



# OAK GROVE

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 19, 2012

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Are you Eager to Receive Ashes?

**“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Gen. 3:19**

It is difficult to remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. That’s not a quote heard too often, especially in the midst of our look-young, stay-young, never say “die” culture. It is no longer common to hear someone use the word “died”. Rather, the more common usage is that someone “passed”, “moved on”, “went to be with the Lord”, or even worse, they “expired”! We dread death and prefer not to talk about it unless the circumstances are dramatic and shocking, and then we cannot stop talking about it.

It is amazing that in our culture of denial, we are still eager to have the ashes of Lent smeared on our foreheads. Children like this ritual, and I urge you to bring your children to the Ash Wednesday service so they can be part of the tradition of the ashes. It is as if by wearing ashes we can stare death in the face. And this is a belief and an ancient tradition, that we are not to fear or deny our mortality. After all, would you want to live forever? When I was a child, my mother assured me that there is a rhythm to life and that death is part of that natural rhythm. Religious writer Paul Boyer says that we are actually connected with each other when we kneel and receive ashes on our foreheads. It is an outward sign that even dust/ash can be holy (from *City Called Heaven: The Sacrament of the Ashes* BlogSpot).

On Wednesday, February 22, at Midweek, we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 to sing, pray, and hear scripture, and then we will celebrate Holy Communion and receive the imposition of ashes. We will then go out into the night, and on the way home, some will find it necessary to stop at the grocery or drugstore. We may forget that we have ashes on our foreheads, and when someone stares we will be reminded of the mark we bear.

We cannot bear to exist as isolated specks of dust. The breath of God which gives us life also blows us common dust particles together into holy “dust bunnies”. Dust is looking better all the time—when it is joined to God’s promise that even dust can be holy and that God can breathe new life into it!

Hope to see you on Ash Wednesday when we will begin the season of Lent.



*Mary Lou*

Mary Lou Gilbert

**Thank God we have a Savior  
who was willing to love us  
to his very last breath.  
Thank God he held nothing back.  
Thank God we are no longer slaves  
to sin and the fear of death.**

—Mark Neilsen

# 8:30 and 11:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 19, 2012

Transfiguration Sunday *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

*(In preparation for worship, please silence all cell phones.)*

Gathering Music

*Voluntary in G Major*

J. Stanley

Community Life/Ritual of Fellowship

*(Please complete and pass the red friendship pad at this time.)*

Rev. Mary Lou Gilbert

\*Hymn of Praise

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**UMH 384**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Mr. Ben Day

The Lord is Sovereign; let us tremble in awe.

**God sits upon his throne; let the whole earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**We proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship him upon the holy mountain.**

Before his shameful death, your Son went to the mountaintop.

**Lord, you revealed his life in glory.**

Prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, yet he returned to die among us.

**Jesus Christ is the gift of God's unfailing grace. We are assured that all things, even death, are subject to his transforming power.**

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Day

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Our Tithes & Offerings

*Shout to the Lord*  
Oak Grove Orchestra

J. Cranfill

\*Doxology

**UMH 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation

**O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair**

*(At 11:00 children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)*

**UMH 258**

Children's Time (11:00)

Rev. Gilbert and Mr. Day

*(Following the Children's Time, Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Graders leave for Children's Church. Pick up in room 206.)*

Anthem (8:30)

*Amazing Grace*  
Sanctuary Singers  
Words: UMH 378

arr. J. Coates, Jr.

(11:00)

*The Lily of the Valley*  
Chancel Choir

arr. L. Larson

*I have found a friend in Jesus, he's ev'rything to me. He's the Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see. In sorrow he's my comfort, in trouble he's my stay. He's the fairest of ten thousand, my joy upon my way. He all my grief has taken, he all my sorrows borne. I've all for him forsaken, from my heart all idols torn. Though all the world forsake me and Satan tempt me sore, he will never, no never, leave me till my life on earth is o'er. When my life on earth is over, when I have run this race, then, sweeping up to heaven, I'll see his blessed face! The Lily of the Valley, he keeps me by his pow'r! I have found a friend in Jesus, he's the bright and Morning, the Morning Star!*

Scripture

2 Kings 2: 1-12  
Mark 9: 2-9

OT, pg 412, pew Bible  
NT, pg 54, pew Bible

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**I Wanna Be Like You!**

Rev. Gilbert

\*Sending Hymn **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** UMH 206  
*(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)*

