

The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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Coalition of Churches to Hold a “Love Out Loud” Event

A very special event is being planned by the Oakland Coalition of Churches for Saturday, August 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the empty lot located on highway 50 behind the Charter School (and next to the Shed Sales Business), we will be setting up a stage, 12 inflatable activity centers, and tents. Just For Him Ministries will be providing games, free food, free dental and vision screenings. There will be music and worship at the stage, too.

As partners in this event, we have agreed to staff one of the inflatable activity centers (2 people per shift), provide a cook or two, and provide some musicians or singers for the music. If you would like to volunteer some time, please fill out the form that will be in the church bulletin, or call the office and let us know. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Pastor Bob.



Fine Arts Camp

August
2nd - 6th
8:30am - 5:00pm
Cost \$100



This camp will offer an opportunity for children who have completed grades 1 through 6 to explore the fine arts through games, arts & crafts, drama, music, dance and more!

Just another fun summer program being offered here at Oakland Presbyterian Church!



Welcome Julie Butler, Our New Administrative Assistant!

If you call or stop by the church office, you will see a new face and hear a new voice. Julie Butler, a resident of Ocoee and an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden, has joined our staff as our new “office maestro.”

Julie is a life-long resident of west Orange County and comes to us with experience as a church secretary. She and her husband, Drew, have two teenage sons. Julie is a member of the Rotary Club, and formerly worked for the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha.

Special dates in August

- **Fine Arts Camp begins – Aug 6**
- **Love Out Loud - Aug 14**
- **Bloodmobile on Site – Aug 15**
- **Preschool Open House – Aug 20**
- **Youth Rally – Aug 22**
- **First Day of School – Aug 23**
- **Primary Election – Aug 24**
- **Oakland Coalition of Churches Workday - Aug 28**



**PW in Central Florida Presbytery
Presents
The 2010-2011 Bible Study**

**HORIZON'S "Journeys Through Revelation:
Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara Rossing**

The presenter will be Rev. Dr. Helen DeBevoise
Co-Pastor of Park Lake Presbyterian Church Orlando, Florida

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2010

Place: 1st Presbyterian Church of Mt. Dora
222 West 6th Avenue
Mt. Dora, FL 32757

Questions Call: Judi Blanchard: 352-383-4089 x 105

Registration: Cost \$12.00 per person (lunch included)
Make checks payable to: **Presbyterian Women**

Mail checks to:
Judi Blanchard
1st Presbyterian Church of Mt. Dora
222 West 6th Avenue
Mt. Dora, FL 32757

Reservation Deadline: September 3, 2010 Late Fee: \$15.00

*Registration Forms are on the PW section of the bulletin board
outside the church office*



**Flowers for
Sunday Worship**

August

1 TBD
8 Warren Fisher and Family
15 TBD
22 TBD
29 Warren & Betty Anne Griffin

September

5 Jeanne Hinson
12 TBD
19 Mary F. Black
26 Nancy McDavid

Wondrous Wednesday

Parent's here is an opportunity to take advantage of our LAST Wondrous Wednesday of the summer! We have enjoyed our time of stories, playing, arts, crafts and more! Many thanks to our volunteers who give of their time to make this program a success!

Date: August 11th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 4 and up **Cost:** FREE



From the Pastor



Recently a well-known quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers was involved in some pretty ugly behavior involving alcohol and young ladies at a night club. As it turns out, no criminal charges were filed against the athlete, but the local prosecutor in Georgia suggested the young man should grow up. The commissioner of the NFL sent a stronger message when he suspended the QB for several games.

It angered me to see this fellow behave in such a way. Those of us who follow the Pittsburgh Steelers expect more from our athletes. He's in my "dog house" until he shows that he has cleaned up his act and understands that he is role model for young men. Being a star athlete doesn't give him the right to treat young ladies with disrespect.

This incident made me think about how we are perceived as Christians by those outside the faith.

Whether we are aware of it or not, we are always being watched by others. People are looking to see if we "walk the walk." Do we live our lives in such a way that others can tell we know and love Jesus? Or do we bring shame to him by our actions?

I know we aren't perfect, and we sometimes fall into sin, but Christians need to understand that we are called to a higher standard. It matters to God and to those who are watching us how we live. The testimony of a life that honors God and demonstrates love to other people is what the world needs.

