at Lake Travis UMC (1502 North RM 620, Austin, Texas, 78734)  
 \*Contact Sam Johnson for more information 512-657-2020\*

**Men's Walk to Emmaus:** February 18-21, 2016  
 CYJ LD Harold Sundbeck, SD TBA, BR Keith Bible, and STC TBA

## GO DAY

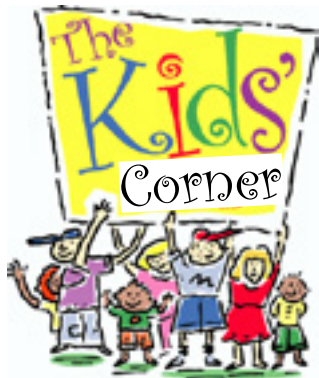
**AUGUST 22, 2015**

The Missions Team has THREE wonderful opportunities for you to serve:

1. Montopolis Community Center in East Austin  
*Leaving Oak Hill at 8:30; returning no later than 2 pm. Stay the entire time or as long as you are able. All ages can serve.*
2. Capital Area Food Bank  
*Leaving Oak Hill at 8:30; returning at 12:30 pm. Shift is 9 am to noon. (age 16 and older)*
3. West Rural Community Center Food Drive  
*Gather at Oak Hill Coffee Bar at 9 am.*



# BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



## ***Blessing of the Backpacks***

*Sunday, August 23*

Children and youth invited to bring backpacks to worship services (8:45, 10:00, and 11:15AM) and have them blessed.

## ***Sunday School Promotion Sunday***

*Sunday, August 23*

All children go to their new age or grade level classes at 10:00 AM; Combined elementary class at 11:15 AM.

## ***Wednesday evening kick-off event "Night of the Stars" for all ages***

*Wednesday, August 26*

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall, Mobile Planetarium shows in the Great Room, ReCharge worship service.

## ***Children's Teacher Meeting***

*Sunday, August 30*

All children's Sunday School Class teachers for the 2015-16 school year are encouraged to come to a meeting on Sunday, August 30, at 6:00 PM in the Great Room. We will have a short preview of our new Sunday School curriculum, fill out background check forms and have a short Safe Sanctuaries training, and talk about the year ahead. Light refreshments will be served. We still have a few spots open for once a month teachers. If you are interested in working with Children's Classes and are not yet signed up, please contact Director of Children's Ministries, Rev. Suzanne Steves, at [suzanne@oakhillumc.org](mailto:suzanne@oakhillumc.org).

# Welcome

to the Family  
of Christ at Oak Hill!



Kevin Kurtz joined us on July 26th from a United Methodist Church in Maryland.

## MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to the 61 talented children and youth in MaD Camp who presented such a great message in this year's musical "The Big Inning". MaD Camp is an ensemble effort, on stage and off. Many, many thanks to the team of adults and students who gave so faithfully of their time, talents, and energy to make it all come together:

*Jon Nelson, Diana Hopkins, Jane Schwartz, Brian Steves, Marisa Salley, Madi Bickham, Emma Barkis, William Torres, Susan Brawn, and Suzanne Steves.*





## WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES

Thousands of our neighbors here in Austin struggle to meet basic needs of food, shelter and clothing due to financial insecurities.

Living in poverty is a daily concern for nearly two out of five single-parent families and increasing numbers of senior citizens. More than one in four Texas children lack adequate access to food.

Jesus calls us to love one another, to serve the poor and needy. What is it like to wonder if there will be enough – enough food for the table, enough money for basic needs?

You are invited to gain a better understanding of the daily challenges faced by many of our neighbors by participating in the Poverty Simulation. In a single morning you will experience and grow in understanding that will help you dive deeper into that love that Jesus calls us to extend.

The Poverty Simulation is scheduled for September 19th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the OHUMC Fellowship Hall. You will have an opportunity to experience the hard choices faced by thousands of your neighbors right here in Austin and learn about opportunities to make a difference.

*David Dunn is coordinator for the event that is jointly sponsored by Community Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Adult Ministries. For more info or to register, contact David at david77066@yahoo.com. Space is limited so don't wait!*

### Disciple Bible I Fast Track

September 14-December 7: Old Testament

January 18-April 11: New Testament

7-8:15 p.m., A204

**DISCIPLE** is a program of disciplined Bible study which gives the Old and New Testaments equal time. It emphasizes the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study by the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding.

#### Commitment and Time Involved –

- Bible reading – 30 minutes each day;
- Attendance – weekly for 75 minutes;
- Length of commitment – 24 Week Study (instead of 34 Week Study)
- Cost - \$40 for the class. Each person will need a Study Bible and a Study Manual.

**Orientation – September 14, 7 p.m., A204 (the Library)**

**Facilitator: Rev. Pam Sheffield**

### A LETTER FROM CHARLOTTE BENNET

*I want to let me church friends and family know how much the cards, visits, emails, food and prayers have been appreciated. During the past weeks of my recovery from back surgery, I have felt wrapped securely in your love and your prayers. I know that God has been watching over me through the power of your prayers.*

*God is good...always.*

## UMW WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The United Methodist Women Wednesday morning study group will resume their weekly meetings on Wed., Sept. 9 at 10 AM in Room 201 of the Education bldg. That day they will be getting acquainted (and reacquainted) with each other. Welcome to all! We hope all that have previously attended will be back and our doors are always open to those who have never attended. Don't forget childcare is available for your children or grandchildren by emailing <educationdir@oakhillumc.org> at least 2 days in advance.

The actual study - "Living Prayer" - will begin on Sept. 16. This six-week prayer adventure features scripture reading and reflecting and recording daily. The author, Maxie Dunnam, says "my prayer is that all who use this study will not only learn something about prayer, but more than anything, will be inspired to pray. I am convinced that this is one of the most glorious privileges given to Christians". It is a study that will help the experience of prayer come alive.

