

The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday

April 21st

7:30pm Communion & Tenebrae

Easter Sunday

April 24th

A community Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00am at

Second Chance Fellowship

100 Countyline Court, Oakland, FL

(located just off Oakland Avenue)

The Reverend Octavius Smith of Mt. Zion AME will bring the message.

Our regular 8:45 and 11:00am services will take place as usual.

It's an Easter Egg Hunt!

Join us for the annual OPC
Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 23rd
10:00am

at the Christian Life Center.

We'll have a fun time of games and crafts and
a special Easter Egg Hunt! There might even
be a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Come and celebrate the glorious Easter
message of Jesus' resurrection and what it
means for you!



Welcome Oakland's New Chief of Police

On Sunday, April 3rd, we
will have as our special guest the
new police chief of Oakland,
Steve Thomas. He will be with
us for the 11:00am service and
stay for a time of greeting during
the coffee hour. He wants to get
out and meet the residents of
our town. Let's give him a warm
welcome!



Presbyterian Men's Dinner Tuesday April 26th at 6:30 pm

Do you have financial questions about how to prepare for your family's future in today's economy?

Our program this month will be presented by Mark Griffith, a certified financial planner and a member of Oakland Presbyterian Church.

So here's your chance. Join us for a great meal as well as what's sure to be an informative session about planning for the future.

See you there!



Flowers for Sunday Worship

(To provide sanctuary flowers, please sign up in the lobby or contact the church office.)

April

- 3 - Lee King
- 10 - Larry Rubright
- 17 - Ann Cordes
- 24 - Claude & Ann Adkins

May

- 1 - Stacy & Phyllis Vereen
- 8 - Fran Stanford
- 15 - Nancy Allen
- 22 - Jerry & Levynia Ornstein
- 29 - Andy & Claudia Procko

Ladies Sewing Group

All ladies are invited to join us

Monday, April 18th

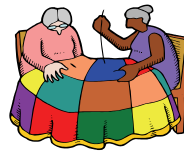
9:30am-11:30pm

Monday, April 25th

10:00am - 2:00pm

We are currently working on quilts for Project Linus and STARS Preschool, making pillow-cases for Matthew's Hope from hotel bed sheets, and assembling dolls and bears for children at local hospitals!

We can always use willing hands and giving hearts!



Thank You

Many thanks to the large group who showed up on Saturday, March 19th for the Campus Cleanup/Work Day. It was very uplifting to see so many folks really taking pride in their church. I am quite sure that Mr. Bob Newman was here with us in spirit and was smiling at all the hard work that was being done, as a team, to keep the church functioning and beautiful.

Again, words are not enough to convey how wonderful it was to see so many joyfully working, giving of their time to make sure God's house is kept in order.

*Sincerely,
Mark Winsor*



From the Pastor

Christians have been called “an Easter people” because of our focus on the events leading up to and following the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Make no mistake about it—the cross and resurrection change the way we look at everything. To some it may seem like Christmas is our “big” holiday, but if it weren’t for Easter, there would be no reason to celebrate Christmas. We are, indeed, an Easter people.

As we approach this important celebration, let’s not miss out on the opportunity to re-live it and re-tell it. On Maundy Thursday we read the entire Passion narrative of our Savior and watch as the world enters into a time of darkness. Then we come back on Sunday to be amazed at what God has done for us.

It’s important to walk through the darkness that came with the death of Jesus. For it is only when we appreciate what he gave up that we can fully experience the joy of Easter.

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! And the resurrection makes all the difference in the world to those of us who are his Easter people.

Blessings,

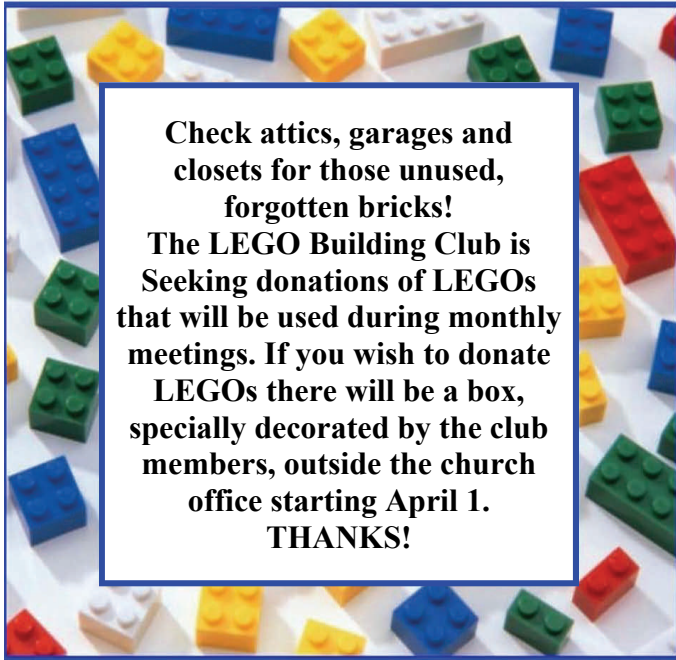
Pastor Bob

Session Highlights

At the March meeting, the Session took the following action:

- Had prayer for several people mentioned at the start of our meeting.
- Reviewed a second proposal from Youth Ministry Architects for continuing their work with us.
- Heard about the plans of the Oakland Coalition of Churches do a major housing rehabilitation project on a home in Oakland, partnering with Just For Him Ministries. Don Wingate is going to go to the next meeting of this building project and report back to us on its progress and feasibility.
- Heard Fred Shepherd report on the recent presbytery meeting. The new Form of Government was not passed by Central Florida Presbytery, but is passing on a nation-wide basis.
- Heard about plans to host a “Meet and Greet” with the new police chief of Oakland on Sunday, April 3. Chief Steve Thomas will be with us for the 11:00 service and stay for a time of greeting after the service.
- Heard about plans for the church work day on March 19.





Check attics, garages and closets for those unused, forgotten bricks!

The LEGO Building Club is Seeking donations of LEGOs that will be used during monthly meetings. If you wish to donate LEGOs there will be a box, specially decorated by the club members, outside the church office starting April 1. THANKS!

UNBREAKABLE YOUTH

- 4/3 ~ No Youth ~ Spring Break
- 4/6 ~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 4/9 & 4/10 ~ *Spring Fever in the Garden*
Youth to sell Cotton Candy in Kids Zone
- 4/13~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 4/17 ~ Youth Fellowship (12:30)
Seder Meal ~ (What is that? GOOGLE it!)
- 4/20 ~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 4/24 ~ **HE IS RISEN!**
No Youth Fellowship
Celebrate Easter with your family!
- 4/27~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)



Preschool NEWS

We are in full swing this Spring Season at Oakland Presbyterian Preschool! The preschool will be singing on April 10 in the Sunday morning service. And the children are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 23 provided by Oakland Presbyterian. We had a wonderful time doing our yearly Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children Hospital. We raised over \$700 to help provide children's medical care and to further research for a cure for cancer! It was a very rewarding experience for all of us.

*Blessings,
Kim Hyatt
Preschool Director*



Join Us For March KIDS' CLUB!

Kids in Grades 3-5

Sunday, April 10th

*Kids! Watch your
Mailboxes for more
Information!*

Thank you to everyone who made the Presbyterian Women's Tea a memorable event! We had a wonderful time, and were successful in raising money to fund our missions.

Special thanks to these people:

Table Decorations: Phyllis Edwards, Holly Gordon, Anne Jones, Jennifer Hunt, Donna Leibi, Ruth Ann Stearns, Bonnie Litteral, Sara Smith, Joann Smith, Pat Hines, Judy Pendergrass, Suzanne Piccolo, Katrinka VanDeventer, Eansa Burbank, Mary Black, Beth Kennedy, Kelly Parker, Allison Parker, Gretchen Boyd, Jeanne Duncan, Chandra Butts.

Food Contributions: Polly Ault, Phyllis Glaser, Lee King, Mary Jo Biehl, Shirley Wilkins, Jane Winegard, Fran Stanford, Linda Anderson, Lynn White, Peggy Lombardo, Gloria Lenox, Anne Jones, Judy Pendergrass, Tiffany Goggans, Jean Anthony, Cheryl Frank, Beth Kennedy, Betty Ann Griffin, Anne Adkins, Sharyn Forney, Julie Dale, Bonnie Litteral, Cyndi Cunningham, Mary Jane Matthews, Alice Hawthorne, Nancy McDavid, Martha Baldwin, Mary Black, Jeanne Pickett-Lewis, Jeanne Duncan, Diane Holton, Betty Jones, Pat Hines, Sally Smith, Leslie Warden, Sherry Hurt.

Special thanks to Suzanne Piccolo and her mother for baking the wonderful scones.

Special Thanks to: Ruth Ann Stearns for Publicity Flyers and Ticket Design; Cecil Ramsey for doing all our Photography; DeLena Koontz & Deborah Bishop-Karney for providing all the Children's Activities; Tom Edwards, John Kennedy, Rich Burbank, Jim & Holly Gordon and Kristin Litteral for their assistance with Set-up.



Habitat for Humanity **5K Race**

Walk or run in the West Orange Habitat for Humanity 5K Race to be held at Oakland Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 8:00a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female runners overall and in each age group. Registration forms can be picked up outside the church office. Let's show our support by participating in this fun and worthwhile event!

Bread of Life **Golf Tournament**



On Tuesday May 30, 2011, at Forest Lake Golf Club in Ocoee, a charity golf tournament will be held to benefit Bread of Life Fellowship, one of the missions of Oakland Presbyterian Church. Bread of Life is a Christian non-profit organization that provides food for the hungry both physically and spiritually. The purpose of the event is to raise operating funds for Bread of Life Fellowship. Details about the event can be found on the registration Forms outside the church office, and entries must be received by April 25th. What a fun way to support a local mission!