I trust and pray that what others see in you and me will draw them to Christ, as together we live the kind of lives that are worthy of our calling.

Flying my Steeler flag at half-mast,

Pastor Bob

Session Highlights

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

- Met and welcomed our new Administrative Assistant, Julie Butler
- Heard the report on the Exit Interview with Carol Everhart
- Approved our congregation's participation in the Love Out Loud event being planned by the Oakland Coalition of Churches for August 14
- Heard reports on the Summer Enrichment Program, VBS, and Youth Mission Trip
- Discussed ways we could be more supportive of the Boy Scout program
- Approved a request from the Garden Community Choir to have a ticketed concert in our sanctuary on Friday, Dec. 17
- Learned that a second AED has been secured for the church and will be located in the CLC
- Approved several requests for use of the building
- Approved the transfer of membership for Mel and Joan Kyle to the FUMC of Clermont
- Had prayer for several people mentioned by the elders



Information on the Actions of Our Recent General Assembly

If you want to know what actions were taken by the recent General Assembly of the PCUSA, Pastor Bob recommends you check out the denominational web site (we have a link to it on our congregation's web site), or check out one of the independent organizations that have their own view of what took place. Central Florida Presbytery also has some helpful links with FAQ on several of the actions of the GA.

Central Florida Presbytery: www.cfpresbytery.org

PCUSA site: www.pcusa.org

Presbyterian Outlook: www.pres-outlook.com

Presbyterian Coalition: www.presbycoalition.org

The Presbyterian Covenant Network: www.covnetpres.org

F.I.S.H.

Time to go Fishing! The Central Florida Presbytery is hosting F.I.S.H. on August 21, 2010 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. F.I.S.H. stands for Fresh Ideas Start Here. The day will be filled with lots of Christian Education workshops to fill your net with fresh ideas to bring back here to Oakland Presbyterian. Suzie Lane, regional advisor for the Logos program will be the keynote speaker and will be leading workshops on the Logos program and effective ministry with children. Speak with Tiffany if you are interested in attending or would like more information or reach her by email at: tiffany@oaklandpres.org

UNBREAKABLE YOUTH

CALENDAR for AUGUST

- 8/1 Youth Fellowship @ 12:00
(Help set up for Fine Arts Camp)
- 8/8 Youth Fellowship @ 12:00
- 8/11 Wondrous Wednesdays 9:00-12:00
(Youth are asked to help with this)
- 8/14 Love Out Loud Event
(See Front page article for details)
- 8/15 No Youth
- 8/22 Back to School Bash with area youth
(Check your bulletin for more info)
- 8/29 Youth Fellowship @ 12:00



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! We still have availability in our VPK program and our Preschool for the coming fall. Our school year is gearing up with an **Open House on Friday, August 20 from 9am-12pm.**

Just a reminder that school will start on Monday, August 23rd. I am so excited to see what God has in store for us this 2010-2011 school year!

*Blessings,
Kim Hyatt
Preschool Director*





Volunteers are needed to help run the computer and sound board during both Sunday services. If you would like to volunteer to serve in this capacity, please contact Holly Gordon at 352-394-7267. Training will be provided.



BLOOD DRIVE will be August 15th.

Get on the Big Red Bus and help Florida's Blood Centers with much needed blood donations. They will be in the front of the church from 8:30 am- 1:00 pm.



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.

Acknowledgments & Notables



THANKS FROM HABITAT!

The workers of West Orange Habitat for Humanity would like to thank the following people who helped provide lunches for them in the month of June: Betty Anne Griffin (sandwiches), Jean Noe (brownies and cookies), and Elizabeth Brown (monetary donation).

If you need any information or would like to donate sandwiches, drinks, chips, dessert, or money, **please contact Lynn White at (407) 656-1576 (work) or (352) 243-2961 (home)**. Our church provides lunch for the Habitat for Humanity workers on the **fourth Saturday of each month**. Thanks for your help!

George and Chandra Butts extend their thanks for the calls, cards and prayers for George during and following his recent surgery.



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to make a difference in your community? Here are some current volunteer opportunities:

Love Out Loud Community Event to be held on Saturday, August 14th: Volunteers from Oakland Presbyterian are needed to staff children's inflatable play houses. Contact the church office for more details. 407-656-4452.

Oakland Coalition of Churches Workday: Saturday, August 28th, 8:00am-11:00am. Contact the church office for more details. 407-656-4452.

