

# *First* United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



JULY, 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Dear First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn,

It is a tremendous honor and a great privilege to be appointed as your next lead pastor. I am thrilled that God has led my family and me into this wonderful church community. I look forward to meeting each of you.

I also look forward to working with you in ministry, praising God with you in Spirit and truth, connecting with the surrounding community, serving the wider church, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world.

One of my favorite scriptures is Romans eight verse twenty-eight, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose," which means that as beloved children of God, we can place our hope in the Lord and look for God's good work every day.

May God continue to bless you and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Beverly Dukes, Pastor

## FROM THE LAY LEADER'S DESK....

We look forward to Pastor Duke's leadership as we continue the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. We invite you to be in church in person on Sunday, July 6th, as Pastor Dukes begins her ministry at First, Oak Lawn.

Pastor Dukes will be serving both our faith community and Morgan Park United Methodist. She has arranged to join us on July 6th for coffee hour following services, so that she may begin to meet our congregation and put names to faces. We hope you will join us in giving Pastor Dukes a warm, Oak Lawn welcome.

*Marty Linderborg*

# ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

## **MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS**

***Urgent prayers:*** Marilyn Stefanko, Florence Fullilove

***Ongoing prayers for health and healing:*** Joanne Bartlett, Donna Heinz,  
Penny Millslagle, Gary Czemski, Phyllis Hogan

***Prayers of Thanksgiving:*** Keith Wyma was released from the hospital;  
Darlyne Turner's surgery was successful!

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE:** Loretta Caplinger, Air Force,; Christine Boyd, Army  
; Scott Boehn, Marines; Keith Danalewich, Navy

## **FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED OF PRAYER**

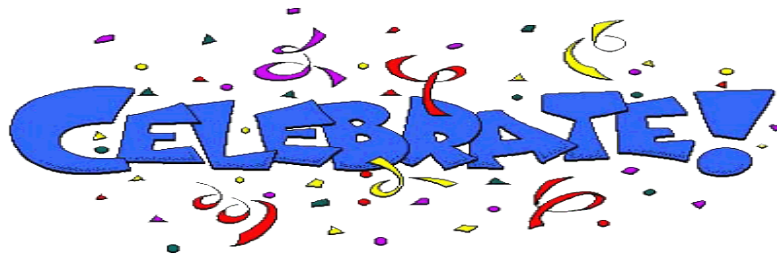
John Vendel, son of Jeanette Vendel      Dave Morris      Mary Vitek, mom of Joanne  
Reem, daughter of Paul Galuszka



SEND a CARD!



MAKE A CALL!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to.....

1st Dawn Myers   2nd Angelique Sylvester   2nd Joy Danalewich  
2nd Fiona Filomena   7th Paul Alabi   20th Harry Wyma   21st Addison Cole  
27th Donna Heinz   30th Brooklyn Cole

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to....

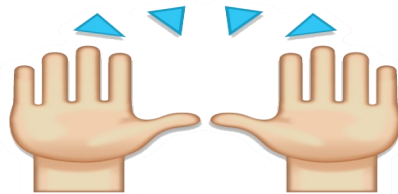
25th Dave and Pennie Morris

THANK YOU AND CELEBRATION FOR.....

Thanks to all who helped say Adieu to Pastor Amos.

Our first harvest of Swiss Chard and Parsley went off to the food pantry!!

We had a small but good representation in the Oak Lawn holiday parade.



### **WHO'S AT CHURCH?**

AA, NA, Al-Anon, Alateen, Jazzercise, Fit Your World, Friendship Fridays, Compassion Word Ministries, our food pantry guests and more! Many groups utilize our facilities and, although not all are directed by us, they become an extension of our community by helping us to be visible, and by reflecting values we hold as Christians, such as the importance of self-care; control of substances that can harm our physical bodies; creativity; acquiring knowledge and growth; and helping those less fortunate. We invite you to be aware of these various programs, and, if you should meet their members here, extend your hand in Christian fellowship and recognize them as part of our community. **Invite them to church, an event, or a circle meeting. Let them know their presence is a blessing!**

# JULY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Sundays: Worship! 9 am**

**Sunday School is on summer recess.**

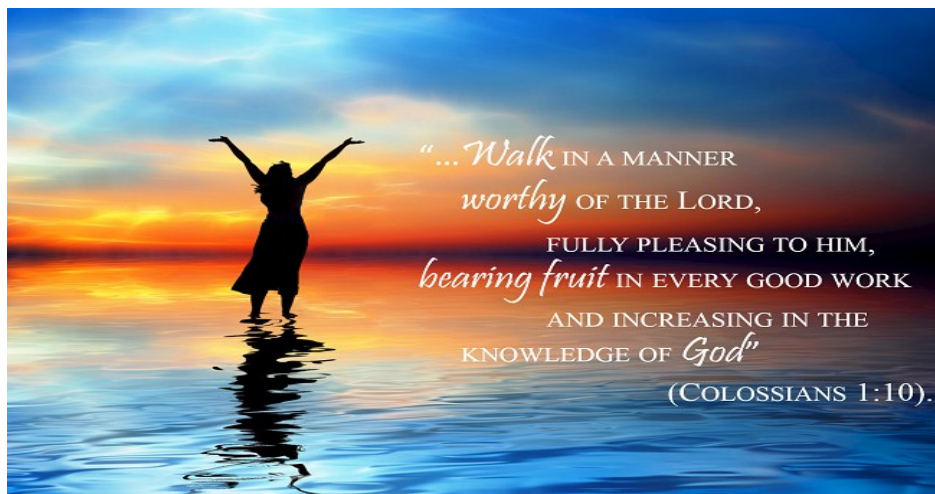
**Fellowship and “coffee and” following services.**

July 12th Parking Lot Sale

July 24th Cruise Night

July 26th Parking Lot Sale

July 31st Roundtable



# Community Cruise Night/Car Show

First United Methodist Church  
100<sup>th</sup> & Central Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL

Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
4-8 P.M. (People's Choice Award at 7)



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**Free Admission**

**FOOD & DRINKS**

(Available for purchase)

# IMPORTANT NEWS FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE!

Dear members of our church community,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZWMY>

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

*You can also access our Vanco giving page via this QR code:*



## CAN I STILL USE PAY PAL?

Yes, for a period of time, your gifts and pledges can still be sent through Pay Pal.

We believe our Vanco platform, introduced above, will be easier for users to access and navigate. The processing cost to the church will be a little less costly.

Finally, the Vanco system will fully integrate with the Church Windows accounting system we use, providing us real-time reports and simplifying our book keeping. If you have any questions, please email our treasurer

Ken at [klinderborg@ameritech.net](mailto:klinderborg@ameritech.net).



## FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Circles are taking a summer break.



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. in person worship in our sanctuary

And available via Zoom in real time  
and on Facebook Live

(Contact the church for Zoom links)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Is on summer break.

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