

Are YOU looking for an exciting hands-on Mission Opportunity that will make a difference right here in our community?

HOMEWORK CLUB



What? Mosby Woods Elementary School would like our help to begin a Homework Club once or twice a week (they prefer Tuesday/Thursday) for one hour (3:30 – 4:30 pm)

Rev. Dawn-Marie met with Principal Aste and she was told that the school would like to help the students who need a quiet place to do homework. That's where WE come in... can you offer up an hour or two a week to help "man" the club. Some of their teachers will be there as well. They need the supervision and numbers in order to get it on the ground and working.

Why? Mosby Woods Elementary School has **300 students who live in poverty.** Most of which live in the Kingsbridge apartment complex (which is government subsidized housing) There are 250 immigrants - all of which speak English as a second language. There are 48 countries represented in the school with 28 languages spoken.

Principal Aste said that these families are truly your "working poor"- their parents work cleaning houses, driving taxis, and many are metro workers. These students get their breakfast and lunch from school. 100 of these kids are getting help on the weekends through the "Blessings in a Backpack" program, however there is no help presently in the summer months.

How? Can YOU spare an hour or two a week? Do you know anyone else that may be interested in helping to volunteer in a homework club? Please pray about it and let the church office know if you are interested. ***We would like to get a group of people interested now so we can have an orientation at the school and get those who are interested background checked through Fairfax County for clearance to work in the schools.*** WE HAVE FIVE PEOPLE ALREADY SIGNED UP – don't you want to join them???

This is a GREAT outreach to the local community. No teaching skills needed: Just your time and your love. Thanks so much for prayerfully considering this outreach.

Key Things to Know about Oakton United Methodist Church



A NEW THING! We have launched a new thing here at Oakton UMC...

Be sure you pick up your "Flat Jesus" (a spin off from Flat Stanley) and take Jesus where you go this summer. There are two different pictures you may choose from.

Please take Jesus with you and take selfies (or family pictures) with him and then use at least one of the hashtags (below and on the picture) so that we may follow where Jesus goes. We will run some of the pictures on the screen the following



week. Let's see how many states and different fun places we can take Jesus. Have fun with this and don't forget to let us know #TakingJesuswhereIgo or #OaktonUMC. Thanks.

Our Nursery is Open: The nursery is open for ages three and under. Contact Maryanne Turner to volunteer and support this vital part of our church ministry. We must have at least two people in the nursery at all times to adhere to our safety policy.

A Birthday was Missed in Our Newsletter: Daryl Hutchinson will celebrate on Sept. 24th.

Calendar for the Week:

Sunday, Sept. 10	8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Worship 12-2 UMW meeting/Room 2
Monday, Sept. 11	6-8 pm Ladies' Tea/Large Hall
Saturday, Sept 16	6:30 pm Young Adult Founders at Hughes' home
Saturday, September 16	8:00 am UMM Breakfast Everyone is invited!
Sunday, September 17	8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Worship

Oakton's Church Conference (Church Conference) is November 30th, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Articles for the Newsletter?

Just e-mail them to our newsletter editor, Randy Butturini:
randy_butturini@yahoo.com
or leave written articles in Doris's mail box.
Copies of the current newsletter are available at the church. Let the church office know if we can add you to the e-mail list for the newsletter.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Illness: Gloria Gardner (dear friend of Barbara and Jim McGilvray), Clary Ducos (friend of the Turners-illness), Leonard Deege (illness), John Curlett (nephew of Bill Doughten), Jim Prentice (illness), Tori Pando-Terrill (recovering from surgery), Daynah Hogate, niece of Dannye Ivey, Bill Webb (brother of Doris Doughten), Jenelle (stroke-friend of the Riegel's), Nancy & Jean Saylor, Martha Kackley; Baylee Adkins, friend of Bob & Martha Kackley; Catherine Jones; the Torres family (friends of the Fellows), Jennifer Hasty, step-daughter of Bruce Long; Amy Rice; David Estus (at home), Lalita Hanshaw (at home), Pat Price, Charlotte Wineland and the family of Jane Wood.

Shut-Ins: Ed Fults

Sympathy: to the family of Elsie Benson, who died several weeks ago.

Other: **Victims of harsh weather, College students** starting school, **Praise:** for **faithful servants of God who continuously work in and around our church building** (you know who you are!)

Prayers for: **Freetown** in Sierra Leone West Africa: flooding, many lives lost & people missing as well as lots of destruction, the **VA Annual Conference as we do a "new thing"**, all **churches and pastors who are equipping their laity to build up God's kingdom, Bishop Sharma Lewis**, the Bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference, **An outpouring of the Holy Spirit and an openness of the Spirit's work** in and around our community, the children and devoted staff and mission teams **of the Child Rescue Center and Mercy Hospital** in Sierra Leone, all **children and youth in and around our community who will begin a new school year, President Trump, Vice President Pence**, all our nation's leaders, **the future of the United Methodist Church**, the committee **ON THE WAY FORWARD** for the UMC, **peace** within our nation, and prayers for all those who serve in the **military** Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

Money can be a blessing or a curse, depending on our attitude toward it.
 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).

Coming Up
UMW Bazaar Saturday, October 7th
9 – 2 p.m.

If you know a crafter interested in displaying items, the registration form is available on the church website: www.oaktonumc.com

All women are invited to a **UMW meeting Sunday, Sept. 10th** in Room 2 (upstairs in the Sunday School building) following the 11:00a.m. service.

Bring a lunch and we'll meet as we eat.

We'll discuss future events and plan for the upcoming year.

UMM Breakfast on Saturday, September 16th: Meet in the small fellowship hall at 8:00 am for some good vittles, plus an informative program titled, "Immigration-Dream or Drain" provided by Bob Lacey of Vale UMC. *All men and women are invited to attend.*

Additional Needs at Mosby Woods Elementary School

Thanks again to everyone who helped with the recent School Supplies Drive. The Mosby Woods Elementary School Social Worker has advised there remain areas of need at their school:

Marble composition books, Big pencil boxes, Small packets of colored pencils
Highlighters

She also explained they were hoping OUMC might be able to provide the kids with:

Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Body Wash
Laundry Soap so they can have clean clothes.

If you are able to assist these needy children further, please get the items to the OUMC office by 17 September 2017, if possible. Place items in the workroom or at the door of the church office. Thanks again for your support to this worthy undertaking!

Stewardship Report through September 3, 2017 – Week 36

Last week's offering <i>received</i> – September 3	\$10,833
Weekly offering <i>pledged</i>	\$6,115
Difference last week	+ \$4,718
Year to Date: Total offerings <i>received</i> through September 3	\$247,674
Year to Date: Total offerings <i>pledged</i> through September 3	\$220,140
Difference Year to Date	+ \$27,534

Attendance – September 3	<u>8:30</u> : 26	<u>11:00</u> : 50	Total: 76
Attendance – August 27	<u>8:30</u> : 18	<u>11:00</u> : 63	Total: 81

Thank you for your support of OUMC!