\*Benediction

Rev. Gilbert

Postlude

*Amazing Grace*  
*My Chains Are Gone*  
Oak Grove Orchestra

J. Cranfill

\*Congregation stand as able

UMH: *United Methodist Hymnal* / FWS: *The Faith We Sing*

**Large print hymnals and bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.**

# MidWeek

DINNER RESERVATION

Menu for February 22, 2012

**ADULTS: Broasted Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Apple Pie**

**CHILDREN: BBQ Chicken Legs, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Brownies**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY NOON ON MONDAY.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservation is for one week only.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Standing Reservation every week through May: \_\_\_\_\_**

Place a number in the space(s) below of the type of meal you wish to reserve:

**Adult Meal (\$7)\_\_\_\_\_**

**Youth Meal, ages 12-18, (\$6)\_\_\_\_\_**

**Child Options (ages 3-11)**

Child's Menu (\$5)\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Menu (\$5)\_\_\_\_\_

**Children under 3**

How many (free)?\_\_\_\_\_

**Nursery**

How many children?\_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY BUNDLE RATE: Two adults and two or more children UNDER 11 years of Age – \$22.00.

FAMILY BUNDLE RATE: One adult and two or more children UNDER 11 years of Age – \$15.00.

# OAK GROVE NEWS



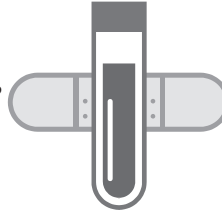
## Ash Wednesday Service of Worship February 22, 6:30 p.m.

The 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service of worship on February 22 will be the beginning of the season of Lent at Oak Grove United Methodist Church. The service will be held in the church Sanctuary with

music by the Chancel Choir, accompanied by members of the 9:35 Praise Band. John Weatherford will participate in the liturgy and Rev. Mary Lou Gilbert will give the homily. This somber service is a traditional favorite for those who value the season of Lent as a time for soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. All ages are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday service to partake of Holy Communion and to receive the imposition of ashes on the forehead.

## Blood Donors Needed – February 19

Don't forget the **LifeSouth blood donation drive being held this Sunday, February 19, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.** in a mobile unit located in the parking lot behind the church. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and show a valid photo I.D. If you are eligible, please plan to give the gift of life to someone in need.



**BLOOD DRIVE**



## Camp Glisson Summer Registration Continues

Over the years many Oak Grove youth have grown closer to God, formed lifelong friendships, and enjoyed the fun outdoor programs at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, GA. Christian camping contributes uniquely to the development of the whole child: helping campers grow spiritually, learn new skills, increase self-confidence, experience Christian community and develop leadership. Camp Glisson offers rising 2nd graders to rising college freshmen many camp

programs to choose from: village camp, outpost expedition specialty camps, an experiential leadership program, and a program for campers with mild to moderate developmental disabilities. They enjoy creek hikes, singing on the porch, swimming in the pool, kayaking, hiking up to Mountain Top, climbing the Alpine Tower and all the of the "fun stuff" that goes along with summer camp. For dates and to learn more, visit [www.glisson.org](http://www.glisson.org). Other questions? Call Glisson at 706-864-6181 or Oak Grove parent Cathy Ewing at 404-234-5925.



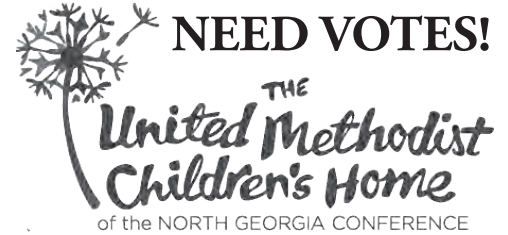
## Caring Bridge Updates on Andrew Ethridge

To access the Caring Bridge page for Andrew Ethridge, son of Glenn and Cathy Ethridge of Oak Grove, visit <http://caringbridge.org/>. Search for "andrewethridge" (no caps or spaces). If you don't have an account, follow the instructions to create your free account. **Andrew reads the guest book daily, so be sure to leave a message!**



*A gift to The Blessing  
has been made:*

In memory of Mrs. Mary Sheets  
by John and Sara Jo Sims



**The United Methodist Children's Home is competing for \$25,000** from The Home Depot Foundation. If they win the money, it will be used to build a new playground for the younger children. Also, winners are automatically entered in the grand prize \$250,000 contest. Vote every day on the Home Depot Foundation's Facebook page: [apps.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation](https://apps.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation).