Oakland Nature Preserve is looking for volunteers for everything from office work to pulling weeds. Any time given is appreciated. Opportunities 7 days a week during daylight hours. Contact volunteers@oaklandnaturepreserve.org for more details or to sign up!



Birthday Blessings to those born in AUGUST

- 2 Ruth Ann Stearns, Kelly Hill
- 3 Craig Anderson
- 4 Tad Geltz, Matthew Joiner
- 5 Joyce Mullins
- 6 Lynn Griffith
- 8 Peggy Lantz
- 10 Scott Boyd, Candy Powell
- 11 Mike Hallock
- 13 Don Hickman
- 15 Alex Brassell, Stephanie DeLucia
- 16 Missy Kuhn
- 18 Steve Stanford, David Dion,
Richard Dale
- 21 Jack Ross
- 22 Jim Williams
- 24 Jeanette Griffith
- 25 Jared Holton
- 27 Phyllis Hickman, Jack Litteral, II
- 29 Dixie Thrasher
- 31 Robin Griffin, Aidan Hanson,
Elle Hanson

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



SURVIVING GRIEF:

Understanding Yourself & Those You Love

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2010

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: First United Methodist

Church of Winter Garden, Fellowship Hall

125 N. Lakeview Ave., Winter Garden, FL 34787

Who: Julie Wolf, M.A., Licensed Mental Health
Counselor, Hope Counseling Clinic

Cost: **Free**

R.S.V.P. at 407.758-5693 or

julie@hopecounsel.com

Come and learn about the ways we grieve, how to grieve so you don't get stuck, the differences between how men and women grieve, why grief is so hard on relationships, and how to help someone you love who is suffering from a loss.



Ex LIBRIS (From The Library)

We are excited about our NEW BOOKS,
so come on in and check them out!

Here are just a few:


- The “Only in Gooding” Series; unique folks are attracted to Gooding, Texas - passing through or come to stay - Volumes 1 through 4 by **Cathy Marie Hake**. Hake offers unique glimpses of life in her writing. Her Faith in God, her Family, her Friends, a “wacky” sense and CHOCO LATE keep her going!
- Another new author we have is **Robert Whitlow**, who writes in the tradition of John Grisham combining legal and ethical plot lines, but with explicit spiritual themes. This is a 3 book series.
- We have added Book 2 of **Laurine Snelling’s** series “Home to Blessing” titled “No Distance Too Far”. We’ve also added “Take Three” and “Take Four” in **Karen Kingsbury’s** “Above The Line” series.
- Another new series of 3 books by **Martha Perry** has also arrived. Perry’s own Pennsylvania Dutch roots led her to write about the “Plain People” who add to the rich heritage of her home state.

Now is a good time to complete the “Reading Lists” for Middle and High School students. We have a large selection of books for all ages.

The library is open on Sunday mornings. Come in before or after services. For other available times you can visit, please call 352-242-9724 and we will do our best to meet you!

Your Book Loving Friends!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30pm Praise Team</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>FINE ARTS CAMP 8:00am—5:00pm</p>						
<p>8</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15am Women's Prayer Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Mission Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>WONDROUS WEDNESDAY 9:00-12:00 6:30pm Praise Team</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p> Love Out Loud Event 11:00am-6:00pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Bloodmobile on site</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm Praise Team</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Session meets</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9:00am-12:00pm</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:15pm CE Committee</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:15am Women's Prayer Group 10:00am Women's Sewing Group 7:00pm Deacon's meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00am Primary Election Voting (FH) 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (CLC) 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm Praise Team</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p> Oakland Coalition of Churches Workday 8:00am-11:00am</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:15 Outreach Committee</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p> Don't Forget!! Children's Choirs resume on Wednesday, September 1st!</p>			



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

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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Community Opportunity

Oakland Coalition of Churches Plans Work Day for Nature Preserve

In response to a request from the Oakland Nature Preserve, the Oakland Coalition of Churches is planning a work day for Saturday, August 28. We will gather at the building on the corner of Oakland Avenue and Tubb Street and help sort and clean the collectibles and antiques that have been stored in the building located at the site. The Nature Preserve will be selling the items taken from the building and keeping the proceeds to help fund their work. Because of the summer heat, we will begin our work at 8 a.m.

Those who come to help should wear appropriate clothing.

All members and friends of our church are invited to participate in this project.

