



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 23, 2023

Confirmation Sunday

Oak Grove UMC is Building Community

In addition to all of the classes and numerous activities that are offered by Oak Grove UMC, we also function somewhat as a Community Center for the Oak Grove communities by providing spaces for:

- **Gigi's Epic Playhouse:** Provides opportunities for socialization and community involvement for Adults with Down syndrome, while creating a fun and memorable experience for its participants. Participants work on vocational, communication, and social skills to boost confidence and encourage independence through goal oriented objectives.
- **Atlanta Temple Hebrew School:** 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Temple students in the Oak Grove and Decatur area have formal study of Hebrew for their track to becoming bar or bat mitzvah. Studies include basic Hebrew reading skills, understanding of the prayers, vocabulary, chanting, and prayer rubric understanding.

Here is also a listing of the most common "Community Events" hosted in the Church:

Al-Anon
Nar-Anon
Volleyball in the gym
Pickleball in the gym
Basketball practice in the gym
Friends of Frazier Rowe Park Association meetings
Echo Ridge Recreation Club meetings
Sagamore Hills Civic Association
Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta
FOCUS (Family of Children Under Stress)
Many events for the Office of the Bishop
Lakeside Softball board meetings
Atlanta Audio Club
Birthday parties in the Ethridge Inclusive Playground
(average of 6 per month)
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
Various meetings for United Methodist Organizations



We also host various scout groups: Troops 77/177

Numerous Cub Scout and Webelos dens (more than I can count)
BSA District Roundtable meets here on a month basis
Numerous Eagle Scout Courts of Honor are held here (7 in 2022)

*Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lord

Bless these gifts, O Lord. Help us to trust you to provide for our needs so that we may feel free to share with others. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

(8:30)

Offertoire
Leanne Herrmann

R Lau

(11:00)

Wade in the Water
Chancel Choir

M Hayes

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children. God's gonna trouble the water. Down in the valley, down on my knees. Askin' my Lord to save me please. Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water. Up on the mountain, Jehovah he spoke. Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Wade in the water. I heard a rumblin' up in the sky. Must-a been Jesus passin' by. Wade in the water.

*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!**

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Overcoming:
Helplessness**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

Holy Communion

See Insert

*Hymn

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

UMH 634

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

*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Postlude

Postlude on *Duke Street*

E Broughton

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Poor Thomas. A few weeks ago we focused on him as the doubter. This morning he makes a second appearance, this time as a clueless disciple who doesn't know how to follow Jesus. But Jesus teaches us how to follow... if we will learn. "Great things he hath taught us." Our anthem is a musical setting of the same text.

Our second and closing hymns focus on communion and rising from the table to a life of service. Remember, the third part of our new vision is to live our faith!

Please help me welcome the Kids Bell choir. Today is their first time ringing in church!

*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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John Cowden – *Director of Traditional Music Ministry* ext. 226
Kara Johnson – *Director of Senior Adult Ministries* ext. 236
Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

Our Church Information

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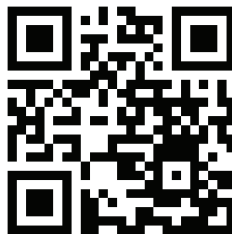
Our Schools

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. 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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Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: 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 or 404-636-7558 ext.221)



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