

## The Month of January

**Sun, January 14:** Sermon Series Begins on **James**  
8:30 A      Worship/Chapel  
10:00 A      Sunday School/back of large hall  
11:00 A      Worship/Sanctuary

**Mon, January 15:** ML King holiday – office closed

**Sat, January 20:**      **UMM breakfast**

All are welcome to come join us. Katherine Doyle, social worker at Mosby Woods Elementary School, will share her thanks and gratitude for our partnership with the school as well as share a little about her work there.

**Sun, January 21:**      8:30 A      Worship/Chapel  
10:00 A      Sunday School/back of large hall  
11:00 A      Worship/Sanctuary  
12:30 – 4:00 **Open House at the Parsonage**  
Everyone is invited! 10480 Marbury Rd. Oakton, VA

**Wed, January 24:** 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting

**Coming Up:**      Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

February 18<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – **Chat and Chew with Bishop Lewis**

This will be held at Ebenezer UMC (Stafford)

**ALL are encouraged to attend.**

Check out the District website ([www.novaumc.org](http://www.novaumc.org)) or call the church office for more information

**A HUGE thank you to all who supported our church financially in 2017!** We were able to not only make our budget but we paid our apportionments at 101%. THAT is a major goal reached. Thank you very much for your prayers and faithfulness!

## Oakton United Methodist Church



## January 2018

*Our Mission*

*Know Jesus as Christ*

*Invite Others to Know Him*

*Develop Devoted Disciples*

*Serve those in Need*

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## Meet the Pastor

Rev. Dawn-Marie Singleton – Senior Pastor

Hello, my name is Dawn-Marie Singleton and I wish you a Happy New Year.



A new year is a great time to ponder the things that are important to you. For many years, people have made New Year's Resolutions. The sad thing is that most of these ideas are left in the dust not long after they are made.

My hope for you is that you will earnestly pray about what would make your life better. Setting priorities is a great way to begin. As pastor, I would like to suggest that you make weekly worship a priority. Coming together in worship not only helps us draw nearer to God but also to one another. A church family is a unique entity all its own. They encourage you when you are upset, lift you up when you are down and share your joy when you celebrate. The folks here at Oakton are known as "the friendly church on the corner." If you are a first-time visitor with us, we hope you will come again. If you have been here before, we welcome you back and are pleased you, too, have felt the warm feeling of family.

We live in a time when we need to lean in on each other and be sure that no one is alone. So whether you are a first time visitor, a regular attender or a member, know that you are an important part of who we are at Oakton United Methodist Church. Each person is vital to building up God's Kingdom here on earth.

It's a new year – start a new thing – make worship and going to church a priority! I invite you to connect with Oakton and to connect with me. Hit me on social media (Facebook.com – Dawn-Marie Singleton, use the church Facebook site - Oakton United Methodist Church) or simply pick up the phone and call. (540-560-6432)

[oaktonumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:oaktonumcpastor@gmail.com)

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### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Illness: Misty Nielson, granddaughter of Daryl Hutchinson (in the hospital), Betty Justice (Sammye Justice's mom - spinal surgery), Hugh Smith (auto accident); Charles Hanshaw (auto accident), Bill Doughten; Ruby Clendenin & Bernie Dworski (health issues, friends of Bill Kays), Sean Bryant, John Alfano, (stroke-friend of the Turners), Clary Ducos (friend of the Turners-illness), Leonard Deege (illness), Daynah Hogate, niece of Danye Ivey, Bill Webb (brother of Doris Doughten), Jenelle (stroke-friend of the Riegel's), Nancy & Jean Saylor, Baylee Adkins, friend of Bob & Martha Kackley; the Torres family (friends of the Fellows), Jennifer Hasty, step-daughter of Bruce Long; and Amy Rice

Shut-Ins: Ed Fults, Ted Lyons, Catherine Jones and Charlotte Wineland

Other: the homeless and the less fortunate, those who are without electricity due to the winter storms, the start of a new year, Bishop Sharma Lewis, the Bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference, all pastors and churches who are making disciples of Jesus Christ, the Child Rescue Center and Mercy Hospital in Sierra Leone, 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, those who serve in the military, our partnership with Oakton Elementary, Mosby Woods Elementary and Marshall Road Elementary schools and each person reading these prayers that they may be prayer warriors for the world and the community around them. May God bless the mission and vision of OUMC and all those who allow God's will to reign. Amen.

