



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 18, 2022

Life and Longevity Sunday

Celebration of Life and Longevity

Today we celebrate the eldest members of our congregation, those aged 90 and older. We are extraordinarily blessed to have 81 members in that category this year. Take a moment to consider what these members have done for this church over time. Now take a moment to consider what many of them are still doing: They are still serving us in meals made and delivered, in handmade quilts and blankets, in craft and bake sales, in handwritten cards and phone calls to check in. They are still providing for us through funding special ministries and steadfast tithing. They are still teaching us by sharing their talents, skills, wisdom, and life experiences. They are still praying for us, leading us, challenging us, and changing us for the better.

Kara N Johnson, MSW, CMC
Director of Senior Adult Ministries

Oak Grove's honored nonagenarians:

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| Al Walker | Billie Sue Groutas | Ed McCarvey | Jan Stocker | Mary Moss |
| Ann Perkins | Blackie Scott | Edna Mann | Jeanette Schroeder | Mary Frances Banks |
| Anna Holman | Carolyn Fleetwood | Elizabeth Dillingham | Jerry Culwell | Millie Mabry |
| Anne Powell | Carolyn Jeffares | Eloyse Hyatt | Jerry Malone | Mona Wamick |
| Avery Severt Jr. | Cebe McKee | Evelyn Rutherford | Jesse Barrow | Nell Loveless |
| Barbara Adams | Charlie Darden | Felix Gervais | Jinx Eberhart | Norm Franklin |
| Barbara Connelly | Cherrie Baskette | Frances Murray | Joan Akshoomoff | Pal Garner |
| Barbara Fountain | Chuck Green | George North | Joanne Bennett | Pat Moulton |
| Barbara Woolard | Chuck Rogers | Gib Armstrong | John Turner Jr. | Ray Chapman |
| Bernice Jackson | Claud Pounds | Gil Aldridge | Jones Brewer | Robert Zimmerman |
| Betty Addison | David Morgan | Gladys Rhodes | Leona Beasley | Ruth Winchester |
| Betty Richardson | Diana Hale | Gwen Ford | Lou Jewell | Samuel Still |
| Beverly Hines | Dick Powers | Gwen Nelson | Louis Barksdale | Sarah Martin |
| Bill Cole Jr. | Don Loveless | Hassie Padgett | Marjorie Kinney | Vee Rogers |
| Bill Dillingham | Doris Howel | Helene Muth | Martha Nations | Virginia Rice |
| Bill Henry | Doris Thompson | Hilda Hewey | Martha Powers | Virginia Hubbard |
| Bill Richardson Jr. | Dot Michaelis | Jamie Maige | Mary Kraft | Virginia Allen |
| Bill Wright | | | | |





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Thank you for participating in worship today. We're glad you're here.

Open your camera app and scan the QR code to visit ogumc.org/connect to

- register your attendance
- ask to speak to a pastor
- sign up for congregational emails
- request to join the church
- or give online.

8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Life and Longevity Sunday

Gathering Music

He Leadeth Me

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Welcome and Announcements

Kara Johnson

Director of Senior Adult Ministry

Life and Longevity Slideshow

Introit

You Are the Seed

C Gabarain

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft gentle touch, my witness where e'er you go.

*Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of us, **but to do justice,**
To love mercy, **and to walk humbly with our God.**

C.J. Lord

Co-Director of Youth Ministry

*Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

*(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. **If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.)***

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Mr. Lord

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Lord

Anthem (11:00)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

J Rutter

Chancel Choir

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty who has made all things well.

New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Dan Riedford

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** **UMH 140**

Offertory Prayer **Mr. Lord**

**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 **Sing for Joy** **arr. H Hopson**

The New Choir

Sing for joy, all earth sing for joy. Praise the Lord, bless His name, come before Him with a song; for He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock. Go with songs, and enter His courts. Go with thanksgiving, O come with a song; for He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock. The Lord is good, His love and truth endures for evermore.

*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.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00) **Dr. Joseph McBrayer**

Oliver Miles Flores, *child of Kim and Juan Flores* **Mr. Lord**

Congregational Pledge

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Oliver,
surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened
in the way that leads to life eternal.**

God Claims You TFWS 2249

**Oliver, Oliver, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
Oliver, Oliver, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

Celebration of Life and Longevity **Ms. Johnson**

*Gospel Lesson **Luke 17:5-10** **Dr. McBrayer**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Our Deepest Values:** **Dr. McBrayer**

Small Things Have Big Potential

*Hymn **The Church's One Foundation** **UMH 546**

(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction **Dr. McBrayer**

*Postlude **Toccata on Built on the Rock** **G Young**

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we explore how the rituals and traditions of the church inform our future together. What better place to start than "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (our hope for years to come!). For our middle hymn, we celebrate God's faithfulness – from deep in our past to far into the future. We end celebrating that, through all, Christ is the Church's foundation, and ours.

It's a joy this morning to welcome "The New Choir." This choir began just a few weeks ago and rehearses at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and sings in worship every 4-6 weeks. If you have time during the day, come and sing with us!

*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.

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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.
Facebook: facebook.com/ogumc.org
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Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211
Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Invitation and Discipleship* ext. 212
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

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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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Information on our ministries, news, and upcoming events is shared through our ConstantContact weekly congregational email. If your email address changes during the year, please contact Diane O’Steen, Membership/Database Admin., (dosteen@ogumc.org or 404-636-7558 ext.221)

