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CHURCH CHATTER

Monthly Newsletter of Events and Information

Guardian Angels

Generally speaking I am not prone to the fantastic. For example, a miracle. Do miracles happen? Yes they do! But God uses the way the universe is created to make miracles happen. A surgeon saves the life of a gunshot victim that everyone thought the victim would die. The surgeon comes in, operates, and through some "miracle" the person is saved. The miracle is that God created the surgeon, gave the surgeon the intellectual capacity to learn everything there is to know about that type of surgery, and the hands and mindset to put into action the techniques the surgeon has learned to save a gunshot person's life. Is that a miracle? You bet. It is!

Angels, well outside of the LA Angels, I am not so convinced. I have seen a lot of evidence the existence of angels, but still I am a tad skeptical. However, the other night I received one more piece of evidence that leads me to believe, at least in the guardian angel variety.

Last week I was sitting out back having a pleasant conversation with Kathryn and Bekah. Around 11:15 or so I got this tingling sensation that ran down my neck and both arms. My chest tightened into a clenched fist. I thought it would pass. It did not. I finally had Bekah drive me to the emergency room at Oak Valley Hospital. These folks worked on me and ran me through the first set of tests for cardiac protocols. I then had to wait three hours before the docs could run the second round and turn me loose.

The staff at the hospital turned the lights down and closed my door and I was asleep. Out of the ether came this voice quietly calling my name. I opened my eyes to see first the wall, white and bathed in soft white light and as I looked down there was Pastor Jeff. 2:30 in the morning standing there asking about how I was feeling! 2:30 am! We talked for a moment or two and then we prayed. He left as quietly as he arrived and the first thing I thought of was I was just visited by a guardian angel.

Frank Remkiewicz
Certified Lay Minister



Sunday - July 10th - 11:30am

**Hamburgers/Hotdogs
with Da' works**

Free will Offering for NEW HVAC units
Delivery Available

HAVC UNITS have DIED

by Judy Bradley - Trustee

The church has several heating/air conditioning units providing service to the sanctuary/ancillary rooms, Johnston Hall, and the portable classrooms used by the preschool. All of these units are OLD. Now three of these big units have QUIT WORKING in the sanctuary building and are no longer repairable. REPLACEMENT is necessary.

With several bids, the trustees have a contract to start with replacement of 1 unit on the sanctuary building for \$18,000. This large expense is not in the budget so an account has been set up to collect funds for HVAC replacements. As a result, we are asking each and every congregant to reflect in their hearts and contribute any additional they can. (Please reference "for HVAC" on your contribution.) We will also be having fundraising events (the first one is the BBQ on July 10th) to raise the needed funds.

Thank-you.

MONDAY on CALL

Certified Lay Minister, Frank Remkiewicz, is now "on call" Mondays so Pastor Jeff can take a day off to "re-energize his batteries". Frank will be available ALL DAY Mondays by phone (209 630-1882) or email (clay.remkiewicz@gmail.com) He can meet at the church or if needed at a home.

Need Prayers? Start the Prayer Chain by calling:
 Pastor Jeff ~ (209) 840-7939

Office Volunteers Needed

Coverage in the church office is needed for 2 hours on the day(s) of the week you can serve. This is a multi person help needed request. Duties include basic filing, answering the phone, special project, etc. Please contact Pastor Jeff.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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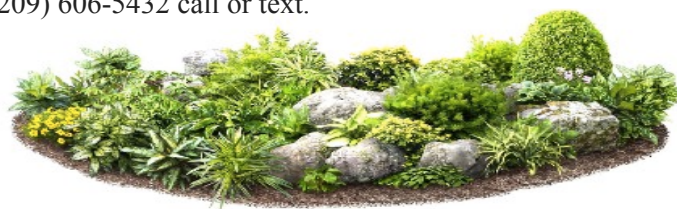


THANK YOU and YARD CARE

by Nancy Podolsky - Editor

For many years, Mike Pastor has kept the church property looking good; weeding all the flowerbeds and weekly mowing ALL the lawns. Mike has now RETIRED from taking care of the church yard. We THANK Mike for his years of service keeping the church yard looking so good. Please thank Mike the next time you see him.

A mow & blow service has been hired to do all the lawns every other week. Do we have any volunteers to "adopt" a flowerbed/area to keep it looking good with some weeding? I have adopted the bell tower flowerbed to keep it weeded & planted. If you have a little time and energy to "adopt" an area to keep it looking good, please contact, NancyP, @ (209) 606-5432 call or text.



July

Doreen Stever 8th - Carolyn Hallinan 11th
 Zoey Smith 17th - Becky Williams 17th
 Becky Officer 23rd - Joe Officer 26th
 Anthony Smith 27th
 Kathryn Remkiewicz 29th



Certified Lay Minister in Waiting - Frank Remkiewicz

Frank Remkiewicz was introduced to the Oakdale Congregation last October having completed the Certified Lay Servant course of study to begin his ministry here. His goal was to become a Certified Lay Minister. Having completed all the course work, he submitted a Covenant to the Executive Board for review and approval. The Executive Board approved the covenant, along with Pastor Jeff, to continue service to the community as a Trained Lay Minister. (The only difference between a Trained Lay Minister and a Certified Lay Minister is being appointed to a specific Congregation.)