The books must be ordered by Aug. 24 - the cost is \$7.00. To order, contact Gail Jones at 512-906-0790 or <gjones1342@aol.com> - or Margaret Jones, 512-892-2048 or <margaretj@austin.rr.com>

# Oak Hill UMC Calendar of Events

For the latest calendar info: [www.oakhillumc.org/events.html](http://www.oakhillumc.org/events.html)

## Saturday, August 8

- 7:00 AM Youth Service Day, Meet at OHUMC
- 8:30 AM Weekday Ministries Event, Children's and Adult Ed
- 9:30 AM Reunion Group, A102

## Sunday, August 9

- 8:45 AM Early Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM B.A.S.I.C. Sunday School Class, A201
- 10:00 AM Pathways Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg, Children's Bldg, FSH
- 11:15 AM Seven Sunday School Class, A201
- 11:15 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg, Children's Bldg, FSH
- 12:30 PM Human Trafficking Awareness Meeting, A201
- 4:00 PM Youth Band Practice, Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship and Worship, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, August 10

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR KATY
- 8:30 AM Kids Acting Studio, Choir Room
- 9:00 AM Cub Camp, Children's Building
- 6:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor, A101  
Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #505 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, August 11

- 8:30 AM Kids Acting Studio, Choir Room
- 9:00 AM Cub Camp, Children's Building
- 9:00 AM Mom2Mom Meeting, C107
- 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 1580, Great Room
- 5:45 PM Yoga Class, A206
- 7:00 PM Community Ministries Team Meeting, A201

## Wednesday, August 12

- 8:30 AM Kids Acting Studio, Choir Room
- 9:00 AM Cub Camp, Children's Building
- 4:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor
- 5:30 PM Emmaus Group, A204  
Music Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:15 PM RECHARGE Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, A103
- 8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Thursday, August 13

- 8:30 AM Kids Acting Studio, Choir Room
- 9:00 AM Cub Camp, Children's Building
- 10:00 AM Hugs Project, A203

## Friday, August 14

- 7:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group, A102
- 8:30 AM Kids Acting Studio, Choir Room
- 9:00 AM Cub Camp, Children's Building
- 10:00 AM Knitting Class, A102

## Saturday, August 15

- 9:30 AM Reunion Group, A102
- 10:00 AM Youth Led Worship Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Sunday, August 16

- YOUTH LED WORSHIP
- 8:45 AM Early Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Pathways Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg, Children's Bldg, FSH
- 11:15 AM Seven Sunday School Class, A201
- 11:15 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg, Children's Bldg, FSH
- 1:00 PM Brownie Troop 1822, Great Room

## Monday, August 17

- 10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters, A203
- 6:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group, A102
- 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary and Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #505 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, August 18

- 5:45 PM Yoga Class, A206
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, A203 & A102
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting, A204  
Youth Council Meeting, Youth Room 2

## Wednesday, August 19

- 4:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor
- 5:30 PM Emmaus Group, A204  
Music Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:15 PM RECHARGE Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Thursday, August 20

- 10:00 AM Hugs Project, A203

## Friday, August 21

- 7:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group, A102
- 10:00 AM Knitting Class, A102

## Saturday, August 22

- 9:30 AM Reunion Group, A102

## BUNKO BASH

A LOOK BACK:







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## COMPANIONS IN CHRIST: THE WAY OF GRACE

“Companions in Christ: The Way of Grace” is a rich and powerful discussion-based journey in spiritual formation. As Methodists we learn that grace is a gift. Even before we recognize its need in our lives, God extends us favor. This nine-week study in the Companions in Christ series explores the Gospel of John and, specifically, how divine grace is at work in our lives today, just as it was in the lives of biblical characters 2000 years ago. Participants in this small-group study will explore the central stories of John, focusing on people who discovered God’s grace through their encounters with Jesus.

Note from the group leader: *This course follows the same style and spirit of the longer Companions in Christ, which I have led before, but it’s not expected that participants will have had prior experience with Companions. My role will be to coordinate and guide, not to lecture or teach. In my experience with Walk to Emmaus, Disciple classes, Stephen Ministers, and the Methodist Men, I’ve seen how rich the experience can be when a group comes together with an honest desire to hear from God. Companions involves some journaling, parts of which become the basis for the group conversation. As a college professor, I know the importance of reflection and writing things down, and that’s not always easy when it comes to our own spiritual lives. But I’ve seen how writing has strengthened my own discipleship, and I hope you will too.*

*As a special message to the men of the church, don’t be reluctant to take a more intentional group-oriented step forward in your discipleship. There will be no interpretive dance or putting anyone on the spot, but if you are willing to commit to faithful attendance and study, you’ll find an honest, caring, and reflective group to help you step away from the clamor and grow in your disciple’s journey.*

The class will meet on Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 17 and concluding November 19 in Room A201. Feel free to contact the church office or me with further questions: Steve Reese, (512) 288-5515, [steve.reese@utexas.edu](mailto:steve.reese@utexas.edu).

### WANT TO LEARN MORE?



In September, the pastors will hold a 3-week study on some of the more highly debated scriptures surrounding same-sex partnerships. We will approach the study from both sides of the conversation, and create space for all perspectives to be honored.

Regardless of whether you hold firm convictions or you aren’t sure what to believe, we could all afford to learn more.

Thursday, September 3rd 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 10th 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 17th 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

For more information or to sign-up, contact Pastor Katy at [katy@oakhillumc.org](mailto:katy@oakhillumc.org).



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Issue	Submission Deadline
August 21	August 14
September 4	August 28