



# OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday



We have two college scholarship funds here at Oak Grove. The Oak Grove United Methodist Church Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Andrew Ethridge Memorial Scholarship Fund. Take a look at the descriptions below to see if you should apply.

**The Memorial Scholarship** is open to all members of Oak Grove UMC. \$5000 is given away in any one year divided between the number of applicants. Previous recipients are eligible for a second award but must re-apply. Candidates must have graduated from high school or its equivalent before July 1 of the year in which they will use the scholarship. Students already enrolled in college are eligible to apply. Financial need is also taken into consideration if choosing between multiple candidates. You can find the instructions for how to apply at [www.ogumc.org](http://www.ogumc.org). Go to the Resources tab and select 2023 Memorial Scholarship Form. Applications are received by Dale Smith ([dsmith@ogumc.org](mailto:dsmith@ogumc.org)). The deadline for application is June 5, 2023.

**The Andrew Ethridge Memorial Scholarship** was established in memory of Andrew William Ethridge, who was an active member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, an honor graduate of Oxford College, and a student at Emory University Goizuetta School of Business before succumbing to brain cancer in 2015. The primary requirement to receive the scholarship is that applicants have a direct connection to the larger Oak Grove community with priority given to members of Oak Grove United Methodist Church. Special consideration will also be given to applicants who have or have had a diagnosis of cancer, applicants who plan a career in medicine, applicants who are planning to attend Emory at Oxford or another United Methodist school, and/or applicants who are the children of United Methodist clergy. The amount of the award is \$5,000 per academic year per student and may be renewed for a second year subject to availability of money in the fund. You can find the instructions for how to apply at [www.ogumc.org](http://www.ogumc.org). Go to the Resources tab and select the Andrew Ethridge Memorial Scholarship Form. Applications are received by Dale Smith ([dsmith@ogumc.org](mailto:dsmith@ogumc.org)) by written letter or email either in June or December each calendar year.



## Connect with Oak Grove

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](http://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

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Gathering Music

How Firm a Foundation  
Anna Price, Organist

arr Terry Baldrige

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit

O Spirit of the Living God

R Vaughan Williams

*O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.*

\*Call to Worship

Dr. McBrayer

Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful.

**And kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Pour out your Spirit and we shall be created.

**And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

\*Hymn

**Come, Thou Almighty King**

**UMH 61**

*(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 Nicene Creed (UMH 880)

Dr. McBrayer

**We believe in one God, the Father, The Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being  
with the Father; through him all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down  
from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken  
through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge  
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come. Amen.**

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

**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.**

Anthem (11:00)

Cantique de Jean Racine  
Chancel Choir

G Faure

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Bob Unger

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn

**Spirit of Faith, Come Down**

**UMH 332**

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

**Inspire us Holy Spirit, to give of our love and time and wealth, to serve the world in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

El Shaddai

arr Lani Smith

\*Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Eleanor Kathryn Raymer, *child of Sarah and David Raymer*

Dr. McBrayer

**Congregational Pledge**

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Ellie, 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**

**Ellie, Ellie, 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.**

**Ellie, Ellie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

\*Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

\*Hymn

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**UMH 57**

stanzas 1-5,7

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

\*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

\*Postlude

Festive March in D

W. Rebikoff

### **MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN**

Happy birthday, Church! Today is Pentecost, when we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Our preaching passage, however, reminds us that Jesus was worthy of our praise before the Spirit arrived. As such, our music is a mix of praising Jesus and celebrating the Spirit.

You have to dig a little bit in the anthem to find this gem: "Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with thy radiance, that they may waken your mercies to tell." I love the image of the Spirit waking us with its radiance and spurring us to share the goods news of Christ.

Many thanks to Anna Price for playing the organ today. Leanne and I are on the youth music mission this week, which you can follow by heading to [www.oakgrovemusic.org](http://www.oakgrovemusic.org).

Thanks also to Dr. Scott Stewart for conducting the choir! Scott will begin as our Associate Director of Instrumental Music in August! Look for the return of the orchestra in late September!!!

\*Congregation stand as able.

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

**Children's Worship bags** available at the front of the sanctuary to the right.

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

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/ogumc.org)

**YouTube:** [youtube.com/ogumc](https://www.youtube.com/ogumc)

## 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*

## Our Program Staff

Dale Smith – *Executive Director* ext. 225  
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Pam Reynolds – *Director of Finance* ext. 224  
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Elizabeth Loughran – *Director of Children's Ministry* ext. 218  
C.J. Lord – *Director of Youth Ministries* ext. 202  
John Cowden – *Director of Traditional Music Ministry* ext. 226  
Kara Johnson – *Director of Senior Adult Ministries* ext. 236  
Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

## Our Church Information

**Church Office** 404-636-7558  
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Emergency Contact After Hours ext. 9  
Address 1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, GA 30033  
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## Our Schools

Oak Grove Christian School 404-636-5476  
YCS (Young Children's School) 404-636-7951

## Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

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](mailto: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!



## Connect With Us

**Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: [www.ogumc.org/news](http://www.ogumc.org/news)**

### Make Sure You Stay in Constant Contact

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](mailto:dosteen@ogumc.org) or 404-636-7558 ext.221)



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