## Help is a Three-letter Word – DOG

We're saying goodbye to our 4-legged Oak Grove friend, **Finnian**. Many of you have come to know the service-dog-in-training at our church. The Yates family is in Florida sending Finn on his way to more advanced training. Sandy, Randy, Corey and Rusty ask for your prayers that Finn will become part of the elite group of dogs who succeed in the Canine Companions for Independence program and that he will ultimately become a blessing to a disabled person in need. Soon we'll see a new puppy at church. **Baylynn** has just started her training and will be ready to visit Oak Grove soon.



Finnian

Baylynn

## 30 Hour Famine, Feb. 24 and 25



### Support a youth by donating \$1/hour for fasting to fight hunger!!

The Revolution Community of Oak Grove will once again come together in fasting, reflection and serving as we join thousands of people to fight world hunger.

FACT: A child dies from hunger related causes every 8 to 12 seconds.

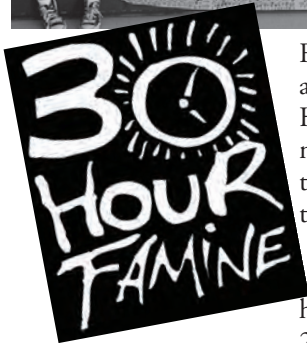
FACT: Globally, 925 million people are hungry.

FACT: The poor spend most of their money trying not to starve.

FACT: Oak Grove's Youth are going to do our part in starving hunger this year!!

FACT: YOU can help us by sponsoring a youth who is fasting to raise awareness and to fight hunger!!

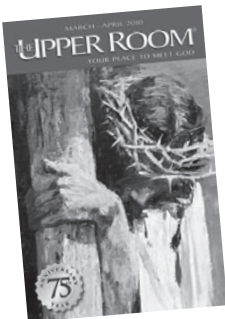
Help us to save 15 children's lives for a YEAR! To meet our goal we need to raise \$5,400. You can donate with your credit card by going to our website at [www.therevolutioncommunity.org](http://www.therevolutioncommunity.org) and clicking on the 30 Hour Famine banner and then clicking on the "Donate Now", or you can donate by check and writing "30 Hour Famine" on the memo line. Donations can be made through March 4, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Giles at 404-636-7558 ext. 202 or [rgiles@ogumc.org](mailto:rgiles@ogumc.org).



## Teen Bibles for Confirmation Class of 2012

We are excited to announce that we have 34 youth in the 2012 Confirmation Class. It is an exciting time in the life of our youth community!

We would like to give each of our Confirmands a Teen Study Bible as a gift and as a constant reminder that God speaks to us through His Word. This is a fantastic opportunity for our congregation to support our youth by purchasing Bibles to present to them during this meaningful time of spiritual growth in their lives. The cost of the Bible is \$30. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of a Bible, please make a check out to OGUMC and write "Confirmation Bible" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for investing in our youth. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Giles at 404-636-7558 x 202 or [rgiles@ogumc.org](mailto:rgiles@ogumc.org).



## Upper Room Devotional Guides

Copies of the March-April issue of "The Upper Room", a daily devotional resource, are now available. These may be found on the narthex tables and in the hallway between the portico commons and the Fellowship Hall. A contribution to the cost of the booklet is helpful but not required. You are encouraged to make use of this inspirational resource for your spiritual growth.

## 9:35 Potluck Brunch

Join us at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 26, for food, fun, and fellowship at a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall right after the 9:35 service. As we begin a new year with so many new faces, we would like to take this time to get to know each other better as we prepare for another year in our walk of faith. Please contact Seth Hathcock at [shathcock@ogumc.org](mailto:shathcock@ogumc.org) to sign up to bring your favorite dish!



**The Service Corner**

Two new ministry programs being offered this summer for children in our area were first mentioned here two weeks ago. One was "Jesse's House", a summer day camp for underserved children. The other was "Smart Lunch, Smart Kid", a child nutrition program which delivers healthy sack lunches to 400 children in need not served by other programs. The United Methodist organizations sponsoring these ministries are inviting Oak Grove Church to partner with them and other churches to help provide support. There has already been some positive Oak Grove response, and other interested individuals and groups may contact **Louis Miller at the church** for more information after February 26.

