

First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

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



October 2025

As we move into October, I am reminded of the beauty this season brings. As the leaves change color, I am reminded of the ongoing changes we all face as children of God. Through the many changes of life, God is always near. I ask for your continual prayer for our country as we live in times of deep division and unrest. Throughout our Conference, actions have been taken to address some of these issues facing our nation and the world. I encourage everyone to get involved with our Conference efforts to maintain peace, decency, and protection for all.

Our weekly Bible study, which began on September 9, 2025, and will conclude on November 25, 2025, has been well attended. I continue to co-facilitate this Bible Study with Rev. Amos Oladipo. October will be a busy month. I am looking forward to our annual "Pumpkin Patch," which will take place from October 12, 2025, to October 31, 2025. Our third annual African Day will be held on October 5, 2025. In addition, we will be hosting our annual Craft, Health and Wellness Fair on October 18, followed by the Parking Lot Sale on October 25, and concluding with our Trunk or Treat on October 26. Furthermore, our annual Charge Conference is scheduled for October 26 at 6:00 pm with our District Superintendent, Dr. Nanabray.

In our Lake South District, Rev. Dr. Nanabray will continue to offer monthly "Go Team" training sessions, which begin at 10:30 am. The Zoom link for this ongoing event is Meeting ID: 964 1732 9893, Passcode: 081053. Our next meeting is on October 4, 2025. Our Lake South Lay Academy will be held on October 4 and October 11, 2025, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Faith UMC, located at 15015 Grant St., in Dolton, Illinois.

We join in the joy of those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this month, praying that God will grant them many more years of joy, peace, and good health. Our prayers are also with those who need healing and those facing various life challenges. Let's continue to support one another in prayer and check in on each other.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Beverly Dukes, pastor

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Urgent prayers: Joan Wyma, Penny and Randy Millsagle

Ongoing prayers for health and healing: Joanne Bartlett, Gary Czemski, Phyllis Hogan

Our sympathies to Paul Galuszka and his family on the passing of his step-daughter Reem, on September 2, 2025. Please keep Paul and Reem's family in your prayers.

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

Dave Morris Mary Vitek, mom of Joanne

Oliver Boubion, grandson of the Linderborgs

Emily, granddaughter of Anne Boyd



SEND a CARD!



MAKE A CALL!



Happy Birthday to.....

10th David Czemske 13th Joanne Bartlett 14th Shelby Bohannon

14th Monica Russel 14th Joan Wyma

Happy Anniversary to.....

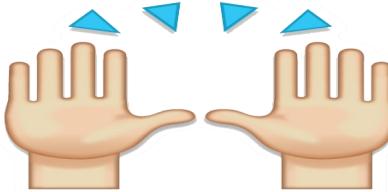
2nd Helen and Pete Gesell

20th Joan and Harry Wyma

Thanks and celebration!

* We give thanks for the blessing of two new members: Barbara Jeffries and Aaron Burch.

* We celebrate a successful outreach effort at Oak Lawn's Fall Family Festival.



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!**

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sundays: Worship! 9 am

Kid's Sunday School 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:15

Fellowship and “coffee and” following services.

Bible study Tuesdays 7-8 pm via Zoom

African Day October 5th 9-Noon

October 11, Parking Lot Sale 8-2 and Pumpkin Delivery!

October 18th, Craft Fair, Health Fair, Blood drive!

October 25th Parking Lot Sale 8-2

October 26th, Trunk or Treat 2-5

October 26th, Church Conference

5:15 meal, followed by Conference at 6 pm

PUMPKIN PATCH OCTOBER 12-31!!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF OAK LAWN
PRESENTS



3RD YEAR AFRICAN DAY

LIVELY AFRICAN PRAISE & WORSHIP | CULTURAL SHOWCASE

CELEBRATION

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY OF CULTURE,
COMMUNITY AND PRAISE AT OUR 3RD ANNUAL AFRICAN DAY

Convenor: LM Bola Akinbamiya-Alabi

START AT
9AM



5TH
OCTOBER
2025



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10000 CENTRAL AVENUE
ILLINOIS 60453



HOST
Pastor Beverly Dukes

The Pumpkin Patch



HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP
FREE ADMISSION

OCTOBER

Bake Sale!

