

OSCEOLA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Your Church at a Glance

September 2019

Upcoming Calendar

Sun. Sept 1—9 am—Worship & Holy Communion 10:10 am—Adult Sunday School class	Thurs Sept 12—7 am—Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.—Bible Study at Ridge View Heights	Thurs Sept 19—7 am Women's Bible Study
Mon. Sept 2—Labor Day Church offices closed	Fri. Sept 13—Pastor's lunch at Good Samaritan	Fri Sept 20—3-9 Methodist Christian Women's Lunch stand & bake sale At Civic Center
Thurs. Sept 5—7 am Women's Bible Study	Sun. Sept 15—9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am—Worship & Children's Church	Sun Sept 22—9:30 am—Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Worship & Children's Church
Sun. Sept 8—9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Worship / Blessing of the back packs	Mon Sept 16—6 pm Trustees meeting 7 pm—Administrative Board	4 pm—Pastor leads wor- ship at Good Samaritan 4:30—Mission Meal leaves for York Mission
Wed Sept 11—4:30 Praise Band rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship for high school	Wed Sept 18—6 pm Prayer on the Square	

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*It is NOT time to change your clocks
It IS time to change our worship time*

*Beginning Sunday, September 8
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship & Children's Church
10:45 a.m.*

*See more about Children's Church on
page 2 of this newsletter*

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Ongoing needs at the Columbus and York Rescue Missions

Food Services

(No bulk please)
Pinto Beans
Baked Beans
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Chicken
Mayonnaise
Napkins
Coffee & creamer
Butter
Milk
Sugar
Canned Fruit
Raman Noodles

Household Products

Trash Bags 13 & 30 gal
Paper Towels
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Cleaning Products
Facial tissues
Toilet Paper

Other Items

Personal Toiletries
Men's boxers (all sizes)
Women's intimate wear
Socks Women & Men



The Spirituality of a Sunflower

Not only do I love the warmer, sunny days of summer, I also love sunflowers! So, I decided to do a little research where I learned that sunflowers are the symbol of faith, loyalty, and adoration. And in various religions, the sunflower symbolizes worship and faithfulness because of their resemblance to the sun which is associated with spiritual knowledge and the desire to seek light and truth.

Is it any wonder that the sunflower is one of my favorites? Well, knowing how much I love and honor the beauty of God's creation, the sunflower is just one of many Glory Sightings I can see throughout the year.

Here are a few more fascinating facts about the sunflower:

- They follow the movement of the sun across the sky from east to west; a process known as heliotropism.
- It is the only flower with flower in its name ~ "Helianthus" is the scientific name of Sunflower, Helia for Sun and Anthus for Flower.
- When you see a field of cultivated sunflowers, the flower heads face in more-or-less the same direction; however, if you view a field of them in the afternoon, it will be apparent that the flower heads are mostly facing east, where the sun rises each morning.
- At night, in its absence, the sunflowers face east again, anticipating the sun's return.

Much like the rising and setting of the sun that reveals the majesty of God, we can rely on the Light of the World, Jesus, the Son of God, to light our way in the world. And because of God's love for us we are continually gifted with many opportunities to be blessed each and every day!

*Yet in the light of day, the Eternal shows me His love.
When night settles in and all is dark, He keeps me company—
His soothing song, a prayerful melody to the True God of my life.*
Psalm42:8 ~ 'The Voice' Bible

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Teri

**Children's Church Coming to
The UMC Near You!**

K-8

Starting September 8th, 2019

Osceola First United Methodist

8 Week Trial Run

September 8th - October 27th

10:45-11:45

**The children will sit with their families in the sanctuary for the beginning of the worship service.

**After Children's Moment - Pastor will dismiss K-8 to Children's Church which will focus on a Bible Story. The 6th, 7th & 8th graders will meet in the Middle School Classroom.

**All will return to the sanctuary for the last portion of the worship service

**Near the conclusion of the 8-week trial, the Sunday School committee and teachers will evaluate whether to continue this new format.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks!



All students, administration, faculty and support staff are invited to bring your backpack or brief case with you to church on Sunday, September 8th to be blessed.

PRAYER
ON THE
SQUARE

Please join with the local clergy on the courthouse lawn at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 18 to lift our school, our community, our state and our nation in prayer.

*Wednesday Worship
For all high school students*

Leader: Emily Triplett

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 11

United Methodist Church

Food will be provided

OHS Homecoming 2019—September 20th

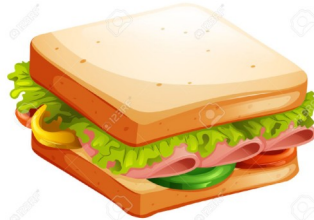
The Methodist Christian Women's

Lunch Stand & Bake Sale

Serving from 9 a.m. until sometime after the parade.

At the Civic Center.

There will be homemade soup, sandwiches, pies as well as delicious items on the bake sale table.



Calendar continued

Wed. Sept 25—4:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Thurs, Sept 26—7 am—Women's Bible Study
1 p.m. Bible Study at Ridge View Heights
Sun. Sept 29—9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
10:45 am—Worship & Children's Church
Noon— Congregational 5th Sunday covered dish dinner

Potluck Dinner



5th Sunday Pot Luck

September 29

Following the worship service



**PRAISE BAND
IN NEED OF A DRUMMER
&
ADDITIONAL VOCALISTS
COME PRAISE GOD!!**



Congregation, please welcome Jenn Boyer as your new church secretary! Jenn will begin her duties on Sept 4. She will, for the most part, be at the church after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. She will be taking care of the bulletins and newsletters and lots of the other church details that allow the pastor to be in ministry. Thank you Jenn for accepting this position! Her cell is 308-726-5595.