## Oak Grove Networking Group

The OGUMC Networking Group will meet on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 203. We will continue to discuss meeting days, times and frequencies, as well as format. All are welcome. If you can't attend but are interested in joining, call Jan Appling at 404-321-0586 or email her at [jan.appling@gmail.com](mailto:jan.appling@gmail.com). Remember, a rising tide lifts all ships!

## Dinner Time at Hagar's House: March 12-16

Looking for a way to serve others? How about providing a meal at Hagar's House shelter. For more information, or to reserve a night, please contact Jay Huffines at 404-636-1066 or [jayhuffines@comcast.net](mailto:jayhuffines@comcast.net).

## Rebuilding Support Group for Women

This support group for women dealing with divorce or the ending of a relationship meets weekly on **Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 219**. It is led by **Karon Ferguson, MS, NCC, LAPC**, Associate Staff Counselor with the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia. There is no charge for participation which is open to the community. For more information contact Karon at 404-636-1457, ext. 407.



In Memoriam

Dr. Bill Neel  
February 11, 2012

In Memoriam

Richard Kimbro  
January 30, 2012

**In the Hospitals...**

Bentley Square – Arlene Barfield  
Budd Terrace – Eugenia DeMore  
Golden Living/Marietta – Sarah Martin  
Manor Care – Marianne Roper  
MD Anderson – Andrew Ethridge  
UniHealth – Debra Carson

**At Home...**

Fran Beales, Edna Bryan, Lib Cunningham,  
Bob Garlow, Bess Ginn, Rick Rickborn, Mary  
Dell Robert, Connie Whitley, Phyllis Yancey

**Continued Prayers...**

Doris Atchison, William Barfield, Joe Brooks,  
Jr., Frances Howard, Tom Jewell, Betty  
Lanman, Burke Linder, Ornette Lord, Pauline  
Pullen, Jackie Smiley, Joy Trotti, Jean Turner

**Serving in Our Armed Forces...**

Petty Officer Kristian Anderson, 1st Lt. George  
Parks Bunch, Ensign Alexander Cody, Captain Paul  
Day, Petty Officer Steven Jones, Specialist Bryan  
Lee, Jr., PFC Anita Carol Lucas, Major Chuck Parks,  
Sgt. Josh Portwood, Col. Janet Seufert, Col. Steve  
Thomas, Lance Cpl. Cory Thompson

**An Event for Babies  
Born in 2011**



Babies born/adopted between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 are invited to an afternoon celebration and reception sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Oak Grove on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. Celebrating new babies is one of the most delightful events of the year when parents and grandparents come together for music, photos and a complimentary gift for the babies. A gift to missions will also be made in the name of each infant. We are in the process of gathering names of the babies born/adopted in 2011 to Oak Grove Church parents. Please contact Hollie Meglio (770-938-2239 or hlanding@usa.net) to make sure your baby is on the list to receive details about this wonderful event.

# MidWeek

**This Wednesday, Feb. 22**



5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Chapel Service:**  
Sanctuary;  
Holy Communion

**SPROUTS**  
Will not meet  
this week.



**5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Dinner**

Reservations must be made by noon Monday before the meal (404-636-7558 or www.ogumc.org, click "reservations"). Standing reservations (through May 2) are encouraged.

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**Family Talk, Mission Possible, the Midweek Book Club and Children's Choirs will not meet this week.**

## SHORT TERM DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

**Starts Wednesday, Feb. 29**

Join us as we study John Wesley's General Rules for the Methodist Societies based on Bishop Rueben Job's Book *Three Simple Rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God*. Beginning February 29 Wesley Sanders will lead this six-week study during Midweek from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. in room 215b. The cost is \$8 for materials. Please e-mail Wesley Sanders (wsanders@ogumc.org) to register.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Oak Grove Office Hours 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. M-F

**Sunday, February 19, 2012**

8:00am Blood Donation Drive Bloodmobile  
9:35am Children's Sunday School Assembly Rm 117  
5:00pm Yoga Exercise Class Heritage Hall Gym  
5:00pm Rebuilding – Women's Workshop Rm 219