Dawn's Famous
Pumpkin
Bread Available

12 - 31

Monday-Friday: 11am - 6:30pm
Saturday: 10am - 6:30pm
Sundays: Noon-6:30pm

**Huge Selection of
Pumpkins!**

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FirstMethodistOakLawn.org
Check our Facebook page for activity updates.

Weekend Activities

Saturday Oct 18th

Craft & Health and Wellness
Fair 11a.m.-4p.m.
Blood Drive- Call for times

Saturday Oct. 25th

Parking Lot Sale 8-2 p.m.

Sunday Oct. 26th

Trunk or Treat 2-5 p.m.

Daily Activities

- Scavenger Hunt & Games for Free
- Tractor Rides \$1
- Build a friendly Scarecrow \$15
- Daily Bake sale
- Popcorn \$1 (after 3:30)
- Free Great Photo Opps!

Pumpkin Patch Café

Weekends Only
Open noon - 4 p.m.
Offering tasty options
for purchase

Proceeds fund community outreach programs for
food justice, hunger relief, programs for
youth/adults with addictions, Christian education
and community for all ages and abilities.

Thank you!

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100TH & CENTRAL AVE., OAK LAWN, IL. 60453

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9a.m. -12:30p.m.

SOMEONE NEEDS BLOOD EVERY 2 SECONDS



GIVE BLOOD
Save life +

- FOR APPOINTMENT
CALL 708-423-1170
- SIGN – UP TODAY
- OR BELOW WITH
QR CODE



God's second greatest commandment: **Love thy neighbor as you love yourself.**
A wonderful act of kindness as you help others in need.

We all at one time or another have needed blood or known someone who has.
Come Save Lives, 1 Person at a TIME!



Open hearts. Open minds. Open futures.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

Come Join Us:



Fall Season: Weekly Bible Study on The Prophets: Jonah, Micah and Nahum

When: Tuesday @7:00pm to 8:00pm

Beginning: Sept. 9, 2025 thru Nov. 25, 2025

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81653139195?pwd=SDNiRy9VY0pDcEtYRlQ40FpHUFlkdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 5313 9195 ... Password: 740463

Facilitators: Rev. Amos Oladipo, pastor
(Grace United Protestant Church in Park Forest)

Rev. Beverly Dukes, pastor
(Morgan Park UMC & First UMC in Oak Lawn)

NEWS FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE!

Friends, we give thanks for your support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions help us remain an ever-present help in today's challenging world.

Our new Vanco platform is working well. If you like on-line giving, you can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZWMY> OR go to firstmethodistoaklawn.org, and click on "donate." This will take you directly to the donation page. 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!

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COME TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE!

Our annual church conference is a wonderful way to catch up on all that is "happening" in the church, and also the place to envision our future. It's a time of worship, fellowship and celebration! Plan to come at 5:15 on Sunday, October 26th for a light meal. At 5:30 the Roundtable will convene with our District Superintendent, Dr. Nanabray, for a brief closed door meeting while you finish your meal and enjoy dessert. At 6 p.m. the whole body will convene with Dr. Nanabray to take a look back, and a look forward. This is an important time in the life of a church. Please plan on joining us!!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WELCOMES YOU!

Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Debra Circle will gather at the church at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 27th.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME AT EITHER CIRCLE...or both!...

FOR "FELLOWSHIP AND ..." COME AND SEE WHAT WE'RE ABOUT!

PUMPKINS ARRIVE OCTOBER 11TH. ALL HANDS IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH!!

We have something for everyone to do! Don't miss the party!!

Our patch is a great outreach; a blessing to the community around us; AND a major fund-raiser, enabling us to cover our expenses for the year. It's also a lot of fun! We'll need everyone's help on the 11th, and we will also need many hands the 12th thru the 31st, between the hours of 10/11 am and 7 pm. We need cars for Trunk or Treat on Sunday the 26th from 2-5. For more information, or to sign up, call the church office OR contact Marty Linderborg.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. in person worship in our sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

And available via Zoom in real time

Resumes September 14

and on Facebook Live

9 a.m. age 3 through grade school

(Contact the church for Zoom links)

Adult class at 10:15

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Ministers: All members of the faith community Pastor: Beverly Dukes

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