



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

VISIONING BEGINS

Friends, the next stage of our visioning processes is about to begin. The first stage is prayer and that continues, but the next stage in the process is the part where you give your feedback to the vision team. Below are some preliminary questions we would like you to meditate on, and be prepared to answer, either on a survey that will be sent to everyone, or in a small group, a community discussion, or other forum that we will be offering beginning in September. These are not necessarily the only questions we will put to everyone, but they are a starting place. Please take some time to think on these questions and prepare to give us your thoughts so that we can get a sense of what the will of the community is.

What do you love about Oak Grove?

What would you change about Oak Grove?

Do you have questions about the vision process?

What do we think is possible for Oak Grove?

What are the biggest needs currently in our community?

By 2026, what transformation – in your community and your church - do you hope to have seen?

As we gather information from the congregation, we will also be getting ready to explore the make-up of our neighborhood and wider community during the month of October. It should be a very interesting time! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Beth, or any member of the visioning team.

The Vision team was chosen to represent a broad cross section of the congregation – men and women, youth and adults, modern worshipers and traditional worshipers, new members and members of long standing. In addition to these team members, Jonathan Merrill (Chair), Mariann Kersh, Tom Landers, Beth Burgess, Will Beckner, Ben Mykkeltvedt, Nancy Burton, Seth Hathcock, Jennifer Jones, Kari White, Hollie Meglio, Sharon Spears, and Mike Cherry, there will be others leading small groups so we can hear from everyone. Do reflect on these questions and get ready to share your views!

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts, Senior Pastor

Anthem	Wayfarin' Stranger	Druid Hills Billys
Psalter Lesson	Psalms 51:1-11	James Trotti
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
*Hymn	Gimme That Old Time Religion	See Insert
Offertory Prayer		Dr. McBrayer
	Our God we choose to follow you, and to trust you with the outcome of our lives. Help us to trust you enough that we can offer you our gifts with gratitude and without fear. Amen.	
Offertory Anthem	Over in the Gloryland	Druid Hills Billys
*Doxology		UMH 95
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 15:1-10	Dr. Amy Morgan
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Our Deepest Values: No One Left Behind	Dr. Morgan
*Hymn	Shall We Gather At the River <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	See Insert
*Benediction		Dr. LaRocca-Pitts
*Postlude	Shall We Gather at the River	Druid Hills Billys

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Today it's a joy to welcome the Druid Hills Billys to worship!
The Chancel Choir is on retreat this weekend, and we're so pleased they are here for a second Bluegrass Sunday.

*Congregation stand as able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing

Children's Worship bags available at Parlor side door.

Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

Down By the Riverside

- 1 I'm gonna lay all my burdens down
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
gonna lay all my burdens down
Down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more.

Refrain:

I ain't gonna' study war no more,
ain't gonna' study war no more,
ain't gonna' study war no more, no more
I ain't gonna' study war no more,
ain't gonna' study war no more,
ain't gonna' study war no more.

- 2 I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more. [Refrain]
- 3 I'm gonna try on my long white robe,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
gonna try on my long white robe,
Down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more. [Refrain]
- 4 I'm gonna try on my starry crown,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Gonna try on my starry crown,
Down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more. [Refrain]

Gimme That Old Time Religion

Refrain:

Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It's good enough for me.

- 1 It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Paul and Silas,
It's good enough for me. [Refrain]
- 2 It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children,
It's good enough for me. [Refrain]
- 3 It was good for our mothers,
It was good for our mothers,
It was good for our mothers,
It's good enough for me. [Refrain]
- 4 Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
It's good enough for me. [Refrain]

Shall We Gather At the River

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.
(Refrain)

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.
[Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.
[Refrain]

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship

ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.

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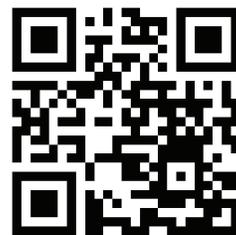
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Please be reminded that **Thursday 12 p.m. is the deadline** for information that you would like to add to the *Oak Grove News*. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

Send items to oakgrovenews@ogumc.org. Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!



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