Thank You From the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who cleaned out their closets and donated clothing to benefit the Christian Service Center Thrift Store in March. Your generosity was overwhelming and very much appreciated!



Birthday Blessings to
those born in
APRIL

- 1 Dave Kirwan, Jonathan Holton
- 2 Glenda Acton, Erin Dunn Pearce
- 3 Russell Brown, Bonnie Jensen,
Jeanne Reynolds, Clarence Hurt
- 4 Chase Patterson
- 5 Joel VanderLey, Jean Anthony
- 6 Jessie Talbot
- 7 Patrick DuChene, Sharon
Nichols
- 8 Jimmy Justice
- 9 Andrew Kennedy, Sharyn
Forney
- 10 Chris Boston, Polly Ault
- 11 Riann Wingate
- 12 Katrinka Van Deventer
- 13 Doug Austin, Cassie Parker,
Terry Thomas
- 14 Ken Holton, Jill Braden
- 18 Connie King,
Hanna VanderLey
- 19 Sherry Hurt
- 21 Holt Cappleman, Mike Griffith
Alice Wagner
- 22 Phyllis Vereen, Jake Braden
- 23 Edla Saxon
- 25 Janet Jackson
Mary Jane Matthews
- 27 Corey Self
- 28 Sara Geltz, Cheryl Boston
Lane Griffith
- 29 Michael Merbach

*If you have an **APRIL** birthday not mentioned above please e-mail the church office at welcome@oaklandpres.org to add your name to the birthday list.*



**Oakland Presbyterian Children's Choir
Members to Attend Chorister Festival**

On Saturday, April 9th, over 200 children from around the state will gather at First United Methodist Church of Winter Park for the 20th Annual Choristers Guild Festival. The children, ages kindergarten through sixth grade, have worked hard in their home churches to prepare several pieces that will be performed in a 3:00pm concert that day. The choir will be conducted by clinician James Wells.

Children will enjoy a full day of activities, including hand chimes, hand bells, recorders, Orff mallet instruments, sacred dance, puppets, drama, sign language and drumming. Some activities will be featured in the afternoon concert.

The public is invited and admission is free.

For more information, contact Choristers Guild Central Florida Chapter president Bonnie Litteral at Bblitteral@aol.com or 407-877-3525. You may also access the Choristers Guild website at: www.floridachoristers.org



**Scouting
News**

Boy Scout Troop 145 would like to thank everyone for their support of the Rummage Sale fundraiser that was held on Saturday, March 5th.

Over \$800 was raised to help the troop with their projects!

The scouts are proud to be a ministry of Oakland Presbyterian Church and are grateful for the ongoing support of everyone involved.



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| 3 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship <i>No Youth Fellowship~ Spring Break</i> | 4 10:00am PW Coordinating Meeting (FH) 6:30pm Cub Scouts | 5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:00pm UPWARD 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm <i>Letters from Dad</i> meets | 6 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir | 7 6:00pm UPWARD Flag Football/ Cheerleading Practice | 8 | 9 UPWARD Football 8:30am Spring Fever in the Garden Downtown Winter Garden Come support the Youth at the Kids Zone! |
| 10 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship <i>(Preschool Sings today)</i> 3:00 p.m. KIDS' CLUB <i>No Youth Fellowship ~ Youth at Spring Fever</i> | 11 10:00am PW Circle/Bible Study (FH) 5:30pm Staff mtg. 6:30pm Cub Scouts | 12 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board meets | 13 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir | 14 6:00pm UPWARD Practice 7:00pm Session meets | 15 | 16 ~UPWARD Pictures 8am-11am (FH) Games 8:30am ~Cub Scout Pack 978 Pinewood Derby (CLC) ~Sterlings - BUNCO 6:00pm (FH) |
| 17 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship <i>Children's Choir Sings</i> 4:30pm Youth Fellowship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering today</i> | 18 9:30am Women's Sewing Group (FH) 6:30pm Cub Scouts | 19 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Men's Dinner | 20 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir | 21 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30pm | 22 Good Friday | 23 NO UPWARD FOOTBALL Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am |
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:45 a.m.

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CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Robert P. Hines, Jr. *Pastor*
Tiffany Goggans, *Director of Christian Education*
Julie Butler, *Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Hunt, *Director of Music*
Diane Flagler, *Organist*
Daphne Miller, *Pianist*
Bonnie Litteral, *Director of Children's Choirs*
Kim Hyatt, *Director of Preschool*
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Come out to Spring Fever in the Garden
and support the Oakland Presbyterian Youth!

April 9th ~ 9am-5pm

April 10th ~ 11am-4pm

Our OPC Youth will be staffing the Cotton
Candy booth at this year's Kids Zone as a
fundraiser for their trip to Passport Camp.
Come on down to Historic Winter Garden and
enjoy the beautiful Florida spring!



Listen to Pastor Bob's sermons on the OPC website. Pastor Bob's sermons are now being digitally recorded during the 11:00 am service and available on the church website: oaklandpres.org, just click on worship and then sermons.

