

First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

January, 2026



Greetings and Blessings Church Family,

As we stand on the threshold of a New Year (2026), let us be reminded of God's grace, which brought us through 2025. Let us show our deepest gratitude, thankfulness, honor, and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. Each day we rely on Jesus Christ's steadfast love, faithfulness, and constant presence. We will continue to rely on God as we stand on the cusp of 2026. Let us walk by faith and not sight in 2026, encouraged to do God's good work. Let our collective vision for 2026 be to be builders of God's kingdom on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Let us look to God's guidance and wisdom this upcoming year. Let the Light of Christ illuminate our path so that we may walk in Your righteous ways. May our minds, our hearts, and spirits be renewed as we move into this New Year. Further, may we leave behind what does not serve God's will and embrace all the newest love and joy we have in you.

Happy, Happy New Year,

Peace,

Rev. Beverly Dukes, Pastor



PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Those for whom urgent prayers are needed: Anne Boyd

Ongoing prayers for health and healing: Joan Wyma, Penny and Randy Millslage,
Joanne Bartlett, Gary Czemske, Phyllis Hogan,
Maggie O'Bradovic

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

Andrew Russel, brother of Helen Gesell

Dave Morris

Emily, granddaughter of Anne Boyd



SEND a CARD!



MAKE A CALL!

CELEBRATE!

Happy Birthday to.....

5th Rob Koschnitzki 6th Karen Gardner 16th Jeanette Vendel
24th Bonnie Bergman 28th Marilyn Stefanko

Thanks and celebration!

For your generosity in giving over the Christmas season to our Mitten Tree, the Alan Matthei Fund, and our present collection for Ms. Kelly's Kindergarten class. Your giving helps spread the love of Jesus into the world!

We distributed 26 Christmas food baskets to families in need.

To all who helped prepare, and attended, our Christmas Eve service and fellowship dinner....**THANK YOU!**

It was a beautiful evening.



JANUARY 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.

January 4 “Unhanging of greens following church

Saturday, January 17 Soup and Bread Supper

4-7 P.M. \$10 all you can eat

12 and under \$5

Thursday, January 22, Finance Committee, 7 P.M.

Saturday, January 24th District training

8:30 am—6 pm

Open to all!

Thursday, January 29, Roundtable, 6:45 P.M.



LAKE SOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2026



January 24 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

First UMC in Oak Lawn 10000 Central Ave.

Cost \$ 10 each Includes lunch and dinner

Schedule:	8:30 a.m.	Check In/Gathering	1:30 p.m.	Afternoon Workshop
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service	3 p.m.	Dinner
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Workshop	4:30 p.m.	Revival Service
	Noon	Lunch		

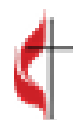
Classes: Morning Workshops Please select one

- Music & Theology for Youth Ages 5-18 (2026) - Rev. Michael Mitchell Sr.
- Finance Committee - Elaine Moy
- Staff Parish Relations Committee - Rev. Danita R. Anderson
- Trustees - Bob Wood
- Lay Leaders - Eugene Williams
- Reporting/Charge Conference Forms - Debbie Rogers

Afternoon Workshops Please select one

- Ministering with Compassion: Supporting Congregants Facing Immigration Challenges - Rev. Danita R. Anderson
- Evangelism and Discipleship - Dr. Audrea Nanabray
- Visiting and Care Ministries (Pastoral Care) - Rev. Dr. Michelle Taylor Sanders
- Mental Health and Faith for Youth Ages 5-18 - Rev. Ed Bickham
- One Board Model - The Simplified Accountability Structure - Kay L. Kotan
- Introducing UMC Media - Lisa Smith

Questions? Rev G Morris K. Jarkloh Jr., 773-807-5092, morriskjarkloh@gmail.com
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Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Registration: umcnic.org/calendar/lake-south-leadership-training-2026

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We would like to invite you to join us

Saturday January 17, 2026

From 4:00 - 7:00p.m.

for our

Annual Soup & Bread Supper

Many different Soups like
Chicken Noodle, Chili,
Pasta Fagioli, Broccoli
Casseroles



Prices are \$10.00 for
Adults \$5.00 for Children
under 12

For information or to reserve your ticket
call

708-423-1170.

Join us at 10000 S. Central Ave.

Financial update:

Our 2025 financial year has just come to a close. Your finance committee will be working to prepare year-end statements, and finalize our expected income and expenses for 2026. If you have not made a pledge for 2026 and wish to do so, pledge forms are available in the church office.

Giving envelopes for 2026 have been distributed. Using envelopes assists our financial team in keeping track of gifts received. If you did not receive a set and wish to use them, see Marty Linderborg.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to supporting the programs and mission of First UMC.

You can access our Vanco giving page

via this QR code. Pledge cards are available in the office.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WELCOMES YOU!!

Rachel Circle will not meet in January.

Debra Circle will gather at church Monday, January 26th, at 7 p.m., weather allowing. Watch e-mail and texts for confirmation, as well as announcements on Sunday the 25th.

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER!!

Supporting the hungry and homeless!

Saturday, January 17th, 4-7 p.m.

Adults \$10 All you can eat! (soup and desserts).

Children under 12 \$5 Wee ones free:)

Tickets available. Walk-ins welcome.



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

9 a.m. age 3 through grade school

Adult class at 10:15

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Oak Lawn

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

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