



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 21, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Total money raised by the 2023 Barbecue for mission and ministry

\$21,411.00*

Total money raised: \$49,651.09 Total expenses: \$28,240.09

We couldn't have done this past years Barbecue without the 316 total volunteers, including 297 church and community members, 11 church staff, 10 crew chiefs, and one exceptional boss hawg for a total of 1,043 hours planning, prepping, and executing! We are so grateful for the work of this church and community.

**We will update the congregation on all of the mission agencies and ministry areas that receive money at a later date.*



United
Women
in Faith

Receipts from 2023 UWF BBQ events:

Craft Sale	\$6,691.11	Casserole Sale	\$3,445.00
Bake Sale	3,080.00	Donations	160.00
		Total for Casseroles	3,605.00

2023 UWF Total: \$13,376.11



Library Book Sale \$1,134.00

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(8:30) Dr. Jim Sowell
(11:00) Rev. Kime-Hall

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

*Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Morgan

Our God when the world outside is cold, you warm our hearts and inspire our dreams.

Help us to share the warmth of your love with all those who struggle to find their way.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Jimmy Kuo, violin; Leanne Herrmann, piano

F Price arr. Garvey Jackson

*Doxology

Old 100th

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 Testament Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Why Church?
...Find a Purpose**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Hymn

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

TFWS 2130

*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Postlude

Gigue from *Sonata No. 3 in F Major*, HWV 370
Jimmy Kuo and Leanne Herrmann

G F Handel

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Last week we considered our entry into the church. This week we are reminded that being a part of the church is about more than simply existing here. We are called to discipleship – to follow Christ. Not because Jesus needs us to follow, but because in following Jesus we can find the purpose for which we long. Listen for the ways the hymns pick up on last week's theme of calling but wind up, ultimately, with our commitment to follow.

The choir's anthem text is reminiscent of Wesley's Covenant Prayer, though it is a hymn text written a hundred years later by Horatius Bonar, a Scottish writer and preacher.

Many thanks to Scott Stewart for filling in while I am on retreat with the youth choir.
Keep us in your prayers...it's cold.

*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.

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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 Connection and Digital Ministry* ext. 212

Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

Our Program Staff

Dale Smith – *Executive Director* ext. 225

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Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

Our Church Information

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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!

Connect With Us

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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