**Elevator Status** - As most of us are aware the elevator had been experiencing some mechanical problems and has been out of service for the for couple of months. We have had our current service company evaluate the situation, identify the problem and a solution. A "scope of work" has been developed and their final proposal will be forthcoming. We have decided to have this "scope of work" shared with other Elevator service companies for competing proposals. We will keep the congregation informed of our progress and thank you for your patience.

**Come learn about the United Methodist Church!** This year we invite any and all those who are interested to sign up for **UMC 101/Confirmation Class**. If you are in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above we invite you to sign up now for our 2018 class. **This year we are offering this class for adults as well in an effort to encourage us to be life-long learners.**

**A sneak peek into our class...**

**Sunday Classes**

All classes meet on Sunday from

**2:00 – 4:00 PM.**

(In case of inclement weather, there may be some days that we will have to put two sessions together. If so, it would be good if we could meet from 2:00 – 4:45 PM if possible)

- January 28:** Orientation
- February 4:** We are the Church
- February 11:** The Book of Books
- February 18:** The Father
- February 25:** The Son
  
- March 4:** The Holy Spirit
- March 11:** God’s Church Grows
- March 18:** We Worship God
- March 25:** **No Class (Spring Break)**
  
- April 1:** **No Class (Easter)**
- April 8:** The Church Celebrates
- April 15:** God’s Plan for our World
- April 22:** Faithful Disciples
- April 29:** We Live the Christian Life
- May 6:** Are You a Christian?
- Parents will need to attend the end of this session to go over the logistics of Confirmation Sunday.**
- May 13:** **No Class (Mother’s Day)**
- May 20:** **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**Sign up to be a part of this class:** Call the church office 703 938-1234

**DUE TO THE COLD TEMPERATURES...  
The Parsonage Christmas Open House  
has been postponed to January 21**

**12:30-4:00**

We invite you to come join Rev. Dawn-Marie, Sarah-Grace and Martha at the parsonage for some light-hearted conversation and lunch. This is a great opportunity to come sit and relax after the stress of the holiday season.



**Beginning January 14**, Rev. Dawn-Marie will be preaching a sermon series on the book of about this fascinating to follow along and **James!** Come learn book. Bring your Bible take some notes.



**January is a difficult time for many to get out – especially our elderly.** If you have some free time, we encourage you to drop them a line, send a card or stop in for a visit. Here are some names and where you can find them:

**Ms. Kay Blocher**  
Braddock Glen  
4027 Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032

**Ms. Ruth Ebert**  
Fairfax Rehabilitation and Nursing Center,  
10701 Main St., Room106, Fairfax, VA 22030

**Ms Charlotte Wineland**  
2806 Oakton Manor Ct  
Oakton, VA 22124

**Reminder that our Inclement Weather Policy states that** Oakton UMC is closed if Fairfax County Schools are closed.

**Articles for the Newsletter?** Just e-mail them to our newsletter editor, Randy Butturini: [randy\\_butturini@yahoo.com](mailto:randy_butturini@yahoo.com)

**Visit our website** ([www.oaktonumc.com](http://www.oaktonumc.com)) to listen to the previous week's sermon, see the worship bulletin for the coming Sunday (usually posted on Friday after 12 noon) and learn about the church. Comments about the site are always welcome. Contact Doris in the church office: [oumc@oaktonumc.org](mailto:oumc@oaktonumc.org) or 703-938-1234. The church office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30-12:30 p.m.

**Bishop Lewis has challenged us to read the Bible in a Year.** This year we are reading it chronologically. If you want to participate check in at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) and go to the Bishop's Bible Challenge. Here are the readings for the month:

January 1 Genesis 1-3; January 2 Genesis 4-7  
January 3 Genesis 8-11; January 4 Job 1-5  
January 5 Job 6-9; January 6 Job 10-13  
January 7 Job 14-16; January 8 Job 17-20  
January 9 Job 21-23; January 10 Job 24-28  
January 11 Job 29-31; January 12 Job 32-34  
January 13 Job 35-37; January 14 Job 38-39  
January 15 Job 40-42; January 16 Genesis 12-15  
January 17 Genesis 16-18; January 18 Genesis 19-21  
January 19 Genesis 22-24; January 20 Genesis 25-26  
January 21 Genesis 27-29; January 22 Genesis 30-31  
January 23 Genesis 32-34; January 24 Genesis 35-37  
January 25 Genesis 38-40; January 26 Genesis 41-42  
January 27 Genesis 43-45; January 28 Genesis 46-47  
January 29 Genesis 48-50; January 30 Exodus 1-3  
January 31 Exodus 4-6

