

First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



June, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

I greet you this month in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we move into a new month, I have been reflecting on the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3-6: “³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” In this text, Paul gives thanks for his partners in the ministry of the Gospel. I want to express my gratitude for all of you—for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness to our community and beyond.

Throughout these next few weeks, I invite you to meditate on 1 Corinthians 12:27, which tells us, “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” Let us reflect together on what it means to be the body of Christ in our world today. How can we strengthen our walk with Jesus Christ at our homes, in our communities, at our jobs, at our church, and in the larger world?

Ministry Highlight:

We are anticipating our 187th Northern Illinois Annual Conference from Sunday, June 14, to Tuesday, June 16, 2026, to be held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center.

Our next Lake South District Monthly Go Team Meeting will occur on June 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. All are encouraged to participate in this invite. The Zoom Link: Meeting ID: 964 1732 9893 Passcode: 081053

All are encouraged to participate in this conference and district-related events. As United Methodists, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you belong here. May the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit sustain you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Beverly Dukes, pastor

PRAYER CONCERNS

URGENT PRAYERS:

Jackie McEllen, Helen Gesell,
Janet Fox Thompson

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Penny and Randy Millslagle,
Greg Greiman, Joanne Bartlett, Gary Czemske
Donna Heinz, Kaylee Koschnitzki

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

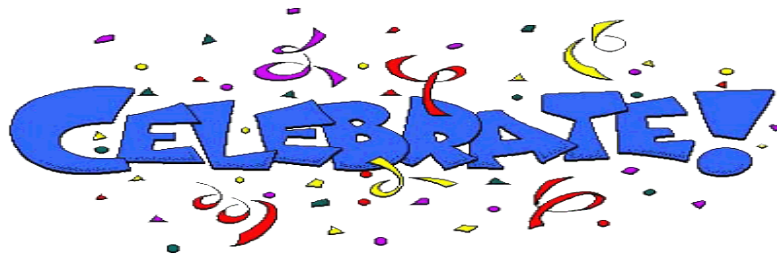
Dave Morris

By phone, email or snail mail....

let them know you care!

WHO'S AT CHURCH?

AA, NA, Al-Anon, Alateen, Girl Scouts, 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!**



Happy Birthday to.....

4th Zelle Idawu 8th Kolapo Alabi 9th Nicole Idawu
10th Brandond Koschnitzki 13th Barbara Jeffries
21st Hannah Sanntoro 22nd Aaron Burch

AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO.....

24th Ruth and Arthur Vasquez
29th Marty and Ken Linderborg

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Our church family has been blessed by the addition of new members! We celebrate the following as members of our larger community, and look forward to walking our faith journey together.

WELCOME IN!!

Rachel and Jorge Luis Rosales
Arthur and Ruth Vazquez

The Orji Family Juliet, Damien, Joy, Stella, Mercy, Dan
The Idawu Family Seun, Nicole, Travi, Zelle, Nonie

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AND we celebrate that First UMC Oak Lawn is the recipient of an \$8000 grant awarded by the Oak Lawn Social Services Commission, to fund any project by a non-profit organization in Oak Lawn that will provide social, educational or cultural resources to the community. We plan to develop our yard to the south into a more productive space for rest, gatherings, and programs. If you might be interested in working on this project, please contact Bola Alabi.



WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR COMMUNITY THE FOLLOWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS. CONGRATULATIONS!!! We PRAY FOR THE LORD'S GUIDANCE AND BLESSINGS IN THE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD!

From Anne Boyd

Claire Pirnat graduated from Westlake High School and will be attending Cleveland Institute of Arts majoring in Jewelry and toy making.

Joshua Boyd graduated from St. Joseph High School as Valedictorian and will be attending University of Illinois Champagne-Urban Veterinarian honors program.

Tiffany Boyd graduated with her Masters Degree from George Washington in Nursing.

From Pam Krull

Granddaughter Kayleigh Krull graduated from DeLaSalle High School and will be attending Augustana College.

From Marilyn Stefanko

Henry Stefanko graduated from Kindergarden
Thomas Stefanko graduated from Grammer School

From Karen Santoro

Tess Santoro graduated from the University of Illinois as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

From Donna Heinz

After 20 some years working as a CPA Donna's granddaughter went back to college with a new aim to help people. With her husband's blessing she is now a graduate in Phoenix, Az and is working as an RN.

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AND FINALLY.....

The finance committee reports that we are running slightly under budget on expenses, and slightly over budget on income. Thank you all for your continued support. Keep up the good work!!

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Do your best to preset yourself to God as one approved,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed
and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sundays: Worship! 9 am

Adult Sunday School 10:15

Fellowship and “coffee and” following services.

June 6, Go Team Meeting (Zoom) 10:30 a.m.

June 13 Parking Lot Sale 8-2

June 14-16 Annual Conference

(viewable on-line live: nicumc on You Tube)

June 18 Finance Meeting 7 p.m.

June 21 Father’s Day

June 25 Roundtable 6:45 p.m.

June 27 Parking Lot Sale 8-2



TREASURE HUNTING SEASON!

Join us at parking lot sales, continuing the second and fourth Saturday's of each month thru October. Sale hours are 8-2. Multiple vendors, and treasures waiting to be found!!
(And for just \$10, you can sell treasures, too! :)



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

Adult class at 10:15 Sundays

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY EVENINGS

CALL US FOR MORE INFO

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