Frank's intent is to become appointed to Oakdale Community United Methodist Church as a Certified Lay Minister. Oakdale is his home and where he believes he can use God-given gifts to the maximum. In his heart and soul, Frank felt called by God to this parish to serve as a servant in the role of Lay Minister.

Pastor Jeff is now expanding Frank's role as a Trained Lay Minister recognizing in the next year he will be Certified by the Superintendent and the District Committee of Ministry. His role as a Lay Minister is defined in the Methodist Book of Discipline.

Pastor Jeff has sought and been granted permission for Frank to serve as if he was already certified while he traverses the Certification process. As you will read in another part of this newsletter, Frank is now positioned to be "on call" Mondays so that Pastor Jeff can take a day off to "re-energize his batteries".

As time passes Frank will be taking on more additional duties as a servant of God to provide wanted and needed ministries.



SERVICES are ONLINE

We continue to record Sunday services and post them to our church's YouTube Channel: CUMC Oakdale & FUMC Riverbank or get the link on our church website <https://cumcoakdale.org> or the direct YouTube link Pastor Jeff emails out after the service is uploaded.

Quote for the month

"Honesty is the first chapter
in the book of wisdom"

Thomas Jefferson

LEADER NEEDED

by Pastor Jeff



We are looking for someone to lead a regular monthly Bible Study. For more information to be that leader OR if you are interested in attending a Bible Study, call Pastor Jeff (209) 840-7939.

CA-NV Methodist Conference June 10-June 13, 2022

The Conference for our United Methodist Church was held in mid June. Here is the description from our Conference leaders: *"The annual conference is the basic body in The United Methodist Church and sessions of the annual conference have historically been a time for the people called Methodists to gather, give account to God of the work they have done, and their stewardship of the resources God has given them since they last met."*

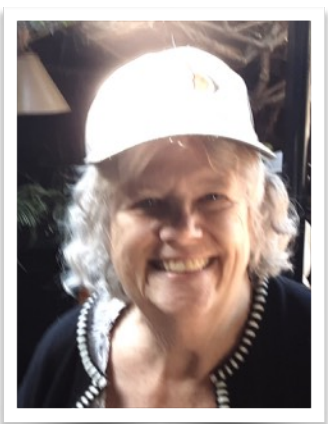
Conference has also been a holy time to discern God's will for their future, a time when persons called to ordained ministry are commissioned and ordained, and both clergy and lay personnel and financial resources are deployed for ministry. Above all, annual conference sessions have been connectional gatherings where the gathered have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and have been revived for God's holy work.

The delegates for this year's conference were Pastor Jeff Holder, Certified Lay Minister Frank Remkiewicz, and our youth delegate was Connor McCurdy. This was Connor's first trip to the conference and he loved it. Connor will be a Sophomore at Oakdale High School. He plays football and is involved in Oakdale High's FFA program. He is a committed Christian, has been confirmed, and works with Josh at the video board.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meetings here at the Church

Canoeing Spiritual Group	Mon Zoom Mtg 6:30pm
TOPS Weekly Classes	Mondays - 8:30 am
Scouting Nights	Mondays/Tuesdays - 6pm
Girl Scouts	2nd/4th Wed 7pm
Alanon	Mon 7pm/Thurs noon/Fri 6pm
Grief Group w/Pastor Jeff	Monday 2pm
Addiction Ministry/U-Turn Group	Thursday 7pm
Art Classes w/Carole Earle	Tues/Thurs 9:30am/Tues 2
Oakdale Garden Club (no July mtg)	2nd Tues 10am



In Memory

Marsha Kolsters passed away on June 17th at the age of 71 after 39 years of marriage to Doug Kolsters. She had 5 children and 12 grandchildren ages 6 to 22. She loved old time country music, road trips, and making dresses for her 7 granddaughters. Marsha was a member of the Oakdale Methodist Church for 15 years, was active in

Ester Circle, and one time head of the Finance Committee until 2017 when she became ill.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Concerts in Dorada Park
Starting Friday July 8th
6:30pm-8:30pm

The concerts in the park are every Friday evening starting July 8th until the end of August. Each week a different musical group is hosted by the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by businesses in Oakdale for the community to enjoy. Don't be late, as this is a well attended event. Bring a chair and/or picnic blanket, some food & drink, and a friend.



AUGUST EVENT

Mark your calendar for the FUNDRAISER next month. Another time when you don't have to plan or cook to eat.



NEWSLETTER NEWS

Email: NancyPodolsky@gmail.com

If you have "news" for our newsletter, email me anytime during the month or call me. Also, if you have something for sale, a service to offer or a service you need, let me know and it can be mentioned in the monthly newsletter.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

Coffee & treats after church is a great time for friendship/fellowship. **Sign-ups** are needed for hosting these after church events. If you or your church committee can be a hostess, please **contact Judy Bradley** (209 985-3590) It is less effort to prepare food if working together with someone else to share the load. After church coffee time will only happen if there is someone signed up to host/hostess.



PRAISE TEAM MUSIC

by Doug Kolsters

Worship with music! We are always looking for new songs that are spiritual, upbeat gospel, or contemporary. If there is a song you like to sing in church, please let us know. If you would like to sing in the praise team, everyone is welcome to join us. We get together at the church on Wednesdays @ 7pm. Contact Doug Kolsters for more info 209 840-2280.