Thank  
you 

Thanks to all the children and youth who participated in the services on Christmas Eve. (5:30 Service: Noah Seymour, Justice Allen, Katherine Carr, Peyton Mansfield, Patrick Kuhlkin, Elizabeth Kuhlikin, Sarah-Grace Singleton, Leyla Orhan, Liam Carr, Taylor Mansfield, Sophia Archer Tang, Kingsley Farrow, Limpho Wataee, Alumbwee Wataee, Thoko Wataee, Dalaney Farrow, Nicole Fellows, Evan Carr, Myles Seymour, Zach Erschens, Ethan Empfield, and 8:00 service Eli Rauch and Ashton Rauch)

A special thanks to Kira Mansfield, Chilala Chikuba Wataee, Tracy Seymour and Angie Erschens for being sure the children/youth were in the right place at the right time.

A big thanks to *Wanda Kirkpatrick* and *Angie Erschens* for heading up the Live Nativity. WOW! We had a lot of traffic on the corner that evening. Thanks to all those who participated in the LIVE Nativity. (children, youth and adults) A Special thanks to Nancy Brouphy's daughter who made so many yummy and wonderful cookies!

THANKS to all of you who made 2017 at OUMC an unforgettable one. Together, we all worked for the glory of God to make OUMC successful. We did many NEW THINGS and we will continue to hear and do God's will in 2018!

Thank you to Barbara Fisher and Bruce Long for coordinating and serving the staff (and those who were at church all day) on Christmas Eve a delightful dinner.

**HELP NEEDED:** The florist that we are presently using is raising their costs of flowers and delivery. We have begun negotiating with another small florist in Vienna. They can give us a better price for flowers, yet they do not have a delivery service. When they have flowers that need to be delivered, they must then hire a delivery service which adds approximately \$14.00 to the cost. This would then raise the cost of flowers to about \$75.00, which is the same price that the old florist is going to charge. Our goal is to find some people that would be willing to pick up the flowers on Friday or Saturday from the florist and then bring them to the church. We don't get flowers every week so it would only be for the weeks that flowers are requested. If we get enough volunteers, they may only have to pick up flowers once during the year. If you have questions or would be interested in serving in this capacity, give Marge Javins, [703-281-3444](tel:703-281-3444) a call.

**Looking for Volunteers to Help in Food Collection Drive for OUMC School Assistance Programs.** Vale United Methodist Church has invited Oakton UMC to join in its partnership with Good Shepherd UMC, Hunters Wood PTA, and Fox Mill Giant, by participating in a Food Collection Drive at Fox Mill Giant that is scheduled for the weekend of February 9 starting Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and running through Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

This is the Third Food Collection Event the Group has done. As you may recall, the Group was kind enough to provide OUMC with a large quantity of snacks from their September 2016 food drive for our Oakton Elementary, Mosby Woods Elementary, and Marshall Elementary School Programs.

This time they are seeking our help with the Food Collection Drive as well. Last time the Group collected over 100 bins of foods and had to use empty store boxes to pack some food. If you have any plastic bins that you could loan OUMC for this effort, please contact Joan Walton at [joanwalton30@gmail.com](mailto:joanwalton30@gmail.com). (Please make sure all bins are labeled OUMC and include your name and contact information so they can be returned to you.)

This Drive will also require volunteers for three types of jobs on two hour shifts: two greeters, two bin packers and two people to transport bins back to Vale Church at the end of each day for initial storage. The food in the bins will be then be divided between the churches and Hunters Wood PTA. The Greeters will hand out a flyer as customers enter the store with a food list and the aisle location. The food that is donated will be put in bins and labeled by the type of food e.g. crackers, applesauce, etc.

Vale UMC uses a Sign-Up Genius to register volunteers for the two hour shifts starting on Friday at 2 PM - 8 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 8PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM. Vale UMC is updating the Sign Up Genius that will be on the Vale Church website [www.valechurch.org](http://www.valechurch.org). We anticipate it will be ready for sign up very soon. We will send out an email as soon as it is available.

Of course, OUMC will continue our ongoing efforts to obtain snacks for our school programs with this effort supplementing our usual congregation collections for Oakton Elementary, Mosby Woods Elementary, and Marshall Elementary Schools.

If you would like to hear more about the impact of OUMC's efforts and the depth of need, please attend the 20 January 2018 Oakton United Men's Breakfast. Katherine M. Doyle, Mosby Woods Social Worker, will be the guest speaker.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Walton at [joanwalton30@gmail.com](mailto:joanwalton30@gmail.com) or on (703) 281-5527. Thanks for any support you can provide for this effort.