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

10:00am Seekers Class Bridge Rm 114  
1:00pm AARP Chapter Meeting Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Service Ministries Meeting Rm 114  
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting Rm 216  
7:30pm Men's Volleyball Heritage Hall Gym

**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

1:00pm Mobile Soup Kitchen Food Prep Kitchen  
6:30pm Aerobic Exercise Class Heritage Hall Gym  
6:30pm Grief Sharing Group Rm 219  
7:00pm Youth Prayer Time S-109  
7:30pm Boy Scout Venture Crew 77 Scout Hall

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

9:30am Mobile Soup Kitchen Delivery Away  
9:30am WOW (Weekly Oxygen for Women) Rm 217  
3:00pm C4C Volunteers Youth Building  
5:00pm Midweek Chapel Service Sanctuary  
5:30pm Midweek Meal Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Sanctuary  
6:15pm Disciple Bible I Rm 216  
6:15pm Disciple Bible II Rm 212  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Rm 201  
7:45pm BSA Troop 77 Court of Honor Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

6:00pm Rebuilding Support Group Rm 219  
6:00pm Youth Praise Band S-108  
6:30pm Aerobic Exercise Class Heritage Hall Gym  
6:30pm OG Networking Group Rm 203  
7:00pm Stewardship Task Force Meeting Rm 114  
7:00pm Sanctuary Singers Rm 201  
7:00pm Cub Scout Leaders Meeting Scout Hall  
7:30pm Evening WOW Parlor  
8:00pm 9:35 Band Meeting S-108

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

4:00pm Cotillion Class Fellowship Hall  
4:00pm Youth 30 Hour Famine Youth Building

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

6:00am Youth 30 Hour Famine Youth Building

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### Record of Our Faithfulness

Our Presence	February 12, 2012	
<b>Church School</b>		<b>532</b>
8:30 Service		110
9:35 Service		239
11:00 Service		530
<b>Worship</b>		<b>879</b>

Our Offerings	<b>Month-to-Date</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b> (fund 001)		
Actual Income	\$94,576.52	\$289,602.16

### Today's Worship Servants

**Organist:** Dr. Susan Matteson

**Sound:** (8:30) Billie Williams, (11:00) Jerry Cooley

**Offering Counters:** Fred Andrieni, Kim Cody, Linda Lee Saye, Mike Smith

**Ushers:** John Adams, Janet Ballard, John Ballard, Kim Cody, Jerry Culwell, Clint Ginn, John Hancock, David Harte, Jim Harte, Cathy Huffines, Jay Huffines, David Jones, Tim Lott, Jim Mynatt, John Mynatt, George Nash, Jeannine Nash, Dan Riedford, Karl Schultz, Diane Stubblebine, Roger Toebben, Joe Whipple

**Acolytes:** Caroline Adams, Lily Adams, Brinkley Mebane, McRae Oglesby, Kelley Taylor

**Altar Guild:** Linda Chambliss, Katrina Franklin, Sally Houghton, Becky Mynatt, Brenda Toebben

**Children's Church:** Lisa Bowling, Mark Bowling

## OUR WORSHIP TIMES

8:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:35am	Sunday School	Various
9:35am	9:35 Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
11:00am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary



## OUR CHURCH INFORMATION

**Church Office** 404-636-7558

**Emergency Contact After Hours** ext. 9

[www.ogumc.org](http://www.ogumc.org)

**Dr. Glenn Ethridge** – Senior Pastor ext. 211

**Rev. Mary Lou Gilbert** – Interim Associate Pastor ext. 212

**Rev. Louis Miller** – Nurture and Service ext. 210

Director of Administration – Dale Smith	ext. 225	Music Ministry – Janet Johnson	ext. 226
Children's Ministry – Kim Cody	ext. 218	Organist – Susan Matteson	ext. 223
CDC (Child Development Center)	404-636-5476	Youth Ministry – Robin Merrill	ext. 203
YCS (Young Children's School)	404-636-7951		

## OUR ELECTED OFFICERS

Church Council Chair	Cathy Huffines	Discipleship	Phil McGinty
Trustees (Property)	Wallace Moreman	Invitation	Tom Branch
Finance	Joe Whipple	Service	Phil Perry
SPR (Personnel)	Mike Smith		